



Christmas and New Year Schedule

Saturday, Dec. 22

9:30am & 5:00pm

4th Sunday of Advent, Dec. 23

9:00am & 11:00am

Monday, Dec. 24, 9:00am Mass

Christmas Eve, 5:00pm Family Mass

11:00pm Night Mass

Christmas Day, Tuesday, Dec. 25

9:00am & 11:00am

Dec. 26, 27, 28, 9am Mass

Christmas Octave, Wednesday, Dec. 26

NO Evening Mass and Mother of Perpetual Help and Benediction

Saturday, Dec. 29

9:30am & 5:00pm

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph, Sunday, Dec. 30

9:00am & 11:00am

Monday, Dec. 31, 9:00am Mass

New Year Eve, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction:

8:30pm – 9:30pm

New Year Day, Tuesday, January 1 (Day of Obligation)

9:00am & 11:00am



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December 9, 2018

2nd Sunday of Advent

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As we await the coming of our Lord and Saviour, joy and hope fill our hearts in anticipation of the Messiah.

### **LITURGY OF THE WORD**

The first reading calls Israel to abandon mourning and misery and replace it with the glorious splendor of God. St Paul urges the Philippians to embrace Christ's message and mission. John the Baptist, in today's gospel, prepares the way of the Lord, baptizing in his name and proclaiming that salvation is near.

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Today's Readings:

1st: Baruch 5.1-9

Psalm: 126

2nd: Philippians 1.3-6, 8-11

Gospel: Luke 3.1-6

PASTOR: **Rev. Robert Wong, SJ**

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday

9:30 am – 1 pm / 1:30 pm – 4:30 pm

MASS SCHEDULES

WEEKDAYS: **9:00 am**

SATURDAYS: **9:30 am & 5:00 pm**

SUNDAYS: **9:00 am & 11:00 am**

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

SATURDAYS: **4:30 pm – 4:55 pm**

CONFESSIONS: 10 MINUTES BEFORE DAILY

MASS OR BY REQUEST AT OTHER TIMES

NOVENA TO

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

WEDNESDAYS: **7:00 pm**

MASS FOLLOWED BY NOVENA

& BENEDICTION

BAPTISM COURSE

EVERY 2ND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH AT **6 pm**

BAPTISMS

4th SATURDAY AFTER 9:30 am MASS

HOUSE BLESSINGS

PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE

JOY hope

PARISH UPDATES

Organist/Pianist and Musicians – Our parish needs your musical talents for the Saturday 5pm Mass. Please contact the Parish Office or see one of the Choir members. Thank you in advance.

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CWL Christmas Bake Sale – Your support for their efforts on December 9, after the 9am and 11am Mass, in support of the St. Vincent De Paul Society is much appreciated. God bless you.

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Simbang Gabi at St. Monica's—
Thursday, December 20th, 7pm
Sumainyo ang Panginoon. Sambayanang Pilipino Society of BC has chosen St. Monica Parish to host one of the nine dawn Masses leading up to Christmas Day, in accordance with Filipino tradition. We'll be hosting the Mass in the Filipino language and will be singing Filipino songs throughout. Please spread the word. If you are interested in helping out, feel free to bring classic Filipino treats that evening for the refreshments table. Please contact Michael Goco for more information: michael.goco@gmail.com

Quo Vadis – Men’s Discernment Events

Join us for a day of recollection with Fr. Nick Meisl and Fr. Lucio Choi – *Hearing the Voice of God in the Eucharist* on Saturday, Dec. 15, at 10 a.m. at the John Paul II Pastoral Centre, 4885 Saint John Paul II Way, Vancouver. Event open to single Catholic men ages 18+ who want to answer the question: What is God calling me to do with my life? Please register at least one week in advance by contacting the Vocations Office at vocations@rcav.org or call 604-443-3254.

CHRISTMAS GIFT – “Generations,” a miniature of *the Holy Family, St. Ann and St Joachim* is available for your keeping or a gift to a beloved and family in time for Christmas. The cost is \$70.00 including taxes and shipping. A display sample is on the PA table. You may call the Parish Office for your support. Thank you!

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KUDOS – Project Advance 2018. Thank you for your generous response to the mail out pledged cards of this year’s appeal. Every bit helps with the rebates in the installation of the public address system in the hall and the repairs of the church roof. Our parish total goal is \$75,000. May the Lord bless you.

You may also make your pledge online at www.projectadvance.ca anytime.

Fiat: Women’s Discernment Events – Day of Recollection

Join us for an advent evening of recollection – *Fiat of Women in the Old Testament* on Saturday, Dec. 15, at 5 p.m. at the Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist Convent, 2811 Venables Street, Vancouver. Fiat, the women’s vocation discernment group for the Archdiocese of Vancouver, is getting ready for another year of events. Events are open to single, Catholic young women ages 18-35 who are open to discerning and responding to God’s call in their life. Sign up now to receive emails of events throughout the year. Email womensvocations@rcav.org for more information. <https://rcav.org/event/fiat-day-of-recollection-2>

Something to think and pray about this week...

Here is where we can be struck with awe at the depth and height and length of God’s love for us. God wants us to be like God in the way we take care of one another and take care of the rest of creation. In effect, this is a sign of God’s humility. God wants a world in which we humans live in harmony and friendship with God, with one another, and with the whole of creation. But God cannot have what God wants without our cooperation. Because we have minds and free wills, we may—or may not—choose to live as images and likenesses of God in this world. So, in a sense, God’s dream for our world depends on our choice, on how we live and act. Unfortunately for ourselves and for our world, too often we have not chosen wisely and have acted inhumanely—that is, acted against our nature as creatures made in God’s image.

- Excerpted from *An Invitation to Love* by William A. Barry, SJ



Stewardship Reflection

Good stewards believe that God, who has begun this good work in them, will carry it through to completion. In words and deeds, they can sing with the psalmist, “The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy!”

See Psalm 126

Mass Intentions

Dec 9 - 15, 2018

- Mon, Dec 10— Alice Leung (RIP)
- Tue, Dec 11— Pedro Talusan (RIP)
- Wed, Dec 12— 9am, Ver & Tel Decena (TG)
7pm, Cesar Diangkinay (RIP)
- Thu, Dec 13— Joseph Laureta (RIP)
- Fri, Dec 14— Marcelino Revita (RIP)
- Sat, Dec 15— 9:30am, Abelardo Marnilo (RIP)
5pm, Magdalena Dengler (RIP)