

DECEMBER 17, 2017

3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*"I baptize with water. Among you stands...  
The one who is coming after me."*

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**THIS WEEK**

Tuesday, Dec. 19 7pm Mass-Penitential Service

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**STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION**

*Joy*

Giving is a popular topic of conversation this time of year. There is joy in giving. When we give in gratitude to God for the many gifts He has given us, it enriches the experience of giving a gift. When gratitude is behind our giving, joy always accompanies the gift. Joy radiates from giving, and thus, joy shared is joy multiplied. Stewardship is giving, motivated by both joy and gratitude. It's more than giving to a need... it's needing to give!

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**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**

Creg Rosales; Gail Krueger; Ruel Capili; Loreto Ciaccia; Jerry Schaab; Ryan Lehwald; Kellie Marchak; Ian Wilson; Maria Amato; John Pollard; Edna Cachero; Tom Luxford; Marie Connor; Dominga Carrion; William Tam; Gloria Peralta; Ernesto Hidalgo; Almira Steeds; Joanne McLeod; Melody Carruthers; Brian Vint; John William; Kay D; Cliff & Marion Maxwell; Shirley Papuc; Mike Peake; Louella D'Penha; Giuseppe Sabatini; Violet Marie & Martha Smillie.

*If you have a relative who is sick in the hospital or at home, please let the rectory know so that we can arrange for a visit.*

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**AN INVITATION TO THE COMMUNITY**

Come join us in our annual "Simbang Gabi" - a nine-day celebration of Masses in preparation for the Birth of Jesus Christ - December 16-24, 2017 @ 5am. If you would like to be a novena Mass sponsor, sign-up sheets are available in the Gathering Area or you can also call 778.319.4571 or 778.228.3816.



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**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**

I wish to extend my sincere thanks to my parish families who were able to join me in the celebration of my 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass and reception. Your support, prayers, cards, gifts and food are greatly appreciated. I am grateful to the Social Committee group for organizing this event.

My prayers go out to you and your families as we journey together in the Catholic faith and for all the many blessings received throughout my life.

*Fr. Amador Abundo*



 **LIFE TEEN**  
Leading Teens Closer to Christ

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**Tonight, Sun., Dec. 17, 6:30pm: "Shopping"** This is our annual shopping trip! Cost is \$5 per person and the money goes towards purchasing new socks which we donate to Catholic Charities: Men's Hostel. Meet us at the Youth Room. If you wish to come with us, please email, call or leave us a message on our social media so we have enough rides.

**No Life Night Next Week! Merry Christmas!** Stay tuned for a new Calendar of Events in January!

**Youth Ministry is looking for volunteers to help serve Coffee & Juice after the Sunday Masses on Dec. 30/31.**

Contact Faye if you are able to help out! You can use this as school service hours if you need to!

IC Life Teen is for all high school aged teens!

Follow us on Instagram, SnapChat, Twitter and Facebook! (iclifeteen). For more information about Youth Ministry and Life Teen, please contact Faye

p: 604.785.6729 or e: icyouthmin@gmail.com

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**PARISH LIBRARY**

New Year's Resolution! Learn to "speak confidently, boldly, provocatively the message of the Gospel, the dying and rising of the Lord." (Bishop Robert Barron) with help from the fully-stocked Library here in our parish! We're open after all Sunday Masses! [www.icparishlibrary.com](http://www.icparishlibrary.com).

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**FLOWER DONATION FOR CHRISTMAS**

We are looking for donations of potted red or white poinsettias for Christmas, latest by December 20. Please leave the pots in the church vestibule.

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**DONATION BOX FOR PRO-LIFE**

A gentle reminder, we will not be collecting children's clothing as the Birthright Centre of Surrey/Delta is no longer in service. This year however, we will have a donation box for Pro-life near the nativity scene in our Church.

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**ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE**

Tuesday, Dec. 19 - 7pm Immaculate Conception Parish  
Wednesday, Dec. 20 - 7pm Star of the Sea Parish  
Thursday, Dec. 21 - 7:30pm - Our Lady of Good Counsel

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**MOMS & TOTS**

No Moms and Tots on December 26<sup>th</sup> and January 2<sup>nd</sup>.

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## NEW YEAR'S DINNER DANCE

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Come join your fellow parishioners for a fun evening to bring in the New Year at the Immaculate Conception, Delta!

**New Year's Dinner Dance on Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup>. Tickets: \$40 per person.**

Dress: Formal; Doors: 7pm; Dinner 7:30pm.

**Buffet Dinner:** Pork Roast with Garlic & Herb, Nugget Potatoes, Butter Chicken, Mixed Vegetable, Pilaf Rice, Naan Bread, Tossed Salad, Coleslaw, Chicken Pasta, Dessert Squares.

DJ Music, 50/50 draw, spot prizes, Cash Bar. For tickets, call Godfrey: 604.592.9830, Greg: 778.551.1627, Dior: 778. 834.8292 or Parish office: 604.591.2271. Tickets are also available after all weekend Masses in the Gathering Area.

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## BRIDGING GENERATIONS RAFFLE WINNERS

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Thank you to the generous donors and to all who supports the BG Raffle. The following ticket numbers are winners of the BG Raffle:

Raffle # 7 (Kitchen Aids) - Ticket #5091330

Name: Irene B

Raffle # 6 (Electronic Massage) - Ticket # 6980096

Name: Benedict

Raffle # 5 (Hair Care Products) - Ticket # 5091148

Name: Sam

Raffle # 4 (Bon Voyage Package) - Ticket #5091172

Name: Lina Dela Cruz

Raffle # 3 (Fave Food Basket) -Ticket #6980048

Name: Tess Hermano

Raffle # 2 (Masculine Package) - Ticket # 5091147

Name: James Govento

Raffle # 1 (Hotel Package) - Ticket # 999677

Name: Maria Villaroman

Please carry two valid identification cards and the raffle ticket when claiming the prize at IC Parish Office, weekdays from 9am to 4pm. The validity of the prize is two months from the draw date of the ticket. The ticket cannot be changed with money or other items except the prizes mentioned above. Thank you for supporting the fundraising.

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## CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES – 2018

Contribution envelopes for 2018 are available in the Gathering Area. If you would like a box of envelopes and one is not available for you, please PRINT your name on the list provided or call the Parish Office (604.591.2271).

**These envelopes should be used effective January 1, 2018.** Thank you.

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## PROJECT ADVANCE 2017

**Our participation rate is at 30.6% which is 550 families participating out of 1798 current registered families.**

If you have not yet made a pledge this year, please consider doing so. Please contact our parish office or go online at [www.rcav.org/giving](http://www.rcav.org/giving) and clicking on the 'Donate' button, to qualify for a 2017 tax receipt, donations need to be received by December 24th.

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## LENTEN REFLECTION & MUSIC WITH FR. ROB GALEA

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Our parish is hosting the Lenten Reflection and Music with Father Rob Galea on Saturday February 10, 2018 from 7pm to 9pm. Tickets are \$20 each. **We have an "early bird" special of \$15 each, up to and including January 1, 2018.** Inspirational Christmas gifts for the whole family. Net proceeds will go to the building fund. Tickets are available after Sunday Masses or at the Parish office.

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## PRO-LIFE MASS AND VIGIL

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Join us for a peaceful, prayerful vigil for unborn children and their parents on Saturday, January 6th. Mass is at 9am at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Vancouver, followed by the Rosary at Burnaby Hospital.

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## ONE DAY TRAINING AND HOMELESS OUTREACH

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Spend a day with us to experience how we reach out to our less privileged brothers and sisters on the streets of Vancouver. Who can join? Young adults age 19-39 who would like to serve Jesus in the poor. Join us on Sunday, December 17 from 1:30pm - 7:00pm at St. Mary's Parish, Vancouver. Our afternoon will include Bible meditation, training, homeless outreach, sharing, and pizzas. [rcav.org/event/one-day-training-and-homeless-outreach](http://rcav.org/event/one-day-training-and-homeless-outreach)

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## PRE-AUTHORIZED DEBIT PLAN

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Parishioners can use our pre-authorized debit plan towards the Sunday collection. Those who are on pre-authorized debit plan, please continue dropping the empty Sunday collection envelopes in the collection basket. For more information please call the parish office 604.591.2271.

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## THANK YOU

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The family of Jim O'Rourke would like to thank all the Priests of our parish, the CWL, Knights of Columbus, Lifeteen and all the parishioners for their many avenues of support and kindness in making Jim's farewell a solemn and memorable departure. God Bless you all.

*From: Laura Styba and James O'Rourke*