

Dear Holy Cross Parishioners and visitors,
We wish you all that Jesus, the Newborn Messiah,
would fill your hearts, lives, and homes with many of
His blessings throughout the New Year!

Merry Christmas!

Fr. Maciej Wos, SDS and
Fr. Chris Pastuszka, SDS





FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

Thanks be to God, and to your generosity, our 26th Annual Share Christmas Program was successful.

Cards taken and returned with food donations in 2018: 596 cards (approximate value \$14,900)

with many extra items noted below not included in this total. (In 2017: 626 cards approximate value \$15,650). Cash donations to the Sisters in 2018: 1,595. (In 2017, cash donations were 1,285.)

Our 26th annual Share Christmas was an effort of the entire parish, involving hundreds of generous parishioners, the cooperation of our school's staff and students, and flexible, efficient parish staff. In October, we began by collecting well over 150 empty boxes from local businesses. A parish business donated the Christmas tree. Many helped to register the cards taken from the tree. Teachers and some students from our school set up the gym for receiving the donations. You took cards from the tree, shopped for yourselves and for those unable to do their own shopping, delivered the donations to the gym, and/or gave cash donations. Many donations generously exceeded the requested \$25 contribution per card.

Thanks to some parishioners early efforts, we received a record number of 63 turkeys this year. (2017 - 62 turkeys).

Hundreds of dollars of extra items were also donated: a box of toys and treats for children, a garbage bag full of new men's and women's tops and 109 pairs of socks, laundry detergent, soaps, linens, cleaning supplies, new blankets and 215 kg of sausage from a local butcher/deli. Volunteers received and organized donations, prepared refreshments for volunteers; others made hampers for local families and Luke 15 House while yet more volunteers delivered them. One parishioner arranged for his employer to donate the use of a 5-ton delivery truck and another parishioner drove it. Finally, 27 volunteers loaded the truck and did the final gym cleanup. Then 24 volunteers carried on, joined by three others, and unloaded the donations at the Missionaries of Charity in the Downtown Eastside. One parishioner delivered donations received after the dropoff weekend to the Sisters the following week. One hundred percent of cash donations went to the Sisters. The Sisters will distribute all the donations to many families and homeless people in the downtown eastside. These wonderful results are only possible because of the participation of our whole parish family.

In addition to the Share Christmas program, our Elementary School organized a collection of toys and children's clothes. The Student Council delivered the toys and clothes to RayCam Community Centre in the Eastside of Vancouver. It was beautiful to see the smiles in the faces of the small recipients of the gifts.

Thanks be to God for His blessings that allow us to make a small difference in the lives of our neighbours. The Sisters were very grateful for your alms from 'the heart', have promised to keep our entire parish family in their prayers, and have asked us to do the same for them and those they serve.

God Bless!
Father Maciej Wos, SDS
Pastor

SCHOOL NEWS

December 24, 2018 to January 6, 2019
Monday January 7, 2019

Christmas Break
School reopens

MASS INTENTIONS (REQUESTED BY)

December 24 - 30, 2018

- Mon 9:00 am Spl. Int. Christopher Leong (Family)
- Christmas Masses**
- Mon 5:00 pm +Fernando Di Cesare (Family)
- +Frank Folino (Ada & Family)
- +Carmela Luongo (Giuseppe & Maria Porciello)
- Spl. Int. Joe and Marian San Jose
- (Lanny and Danny)

No 7:30 pm Mass

- Mon Midnight ++Domingo & Marina Parado (Family)
- ++William and Mary Gene
- ++Michael and Alma Gomes and Roma Waignein
- Spl. Int. Grace San Juan (Family)
- Tues. 8:00 am Spl. Int. Jason Fong (Family)
- +Vincenzo Misceo (Wife and Family)
- 10:00 am +Agostino Velenosi (Wife)
- Spl. Int. Priscilla, Dave, Lucas, Gracelynn and
- Matthew Trang (May and Don)
- Spl. Int. Linda, Carlos, Chloe and Claire Yam
- (May and Don)
- Spl. Int. Peggy and Nicholas Leong
- (May and Don)
- Noon +Gaetano Giuffre (Eva R.)
- +Domenic Luongo (Franca & Family)

No 7:30 pm Mass today

Weekday Masses

- Wed. 9:00 am +Sixto Velasco (Chit & Ria)
- ++Paul and Lucia Sigurnjak (Louann & Family)
- Thurs 9:00 am +Chan Kwan Po (Family)
- Fri. 9:00 am +Frank Folino (Nick G. & Marisa D.)
- 7:30 pm +Ilse Jacobsohn (Family)
- +Norberto Escolin (Chit and Ria)
- Spl. Int. Pan Family (Family)
- Spl. Int. Regina Mattusch (Magda Legault)
- Spl. Int. Alba Stevenson (Regina M.)
- Sat. 9:00 am Spl. Int. Father Robert Ufland (Diva & John)
- 5:00 pm +All Souls in Purgatory (Rodriguez Family)
- +Filomena Tinaburri (Folino Family)
- +Dora Mascitti (Joseph and Edna Iorio)
- Spl. Int. Rodrigues Family
- Sun. 8:00 am +Nicole Porciello (Holy Cross CWL)
- 10:00 am +Nicole Porciello (Nick G. and Marisa D.)
- +Marija Udovicic (Folino Family)
- +Roberto Faccone (Angelina & Mario Agosti)
- Spl. Int. Porciello Family (Lanny and Danny)
- Noon +Francisco Advincula (Parishioner)
- 7:30 pm Parishioners

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Our Parish weekly budget is \$9,460.00

	<u>Envelopes</u>	<u>Loose</u>	<u>Total</u>
December 2 nd	\$8,070.65	\$927.00	\$ 8,997.65
2 nd Collection - Youth Ministry	\$2,437.45	\$128.00	\$ 2,565.45
December 9	\$9,874.35	\$882.00	\$10,756.35
2 nd Collection-School Support	\$2,872.45	\$106.00	\$ 2,978.45
December 16	\$6,969.75	\$900.65	\$ 7,870.40
Preauthorized Monthly Collection for December			\$12,228.00

MONEY COUNTERS

Thursday December 27th - Lilliana, Elia, Betty, Marlene M.
(Christmas Collection)

Wednesday January 2nd, 2019 - Liliana, Bruna, Lawrence, Grace
(New Year's Day Collection)

Monday January 7th, 2019 - Cathy K., John, Nicole

MASS INTENTIONS (REQUESTED BY)

December 31, 2018 - January 6, 2019

Mon. 9:00 am ++Irma and Aurelio Nicoletti (Giuseppina G.)

New Year's Day Masses

Mon .5:00 pm

Tues. 8:00 am ++Giuseppe and Loreta Romano (Family)

+Quirico Migrino Senior (Family)

Spl. Int. Cathy Kinniston (May and Don)

Tues. 10:00 am +Chan Kwan Po (Family)

+Steven Leong (May and Don)

Noon Parishioners

No 7:30 pm Mass on New Year's Day

Wed. 9:00 am Spl. Int. Brian Wong (Family)

Thurs 9:00 am +Vincenzo Misceo (Wife)

Fri. 9:00 am Spl. Int. Doctor Gregory McAnulty

7:30 pm Spl. Int. Regina Mattusch (Magda Legault)

+Francisco Advincula (Jun Lopez and Family)

Sat. 9:00 am +Pietro Bua (Giuseppina G.)

5:00 pm +Maria Da Luz Ferreira (Daughter)

+Paul Thow (Family)

+Frank Folino (Marisa D. and Nick G.)

Sun. 8:00 am +Frank Lupia (Family)

+Fong Lee (May and Don)

++Florencio and Eustaquia Migrino (Family)

10:00 am +Fernando di Cesare (Family)

+Lina Maria Vassallo (Parents)

+Domenico Ricci (Maddalena Ricci and Family)

Spl. Int. Mark Richter (Eva)

Noon +Paul Thow (Family)

7:30 pm +Nicole Porciello (Parishioner)

PROJECT ADVANCE

Update as of December 14, 2018

Thank You

We have received \$ **104,905.67** in donations.

Thanks to the **393** families who have donated, we have reached **169.2%** of our diocesan goal of \$62,000. This means that all funds received from now on go directly to Holy Cross! If you have not contributed yet, please consider giving today. You can also donate online at www.projectadvance.ca

Live gratefully, give generously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve, December 24th (Monday) 5pm and Midnight

Christmas Day, December 25th (Tuesday) 8am, 10am and Noon

There is **no 7:30pm Mass on Christmas Day.**

New Year's Eve, December 31st (Monday) 5pm

New Year's Day, January 1st (Tuesday) 8am, 10am and Noon

There are **no Masses at midnight and 7:30pm on New Year's Day.**

WEEKDAY MORNING MASSES from December 24, 2018 to

January 4, 2019 are at 9:00 am (except for the Christmas Day and New Year's Day Masses).

2019 SUNDAY COLLECTION ENVELOPES - If you did not receive any 2019 envelopes, please phone the parish office to request them. **Please only use your envelopes for the year printed on the envelope as your envelope number may have changed.** Please use the **pink** envelopes available in the back of the church if you don't have envelopes and make sure that you fill out all the information on the pink envelope.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - To the Holy Cross Parish community, wishing you all a joyous Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year!

CULTURE OF LIFE BABY SHOWER - JANUARY - Please save your new or gently used infant (to 2 yrs.) and maternity clothes and supplies (except furniture, car seats, strollers & big toys) for our collection at the January 26-27 masses in the church lobby. (Sponsored by Birthright Vancouver and the Knights of Columbus.)

No pancake breakfast for December.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE (CWL) - We wish you and your families a Blessed Christmas and a Healthy and Happy 2019!

It is not too late to pay your membership dues. You can pay by putting cash or a cheque (payable to Holy Cross CWL) in a sealed envelope marked CWL in the Sunday collection basket.

HOLY CROSS SCHOOL 60th Anniversary - Please join us for the 60th Anniversary of Holy Cross School Gala on Saturday, February 9, 2019 at the Croatian Cultural Centre. We would like to send a special invite to all alumni of Holy Cross School. The event is themed 'Casino Royale: Shaken Not Stirred' and is sure to be a memorable night for all. For tickets, please contact the Holy Cross School office. Donations for our auction are accepted at the school office. If you have any questions, please contact Carmen at interpretercarmen@gmail.com.

PRISON MINISTRY - Please bring in your unused Christmas cards and 2019 Calendars for the Catholic Charities Justice Services (CCJS). We accept all calendars except for metal coil calendars. We ask that your donations are suitable for prison chapels. Please drop off your cards and calendars in the boxes in the Church foyer before Friday Jan 4, 2019.

COUPLES FOR CHRIST (CFC) is a Catholic worldwide movement and Parish based Family Ministry for the renewal and strengthening of Christian family life. Couples for Christ will hold a **CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAM (CLP)**, here on Fridays from February 8 to March 29, 2019 at 7:00 pm. For more information: Contact: Cris Saguindan - 778-828-4170 & Cecile Saguindan - 778-686-3750

STELLA COMETA VANCOUVER SOCIETY is very happy to announce that we have received a Registered Charity tax number from the CRA! From now on, all donations of \$20.00 or more will receive a tax receipt. We are very grateful to the Holy Cross community for its support during the past few years even though we could not issue a tax receipt. Donations can be sent to Stella Cometa Vancouver Society, 3075 Slocan Street, Vancouver, B.C., V5M 3E4. Please keep us in your prayers as we continue our work.

ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL MASS FOR LIFE - Join us as we celebrate life on Friday Dec 28th (the Feast of the Holy Innocents) at Holy Rosary Cathedral, Vancouver. Rosary begins at 11:30 am and Mass is at 12:10 pm.

PRO-LIFE MASS AND PRAYER VIGIL - Join us for a peaceful, prayerful vigil for unborn children and their parents on Saturday, Jan. 5th. Mass is at 9 a.m. at St. Anthony of Padua, 1345 West 73rd Avenue, Vancouver.

For information on other events within the Diocese, visit www.rcav.org



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