



CHRIST THE REDEEMER PARISH

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RADIATING THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL WITHIN OUR PARISH FAMILY AND BEYOND

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3rd Sunday of Advent—December 15, 2019

Peace and Joy



Advent is closing and the longing of the Church for light and for the spring, the budding forth of the Savior, is culminating in the mystery of Christmas, and we can put aside our cares to make the house of our soul ready for the Child, with prayer as simple as a song, rocking the cradle of peace to the beating of the human heart.

-Caryll Houselander

GAUDETE in Domino semper: iterum dico, gaudete.
Modestia vestra nota sit omnibus hominibus:
Dominus prope est.

*Rejoice in the Lord always: again I say, rejoice.
Let your forbearance be known to all:
The Lord is at hand.*



A Glance at Our Parish Calendar

Today	December 15	All Masses	Name Tag Sunday	
Monday	December 16	7:00 p.m.	Opus Dei—Ladies' Evening of Recollection	Mallon Room
Tuesday	December 17	7:00 p.m.	Advent Penitential Service	Church
Wednesday	December 18	9:00 a.m.	School Mass	Church
		4:15 p.m.	P.R.E.P.	McCarthy Room
Thursday	December 19	9:00 a.m.	Great Adventure Bible Study — <i>Prophets</i>	McCarthy Room
		9:00 a.m.	Knitting for Charity	Mallon Room
		7:00 p.m.	SAS Christmas Concert	Church
Friday	December 20	6:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Group	Mallon Room

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sun Dec 15	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Jane Smith †	3 rd Sunday of Advent
Mon Dec 16	8:15 a.m.	Eva Lehoczkzy (int)	
Tues Dec 17	8:15 a.m.	Peter Fensslein †	
Wed Dec 18	9:00 a.m.	Bernie Heskin †	
Thu Dec 19	8:15 a.m.	Lito, Lita & Caesar Matias †	
Fri Dec 20	8:15 a.m.	Jane Smith †	
Sat Dec 21	9:00 a.m.	Stephen O'Connor †	
Sun Dec 22	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Nancy Garcia †	4 th Sunday of Advent

Please Pray For

Barry Cutler



We Continue to Pray For

Kenneth Beesley, Ron Buziol, Veronica Chan, Leo Dy, Ted Ewbank, Mireille Farwagi, Hank Giefing, Gemma Konar, Annie Mackenzie, Margaret McCormick, Juanita Nazareth, Eduardo Peralta, Graham Ridsdale, Breda Sheehan, Theresa Sheehan, Linwood Trask, Molly Waechter, and Terry Zweng



Pray for the Repose of the Soul of

Christopher Cunningham (*brother of Dr. Ken Cunningham*)

Confession Schedule

Wednesdays 8:45—9:00 a.m.
Saturdays 9:30—10:00 a.m.
Sundays 4:15—4:45 p.m.

Please note that the **Advent Penitential Service** will take place at the parish **this Tuesday, December 17 at 7 p.m.**

3rd Sunday of Advent—Joy

"They shall obtain joy and gladness,
And sorrow and sighing shall flee away."

—Isaiah 35.10b

2020 Envelopes Available

Your 2020 Sunday Contribution envelopes are **now available for pickup** in the church foyer.

Please contact the Parish Office if you have moved, or if you weren't assigned envelopes and would like to be.

Email Fraud Warning

As the Christmas season approaches, please remember to exercise caution when interacting online. Do not interact with emails with unfamiliar links or asking for favours like the purchase of gift cards; and do not give out personal information through email.

2019 Donations

There is still time to donate to Project Advance for this year: [donate online](https://projectadvance.ca) with just a few clicks at projectadvance.ca.

If you would like to make a year-end donation to the parish, or top-off your annual contribution and have it included in your 2019 tax receipt, please make sure it is physically received by the parish office or placed in the collection before **December 31, 2019**.

Christmas Collection



The **Christmas special collection**, taken up at all Christmas liturgies on **December 24 and 25**, is a **crucial collection** to the life of the parish and is a separate offering from Dedicated Giving. It is differentiated by the **pink envelope** in your envelope box—and extra Christmas envelopes are available in the foyer. Please give generously to our parish this Christmas!

Joy TO THE WORLD Christmas Welcome!

Every parishioner can help to make our church a place where new people feel welcome all the time — but especially at Christmas.

Christmas might be the first time or only time of the year that someone ‘experiences church’. As part of our evangelizing mission, we want that experience to be as welcoming and meaningful as possible!

Here are some ideas:

- Consider **carpooling** with your neighbours to free up the number of parking spaces available for our guests at the Christmas liturgies.
- **Say hello** to and smile at those around you. Introduce yourself (just not during the Mass!), but don’t make conversation in church.
- Mass can be complex and confusing for those who are not Catholic. See if visitors need to be shown the **CTR Mass Booklet** (placed at the Welcome Centre) to follow along with the Mass.
- **Sing along to the hymns and participate in the Mass.**
- It's OK if someone sits in your ‘usual place’!
- Move into the **middle of the pew**; leave the aisle seats open for people who come in later.
- Be **patient and kind**, especially to young children and their parents—they are trying the best they can.
- Don't take up space on the pews with your coats - use the cloak room, leave them on, or put them on your lap.
- Please **do not ‘reserve’ spaces** in advance. This gives an unwelcoming impression.
- Be ready to **give directions** to the washrooms.
- Be on the lookout for newcomers after Mass and strike up a conversation—show them the **Welcome Centre** and encourage them to connect with us more by Flocknote, phone, or email.

An invitation card has been sent out to the majority of homes within the parish boundaries. More are available at the Welcome Centre and parish office. Hand them out to your family and friends and invite them to join us!



Joy TO THE WORLD

CHRISTMAS AT CHRIST THE REDEEMER PARISH

Schedule



NORTH SHORE ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICES

December 17	7:00 p.m.	CTR
December 18	10:30 a.m.	St. Stephen's
December 19	7:00 p.m.	St. Edmund's

CHRISTMAS

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

December 24	4:30 p.m. Carol Service
	5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass

	11:30 p.m. Carol Service
December 25	12:00 a.m. Midnight Mass
	9:00 a.m. Mass
	11:00 a.m. Mass

FEAST OF ST. STEPHEN

(BOXING DAY)

December 26	10:00 a.m. Mass
	11:00 a.m. Boxing Day Skate at West Van Ice Arena

CHRISTMAS OCTAVE

Daily Masses on **December 27—31** will be at
9:00 a.m. instead of the usual times.

MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

January 1, 2020	9:00 a.m. Mass
	11:00 a.m. Mass
	5:00 p.m. Mass



Join us throughout this Advent and Christmas season, and
invite your loved ones and friends.

Feel free to take some Christmas invitation cards found at
the Welcome Centre and hand them out.

More info at www.ctrwestvan.ca/christmas.



Christmas Closures

Please be reminded that the Parish Office will be **closed** on **Christmas Day** (December 25), **Boxing Day** (December 26), and **New Year's Day** (January 1). If you have trouble reaching a priest in an emergency, please contact the 24/7 North Shore Catholic Priest Pager at **778-386-5070**.



Parish Gift Shop

The Parish Gift Shop has stocked Advent candles, prayers, books, and beautiful gifts for the Christmas season. Books by Fr. Jacques Philippe are also on sale right now, **3 for \$25!**

The shop is open on Sundays in the foyer after the **9 and 11 a.m. Mass**. Please visit the **Welcome Centre** to make a purchase after the **5 p.m. Mass**, and the **Parish Office** for purchases on weekdays.

Annual Boxing Day Skate Party!



Join us on **Thursday, December 26** at the West Vancouver Ice Arena (786 22nd Street, West Vancouver) for our annual skating party! Mass will be celebrated at CTR at **10 a.m.** and the party will **begin at 11 a.m.**



Christmas Donations

Prison Ministry—Christmas Cards

Blank Christmas cards are collected so inmates can send greetings to their loved ones. Please ensure donations are of a modest nature and appropriate for prisons. Donations can be placed in the Prison Ministry box in the church foyer.

Apostleship of the Sea—Acoustic Guitars

Apostleship of the Sea works with the crew members who come into Vancouver's ports on cargo ships from around the world. They are looking for donations of gently used acoustic guitars for their two Seafarers Welfare Centres. If you have an acoustic guitar gathering dust in your house, why not drop it off at the church rectory and bring joy to these crew members while they are so far from home!

Men's Hostel—Men's Clothing

The Men's Hostel is in need of new winter jackets (any size), underwear, and socks. Gently used belts, toques, gloves, scarfs, sweaters, work boots (size 9 -12), pants (sizes 34 and up), and hoodies are also needed. You'll find a donation box in the foyer of the church.



White Mass

The Catholic Physicians' Guild of the Vancouver Archdiocese is hosting the annual **White Mass** for Healthcare Workers and their Families, celebrated by Archbishop Miller at **7 p.m. on Friday, January 10, 2020 at St. Augustine's Church** (2028 West 7th Avenue, Vancouver). For more information please contact drtoniparsons@telus.net.

Endow: Setting the World Ablaze

An Eight Week Faith Study for Women



Join Sr. Angela Marie, FSE and other women in the Archdiocese for an eight week faith study to pray, build community, and learn from the writings of St. Catherine of Siena.

The study runs **Friday evenings 6:30-8:30 p.m.** beginning January 10 at the **JPII Centre** (4885 Saint John Paul II Way, Vancouver), and materials costs \$35. For more info email Sr. Angela Marie at samcastellani@rcav.org.



Connect with CTR

The parish uses **Flocknote** to connect with you outside of Mass, with the content you want to receive delivered right to your phone or inbox: whether that be alerts and important information from the parish; to emails with faith formation content and emails from different ministries. Join the network at flocknote.com/CTRRCav.



Christmas on FORMED

The parish has a subscription to **FORMED**, a Catholic on-demand video service packed full of faith formation videos and films for all ages. Spend this Christmas with family and friends learning more about the Catholic faith on formed.org — the service is **FREE** for you to join with our parish code **T86P8N**.

Top picks include *O Holy Night: What Christmas is About*; *Mary of Nazareth*; and *The Story of the Nativity*.

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