



DECEMBER 10, 2023 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Stewardship Reflection

“Prepare the way of the Lord...” Mark 1:3



CHRISTMAS FOOD BANK HAMPERS. We are called to help those who have less than us. Please support this year's CHRISTMAS FOOD BANK HAMPERS by donating food, gift certificates for food, clothing and toys, cash, or cheque. You can bring:

1. Non-perishable food in the church lobby or in the front of the church office where the plastic containers will be placed during business hours.
2. Gift cards to the office during business hours or insert them through the mail opening on the door after hours or drop them off in the collection basket on Sunday.
3. Checks and cash can also be left in the church office or insert them through the mail opening on the door after hours.

Please submit gift cards and money by **Sunday, December 17, 2023.**

Grocery store gift cards, from *Safeway, Save on Food, Superstore, etc.* (\$50/person/household); gift cards in any monetary amount can be for the gifts as well, from different stores, for example: *Gap, H&M, Old Navy, Superstore, The Bay, Walmart, etc.* Thank you very much for your help.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS Monday to Friday, 9:00am-12:00pm & 1:00pm-4:00pm. For the sacrament of anointing outside of office hours, please contact **604-298-6111.**

St Helen's CWL sponsoring an evening of Spiritual Reflection, "The Wonder & Anticipation of Advent." Invitation to all parishioners to attend on **Friday, Dec. 15th at 6:30pm.** Beginning with, the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by a short video presentation, reflection by Deacon Mike and ending with Benediction.

PROJECT ADVANCE. We encourage all the parishioners to participate this year. To donate you can come to the parish office during office hours, on line <https://support.rcav.org/project-advance-2023/> or drop off your donation in the collection basket on Sunday. Once we reach the archdiocesan goal of \$65,000.00 all donations will be used for the New Office/Rectory Building Fund. **We have collected \$ 47,740.00** so far. Thank you for your support.



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS ENVELOPES. Special envelopes for offering to buy poinsettias to decorate our church are available at the entrance of the church. Your flower will be a gift to Baby Jesus. Thank you for your generosity.

Gian-Samuel Scaglione, a part of **CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN OUTREACH (CCO)**, through Simon Fraser University will be attending Rise Up, a conference for young Catholics all across Canada. Financial Support is much appreciated to make this goal possible. For more information contact Gian-Samuel at 778-318-1711 or giansamuelscaglione@gmail.com. More information is available at cco.ca/riseup

SENIORS CLUB activities on **Saturdays, from 11:00 AM to 2:00PM in the Gym.** New members are welcome. For info call Elia, 604-299-0455.

ADORATION CHAPEL is open from 7:15am to 9 pm, from Monday to Friday. Please do not enter after 9 pm as the alarm will be activated. Thank you.

EUCHARISTIC QUOTE

“He remains among us until the end of the world. He dwells on so many altars, though so often offended and profaned. Look upon the hour of adoration assigned to you as an hour in paradise. Go to your adoration as one would to Heaven, to the divine banquet.”



HOST AND WINE . If you are interested in donating the Host and Wine in memory of dear one, please contact the office, 604-298-4144. Donations are tax deductible.

ENVELOPES FOR 2024 are available at the entrance of the church. Please pick up your set. Thank you.

PLEASE PICK UP THE 2024 CALENDARS in the church's lobby, donated by Bell & Burnaby Funeral Chapel and Kearney Funeral Home.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 24 - Christmas Eve- 4:00 pm; 12:00 am - Midnight
Monday, December 25 - Christmas Day - 8:30 am; 10:00 am (Italian); 11:30 am
Sunday, December 31 – NO EVENING MASS
Monday, January 1 - New Year's Day – Mary, Mother of God
 8:30 am; 10:00 am (Italian); 11:30 am



CONFESSIONS

Thursday, December 14 @ 7:00 pm – Penitential Service
 Saturday, December 23 from 2:00 pm to 3:50pm

KINDERGARTEN APPLICATIONS for the **2024/2025** school year are now being accepted at St. Helen's School. Application forms may be printed from our website www.sthelensschool.ca. E-mail all applicants to Ms. Paulyn at secretary@shschool.ca

BULLETIN ADS AVAILABLE. IF INTERESTED, PLEASE CALL 604-298-4144.

BULLETIN SPONSOR OF THE WEEK. Please support **ACCOMTESSA BOOKKEEPING**, one of the sponsors who brings to you this weekly Parish Bulletin.

YOU CAN DONATE by the credit card at <https://sthelen.ca/giving>

| Sunday Collection (Weekly goal: \$12,000.00) | | | |
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| Date | Envelopes | Loose | Total |
| December 3, 2023 | \$ 7,019.00 | \$ 515.00 | \$ 7,534.00 |
| Youth Ministry | | | \$ 1,243.00 |
| Thank you for your generosity! | | | |

We Pray For

Saturday, December 9 [St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin]

9:00 am – Spec. Int. for Adriana & Noah House, † Dec. Mem. of Viduya & Razon Fam.
 4:00 pm – In Thanksgiving, Spec. Int. for Barbara's Recovery, † Benito Manzo
 † Lorenzo Iameo, † Giuseppina Santorelli, † Paul Boroevich, † Sisto & Lina Marini
 † Franco & Giorgio D'Amico, † Angelina Brustolin, † Doriana Temolo
 † Rosalba Bagliani, † Artemio Siega, † Dec. of Siega Fam.

Sunday, December 10 [SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT]

8:30 am – Spec. Int. for Duke Silverio, † All Souls in Purgatory, † Lance Mackie
 † Pete & Lucille De Marchi, † Elaine Dillon Fink
 10:00 am – † Domenico & Donata Cibelli, † Noe Mastroianni, † Vincenzina Battista
 † Andreina Artuso, † Giuseppe Bresciani, † Carmine & Maria Clemente
 † Bruno Benedet, † Irma Bonamin

11:30 am – Pro-Popolo

Monday, December 11 [St. Damasus I, Pope]

7:45 am – † Daniel Rezmer, † Roberto Rodriguez

Tuesday, December 12 [Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patron of the Americas]

7:45 am – † Doriana Temolo, † Elaine Dillon Fink

Wednesday, December 13 [St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr]

7:45 am – Spec. Int. for Joanna Osellani & Fam., † Paul Williams

Thursday, December 14 [St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church]

7:45 am – Spec. Intention, † Rosie Urrico

Friday, December 15 [Advent Weekday]

7:45 am – Spec. Int. for Rzepinski's Fam., † Doriana Temolo

Saturday, December 16 [Advent Weekday]

9:00 am – Spec. Int. for Charlotte Pozniak, † Ruth Frazier

4:00 pm – Spec. Int. for Barbara's Recovery, Spec. Int. for Adele Sanchez, † Betty Gault
 † Giuseppina Santorelli, † Catherine Valente, † Antonietta De Stefano
 † Giovanni & Maria Assalone

Sunday, December 17 [THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT]

8:30 am – † All Souls in Purgatory, † Lazaro Caloca Chavez, † Elaine Dillon Fink
 † Noreed DeJulius, † John Simone, † Davue Frroku, † Marie Moli
 † Peter Suli, † Cliff Green, † Angelo Mamuccini

10:00 am – † Manlio Mottes, † Armando Cuccione, † David Franzon, † Angelo Pettenon
 † Enrico Franzon, † Adreina Artuso, † Alfonso & Elsa Zavarise
 † Lucy Serena Johnston, † Antonietta De Martin, † Francesco Bavaro
 † Dec. of Bosa & Zen Fam., † Antonio Virginilla & Josephine Papa
 † Giuseppe & Gina Kosenina, † Isidoro & Elena Bordignon, † Mario Santorelli
 † Carmela & Domenico Luongo, † Carla Lionello

11:30 am – Pro-Popolo



10 DICEMBRE, 2023 II DOMENICA DI AVVENTO

“Preparate la strada del Signore...”

Marco 1:3



RACCOLTA DI CIBO PER NATALE 2022. Ogni anno in Avvento siamo chiamati ad aiutare chi ha meno di noi. Si prega di sostenere la Raccolta di Cibo per Natale di quest'anno donando cibo, carte regalo (gift cards), contanti o assegno. Puoi portare:

1. Alimenti non deperibili nel corridoio della chiesa o davanti all'ufficio della chiesa dove saranno collocati i contenitori di plastica durante l'orario lavorativo.
2. Carte regalo in ufficio durante l'orario lavorativo o inserirlo attraverso l'apertura della posta sulla porta fuori orario.
3. Assegni e contanti possono essere lasciati anche nell'ufficio della chiesa, o inserirli attraverso l'apertura della posta sulla porta fuori orario.

Si prega di inviare carte regalo per cibo da Safeway, Save on Food, Superstore, ecc., e denaro entro **domenica 17 dicembre 2023.** I certificati regalo possono essere anche per i regali, da diversi negozi, per i giocattoli e/o i vestiti – *Gap, H&M, Old Navy, Superstore, The Bay, Walmart, ecc.* Grazie mille per il vostro sostegno.

ORE DELL'UFFICIO PARROCCHIALE. Orari di ufficio regolari dal lunedì al venerdì 9:00am-12:00pm and 1:00pm to 4:00pm. Per il sacramento dell'unzione al di fuori dell'orario d'ufficio, chiamate **604-298-6111.**

LE BUSTE PER IL 2024 SONO DISPONIBILI ALL'ENTRATA DELLA CHIESA. PER FAVORE RACCOGLIETELE.

SIETE PREGATI DI RITIRARE 2024 CALENDARI all'entata di chiesa, donati da Bell & Burnaby Funerla Chapel e Kearney Funeral Home.



BUSTE PER I FIORI DI NATALE. Abbiamo delle buste speciali con cui potete donare il denaro per comprare le poinsettias che usiamo in chiesa per le decorazioni natalizie. Il tuo fiore sarà un regalo per Gesù Bambino ... Grazie!

PROJECT ADVANCE. Invitiamo tutte le nostre famiglie di partecipare in questa campagna di raccolta di fondi per le opere del evangelizzazione. Puoi venire all'ufficio parrocchiale durante l'orario d'ufficio, o online www.rcav.org/pa/donations/ o lasciare la tua donazione nel cestino della raccolta la domenica. Una volta raggiunto l'obiettivo arcidiocesano di \$ 65,000,00, tutte le donazioni saranno utilizzate per il Fondo Nuovo Ufficio/Canonica. Coraggio perché é dando che si riceve! **Finora abbiamo raccolto \$ 47,740.00.** Grazie.

LA SOCIETA' PER ANZIANI ha ripreso le attività, **sabato, dalle ore 11:00 alle 14:00 in Palestra.** Gli incontri saranno programmati in base alla disponibilità della Palestra. I nuovi membri sono benvenuti. Per informazioni chiamare Elia, 604-299-0455.

CAPPELLA DELL'ADORAZIONE è aperta dalle 7:15 alle 21:00, **dal lunedì al venerdì.** Si prega di non inserire dopo le 21:00 poiché l'allarme verrà attivato. Grazie.

SOCIETA PER LE MISSIONI sta raccogliendo abbigliamento e articoli per la casa. Per favore, **NON LASCIATE LE VOSTRE DONAZIONI PRIMA DI CHIAMARE MANUELA,** 604-298-6202 O **ANNAMARIA,** 604-291-7016. GRAZIE.

LAST RITES AND MEDICAL EMERGENCIES

Please call the office, 604-298-4144. Outside of office hours, please call 604-298-6111.

The following priest chaplains are also available:

Burnaby General Hospital: Fr. Bede Kiem Minh Le, 604.298.6800, 604-434-4211
 Vancouver General Hospital: 604-877-5918 (Pager) / 604-875-4111 Fr. Gilbert Nunez & Fr. Luis Martin
 Brian Delgado (Mon., Tue., Fri., Sat. and Sun.); Fr. Aresene Dutunge (Wed. and Thurs.)
 Mount St. Joseph Hospital: Fr. Joseph Ha Vinh Tran, OP (Chaplain)604-876-7826
 Royal Columbian Hospital: Chaplains' Cell 604-250-7513, Rev Claude Makulu, O. Praem, 604.936. 2525

Please provide this important information to the priest before he arrives: **name of the sick, ward, room number, bed number and name & phone number of the person requesting the visit as the hospital will not provide any details due to privacy laws.**

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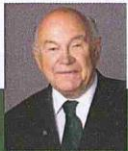
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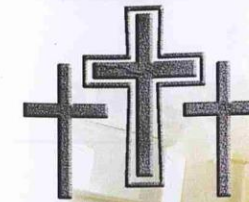
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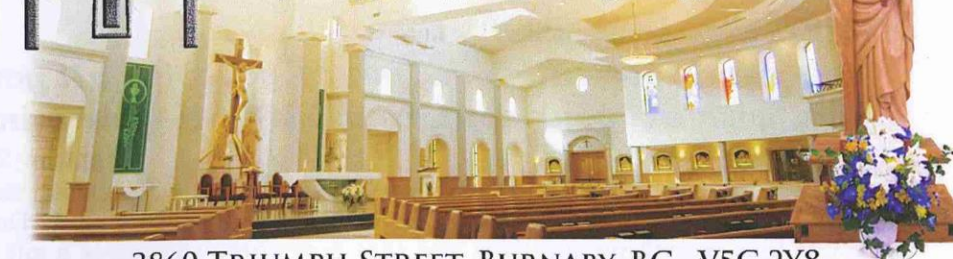
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MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY:

4:00 pm – Children's Liturgy

SUNDAY:

8:30 am

10:00 am – (Italian) Children's Liturgy

11:30 am – Children's Liturgy

MONDAY TO FRIDAY:

7:45 am

SATURDAY & PUBLIC HOLIDAYS:

9:00 am

ADORATION CHAPEL

MONDAY TO FRIDAY: 7:15 am – 9:00 pm

CLOSED ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

CONFESSIONS

MONDAY TO FRIDAY: 7:25 am – 7:40 am

SATURDAY: 8:30 am – 8:55 am and

3:00 pm – 3:50 pm

BAPTISMS: 2nd Sunday of the Month

MARRIAGES: Prior arrangements six months in advance.

PARISH CONTACTS AND MINISTRIES

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Please call during office hours.

SACRED MUSIC COORDINATOR: Agnes Wan, 604-299-3916

LAST RIGHTS AND MEDICAL EMERGENCIES: Please call during office hours.

Outside of office hours, please call 604-298-6111. See inside for more information.

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM (PREP)

CLASSES ON TUESDAY: 6:30 pm – 7:50 pm in the school.

PREP COORDINATOR: Sandra Crema, 604-298-5239, prepsainthelens@gmail.com

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FOR ADULTS WHO DESIRE TO JOIN THE CATHOLIC FAITH: (please call office)

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE (CWL): Flavia Musso, 604-299-4466

CHILDREN'S LITURGY COORDINATOR: Jaime Poldrugo, (please call office)

EUCARISTIC MINISTERS' COORDINATOR: Marivic Morcos, 778-881-6505

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: Tony Ramalho, 604-294-5501

LECTORS COORDINATOR: (please call office)

SAFE ENVIRONMENT COORDINATOR: Ariana Quashie, (please call office)

SENIORS CLUB: Tecla Volpe, (please call office)

YOUTH ADULT GROUP: Please call during office hours.

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