

WORLD DAY OF PEACE
JANUARY 1, 2017
The Octave Day of the
Nativity of the Lord
SOLEMNITY OF MARY,
THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD



*We celebrate at this season
the beginning of our salvation*

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Lorraine Cameron; Creg Rosales; Gail Krueger; Janet Forsey; Ruel Capili; Loreto Ciaccia; Jerry Schaab; Edward Zdancewicz Jr.; Ryan Lehwald; Helen Kutty; Kellie Marchak; Myrna Cussen; Ian Wilson; Maria Amato; John Pollard; Archie D'Souza; Darlene Erskine; Leo Verstraete; Bearl Hall; Jean Van Loo; Edna Cachero; Tom Luxford; Marie Connor; Dominga Carrion; William Tam; Benedicto Tugade; Henry Morell, Gloria Peralta; Jo-Anne Macleod; Edward Chan; Michael Garding; Almira Steeds & Ernesto Hidalgo.

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.

PARISH LIBRARY

The Parish Library is open on weekends after Mass as well as Tuesdays and Thursdays 9am-11am for your Advent and Christmas books and movies! The Library will be closed on January 1 (Sunday).

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR

Friday, January 20 at 7pm. Main celebrant is Bishop Joseph Phuong Nguyen, from Kamploops Diocese. Ten priests as concelebrants. After the Holy Mass, there will be laying of hands for those who need prayers. Reception will follow at the Parish Hall. Everyone is welcome especially those who have taken the LSS as a Thanksgiving Mass for knowing Jesus as your personal Lord and Saviour and having personal relationship with Him. For more info. Please call Lennie at 604.594.7296

**MOMS & TOTS VOLUNTEER
HELPERS NEEDED**

If you are interested and able to occasionally help host Moms and Tots in our parish Gathering Area on Tuesday mornings between 8:30am and 11am - please phone or email Margaret Taddei: 778.772.7239 mtaddei@telus.net.

BIRTH RIGHT

Birth right is accepting Christmas donations of baby clothing, diapers size 3 or 4, and cash or cheques made out to Birth right. No toys please. Thank-you for your generosity.

From the Pastor's desk

A SINCERE THANK YOU

I would like to thank all our parishioners for your commitment to help and support our parish in its various needs this year. The giving of your time, talent and treasure to the Lord continues to bear fruit for the Kingdom of God. I would like also to extend my gratitude to all who worked so hard to make our Christmas celebrations truly wonderful. Thank you to all who sent cards, gave gifts, food and drinks; those who helped in decorating our Church, and to all who were involved in the liturgy like the members of various choirs, ushers, lectors, ministers of the Eucharist; greeters, sacristans, altar servers, those who helped serve coffee and goodies, to St. Martin Guilds members who delivered food hampers, those who helped in the physical upkeep of our Church, and all involved.

On behalf of the parish staff, Fr. Camillus, Fr. Paul and myself, we pray that God will bless you and your families with His peace and joy this Blessed Season and in the New Year.

Fr. Amador M. Abundo



Upcoming: Sun., Jan. 8, 7:00pm: "Epiphany Party!"
Come to our annual Epiphany party! Please bring a wrapped gift (\$5 worth, no food, candy or gift cards) for the gift exchange. Also bring a snack to share. It's going to be great fun!

Keep up to date and find out about upcoming events 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

BULLETIN ADVERTISEMENT

If you are a registered parishioner and would like to advertise in the IC Parish bulletin for the next 12 months (Feb.1.2017-Jan.2018), please contact the office at 604.591.2271); latest by Jan. 15, 2017.

**LENTEN RETREAT AT IC DELTA
WITH FR. LARRE**

You are cordially invited to attend the Lenten retreat at Immaculate Conception Parish, Delta with Father Larre Saturday, Feb. 11th to Thursday, Feb. 16th
Mission Talk: 9:15 am & 7:10 pm.

Introductory Mission Sermon
Sat., Feb. 11th
The Most Important Decision in Life

Mon., Feb. 13th
Clinging to Faith in a Godless Society

Tues., Feb. 14th, Mass:8:15 am,
Maintaining Hope in Hopeless Situations

Wed., Feb. 15th, Mass:8:15 am,
Building a Loving Home in a Selfish Society

Thur., Feb. 16th
Bringing Love to a Violent, Hateful Society

Confessions Every Night After the Mission Talks.

Don't Be Afraid!. Come Home to Jesus!
Phone: 604-591-2271
E-mail: parish.icd@rcav.org
See: www.fatherlarre.ca

CATHOLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF BC

The Catholic Health Association of BC will be awarding two bursaries valued at \$250 each to two 2017 graduating students who are enrolled in Catholic secondary schools, or who are member of BC or Yukon parishes and enrolled in public secondary schools, 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. Submissions must be received on or before March 10, 2017.

**MAY GOD BE WITH YOU THROUGH NEW YEAR
AND FILL YOUR LIFE WITH
COMFORT, LOVE AND CHEER
HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY.**

CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES – 2017

Contribution envelopes for 2017 are available in the G.A. 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) and it will be ready for you to pick up the following Sunday. **Please DO NOT USE any of the 2016 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.

SECOND ANNUAL ORDINANDI DINNER

Join Archbishop Miller and members of the Catholic faithful as we gather together in support of the men in our Archdiocese who are soon "to be ordained" ("ordinandi") to the priesthood. Meet your future priests: Deacon Francesco Voltaggio, Deacon Giovanni Schiesari, and Deacon Juan Lucca. Join us on Wednesday, Feb. 1, at the Italian Cultural Centre, 3075 Slocan Street, Vancouver. Doors open at 5:30p.m., dinner begins promptly at 6 p.m. Cost: \$50. You can also sponsor a priest or seminarian. To register or for more info on how to sponsor a priest or seminarian, visit vocationsvancouver.ca.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

General meeting will be held on January 5, 2017 at 7:30pm in the Gathering Area.

WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE: Starting the weekend of Jan. 07 & 8, 2017 we will be collecting "Winter ware" for the "Agape Ministry". The 1st weekend (Jan. 7 & 8) we will be collecting "Toques". Weekend 2 (Jan. 14 & 15) - "Winter Scarf's". Weekend 3 (Jan. 21 & 22) - "Winter Gloves". And Weekend 4 (Jan. 28 & 29) - "Winter Socks".

ST. THOMAS MORE COLLEGIATE

The St. Thomas More Collegiate Open House will be held on Wednesday January 11, 2017 at 6:30pm in the school gymnasium. The evening is open to both parents and grade 7 students. The Placement Exam for students entering grade 8 in September 2017 is scheduled for Tuesday January 24, 2017 beginning at 1:00pm. In order to write this exam parents must complete an application form which will be made available on our school website, or obtained from the STMC school office on days between the hours of 8am and 4pm. For more information on school admission please visit our website at www.stmc.bc.ca or Maria Cirillo, Registrar at maria.cirillo@stmc.bc.ca.

