

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

DEAR PARISHIONERS,

The beginning of any New Year is usually the time we think of making projections, plans or so-called "wish lists". We strive to enhance or make things better than the past year, whether with ourselves or within our surroundings.

That said, I would like to project two major plans for improvements this year. The first one concerns our church roof. There is absolutely no doubt that repairs must be done on the flat part of the roof around the church. The main structure is good; but the flat roof and canopy are in need of new blacktop. In the last 3 years we experienced leaks in the children's crying room, the choir area and in the ushers' room, causing some damage. Last year we were able to focus on the school gym roof, but now it is time to address the church roof. As I write, I have made arrangements to get quotes regarding this project, and I hope these repairs will be completed during the year 2012.

The second and more visible project will be in our church sanctuary (the area where the altar, ambo, and Blessed Sacrament are currently located). I have received a request from Archbishop Michael Miller, to move the Tabernacle with the Blessed Sacrament from the side to the center of the sanctuary, in order to comply with present diocesan norms. This means that we will be placing the Tabernacle at the center, back wall (behind celebrant's chair).

After much discussion with the Parish and Finance Councils and Building Committee, we would like to remove the carpeting, replace it with granite flooring, and to make minor decorative changes around the sanctuary at the same time-frame. My "wish" is for this project to be done and completed in March 2012, before the busy season of Easter, First Communion, and Confirmation celebrations.

Your patience and support of these undertakings are of great value to me. I pray that we will be able to make our church even more beautiful and prayerful place for all. If you would like to be in some ways involved in any of these projects, please do not hesitate to contact me. May God bless us all.

*Fr. Maciej Woź, SDS*

### SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Our Parish weekly budget is \$9,460.00

	Envelopes	Loose	Total
Jan. 08	\$8,025.42	\$1,070.43	\$9,095.85
Jan. 15	6,655.40	897.34	7,552.74
Add'l New Year's	557.00	*	557.00
Add'l Initial Offering	1,391.00	*	1,391.00

*Thank you very much for your generosity!*

### THANK YOU! FROM THE MISSIONARIES OF CHARITY

Dear Holy Cross Parish,

I share with you words of our Mother, Blessed Teresa of Calcutta... "Keep the joy of loving Jesus in each other and in your heart and share this joy with all you meet." I wish to thank you for your generosity in sharing with the poorest of the poor. These were very much appreciated by the families, shut-ins, and homeless whom we visit and help regularly.

May the Lord who loves us and came in the flesh for us bless each of you with a deeper awareness of His Thirsting love for you and His desire for deeper union with you.

Be assured of our prayers for you and your families and intentions throughout the New Year.

Sincerely in Christ,  
Sr. M. Damascene, MC

## MASS INTENTIONS /REQUESTED BY

JANUARY 23 - 29, 2012

Mon.	8:15am	PARISHIONERS
Tues.	8:15am	+Sergio Marcki /Niece
Wed.	8:15am	+Saverio De Bonis /Wife & Family
Thurs.	8:15am	+Marcellina, Lucia & Elio Gazzola /Maria Gazzola
	9:15am	SCHOOL MASS/Kindergarten All Souls/Paul Thow /Knights of Columbus 4th Degree
Fri.	7:00pm	
	8:15am	+Mark Zaremba /Barbara Bathgate
	7:30pm	+Jon Jankowski /Family
Sat.	9:00am	+Leonzio La Porta /Buonassisi Family
	5:00pm	+Giuseppe Sciortino /Antonina & Family
Sun.	8:00am	+Gordon Loverin /Lea Boelens
	10:00am	+Anne Chillog /Margaret Molnar
	12Noon	+Rose Martin /Gentile Family
	7:30pm	+Harold Aloysius Benedict /Family

JANUARY 30 - FEBRUARY 5, 2012

Mon.	8:15am	++Charlotte & Lester De Silva /Lucille
Tues.	8:15am	+Gemma Todesco /Bruna Pandolfo
Wed.	8:15am	PARISHIONERS
Thurs.	8:15am	+Andrew Morrison /Mary MacDonald
	10:30am	Special Int. Teresa Wunderlich /Arthur (FELLBURN HOSPITAL)
Fri.	8:15am	+Fortunato Veltri /Family
	7:30pm	+Ivana Knazevic /Anna Sulentic & Family
Sat.	9:00am	+Peter Sim /Sim Family
	5:00pm	+Guido De Angelis /Wife & Family
Sun.	8:00am	+Vincenzo Malara (1st Anniversary)/Wife
	10:00am	+Rose Martin /Kennedy Family
	12Noon	++Giorgio & Maria Bettamin & +Manuel Da Silva /Luisa & Jack Da Silva
	7:30pm	+Anna Garcea /Family

## SCHOOL CORNER

Jan. 25, 7:00pm - 1st Reconciliation - Gr. 2 & Level 2 (Church)

Jan. 26, 9:15am - SCHOOL MASS/Kindergarten(Church)

Jan. 28 - Student Council will be presenting a cheque to Variety for money raised during our VARIETY HEARTS CAMPAIGN. This live taping will air on the VARIETY TELETHON OF HEARTS on

February 12, on Global TV.

Feb. 2 - FAMILY LITERACY DAY at Holy Cross with special guest speakers and other literacy activities to celebrate reading!

Feb. 3 -The Holy Cross School "80's THEMED" PUB NIGHT FUNDRAISER will be taking place in the school gym.The event will include appetizers, dancing, and silent & live auctions. Tickets are \$30 and can be purchased 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 e-mail at carmensrdan@hotmail.com.

### MONEY COUNTERS

Jan. 23	Marie Baldonero and Vic & Bruna Gazzola
Jan. 30	Cathy Ma and Henry & Betty Chung

### ALTAR WORKERS

Feb. 19 Aggie Van Kuyk & Theresa Rasquinha

## PARISH ACTIVITIES

JANUARY 23 - 29, 2012

- Mon. 7:00pm Iconography Workshop (Classroom)  
7:30pm HC Prayer Group (Music Room)
- Tues. 7:00pm PREP (School & Church Basement)
- Wed. 7:00pm 1st Reconciliation - Gr. 2 & Level 2 (Church)  
7:30pm Bible Study (Music Room & Kitchen)
- Thurs. 9:15am SCHOOL MASS /Kindergarten  
7:00pm Knights 4th Degree (Music Room)  
CWL General Meeting (Classroom)  
Youth Ministry (Gym)
- 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. PANCAKE BREAKFAST by K of C (Gym)  
after all A.M. & 12Noon Masses
- MEET THE DAMAN FAMILY AFTER 8AM & 10AM MASSES (GYM)

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HC Prayer Group (Music Room)
- Tues. 7:00pm PREP (School & Church Basement)
- Wed. 7:30pm Bible Study (Music Room & Kitchen)
- Thurs. 7:00pm Knights Executive Meeting (Music Room)
- Fri. 6:30pm Challenge for Girls (Church Basement)  
Conquest for Boys (Church Basement)  
7:30pm Divine Mercy Novena (Church)
- Sat. 9:00am Divine Mercy Cenacle (Classroom)  
3:00pm RCIA
- Sun. All Masses B. C. CATHOLIC - 2nd Collection  
10:00am First Holy Communion Liturgy #21  
12:00pm BAPTISMS

### DON'T MISS THESE EVENTS!



AN EVENING WITH ARCHBISHOP MILLER FOR CATHOLIC MEN  
Enjoy a meal with your Shepherd and hear about his vision for evangelizing and inspiring Catholic men in the Archdiocese of Vancouver.

Learn about plans for a dynamic Catholic men's conference and follow-up men's groups, and how you can get involved. February 4th, 6pm to 9pm at Saint Mary's Parish Hall, Vancouver. All Catholic men are invited. Cost: \$20. Limited seating. Online pre-registration required by January 27. More info at [www.rcav.org/man-to-man](http://www.rcav.org/man-to-man); Kyle Neilson at 604-683-0281; e-mail ore@rcav.org.

TAKE ONE dynamic Archbishop, mix in one talented Catholic musician, ADD ONE passionate speaker from New Orleans... total them up and what have you got? Archdiocesan Conference: ONE FAITH. ONE BODY. ONE MISSION.

The ARCHDIOCESAN CONFERENCE is our annual event, gathering Catholics to inspire and renew their faith, on February 17 & 18, at the VANCOUVER CONVENTION CENTRE.

This year's line-up has something for everyone: renowned singer-song-writer Matt Maher; the dynamic and humorous Mike Patin speaking on the role of passion in our faith; Fr. Paul Nicholson, a popular speaker who will address the disappearance of men from Western Christianity, and plenty more, including Mass with the Archbishop, a ministry fair, and exhibits.

For more speaker information, a promo video, and to register go to [www.rcav.org/conference](http://www.rcav.org/conference).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

On Saturday, January 28, 2012, PETER KREEFT will give free lectures at WESTMINSTER ABBEY/SEMINARY OF CHRIST THE KING in Mission, B. C. The subject of his talks will be: THE CHURCH AND SECULARISM. The lectures will begin at 10am and conclude at 3pm, with a two-hour break from 11:30am - 1:30pm for lunch. For more info, phone 604-826-8975. Schedule as follows: 9:00am - Mass in Abbey Church for Visitors. 10:00-11:30am - 1st lecture session in the gymnasium. 11:30-1:30pm - Lunch Break. Brown bag or lunch in Mission. 1:30-3:00pm - 2nd session continued.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS on Sunday, January 29th, at all Masses will hold their annual collection of your donated STAMPS (to be sold in support of Vocations; please trim to 1 cm or less all around) and EYEGLASSES (to be sent to poor countries) - look for K of C marked boxes at the church entrance.

NOTRE DAME proudly presents *SHERLOCK HOLMES AND THE HOUNDS OF THE BASKERVILLES*. Showtimes are nightly from Tuesday, January 31st to Friday, February 2nd at 7:30pm in the William PJ McCarthy Library at Notre Dame. Tickets are \$10. Two senior matinees on Tuesday, January 31st and Wednesday, February 1st at 12:00pm. For tickets or info, call 604.255.5454 or e-mail Joe Dardano at [jdardano@ndrs.org](mailto:jdardano@ndrs.org).

On the weekend of February 3 - 5 there will be a VOCATION LIVE-IN for boys or young men interested in the priesthood or the consecrated life, at the Seminary of Christ the King, Mission. For more info, call 604-826-8715.

SILENT LIVE-IN RETREAT for women interested in discerning a call to religious life on Friday, February 10, 7pm to Sunday, February 12, 3pm. Contact Linda, 604.824.4184 ([bechardlinda@gmail.com](mailto:bechardlinda@gmail.com)) or sister Denece 604.985.4872 ([dbillesberger@shaw.ca](mailto:dbillesberger@shaw.ca)). Space is limited so register early.

Come and celebrate WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE on Tuesday, February 2, at 7 pm. Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop J. Michael Miller, CSB at St. Augustine's Church, 2028 W. 7th Avenue, Vancouver.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 20TH WORLD DAY OF THE SICK, Archbishop Michael Miller will celebrate a Mass of Anointing on Friday, February 10th, 11:00am at Our Lady of Sorrows Church, 555 S. Slocan Street in Vancouver. The Mass will also include a special blessing for caregivers. Everyone is welcome to attend.

CATHOLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF B. C. will be awarding two bursaries valued at \$250 each to two 2012 graduating students enrolled in a Catholic secondary school, or who are a member of a B. C. or Yukon parish and enrolled in a public secondary school, or who are home-schooled. Students are asked to submit a 500 word essay that demonstrates an awareness and understanding of the significance of SPIRITUALITY IN HEALTH CARE. Submit application on or before March 9th, 2012. For details, please refer to the poster on display in the church, or check [www.chabc.bc.ca](http://www.chabc.bc.ca)

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. Our mission requires support at this time through tax deductible charitable donations. You can also help Birthright by volunteering with us and by 'liking' our "Birthright Vancouver" Facebook page. To inquire further about Birthright or volunteering, please call (604) 687-7223.