

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



DEAR PARISHIONERS,

It gives me great pleasure to report to you good progress on Stewardship!

As you may be aware, another project that needed attention was looking after our property, both indoors and outdoors.. To be more specific, this includes the preservation of our buildings and grounds. This is a very big undertaking that should be maintained on a regular basis.

As Pastor for the past year at Holy Cross, I have decided therefore to appoint the following parish members to **MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE**: SILVANO ARTUSO, ERICH FISCHER, VIC GAZOLLA, DARIN MACDONALD, CARMELO MATTIAZZO, JOE YAMAUCHI AND MARTIN ZUPAN.

I am amazed that this Committee is already in full swing! They have levelled the paving stones at the entrance of the church; in front of our property located on Delta Avenue, all the lower branches of the trees have been completely trimmed; and some of the pews in front of the sanctuary have been realigned and straightened.

It is wonderful to see the enthusiasm shown by this group! This is just another indication of how our Parish Community is coming together to better serve God and one another by the sharing of our God-given time, talents, and treasures.

But, we need more parishioners to participate and get involved. So, please feel free to approach me or Father Chris if there's anything at all that you would like to do as stewards of our church. Thank you very much.

Finally, Father Chris and I would like to invite you to an **OPEN HOUSE** on Sunday, December 18, from 2:00pm to 5:00pm, at the Rectory. We wish to extend personally to each of you our Christmas blessings and to share a cup of cheer!

May God bless you all,

Fr. Maciej Wos, SDS



MASS TIMES CHRISTMAS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24: VIGIL 5:00PM.
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, 12:00 MIDNIGHT, 8:00AM, 10:00AM, 12:00NOON. (NO 7:30PM)

NEW YEAR'S

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31, VIGIL 5:00PM.
SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 8:00AM, 10:00AM, 12:00NOON. (NO 7:30PM)

WEEKDAY DURING CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS 9:00am.

MASS INTENTIONS /REQUESTED BY

December 12 - 18, 2011

Mon.	8:15am	+Nitza Mangion /Glavina Family
Tues.	8:15am	PARISHIONERS
Wed.	8:15am	SALVATORIAN FATHERS /Dorothy William & Children
Thurs.	8:15am	+Lino Natola (10th Anniversary) /Dina
Fri.	8:15am	Special Intention for Dorothy Demare /40 Days for Life Vancouver
	9:15am	SCHOOL MASS
		Special Intention to the Saints /Paul Thow
	7:30pm	+Vincenzo Misceo /Wife
Sat.	9:00am	+Philippe Krayem /Perla
	5:00pm	+Ahira Mary Lee /7th sister & Family
Sun.	8:00am	+Rodolfo Agregado /Aduna Family
	10:00am	+Maurizio Baggio /Family
	12Noon	++Benigno & Josefina Castillo /Family
	7:30pm	++Joe Ceraldi , Carmela Muscio & +Rocco Cillis /Maria Ceraldi

December 19 - 25, 2011

Mon.	9:00am	+Giovanni Ambrosi /Ida ambrosi
Tues.	9:00am	PARISHIONERS
Wed.	9:00am	+Saverio De Bonis /Wife & Family
Thurs.	9:00am	+Bruno Aere /Family
Fri.	9:00am	+Maria Ruggier /Alfred Ruggier & Family
	7:30pm	+Mr. Wo On Cheng & Teresa Cheng /May Chan
Sat.	9:00am	+John & Emilia Mauro /Romano Family
	5:00pm	Special Int. to the Virgin Mary/Paul Thow
	12:00am	MIDNIGHT MASS
		INTENTIONS of ALL PARISHIONERS
Sun.	8:00am	+Adriaan Van Essen /Family
	10:00am	+Mrs. Ah-Jack /Ruby Leong
	12Noon	+Joe Ceraldi /Maria Ceraldi

PROJECT ADVANCE 2011

TOTAL NUMBER OF GIFTS 391/1,410 27% PARTICIPATION

TOTAL AMOUNT PLEDGED \$81,39.00 as of December 6, 2011

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 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.

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Our Parish weekly budget is \$9,460.00

	<u>Envelopes</u>	<u>Loose</u>	<u>Total</u>
Nov. 27	\$7,218.00	\$ 883.27	\$8,101.27
Dec. 04	\$8,674.00	\$1,170.42	\$9,844.42
Youth Ministry	\$2,521.35	\$ 231.09	\$2,752.44

Thank you very much for your generosity!

MONEY COUNTERS Dec. 18 Nicole Pek & Marie Baldonero

ALTAR WORKERS Dec. 24 BozenaSzucs & AnnieBoulanger

PARISH ACTIVITIES

December 12 - 18, 2011

Mon.	7:00pm	Iconography Workshop (Classroom)
	7:30pm	HC Prayer Group (Music Room)
Tues.	7:00pm	PREP (Last day before Christmas Break; PREP begins January 03, 2012)
Wed.	7:30pm	"A Biblical Walk through the Mass" DVD (Music Room & Kitchen)
Thurs.	7:00pm	CWL (Kitchen & Music Room)
Fri.	6:30pm	Challenge for Girls Club (Church Basement) Conquest for Boys Club (Church Basement)
	7:30pm	Divine Mercy Novena (Church)
Sat.	9:00am	Divine Mercy Cenacle (Classroom) Knights of Columbus District Meeting (Music Room)
	3:00pm	RCIA (Classroom)

Sun. All Masses SCHOOL SUPPORT PROGRAM COLLECTION
2pm to 5pm OPEN HOUSE (Rectory)
Religious Articles Sale by CWL
after all Masses

December 19 - 25, 2011

Mon.	7:00pm	Baptism Course (Classroom) Iconography Workshop (Kitchen)
	7:30pm	HC Prayer Group (Music Room)
Wed.	7:00pm	ADVENT PENITENTIAL
Thurs.	7:00pm	Youth Ministry (Gym)
Fri.	7:30pm	Divine Mercy Novena (Church)
Sat.	9:00am	Divine Mercy Cenacle (Classroom)
Sun.		CHRISTMAS DAY



SCHOOL CORNER

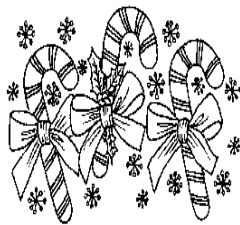
Until Dec. 13 - FOOD DRIVE FOR
NEEDY FAMILIES in our community

Dec. 14, 1:00pm & Dec. 15, 10:00am &
7:00pm
- CHRISTMAS CONCERT (Gym)

Dec. 16, 9:15am - SCHOOL MASS; 11:30am - Dismissal
Dec. 19 to Jan. 3 - CHRISTMAS BREAK

Jan. 4 - SCHOOL RE-OPENS
Jan. 6 - 20 - KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION
for September 2012

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE would like to thank all those who contributed gifts for the raffle baskets, monetary donations, time and talent, or helped in any way to make our Christmas Market a complete success. We also thank all the ladies who contributed to the Bake Sale which was also very successful. Your donations and participation are greatly appreciated.



CWL POT LUCK DINNER will be held on
Thursday, December 15, beginning at 6pm, in the Music Room. There will be no Mass nor meeting. Just an evening of fun and games. Come and enjoy!

RELIGIOUS ARTICLES will be on sale by CWL
Saturday, December 17, and Sunday, December 18,
after all the Masses.

ADVENT PENITENTIAL SCHEDULE

Vancouver East Deanery

Tues.	Dec. 06	10:30am	Notre Dame H. S.
Wed.	Dec. 14	7:30pm	St. Joseph
Thurs.	Dec. 15	7:30pm	St. Joseph (Vietnamese)
Fri.	Dec. 16	7:30pm	St. Joseph (Vietnamese)
		"	St. Mary
Mon.	Dec. 19	7:00pm	St. Francis of Assisi
Tues.,	Dec. 20	7:00pm	Our Lady of Sorrows
			Corpus Christi Christ
Wed.	Dec. 21	7:00pm	HOLY CROSS
		"	St. Helen
Thurs.	Dec. 22	7:00pm	St. Jude
			St. Theresa

ANNOUNCEMENTS



As it has been a tradition to decorate our altar for the Christmas Season our theme for this year is White and Gold. We will receive donations of WHITE CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS on Tuesday, December 20th and Wednesday, December 21st at the Rectory during office hours: 9:00am - 12noon and 1:00pm - 4:00pm. Thank you so much for helping make our celebration of Christmas fit for Jesus!

STAMPS AND EYEGLASSES DRIVE

Over the coming Christmas season, please save the stamps from your cards and letters (trimmed to under 1 cm all around), and your used eyeglasses. The Knights of Columbus will be collecting them on the last Sunday of January. The stamps will be sold in support of vocations, and the eyeglasses sent to poor countries.

CELEBRATION OF THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop J. Michael Miller, CSB, on Monday Dec. 12 at Holy Rosary Cathedral. Starts with procession at 6:45 p.m., Mass at 7 p.m. followed by a celebratory gathering at the Hall. Contributions of food and/or beverage will be greatly appreciated. Contact Carla at the Cathedral office 604-682-6774; e-mail: comunidadhispanahrc@gmail.com

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 men's hostel at 604-443-3292 or e-mail menshostel@rcav.org



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. John the Apostle - Vancouver, IC -Delta, St. Nicholas - Langley, 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. Any inquiries e-mail mdonegan@rcav.org or bperra@rcav.org. 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.