



DECEMBER 24, 2023

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 25, 2023

CHRISTMAS DAY

DECEMBER 31, 2023

HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

JANUARY 1, 2024

MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD



PASTOR'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE 2023

«While they were [in Bethlehem], the time came for [Mary] to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn» (Luke 2:6-7).

Jesus Christ became man in a town whose name means «House of Bread» and for a cradle He was placed in a feeding trough for the animals. Later Jesus would declare «I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty» (John 6:35). Jesus came down to us as heavenly food. The deepest desires of our hearts, as divine as that star which marked the place of Christ's birth, are not satiated by regular food, by the things that this world has to offer. When we try to satisfy these heart-felt longings with things which do not correspond we are only left frustrated. Our humble Lord descends to us as «the living bread come down from heaven» (John 6:51). When we allow our hearts and souls to be nourished by this living bread we no longer hunger or thirst and we discover the true meaning of Christmas!

May the Christ Child bestow abundant blessings upon you and all your loved ones this Christmas Season.

In Jesus, Mary, and Joseph,
Fr. Alessandro



Wishing you and your families

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year !

Fr. Alessandro, Deacon Mike and Parish Staff



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.

EUCCHARISTIC QUOTE

«Perpetual Adoration, Eucharistic Adoration offers to our people the opportunity to join those in religious life to pray for the salvation of the world, souls everywhere and peace on earth. We cannot underestimate the power of prayer and the difference It will make in our world.»

St. Teresa of Calcutta



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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



PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED on DEC. 25, DEC. 26 & JAN 1

OFFICE HOURS - WED. DEC. 27TH - FRI. JAN. 5TH 9:00AM-12:00PM (NOON)

For the sacrament of anointing outside of office hours, please contact 604-298-6111.

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

We Pray For

Saturday, December 23 [St. John of Kanty, Priest]

9:00 am – † Clara Veronica Caloca, † Cecilio Sanchez

4:00 pm – Spec. Int. for Theresa Chu, † Giuseppina Santorelli, † Franco Luongo

† Doriana Temolo, † Dec. of Ruggiero & Farella Fam., † Douglas Renwick

† Mario & Nicolina Corrado, † Antonio Serena

Sunday, December 24 [FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT]

8:30 am – Spec. Int. for Lloyd & Christine, † All Souls in Purgatory, † Bruno Benedet

† Rosa & Salvatore Mobilio, † Fr. Matthew King, † Dam Kim, † Vu Thi Tam

† Hoang Thi Chau, † Tran Tu Lam, † Dam Hoang Tai

10:00 am – † Albert Trylinski, † Pina & Bruno Benedet, † Laurie Marconato, † Giuseppe Bevacqua

† Jack Cusinato, † Dec. of Lopez & Veltri Fam., † Paolo Marinelli

† Carmela & Dec. of Briglio Fam., † Albino, Wilma & Loris Visona

11:30 am – Pro-Popolo

4:00 pm – Christmas Vigil Mass with School Children

12:00 am - Christmas Vigil Mass

Monday, December 25 [THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD, (CHRISTMAS)]

8:30 am – MASS IN ENGLISH

10:00 am – MASS IN ITALIAN

11:30 am – MASS IN ENGLISH



Tuesday, December 26 [St. Stephen, The First Martyr]

9:00 am – † Salvatore Mobilio, † Paul & Lucia Sigurnjak

Wednesday, December 27 [St. John, Apostle and Evangelist]

9:00 am – † Bill Sweeney, † Roger Renner

Thursday, December 28 [The Holy Innocents, Martyrs]

9:00 am – † Fr. Herb Bourne, † Bruno Benedet

Friday, December 29 [St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr]

9:00 am – In Thanksgiving, † Sr. Mary Elaine

Saturday, December 30 [Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord]

9:00 am – † Mr. & Mrs. McKinnon, † Roger Renner

4:00 pm – † Giuseppina Santorelli, † Noreen DeJulius, † Dec. of Zenaida Pura Ocol

Sunday, December 31 [THE HOLY FAMILY THE JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH]

8:30 am – † All Souls in Purgatory, † Teresa & Raffaele Rea, † Lidia Kazimierska

10:00 am – † Alessandro & Alba Zanichelli, † Franco D'Attilo

11:30 am – Pro-Popolo

Monday, January 1 [SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD]

8:30 am – Spec. Int. for Ruggiero & Farella's Fam.

10:00 am – MASS IN ITALIAN

11:30 am – MASS IN ENGLISH

Tuesday, January 2 [St. Basil the Great & St. Gregory Nazianzen, Bishop & Doctors]

7:45 am – † Roger Renner

Wednesday, January 3 [The Most Holy Name of Jesus]

7:45 am – In Honour of St. Anthony

Thursday, January 4 [Christmas Weekday]

7:45 am – Special Intention

Friday, January 5 [Christmas Weekday]

7:45 am – Spec. Int. Elisa Bevilacqua, † Dec. of the Abanto Fam

Saturday, January 6 [Christmas Weekday]

9:00 am – Spec. Int. for Ellie Pozniak, Spec. Int. for Reid & Gamache Fam.

4:00 pm – Spec. Int. for Derek Pineo, † Benito Manzo, † Rosalino Mislant, † Diana Ting

† Johnny Ho, † Anna Chong, † Cesira Genovese

Sunday, January 7 [THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD]

8:30 am – † Lidia Kazimierska, † Lena Pastega

10:00 am – Spec. Int. for Donna Crema, † Caterina & Diego Rizutto, † Albina Titotto

† Guido Giardini, † Noe Mastroianni, † Ridotto Mauro, † Audrey Enright

11:30 am – Pro-Popolo



24 DICEMBRE, 2023

IV DOMENICA DI AVVENTO

25 DICEMBRE, 2023

NATALE DEL SIGNORE

31 DICEMBRE, 2023

SANTA FAMIGLIA DI GESÙ, MARIA E GIUSEPPE

I GENNAIO, 2024

MARIA SANTISSIMA MADRE DI DIO



DOVE ABITA DIO. È la vigilia di Natale e il vangelo dell'Annunciazione ci è dato quale portale d'accesso a questo "stupendo mistero" in cui l'amore traboccante di Dio ha scelto di abitare tra noi. Colui che non si lascia racchiudere nello spazio sacro di un tempio (I Lettura) ha voluto abbracciare il limite della condizione umana, ricevendo «da Maria la vera carne della nostra fragilità e umanità» (san Francesco d'Assisi). Gli è bastato il suo sì. La liturgia ci rivela una "gestazione" iniziata già prima dell'annuncio dell'angelo e durata ben oltre nove mesi. Sin dall'eternità il Padre, silente, portava in sé la sua Parola d'amore, «mistero avvolto nel silenzio per secoli eterni» (II Lettura); ma per poterla pronunciare nel tempo, ha scelto di aver bisogno del sì di una giovane donna, di un'umanità accogliente e aperta a ricevere il suo dono. Dio abita dove qualcuno gli apre la porta e aderisce al suo progetto d'amore. Non è storia passata: lui chiede oggi di essere accolto, come Dio e come uomo. Come Dio, nell'assenso della nostra fede; come uomo, nel volto di ogni uomo, perché il Natale sia veramente Natale.

Sorelle Clarisse, Monastero Immacolata Concezione - Albano L. (RM)



***Auguriamo a voi e alle vostre famiglie
un buon Natale e felice Anno Nuovo!***



Padre Alessandro, Diacono Mike e personale parrocchiale

L'UFFICIO DELLA PARROCCHIA SARÀ CHIUSO MARTEDÌ DIC. 26 E LUNEDÌ, GEN. 1.

ORARIO DI UFFICIO DIC. 27 - GEN. 5- 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM (MEZZOGIORNO)

In caso di pericolo di vita che richiede sacramento di unzione con urgenza si prega di contattare 604-298-6111.

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Sunday Collection (Weekly goal: \$12,000.00)			
Date	Envelopes	Loose	Total
December 17, 2023	\$ 5,632.00	\$ 699.00	\$ 6,331.00
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LAST RITES AND MEDICAL EMERGENCIES

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

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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

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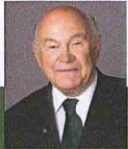
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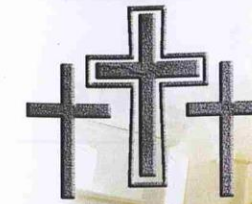
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MASS SCHEDULE

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.

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

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