

JANUARY 6, 2019

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

"They knelt down and paid Him homage."

THIS WEEK

Wednesdays Mass at 8:15am & 6:45pm Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help followed by Mass.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Creg Rosales; Ryan Lehwald; Kellie Marchak; Maria Amato; John Pollard; Edna Cachero; Almira Steeds; Melody Carruthers; Kay D; Shirley Papuc; Mike Peake; Louella D'Penha; Gloria & Cecilio Peralta; Darlene McHale; Helga & Bert Wolters; Dominga Carrion; Maria & Jose Santos; Jean Van Loo; Marie Connor; John William; Edward Chan; Nick Krueger; Jo-Anne MacLeod; Irene O'Flynn; Tashina Janus & Joy Macapagal.

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

PARISH LIBRARY

New Year's Resolution: to be able to lovingly defend the Catholic faith to family, friends and co-workers! Visit your Library after Holy Mass for your resources!

"Every time you hear Mass in the state of grace, with devout attention and in a spirit of recollection, Our Lord, of His loving-kindness, makes you to participate in no less than 77 graces and fruits. 35. For you and for your everlasting salvation he (the priest) says Mass and offers that Holy Sacrifice to God Almighty." From "The Incredible Catholic Mass" in your Parish Library!

Library Catalogue: www.icparishlibrary.com

Catholic radio at: www.relevantradio.com!



CWL

Membership renewals are due for the year 2019. Please drop off a cheque of \$30 in the Sunday collection basket. Upcoming elections to take place at our January 17 meeting. Please consider helping and supporting with organizing our CWL.



SERRA CLUB

We invite you to attend our Vocations Mass at 7pm on Thursday, January 10 at our parish. All are welcome. Fr. Rodney Nootebos, Vocations Director & Director of Seminarian is the anticipated celebrant.



Happy New Year!

Life Teen: Sun., Jan. 6, 7pm-8:45pm "Epiphany Party"
Happy Birthday Jesus! We're having our annual gift exchange. Please bring a gift worth \$5 if you want to participate in the gift exchange. Please no food (or chocolate or candies) or gift cards. Also, please bring a snack to share.

Edge: Jan. 9, 6:45pm-8:00pm "Switch to Jesus" Come to this fun night of video games on the big screens! We will have a variety of games to play or bring your favourite! (Games rated E for everyone please.)

Follow us on Instagram, SnapChat, Twitter and Facebook! (iclifeteen or icdeltaedge)

For more information about Youth Ministry, please contact Faye p: 604.785.6729 or e: icyouthmin@gmail.com.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Women's Bible Study will be starting the New Year by having a social gathering after morning Mass on Wednesday, January 16. Come enjoy some fun, goodies and conversation with other women parishioners. We look forward to welcoming all women in the Gathering Area from 8:45am to 11:15am.

On January 23, we will be studying Session 6, Wisdom: False and True from James, Pearls for Wise Living.

JESUS YOUTH PRAYER GROUP

Invitation to all Young Adults; be inspired and lifted with talks, Praise & Worship, testimonies, fellowship and food on Saturday, January 12 from 2pm – 8pm at the Parish Education Centre. Please contact Sharon for further information @ 778.223.9859.

SANTO NINO – FEAST OF THE HOLY INFANT JESUS

Join us as we celebrate the feast of Santo Niño on Sunday, January 20 at the 4pm Mass. After Mass, a traditional procession will take place followed by a Potluck reception in the parish hall. For those who would like their statue of Santo Niño placed at the foot of the altar for blessing, please plan to arrive about 10 minutes before the start of the Mass. Food donation and volunteer sign-up sheets will be available in the Gathering Area.

**THANK YOU TO ALL
PARISHIONERS & VOLUNTEERS**

We would like to take this opportunity to express our thanks and appreciation to all our parishioners for your help and unwavering support to our parish. Special thanks goes to all our volunteers from our different parish ministries/groups who are the backbone of our parish; always willing to give their time, skills and talents for the good of our parish.

We also express our sincere thanks to the following: those who helped put up our Christmas decorations in our Church and Gathering Area; those involved in our liturgy: the different choirs, lectors, extraordinary ministers (in Church and local community); ushers, greeters, altar servers, sacristans; those who served coffee and goodies after all masses; and those who helped in the physical upkeep of our Church and surroundings.

Our gratitude also goes to the “Simbang Gabi” committee members who took charge of the 5am and 7pm daily Masses honoring Virgin Mary as she prepares for the birth of her Son, Jesus; the Mass sponsors, our parish choirs and some choirs from our neighboring parishes, and donors of food served daily after celebrating the Masses; the St. Martin Guild members and volunteers who prepared and delivered food hampers to our poor and needy parishioners.

Your willingness to use your gifts and abilities have strengthened the mission and ministry of our parish and served as a good example of commitment and generosity for all.

For all your time, effort, hard work and prayers, please accept our thanks and appreciation. To sum it all up, we would like to use a quote from Albert Schweitzer, that states, “The interior joy we feel when we have done a good job is the nourishment the soul requires.” May God continue to bless you and your families abundantly throughout the new year.

With sincere gratitude,

Fr. Amador, Fr. Camillus, Fr. Lucio, Deacon Henk and the Parish Staff.

From: Simbang Gabi 2018 Committee

Our heartfelt thanks to all who have come and served faithfully in the 9-day Simbang Gabi (Dawn) Masses and evening Masses. To the Choirs, Extra Ordinary Ministers, Lectors, Altar Servers, Ushers, the Volunteers behind the scenes setting up the reception, serving and cleaning-up after each day, thank you for the tireless efforts and love of service to God and IC community. To the Mass sponsors, food sponsors and all participants, thank you for sharing your treasure, time and talent. Have a Blessed New Year!

PROJECT ADVANCE UPDATE

Thank you to all our parishioners who supported our appeal in 2018. Our participation rate is 33.6% which is 611 families participating out of 1821 currently registered families. We are pleased that more families have participated in 2018. We wish you blessings for a peaceful, prayerful and joyful New Year 2019.

OPEN HOUSE

Holy Cross High School: Thursday, January 31st, Holy Cross community invites prospective families to join us to see what makes Holy Cross Regional Secondary unique. Applications for the 2019/2020 school year will be available at this event.

St. Thomas More Collegiate: Tuesday, January 15 at 6:15pm in the school gymnasium. Application online at stthomasmorecollegiate.ca/apply/apply-to-stmc-2/. Application deadline is Monday, January 21. Placement test is on Wednesday, January 23 @ 1pm.

DISCOVER DISCIPLESHIP

Tired of falling back into the same old New Year’s resolutions? Take a little time, an hour a week for six weeks--to get to know or deepen your friendship with Christ. By taking the Discover Study, you will join with a small group of fellow parishioners to explore, learn more about, and increase your faith. To register email faithstudies101@gmail.com, text 778.232.5953, or call the parish office. Note that space is limited and registration will be taken first-come, first-serve basis.

BOOKS FOR SALE

We have books for sale in the Gathering Area after all Masses, “The Biggest Lie in the History of Christianity” by Matthew Kelly. Cost \$2.

PRE-AUTHORIZED DEBIT PLAN

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.

CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES – 2019

Contribution envelopes for 2019 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). **Please DO NOT USE any of the 2018 or earlier contribution envelopes that you may have, please recycle them. Since the serial numbers on the boxes for each family changes every year, please put your full name & address on the first envelope you use.** Thank you.