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***December 21, 2015 - January 3, 2016***

*To New Parishioners & Visitors, WELCOME!*

*Kindly introduce yourselves to the Priest after Mass.*

**Dear Fellow Parishioners,**

**Fr. Chris and I offer you our warmest Christmas greeting, and our heart-felt thank-you! Thank you for the many cards and gifts you blessed us with this Christmas season.**

**On Christmas, we celebrate the love of God for us -- it shows itself in the fragile bundle of the child Jesus. In him, we have the sure proof that God knows us, remembers us, and loves us. With the world, our economy, and so many of our lives being so unsettled, we need to live in the assurance of that love. The great truth of Christmas is that no matter what happens to us or what happens in the world, God's love and care for us is always here. It is never in doubt. So let us celebrate that love which proclaims: "I have loved you with an everlasting love." The name of that love is Jesus.**

**If you have been away from the church for a while, I encourage you to return. There is always a place for you at Holy Cross, no matter what has happened in your life! You belong and are welcome here!**

**May God bless you at this Christmas time!**

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



## DECREE

For the Observance of the Special Indulgence  
on the occasion of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy  
Archdiocese of Vancouver

Our Holy Father Pope Francis has established the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, desiring that "the Jubilee be a living experience of the closeness of the Father, whose tenderness is almost tangible, so that the faith of every believer may be strengthened and thus testimony to it be ever more effective."

At the conclusion of the penitential celebration marking the inauguration of the Jubilee of Mercy, the Holy Father said, "From this moment, we entrust this Holy Year to the Mother of Mercy, that she might turn her gaze upon us and watch over our journey. Our penitential way, our way of open hearts, throughout one year, to receive the indulgence of God, to receive the Mercy of God."

In response to the Holy Father's Indulgence, and in conformity with the provisions of the Apostolic Penitentiary, I declare that the Christian faithful of the Archdiocese of Vancouver, having fulfilled the four conditions listed below and in a spirit of total detachment from any inclination to sin, may benefit from the Plenary Indulgence if they partake devoutly in a sacred function or in a public pious exercise offered on any or all Fridays in the Jubilee Year of Mercy, beginning on Friday, December 11, 2015, and concluding on Friday, November 18, 2016.

Four things are necessary to gain this Plenary Indulgence:

1. The performance of the work to which the Indulgence is attached, which can be satisfied in all cases by offering an Our Father and a Hail Mary or some other prayers of one's choice for the Pope's intentions.
2. Sacramental confession.
3. Eucharistic Communion.
4. Prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father.

The conditions of confession, Communion and prayer for the Pope's intentions may be fulfilled several days before or after the performance of the prescribed work.

I designate all Parish Churches and Catholic Hospital and Prison Chapels in the Archdiocese of Vancouver for the exercise of the aforesaid sacred functions.

Lastly, the faithful who are prevented by illness or another legitimate and important cause, always in a spirit of detachment from any inclination to sin, with the intention of fulfilling the usual conditions as soon as possible, can also obtain the Plenary Indulgence, as long as they spiritually join in a celebration for the Jubilee Year of Mercy.

This Decree is effective from the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, December 8, 2015, to the Solemnity of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, November 20, 2016.

Given at the Archdiocese of Vancouver, in the City of Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, on the Twenty-Seventh day of November, in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Fifteen.

Most Reverend J. Michael Miller, CSB  
Archbishop of Vancouver

Reverend Bruce McAllister, JCL  
Chancellor

## MASS INTENTIONS (REQUESTED BY)

### December 21 - 27, 2015

Mon.	9:00am	+Harold Benedict (Family)
Tues.	9:00am	PARISHIONERS
Wed.	9:00am	+Luigina D'Elia (Family)
Thurs	9:00am	Sp. Int. Christopher Leong (Family)
	5:00pm	+Dolores & Zacarias Nofre & Helmut Halfar (Mrs. Halfar) +John Recchia (Maria Mafalda)
Midnight		+Joseph Wong (Family) +Roy & Anton Brown & Maria Ainscough (Morelli Family)
Fri.	8:00am	+Adrian Van Essen (Family) +Angelo Mutis (Family)
	10:00am	+Sixto Velasco (Chit & Ria) +Simira Zomparelli (Friend)
Noon		Sp. Int. Jason Fong (Family) Sp. Int. Thanksgiving to Blessed Virgin Mary (Rasquinha Family)
Sat.	9:00am	+Paul & Lucy Sigurnjak (Family)
	5:00pm	+Mario Aere (Lucille, May & Lanny)
Sun.	8:00am	+Deceased Members of Ricci Family (Carmela Petrollini)
	10:00am	+Giuseppina & Giovanni Greco (Rosina & Antonio Bevacqua)
Noon		+Zacarias Nofre (Mrs. Halfar)
	7:30pm	+Deceased Members of McMaster Family (Family)

### December 28, 2015 - January 3, 2016

Mon.	9:00am	+Quirico & Honorata Migriño Sr. (Family)
Tues.	9:00am	Sp. Int. Tomas Tagasa (Family)
Wed.	9:00am	+Aurelio & Irma Nicoletti (Giuseppina G.)
Thurs	9:00am	+James Paone (Paone Family)
	5:00pm	+Mary Liem (Lanny & Danny)
Fri.	8:00am	+Quirico Migriño Sr. (Family) Sp. Int. Lucas & Brian Wong (Kit Wong)
	10:00am	+Pat Buckley (May Chan)
Noon		+Adrian Van Essen & Bep Kryger (Emma Van Essen) +Maria Lourdes Lobo (Joseph & Edna Iorio & Family)
Sat.	9:00am	PARISHIONERS
	5:00pm	+Vincenzo Misceo (Wife)
Sun.	8:00am	+Deceased Members of Mauro & Romano Families (Family)
	10:00am	+Giuseppina Greco (Adriana Bevacqua)
	12 Noon	+Miu Ling Sennett (Albert Sennett)
	7:30pm	+Edda Paolini (Emma Van Essen)

## PRAY FOR THE SICK

Michelle Curtis, Nick Fazio, Harold Hopkinson,  
Steven Kastro, Irma Kowalczyk, Diana Marino, Leo  
Matusicky, Marcy McCarthy, Rosemary Nicholson,  
Matthew Perera, Alice Quek, Maria Romano,  
Margaret Rozario and Normita Yumul.



## SCHOOL NEWS

Christmas Break: December 21, 2015 to January 1, 2016  
School Re-opens: January 4, 2016



**PARISH ACTIVITIES**

**December 21 - 27, 2015**

- Mon. 7:00pm Baptism Course (Classroom)
- 7:00pm Iconography Workshop (Classroom)
- 7:30pm HC Prayer Group (Music Room)
- Fri. PARISH OFFICE CLOSED – CHRISTMAS DAY
- 7:30pm Divine Mercy Mass (Church)
- Sat. 9:30am Divine Mercy Cenacle (Kitchen)

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- Fri. 7:30pm Divine Mercy Mass (Church)
- Sat. 9:30am Divine Mercy Cenacle (Kitchen)
- Sun. After 12pm Baptisms  
Mass

**SUNDAY COLLECTION**

Our Parish weekly budget is \$9,460.00

	Envelopes	Loose	Total
December 6	\$ 8,050.25	\$ 1,178.65	\$ 9,228.90
December 13	\$ 6,378.10	\$ 935.65	\$ 7,313.75
<u>2<sup>nd</sup> Collections:</u>			
Youth Ministry	\$ 2,487.00	\$ 240.00	\$ 2,727.00
School Support Program	\$ 2,448.15	\$ 215.00	\$ 2,663.15

**MONEY COUNTERS**

- December 21 Marlene W., Bruna G. & Nicole P.
- December 29 Perla P., Carmela P., Bruna G., Liliana S. & Marie B.
- January 4 Ollie A., Nancy Y., Cathy K. & Liliana S.

**CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR MASS TIMES**

Christmas Eve, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> (Thursday) 5pm & Midnight  
 Christmas Day, Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> (Friday) 8am, 10am & Noon  
 There is **no 7:30pm Mass** on Christmas Day.

New Year's Eve, Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> (Thursday) 5pm (**no midnight Mass**)  
 New Year's Day, Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> (Friday) 8am, 10am & Noon  
 There is **no 7:30pm Mass** on New Year's Day.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**2016 SUNDAY COLLECTION ENVELOPES** - The 2016 Sunday Collection Envelopes are available for pick up in the church lobby. Assigning of envelopes is computerized, based on the frequency each family used their envelopes this year. Families who signed up for Pre Authorized donations and requested envelopes on their form will also be issued envelopes.

If you were not assigned 2016 envelopes but would like them, please call the parish office. We would gladly provide you with your box of envelopes. Please use envelopes only in the year printed on the envelope as your number may have changed. Pink Visitor Envelopes are available in the church if you were not assigned envelopes or did not bring your envelope. Make sure to fill out the information on the envelope so that you could get credit for your donation.

**CULTURE OF LIFE BABY SHOWER NEXT MONTH** - Please save your new or gently used baby and maternity clothes and supplies (not furniture) for our collection at January 30-31 masses in the church lobby, for pregnant women and new mothers in distress. Sponsored by the Crisis Pregnancy Centres of Burnaby & Vancouver and the Knights of Columbus.

**ADULT CATECHESIS SEMINAR AT HOLY CROSS** – For those who would like to deepen their faith and understanding of Christ teachings we offer a special adult catechism seminar starting January 4<sup>th</sup>. It will be run by a special team of Neocatechumenal Way. You are invited to join by coming to Holy Cross School gymnasium on Mondays and Thursdays at 7pm.

**ARCHBISHOP MASS FOR LIFE** - The Archbishop Mass for Life is on Monday, December 28<sup>th</sup> at 12:10pm at Holy Rosary Cathedral in Vancouver.

**NOTRE DAME OPEN HOUSE AND PLACEMENT EXAM** – The Annual Open House is on Thursday, January 21<sup>st</sup>; the Grade 8 Placement Exam is on Friday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 12pm. Registration forms for the placement exam are available on the shelf in the church lobby.

**Penitential Services:**

Our Lady of Hungary Parish (Vancouver)	Daily	8:45am
St. Casimir's Parish (Vancouver)	December 21	7:00pm
St. Helen's Parish (Burnaby)	December 21	7:00pm
St. Mary's Parish (Vancouver)	December 22	7:00pm

**THINKING OF THE SEAFARERS AT CHRISTMAS** - Please extend an act of God's love to sailors who will be spending their Christmas in Vancouver, away from their families. Christmas gifts are a warm, caring and loving way to make a sailor's loneliness more tolerable. Tired of shopping? Just make a cheque out to "Archdiocese of Vancouver," put "Seafarers Gifts" on the memo line and we'll do the shopping for you, bringing a gift to the sailors. Please mail your cheque to 4885 Saint John Paul II Way, c/o Finance Office. A charitable receipt will be issued for donations of \$20 or more. Last year we gave out 2,200 presents. Donations can also be made online at [rcav.org/seafarers/](http://rcav.org/seafarers/)

**PRISON MINISTRY CHRISTMAS CARDS AND 2016**

**CALENDAR DRIVE** – Catholic Charities Justice Services (CCJS) is seeking donations of your surplus unused Christmas Cards and 2016 Calendars for prisoners. Calendars may be wall, desk, or appointment calendars. Please ensure donations are of a modest theme, suitable for prison chapels. Collection points: St. Mary's Chilliwack, St. Joseph's Mission, St. Nicholas Langley, Our Lady of Good Counsel Surrey, Christ the Redeemer West Vancouver, Holy Rosary Cathedral Vancouver, St. Mark's Vancouver. Items can also be mailed to CCJS Prison Ministry c/o St. Mary's Chilliwack, 8909 Mary Street, Chilliwack BC V2P 4J4. Deadline: Thursday, Jan. 14. For more information, please contact Maureen Donegan at 604-791-1864 or [mdonegan@rcav.org](mailto:mdonegan@rcav.org) or Germaine Solaiman at 604-307-8481 or [gsolaiman@rcav.org](mailto:gsolaiman@rcav.org).

**WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES 2016** – Pope Francis, in his message for the World Day of Migrants and Refugees, urges us to do as Jesus did by proclaiming the good news of hope to all, especially to those in great need. He says: "The mission of the Church...is thus to love Jesus Christ, to adore and love him particularly in the poorest and most abandoned. Among these are migrants and refugees who are trying to escape difficult living conditions and dangers of every kind." Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, Jan. 17, 2016 at 3pm at St. Francis Xavier Parish in Vancouver by Archbishop J. Michael Miller, CSB, for the 5<sup>th</sup> year in our Archdiocese. [rcav.org/world-day-of-migrants-and-refugees-2015/](http://rcav.org/world-day-of-migrants-and-refugees-2015/)

For information on other events within the Diocese, visit [www.rcav.org](http://www.rcav.org)



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