

# St. Joseph's Parish

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**St. Joseph, Pray for Us**

**December 5, 2021**

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**Bible Verse for December 5:** Col. 1:12-13

Give thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son.

### Stewardship Reflection:

*"And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you determine what is best..."*  
(Philippians 1:9-10)

During the Christmas shopping season it is easy to get caught up in the frenzy of buying gifts. But, is that "gift" truly an expression of your love for the other person. Or, are you just fulfilling your "obligation" to give them something? To grow in friendship with someone, you need to spend time with them, learn what is of value to them. Maybe this year, buy less "stuff" and spend more time with those you love.

### Mass Intentions:

Monday	Dec. 6	Maureen Abeywickreme +
Tuesday	Dec. 7	End of Pandemic and Good Health in the world
Wednesday	Dec. 8	Zachary Restiaux health
Thursday	Dec. 9	Tony Bettencourt +
Friday	Dec. 10	Tess Monroy Ramos +
Saturday	Dec. 11	Fr. Tom Nicholson + 1st d/a

### Sunday, December 12, 2021:

#### Third Sunday of Advent

Saturday	Dec. 11	5pm	Benicio Narciso
Sunday	Dec. 12	9am	Poirier Family +
Sunday	Dec. 12	11am	Greg Canero Thanks for becoming a Deacon. Thanks also to your family.

Please Pray for our Parishioners who have Health Challenges:  
Peggy Baker, Wade Baker, Margaret Boe, Bob Curley, Anne Dranchuk, Kathleen Ethier, Eugene Filiatrault, Paola Giacometti, Jean Hellier, Ken Hodge, Lilia Huff, Bruno Mannella, Iola Mannella, Diana Martin, Henry Merz, Mabsie Merz, Patricia Peters, Anna Peterson (mother of Nadia Dohan), Eugene Power, and Zachary Restiaux.

### Confessions

#### Regular Confession Schedule:

Weekdays 8:00am - 8:45am  
Saturdays 8:00am - 8:45am  
Sundays 7:30am - 8:30am

#### Additional Advent Confession Times:

Daily from December 13 - 23  
4pm - 4:45pm

**Accommodation Needed:** After leaving her family in the Philippines and being here on her own for several years, Angie, Father George's housekeeper, is now looking forward to having her family join her. She is needing to find reasonably priced accommodation for 6. If you can help, please call Angie 604.621.5665.

**Advent Calendar Contest for Kindergarten to Grade 7:** The Archdiocese of Vancouver is holding an Advent challenge and contest for children in Kindergarten through Grade 7. For each day of Advent, children and families are invited to read a short scripture verse as written on the calendar and complete the task for each day. Mark each day's task and verse as complete by colouring in the blue star on that day. To enter the contest, have a parent/guardian send a picture of the child along with the child's name, grade and school/parish to [christmas2021@rcav.org](mailto:christmas2021@rcav.org) no later than January 4, 2022.

### Advent 2021 Retreat for Ministry to Divorced & Separated:

With Father Mark McGuckin, "Prepare the Way of the Lord."

**Saturday, Dec. 11 at 9:30am.** Learn more and register at [beholdvancouver.org/events](http://beholdvancouver.org/events)

### A Season of Hope & Healing Mini-Retreat:

Gardens of Gethsemani is hosting a Season of Hope & Healing Mini-Retreat: A faith-filled journey through Loss During Christmas. This event is for adults experiencing grief for any reason: be it the loss of a loved one, a strained relationship, the loss of a job and for individuals struggling with sadness during this time. What can you expect? Practical tools for navigating the holidays, an honouring grief circle, testimonies of hope and healing, craft/ornament decorating, refreshments and fellowship, and comforting music and time of prayer. **Saturday, December 11 at 1:30pm.** Learn more and register at [beholdvancouver.org/events](http://beholdvancouver.org/events)

**Christmas Blues - Healthy Relationship Series:** Why do some people find the Christmas season difficult in spite of wanting to feel otherwise? Past Christmas experiences, loneliness and recent losses among other things contribute to the "Blues." We will explore some symptoms of this condition and what can be done to manage or even transform them! **Thursday, December 16 at 7pm.** Learn more and register at [beholdvancouver.org/events](http://beholdvancouver.org/events)



### Christmas Novena of Marian Masses:

We thank the Filipino community of St. Joseph's Parish for arranging the return of "Simbang Gabi" the nine-day Novena of Masses. The Masses will be in English.

**Wednesday, December 15 to Friday, December 17: 7pm**

**Saturday, December 18: 5pm**

**Sunday, December 19 to Thursday, December 23: 7pm**

**Project Advance:** As of December 2nd, a total of \$19,695.00 has been pledged to Project Advance. Thank you to the 47 parishioners who have done this. All donations for Project Advance should be in to the office by December 28th.

# **CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR SCHEDULE**

## **CHRISTMAS Eve: - Friday, December 24**

5:00pm – Christmas Vigil Mass

12:00am: Midnight Mass

## **CHRISTMAS Day: Saturday, December 25**

9am : Holy Mass

11am : Holy Mass

(No 5:00 pm Anticipated Sunday Mass)

## **BOXING Day: Sunday, December 26**

9:00 am & 11:00 am Mass (as regular Sunday)

## **NEW YEAR'S Eve: Friday 31**

5:00 pm Mass

## **NEW YEAR'S DAY: Saturday 01, 2022**

9 am Mass

5 pm Mass

## **SUNDAY, January 02, 2022**

Masses at 9 & 11 am (As Regular Sunday)

*Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!*

# **Ritual to Relationship**

**3-Part Advent Mission**

**by**

**With Sr. Helena Burns FSP**

Episode 1

[https://youtu.be/CqQC4E\\_vvrQ](https://youtu.be/CqQC4E_vvrQ)

Why Rituals? Rituals are Human

Episode 2

<https://youtu.be/yPoYYJLUHw>

Which Rituals? Catholic Rituals

Episode 3

<https://youtu.be/VbuAFIRLDjY>

Whose Rituals? Way to Friendship with God