

Downtown Eastside Centre for the Arts Board Development and Recruitment

The Downtown Eastside Centre for the Arts (DECA) is an organization committed to working collaboratively with individuals and organizations in the Downtown Eastside. We do this by honouring and sharing the creative skills and resources our community and its residents have to offer. DECA was founded in 2009 by Dalannah Gail Bowen and is currently under the direction of Pat McSherry and Sharon Kravitz. We recognize creative expression as a basic need. Like food, clothing, shelter and love, we cannot function without it.

DECA is developing a series of initiatives which reflect these values:

- full listing of Downtown Eastside arts programming that are free or by donation
- catalogue of community spaces, equipment and supplies in the DTES to support and events in the neighbourhood
- mentorship and creative skill support network
- recycled art materials depot to provide low-cost art and craft materials.

We invite you to work with us. We are looking for Board members and Friends of DECA who live and/or work/volunteer in the Downtown Eastside who have one or more of these skill sets to donate 100 hours a year to DECA. Board training is offered. Contact Sharon and Pat at info@decentreforthearts.com by January 31, 2012 with your expression of interest.

Our community is often seen in terms of its deficits. The initiatives we are developing will reflect its greatest assets, an abundance of creative and resourceful people. Become a member of our Facebook page.

Skill Sets

- Fundraising skills and expertise
- Grant writing
- Gathering community art program information/community outreach
- Web development and support
- Graphic artist Media /Marketing
- Space resources: office, storage, program delivery
- Facilitation
- Legal / professional
- Artisans and craftspeople
- Bookkeeping / accounting
- Builders, carpenters, trades people, handy workers
- Researchers
- Planning skills
- Special Event production
- Educators / mentors

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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

The Feast of St. Nicholas : December 6th.

"It is fitting that the feast of St. Nicholas comes at the beginning of Advent and the beginning of the shopper's season. As the patron saint of shoppers he proclaims, 'Keep it simple! Keep it simple enough to fit in a shoe or a stocking.

"One gift that could fit in a...shoe, or in a stocking hanging on the fireplace, is a note that speaks of one of our most precious gifts, the gift of time. Such a St. Nicholas note might read: 'The gift I give to you is half an hour of quality conversation each night right after the dishes are done.' Or, 'The gift I give to you is one Saturday a month to be with you and do whatever you want to do.' We can appreciate the value of such a gift if we keep in mind that according to a recent survey, the average married couple in America has only 30 minutes a week of communication outside of exchanges that take place at the dinner table, and between parent and child it is only 14 minutes. As you can see, the possibilities are almost unlimited for these St. Nicholas shoe gifts.

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

Sacred Heart Parish

A WELCOMING COMMUNITY

Dec 11th 2011, 3rd 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 11, Gino Pettevello.	Thurs Dec 15, Lara Linde, baptism annivers.
Mon Dec. 12, Maria Assunta lampietro, deceased.	Fri. Dec 16, Crispiniano Albay, deceased.
Tues. Dec 13, Palmira family, deceased members.	Sat. Dec 17, Benetti Sanvido, deceased members
Wed Dec 14, Cabrera/Coyoca, deceased members.	Sun. Dec 18, Caverzan, deceased members.

PAROCHIAL NEWS

REJOICE IN THE LORD ALWAYS!

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: Dec 4th, \$1,268 (39 gifts averaging \$32.51 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: Leisanya Anor, Domingo Azur (today), Sweetheart Coyoca, Katherine Ruiz (Mon), .
Eleonora Martin (Tues), Leonisa Kozuch (Wed), Billy Quinlan (Fri).

ANNIVERSARIES: Rod and Rio Jurado, Aizel and Ramona Villar (Thurs).

GIFT SHOP NEWS: 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.

Panettone Sale: Thank you to the Benedetti Family for the delicious Panettone. We made \$305!

Important Upcoming Events:

Today: Parish Bake Sale – Don't miss out; this could save you hours in the kitchen.

December 18th: Basket raffle! If you wish to donate a basket it is not too late. Raffle tickets are on sale now! Only one week left to find out who the lucky winners are.

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

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

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 advertise the Event. We look forward to seeing you. **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.

DIOCESAN NEWS:

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.

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 for 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.

Prison Chaplaincy Request: Kent Institution is requesting donations of unused Special Occasion cards with matching envelopes. Inmates are encouraged to maintain contact with their loved ones especially on birthdays, anniversaries and at Christmas. If you can help please bring your cards to Church and we will see that they are delivered. Thank you.

Christmas Cards and 2012 Calendars for prisoners

Catholic Charities Justice Services is seeking donations 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.

Baroque and Beyond Christmas by Candlelight

The annual concert of the Corpus Christi College Chamber Choir will feature well known choruses from Handel's Messiah, movements from Vivaldi's Gloria, classics, traditional favourites and Infinitus String Ensemble. The event is scheduled on Dec. 17 – 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. at the Oakridge United Church. Tickets: \$18. More info contact Nenette at 604-822-6862.

New Year's Eve Dance by St. Paul's Catholic Singles

New Year's Eve Dance is being sponsored by St. Paul's Catholic Singles Club on Dec. 31 at the Sunrise Community Hall, 1950 Windermere St., Vancouver. Live music. Guests \$45. Tickets should be purchased in advance. Doors open at 8:15 p.m. For more info. call Lina at 604-433-0055.

Clothing items to Catholic Charities Men's Hostel *The Catholic Charities Men's Hostel now with 102 beds provides a safe refuge for destitute men since its inception in winter of 1959. Donations of new socks, underwear, and other clothing items will greatly help these men who are in need. To donate please call the men's hostel at 604-443-3292 or e-mail menshostel@rcav.org*