

CWL Craft Fair at Holy Name of Jesus

A craft fair organized by the CWL, will be held at Holy Name of Jesus on Sunday, Dec. 11 – 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Shop from a variety of handmade crafts, children's knitwear, etc. Enjoy homemade goodies at the Tea Garden. 4925 Cambie St. (33rd Ave. and Cambie)

WARNING.....WARNING: ADVENT VIRUS

Be on the alert for symptoms of inner **Hope, Peace, Joy and Love**. The hearts of a great many have already been exposed to this virus and it is possible that people everywhere could come down with it in epidemic proportions. This could pose a serious threat to what has, up to now, been a fairly stable condition of conflict in the world.

Some signs and symptoms of **The Advent Virus**:

- A tendency to think and act spontaneously rather than on fears based on past experiences.
- An unmistakable ability to enjoy each moment.
- A loss of interest in judging other people.
- A loss of interest in interpreting the actions of others.
- A loss of interest in conflict.
- A loss of the ability to worry. (This is a very serious symptom.)
- Frequent, overwhelming episodes of appreciation.
- Contented feelings of connectedness with others and nature.
- Frequent attacks of smiling.
- An increasing tendency to let things happen rather than make them happen.
- An increased susceptibility to the love extended by others as well as the uncontrollable urge to extend it.

Please send this warning out to all your friends. This virus can and has affected many systems. Some systems have been completely cleaned out because of it.

LITTLE FLOWER ACADEMY ENTRANCE EXAM: Little Flower Academy would like to invite all prospective 2012-2013 Grade Eight candidates to apply for the ENTRANCE EXAM on Saturday, December 10, 2011. Applications are available on our school website www.lfabc.org or by contacting Kathi Wilson at 604-738-9016 ext 114.

Catholicism on Salt & Light

Catholicism is an unprecedented television series produced by Fr. Robert Barron of Word on Fire Ministries that explores the Catholic faith like never before. Sundays at 5:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. The production is touted as one of the most important media projects in the history of the Catholic Church and is now featured weekly on Salt & Light Television and Salt & Light's live web stream. Information: www.saltandlighttv.org/catholicism

Birthright Vancouver is a crisis pregnancy service located at 1107-207 W. Hastings St., V6B 1H7, and is dedicated to providing pregnant women the love, support, and help they need. If you would like to volunteer with Birthright, please call (604) 687-7223. You can also support our mission by 'liking' our "Birthright Vancouver"

Contribute to the bulletin; announcements, meditations, suggestions, by e-mail sacredheart@rcav.org

Sacred Heart Parish

A WELCOMING COMMUNITY

Dec 4th, 2011, 2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

CORNER OF CAMPBELL & KEEFER
525 Campbell Avenue,

Parish & Office Rectory
Pastoral Team
Vancouver, B.C. V6A 3K5
(604) 254-3100

Masses & Service
Monday to Friday, 8:30 am
Saturday, 9:30 am
Sunday, 9:30 am

Rev. Ken Forster OMI
Rev. Aloys Luken, OMI
Sr. Eily McAllister SCSL
Sr. Marianne Rohrer SA
Reconciliation
9:00 am – 9:30 am Sundays
Before Weekday Masses or by
appointment



MARRIAGES require six months notice for preparation prior to the celebration

Agape Street Ministry is a Christian Outreach to Women on the streets within our parish boundaries. If you are interested in volunteering, please call: 604-215-4115

LEGION OF MARY: Every Sunday morning after the Sunday Mass at Sacred Heart at the Kateri. Rosary starts at 12noon.

ADORATION & BENEDICTION EVERY FRIDAY 6-7P.M. followed by mass First Friday of every month

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION: Every Tuesday at 6pm in St.Paul's Church. All are welcome.

VANCOUVER CATHOLIC WORKER: pray and share together at 7:00 pm, Friday at Samaritan House, 1143 East Pender St. Call Sarah or Sr. Vikki at 604-255-1555

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION: Discover how God is active in your life. For an appointment or more information, please call Sr. Vikki at 604-339-6413

MARY'S PLACE: A St. Paul's Parish Outreach to Women and drop-in, Mon. & Fri. 8:30-11:00 am.

SACRED HEART PREP every Sunday from 11am to 12:00am.

Sr. Marianne is available for home visits. Please invite her to share a cup of tea to help build good relationships in our parish. If someone is not able to make it to Church and would like to receive communion, she would set up a regular visit. Please call her 604 340 4877

Sacred Heart Parish is a Roman Catholic Faith Community of the Vancouver Archdiocese Served by the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate.

Young men who are discerning a possible vocation to the Oblate Congregation please access "oblatevocations.ca"

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun Dec 4, Morlin family, deceased members.	Thurs Dec 8, Emerald/Jonas Bello, anniversary
Mon Dec 5, Angela Maria Ferro, deceased.	Fri. Dec 9, Ana Merticariu deceased.
Tues. Dec 6, Eugene Salfi, deceased.	Sat. Dec 10, Tharsilla Fernando, deceased.
Wed Dec 7, Leonarda Italiana, deceased.	Sun. Dec 11, Gino Pettovello.

PAROCHIAL NEWS

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: BEFORE EVERY MASS. It is important for our spiritual growth that we examine our lives in a regular way, perhaps once a month or a rhythm that works for you.

PLAN TO CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION IN ADVENT

Come and accept the treasure of this sacrament of the Church!

Opportunities for Reconciliation: a half hour before Sunday Mass or before weekday masses.

Also at ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI DECEMBER 19TH MONDAY 7 PM
OUR LADY OF SORROWS DECEMBER 20TH TUESDAY 7 PM
ST. HELEN'S DECEMBER 22ND THURSDAY AT 7PM

COLLECTION: Nov 27th, \$1,069 (41 gifts averaging \$26.07 each).

All do not have the same means to give, but if everyone gives generously from what you have, you have all given equally. **You are encouraged to use envelopes as it helps a person to commit to a disciplined offering.**

2012 Envelopes are now available. Please check the **name label** when picking your box up.

BIRTHDAYS: Jarmaine Krisan Ragutero, Joanna Hance, David John Comuzzi (today) Charlene Go, Arnel Penaso, Genny Pagunsan (Tues), Marlon Miral (Sat).

ANNIVERSARIES: Jonas and Emerald Bello (Tues).

GIFT SHOP NEWS: More great buys at the Gift Shop. We have bows, ribbons, gift wrap rolls and all sizes of gift bags, priced at 25 cents each, a real bargain. We also have a great variety of beautiful rosary beads which would make a thoughtful gift for that someone special on your list.

Important Upcoming Events:

TODAY Don't miss out on our semiannual sale of delicious **Panettone**.

B.C. SCENIC CALENDARS 1212 FOR SALE BY DONATION (Note price on calendars is \$9.95)

December 11th Parish Bake Sale: Please support this fundraiser with some home-made goodies and bring some extra cash to choose your favorite for the Christmas Holidays.

December 18th: Basket raffle! If you wish to donate a basket you can bring them to Church next Sunday in preparation. Raffle tickets are on sale now.

Outreach at Christmas: If you or someone you know needs some help for your family at Christmas please call Sr. Marianne at 604 340 4877

DTES Parish Christmas Event.....Sunday Dec.18th 11:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. at the school....**food entertainment and Christmas Carols. A Romani Band (Gypsies) with dancers will entertain after two. Normally they perform at the KINO Café on Cambie. All are welcome.....** (Decorating and set-up will be on Saturday morning Dec 17th at 10 am).....Please come out and celebrate the season with us! If you have any items that you think would make a good door prize (and you would be happy to divest yourself of) please bring them to church next Sunday. **Our hope is to attract many of our neighbours to join us at the Event.** Posters will advertise the Event. We look forward to seeing you all there. **If you have large decorations, wreaths, banners etc you are not using please bring before Dec 17th.**

FLOWERS: We invite you to donate flowers at Christmas after the fourth Sunday of Advent, December 19th. We appreciate your generosity at that time.

*Silence is golden only after we devalue the tinniest of noise, especially of our own making.
Being quiet does not mean that nothing is going on; rather, something is going in.*

Handel's Messiah "Christmas at the Orpheum" – December 10

Tickets available through the Diocese. To make this offer more tempting, we're discounting our prices on multiple orders. If you buy 5 or more pairs of tickets, we're offering them for \$20 and \$30 each. (Ticketmaster's cheapest ticket & shipping comes to \$46.25!) Sign at entrance today. Tickets must be purchased by tomorrow. Last chance!

Archbishop J. Michael Miller extends a heartfelt invitation to all parishioners and friends to join him for a performance of the world's perennial Christmas favourite, Handel's Messiah. **The first reading at mass today is the prophecies of Second Isaiah. Indeed, it is one of the best known passages of the Old Testament, if for no other reason than its use by Handel in the three opening numbers of *The Messiah*.**

DIOCESAN NEWS:

Youth Ministry Sunday – December 4 The purpose of this archdiocesan collection is to assist the work of Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry ("OYYAM") in providing formation, training and support for youth and young adult ministry. Parishes with active youth ministry programming will receive a rebate from this collection. Please be generous in supporting the youth of our parish and archdiocese.

Celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop of Vancouver, the Most Reverend J. Michael Miller, CSB on Monday Dec. 12 at the Holy Rosary Cathedral. Starts with procession at 6:45 p.m., Mass at 7 p.m. followed by a celebratory gathering at the Hall. CWL – assistance is needed to set up the Hall and service of refreshments. Knights of Columbus – requested to take part in the entrance and final procession. Contributions of food and/or beverage will be greatly appreciated. Contact Carla at the Cathedral office 604-682-6774; e-mail: comunidadhispanahrc@gmail.com

The World Day of Migrants and Refugees

Every year since 1914, the Church has celebrated the "World Day of Migrants and Refugees". We are fortunate to have so many migrants in our Archdiocese who enrich our lives with their culture and faith. Pope Benedict XVI has proposed the theme this year as "Migrants and the New Evangelization". The World Day of Migrants and Refugees will begin with a week of prayer and reflection and culminate on Sunday, Jan. 15 with Mass celebrated by Archbishop J. Michael Miller at St. Helen's Parish at 5 p.m. Contact Evelyn Vollet: evollet@rcav.org to learn more about how you can celebrate this special week in your parish.

Convenient On-line Giving to Project Advance

As an act of sharing and generosity during this holy Advent season you can make a gift to Project Advance. Visit your parish office or use the convenience of on-line giving at the archdiocesan website, <http://www.rcav.org> and go to "donation options". As part of the payment process you are required to name your parish and this ensures your parish will receive the benefit of your gift. Thank you for your support.

Christmas Cards and 2012 Calendars for prisoners

Catholic Charities Justice Services is seeking donations of Christmas Cards and 2012 Calendars for prisoners. Calendars may be wall, desk, or appointment calendars. These items can be delivered at St. Joseph's - Mission, St. Ann's - Abbotsford and St. Mary's - Chilliwack or may be mailed to CCJS Prison Ministry, c/o St. Mary's Parish, 8909 Mary Street, Chilliwack, BC V2P 4J4. On behalf of the prisoners, we are thankful for your generosity, support and prayers. Please continue to pray for inmates, correctional staff, chaplains, and all families of those affected by crime.

Films at 4 - Sunday, December 4 at 4 p.m. - St. Mark's College

"The Visitor" - Fr. Elton Fernandes will lead us in a discussion of this Oscar winning film. Come along with your friends. 5935 Iona Drive, Vancouver. Cost: \$10 for the movie, discussion and snacks. Mass 7 p.m. in the chapel. Info. email continuinged@stmarkscollege.ca; call 604-822-6862 ext 112.