

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

DEAR PARISHIONERS,

It is 2011 year ending and a fitting moment to summarize some of our parish accomplishments: a new Parish Council, Finance Council, Maintenance Committee, and Refugee Sponsorship Project .



Also, the very first in the Archdiocese of Vancouver, a program has been organized in our parish called Conquest for Boys that parallels with Challenge for Girls.

In terms of building renovations done together with our elementary school, we have completed: new space and new flooring for Kindergarten Class, which number of students enrollment has increased; new cabinets were added in the Kitchen and Music Room of the church basement; leveled paved stones at church entrance; and re-aligned and bolted church pews to the floor; re-roofing of the School Gymnasium; repainted picnic tables; and trimmed trees and bushes in our parking lots and along Delta Avenue.

All of these projects show us that we are a community very much active, alive, and accommodating to new members as well. I have noticed many returning parishioners, and great interest from new comers. It is encouraging to see that we are a friendlier, safer, and better community! Thank you once again for considering Holy Cross Parish as your home and sharing your time, talent, and treasure!

Moreover, we have just received good news! - the Notice of Arrival in Vancouver from Damascus on December 29th of the Catholic family we are sponsoring, which means that they will begin their new life in Canada welcoming New Year 2012!

Your help and excitement on this Project helped to save the Daman Salem Family of six and gave them hope in the goodness of people. Literally, we all have become the outreaching hands of God.

In conclusion, we would like to say Thank You Very Much to all who came to our Open House! We had great pleasure in hosting so many of you!

May God bless you all,

*Fr. Chris Pastuszka, SDS & Fr. Maciej Was, SDS*

### MASS TIMES

#### CHRISTMAS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24:

VIGIL 5:00PM.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, 12:00 MID-NIGHT, 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 26, 2011 - JANUARY 01, 2012

Mon.	9:00am	+Paul Sigurnjak /Lucy
Tues.	9:00am	+Linda Kwan /Hy & Bill Yang
Wed.	9:00am	+Roy Loxterkamp /Family
Thurs.	9:00am	++Vittorio Contestabile & Flavio Rosati /Family
Fri.	9:00am	Special Intention for Paul & Marguerite Pazdera (50th Wedding Anniversary)
	7:30pm	++Jose & Milagros Kimseng /Angel & Carmen Madarieta
Sat.	9:00am	++Aurelio & Irma Nicoletti /Giuseppina Guttadauro
	5:00pm	+Dorothy Gabana /Pavich Family
Sun.		NEW YEAR'S
	8:00am	INTENTIONS of ALL PARISHIONERS
	10:00am	Thanksgiving of Paul & Dorothy (Wedding Anniversary) /Thow Family
	12Noon	++Quirico & Honorata Migrino /Diva & John Morris

JANUARY 02- 08, 2012

Mon.	9:00am	++Members of Laurita Family /Laurita Family
Tues.	9:00am	+Mike Cillis /Maria Ceraldi
Wed.	8:15am	Special Intention for Paola Granados /Ida & Dean Gazzola
Thurs.	8:15am	+Angela Lam /Peter Lee
	10:30am	Special Intention for Gary Stevenson /Family (FELLBURN HOSPITAL)
Fri.	8:15am	+Angelo Mutis (1st Anniversary) /Lynne Mutis
	7:30pm	+Lina Vassallo (1st Anniversary) /Maria DiBiase
Sat.	9:00am	+John & Emilia Mauro /Romano Family
	5:00pm	Special Intention for Jim Newmeyer /Barrie & Agnes Boutilier
Sun.	8:00am	+Victoria Rochetti /Sister, Liberta Malara
	10:00am	+Maria Sferra /Bertelli, Bolzonello & Liguori Families
	12Noon	+Maria Rosati /Nipoti Family
	7:30pm	+Cecilia Fifonja /Majcen Family

### PRAY FOR THE SICK

Francisco Arreola, Vincenzo Bortolin, Giuseppe Capozzi, Cyril D'Souza, Elga De Roza, Lew Glavina, Kathleen Hong, Harold Hopkinson, Francis Javier, Steven Castro, Irma Kowalczyk, Donna Losorelli, Ted Lund, Diana Marino, Marcy McCarthy, Francisco Nery, Alice Quek, Margaret Rozario, Carmela Sorace, Bill Yang, and Normita Yumul.

### SUPPORTER APPRECIATION NIGHT

Experience the impact that your prayers and financial support have had on the lives of young people. Five hundred students from all across Canada, will be gathered in Vancouver for this year's CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN OUTREACH RISE UP NATIONAL CONFERENCE and all are invited to witness part of this powerful event. Event is scheduled on December 30th, 2011 at Hyatt Regency Vancouver. For more info, e-mail [riseup@cco.ca](mailto:riseup@cco.ca); call 604-780-7527; visit [www.cco.ca/riseup](http://www.cco.ca/riseup)

## PARISH ACTIVITIES

JANUARY 02- 08, 2012

Mon.		RECTORY & PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
Tues.	7:00pm	PREP Begins (School & Church Basement)
Thurs.	7:00pm	Youth Ministry (Gym) Knights Executive Meeting (Classroom)
Fri.	6:30pm	Challenge for Girls (Basement) Conquest for Boys (Basement)
	7:30pm	Divine Mercy Novena (Church)
Sat.	9:00am	Divine Mercy Cenacle (Classroom)
	3:00pm	RCIA
Sun.		EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
	12Noon	Baptisms

## SCHOOL CORNER

Jan. 4 - SCHOOL RE-OPENS

Jan. 6 - 20 - KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION  
for September 2012

The Holy Cross School "80's themed" Pub Night fundraiser, will be taking place in the school gym on Friday, February 3, 2011. The event will include appetizers, dancing, and silent and live auctions. Tickets can be purchased for \$30 at the Holy Cross School office. We would appreciate any donation of items to be used in the auction. If you have any questions, please contact Carmen Curman at 604-220-4347 or email at [carmensrdan@hotmail.com](mailto:carmensrdan@hotmail.com).

## PROJECT ADVANCE 2011

TOTAL NUMBER OF GIFTS 398/1,410 28% PARTICIPATION

TOTAL AMOUNT PLEDGED \$82,319.00 as of December 21, 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](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.

## SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Our Parish weekly budget is \$9,460.00

	Envelopes	Loose	Total
Dec. 11	\$8,014.00	\$ 796.51	\$ 8,810.51
Dec. 18	\$9,376.84	\$1,093.00	\$10,469.84
School Support	\$2,794.00	\$ 320.34	\$ 3,114.34

*Thank you very much for your generosity!*

**MONEY COUNTERS** Jan. 09 Giuseppina Guttadauro,  
Carmela Petrollini & Rosina Massullo

**ALTAR WORKERS** Jan. 14 R. Massullo & Rina Tinaburri

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



THANK YOU VERY MUCH to all who donated poinsettias and contributed towards the purchase of garden supplies for the altar. Most of all, a Big Thank You to our wonderful crew of florists and santa helpers who decorated our church fit for Jesus, Mary, Joseph & the Three Kings!

HAPPY NEW YEAR! from the volunteers of the CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD PROGRAM. Our program has recommenced for 2012 at the 10:00 am Sunday mass. All children between the ages of 3 - 10 are welcome - no registration is required. We are looking for new members to assist with teaching the word of the Lord to our young. If you are interested in volunteering, please call Andrea @ 604-299-8458 or Rita @ 604-291-2152.

CATHOLIC PHYSICIANS' GUILD Invites health care providers and their families. Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Miller on January 20 - 7 p.m. at St. Augustine's Parish, 2028 W. 7th Avenue, Vancouver. Reception follows. Donations will be very much appreciated. Info: [drtoniparsons@telus.net](mailto:drtoniparsons@telus.net) or Judy Talas 604 430-2712.

Celebrating the 19TH ANNIVERSARY OF LIFE IN THE SPIRIT with Thanksgiving & Healing Mass at Immaculate Conception Church, 8842 - 119th Street, Delta, on January 13th, 2012 at 7:30pm. Celebrant will be Abbot Rt. Rev. John Braganza, OSB with 12 other priests concelebrating. Everyone is invited to attend followed by a reception at the Parish Hall For info call Lennie (604) 597-8227

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT 50TH SEMINAR begins January 20th - March 2nd, 2012 at Immaculate Conception Church, 8842-119th Street, Delta. The Life in the Spirit Seminar is to be held for seven(7) consecutive Fridays. The seminar is composed of a series of talks by Archbishop J. Michael Miller, CSB, and 6 other priests from the diocese. The talks are designed to lead people through the basic message of salvation and help them yield to the actions of the Holy Spirit in their lives. The seminar is free but necessary to pre-register for materials and books. Please call (604)597-8227, (604) 583-5543 or email [lenniept@telus.net](mailto:lenniept@telus.net) or [toniv@shaw.ca](mailto:toniv@shaw.ca) Registration deadline: January 15th.

There is "room at the inn" for all who come to THE DOOR IS OPEN - thanks to generous donations. A gift of \$40 funds the drop-in centre for one hour, \$25 will buy coffee for an entire day of welcome and safe shelter, \$15 will help serve a sit-down lunch to the weekly seniors' group. Contributions may be sent to The Door is Open, 150 Robson Street, Vancouver, B.C., V6B 2A7 or call: 604-443-3299 to charge your donation to Visa. More info: visit [www.thedoorisopen.ca](http://www.thedoorisopen.ca)

WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES will begin January 9th with a week of prayer and reflection, culminating on Sunday, January 15th, with a special Mass celebrated by Archbishop J. Michael Miller at St. Helen's Parish at 5 p.m. A celebration follows in the school gym - entertainment and goodies from many different cultures. For more info: e-mail [evollet@rcav.org](mailto:evollet@rcav.org); visit <http://rcav.org/osj>

