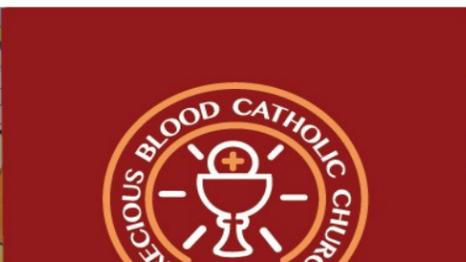




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4th Sunday of Advent December 20, 2020

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Parish Schedule	
Mon, Dec 21 St. Peter Canisius Mass Intention: <i>Gilbert Savoie †</i>	<p style="text-align: center;">Latest COVID restrictions ALL MASSES ARE TO BE CELEBRATED WITHOUT A CONGREGATION (Intentions scheduled for 11 AM Sunday Masses - rescheduled) CONFESSIONS BY APPOINTMENT 4:30 PM Mass LIVE STREAMED</p> <div style="text-align: center; border: 2px solid red; padding: 5px; margin: 10px 0;"> <p style="color: red; font-size: 1.2em; font-weight: bold;">Merry Christmas to all!</p> </div> <div style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">New SUNDAY MISSALS available @ Parish Office 1for\$4 / 2for\$7 / 3for\$10</p> </div>
Tues, Dec 22 Mass Intention: <i>Rosemary Waversveld</i>	
Wed, Dec 23 St. John of Kanty Mass Intention: <i>Mackenzie Hangad</i>	
Thur, Dec 24 Mass Intention: <i>Tania Gaffney †</i> 4:30 PM Mass Intention: <i>Philomene Rego †</i>	
Fri, Dec 25 Christmas Day Nativity of the Lord Mass Intention: <i>Ines, Juan & Cecilia Omega †</i>	
Sat, Dec 26 St. Stephen Mass Intention: <i>Ernest Soveran †</i> 4:30 PM Mass Intention: <i>Sylvia Sundram †</i>	
Sun, Dec 27 Holy Family Mass Intention: <i>Precious Blood Parishioners</i>	

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STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you" (Luke 1:28)

After Jesus, we look to Mary as an ideal steward. Her entire life was lived in obedience to God's call. Mary teaches us to live with joy for all we have been given. Just as the moon reflects the light of the sun, Mary reflects the light of Christ. Like Mary, we are called to reflect Christ's light to the world through our gratitude and generosity.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR: sick & shut in; Norman Jansen, Debbie Davis, Mary Deguara, David Thiele, Leandro Rodino Jr., Delorus Lee, Dawn Epaarachchi, Gracie Formby, Jim O'Brien, Velma Cronin, Silvia Gallagher, Helen Gaska, Bernadette Leclair, Mabel O'Donnell, Dario Dirra, Carol Armstrong, Rejeanne Lajoie, George Blakey, Lily Gallant, Lucy

Gallant, Carol LeBlanc, Corry Van Den Brand, Roy Gregory, Jenna Faykosh, Artemio Abrogena, Sue Broerker, Christopher Lasell, Norah Aucoin, Norma MacInnes, Margaret Mccreadie, Andrea Haley, Brenda Curran, Fran & Maureen, Gary Hopper, Mary Hollman, Catharina Noble, Lori Beaulieu Smith, Angela Todo, Anna-Lisa Bailey, Rosa Santos, Susan Harasyn McEvoy, Maximiliano O'Brien, Ney Antonio Villegas, Katherine, Berna Bradley, Polly Voon, Xenia Mallari, Carolyn, Peter Taillon, Ana Defrias, Richard Jones, Barbara Taylor, Stan Begley, Ed & Eleanor Carrol, Ed Cosico, Joyce Krahnbel, Peter Scott, Gigi Swalehe & Dar Maddatu, Nelly Wiemer (Madeline's mom) & all sick & shut in of our parish & all in need of our prayers. May our Lord sustain, comfort & heal them through faith.

Advent Confessions

Day of Mercy - December 12, Saturday: 8:30-9:00 am, 9:30-10:00 am & 4:00-4:30 pm
 December 19, Saturday: 8:30-9:00 am, 9:30-10:00 am & 4:00-4:30 pm
 December 22, Tuesday: 7:00-7:45 pm
 December 23, Wednesday: 7:00-7:45 pm
 And by appointment. Contact Fr. Paul @ pchu@rcav.org

COMMUNION SERVICE AFTER MASS

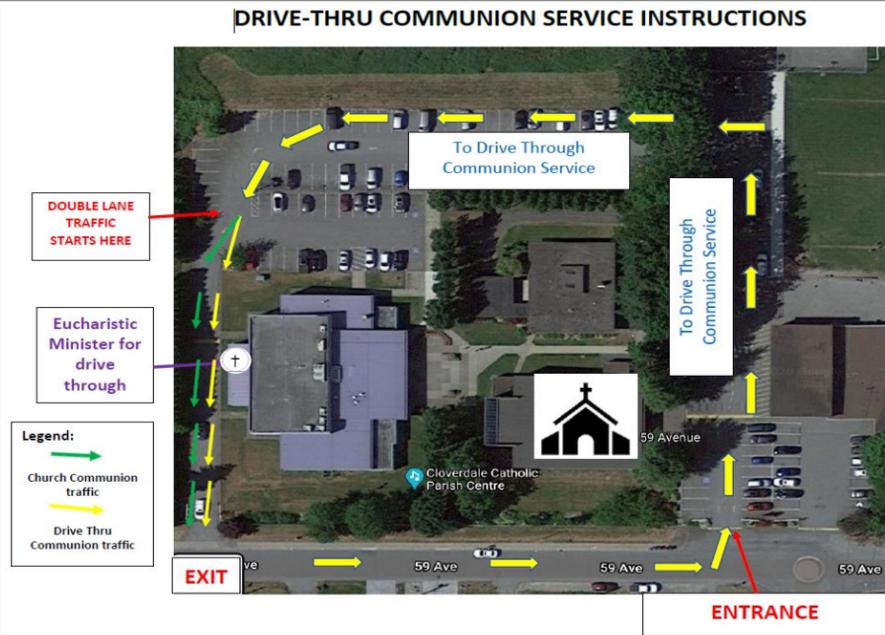
Due to extended restrictions of non-gathering, we will now be making drive-thru or walk-through Communion Service available on weekends and for Christmas Eve & Day. **Participation in a livestreamed Mass and Eucharistic fasting before receiving Holy Communion is the best preparation for the Sacrament and is very strongly encouraged. COMMUNION SERVICE TIMES ARE: Saturday Evening, 5:25 - 6:00 PM & Sunday Morning, 10:00 - 11:00 AM.** Two ways to receive:

A. COMMUNION INSIDE THE CHURCH, please enter the church **ONE FAMILY AT A TIME** & follow these instructions:

- * sign in with the usher for the purpose of contact tracing
- * sanitize your hands
- * receive Holy Communion
- * exit through door beside the sacristy, without remaining in the church.

B. DRIVE-THRU COMMUNION
 Parishioners are invited to come to the church by car immediately after participating in a livestreamed Mass at home. Please refer to the illustration on the RIGHT & follow these instructions:

- * Follow the direction of the ushers who will be monitoring the flow and show you where to go
- * Stay in the car
- * Wear a face mask
- * Sanitize your hands
- * Roll down your window when you get to the station for Holy Communion. Extend your arm toward the Eucharistic Minister & prepare to receive the Holy Eucharist in your hand. Pull your mask down and consume the Host before driving off.



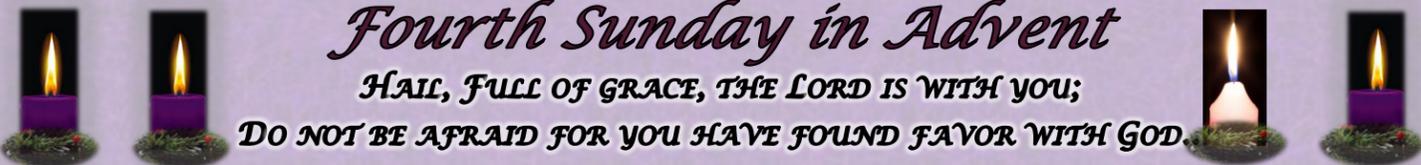
All Things Christmas

DATE	CHRISTMAS MASS LIVE STREAM (Not open to public. Door will be locked)	COMMUNION SERVICE (Drive & walk-through)
December 24, Christmas Eve	4:30 PM	5:30 PM - 6:00 PM
December 25, Christmas Day	9:00 AM	10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
December 26, Anticipated Mass for Holy Family Solemnity	4:30 PM	5:30 PM - 6:00 PM
December 27, Holy Family Sunday	NONE	10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Fourth Sunday in Advent

HAIL, FULL OF GRACE, THE LORD IS WITH YOU;

DO NOT BE AFRAID FOR YOU HAVE FOUND FAVOR WITH GOD.



The Pope Speaks



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In this Gospel passage, we notice a contrast between the promises of the angel and Mary's response. This contrast is manifested in the dimension and content of the expressions of the two protagonists. The angel says to Mary: "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob for ever" (vv. 30-33). It is a long revelation which opens unprecedented possibilities. The Child that will be born to this humble girl from Nazareth will be called Son of the Most High. It is not possible to conceive of a higher dignity than this. And after Mary's question in which she asks for an explanation, the angel's revelation becomes even more detailed and surprising.

On the other hand, Mary's reply is a short sentence that does not speak of glory. It does not speak of privilege but only of willingness and service: "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word" (v. 38). The content is also different. Mary does not exalt herself before the prospect of becoming the mother of the Messiah, but rather remains modest and expresses her acceptance of the Lord's plan. Mary does not boast. She is humble and modest. She always remains the same.

This contrast is meaningful. It makes us understand that Mary is truly humble and does not try to be noticed. She recognizes that she is small before God and she is happy to be so. At the same time, she is aware that the fulfilment of God's plan depends on her response, and that therefore she is called to accept it with her whole being.

In this circumstance, Mary's behaviour corresponds perfectly to that of the Son of God when he comes into the world. He wants to become the Servant of the Lord, to put himself at the service of humanity to fulfil the Father's plan. Mary says: "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord"; and the Son of God upon entering the world says: "Lo, I have come to do thy will, O God" (Heb 10:7). Mary's attitude fully mirrors this statement by the Son of God who also becomes the son of Mary. Thus Our Lady shows that she is in perfect accord with God's plan. Furthermore she reveals herself as a disciple of his Son, and in the Magnificat, she will be able to proclaim that God has "exalted those of low degree" (Lk 1:52) because with her humble and generous response, she has obtained great joy and also great glory.

As we admire our Mother for this response to God's call to mission, we ask her to help each of us to welcome God's plan into our lives with sincere humility and brave generosity.

(2017) <https://www.thepopespeaks.com/popes-previous-homilies-for-4th-sunday-of-advent/>

VESTIBULE EXPANSION UPDATE

We are on our way! We are happy to announce that despite challenges due to COVID-19, we have full support from Archbishop Miller to move forward with the Vestibule Expansion Project. Keystone Architects are now submitting the Building Permits and detailed architectural drawings to the City of Surrey. Once approved, construction can begin.

Contribute NOW to Project Advance & 100% of donation will support this project! Our commitments to the Archdiocese from Project Advance have been met. All contributions made now to the end of December will go towards our Vestibule Expansion Project.

DONATE BEFORE DEC. 31 TO

PROJECT ADVANCE Our Catholic Response to the Crisis 2020

PROJECT ADVANCE to receive a 2020 tax receipt



Thank you to all PREP families that attended the PREP Christmas cheer night. It was wonderful to be a fun community of

faith. Thank you to all the teachers that helped with the event. Please



The Andral Family as the Holy Family as the Holy Family & 3 Kings

check our GOOGLE CLASSROOM for the photos of the event. PREP resumes on JANUARY 6 and information will be posted on Google classroom. My office hours until then are posted on Google classroom.

Merry Christmas and peace of Christ to you all

~ Mrs. Karla ~

VIRTUAL CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Seen the greetings on our website yet? Visit

pbparish.ca & click to see them all.

Watch especially the **Archbishop's message** to our parish.

Let's see each other this Christmas VIRTUALLY! Want to have your greeting posted? Email your recording to office@pbparish.ca



Thank you to our Knights (in shining armor) who installed them. :-)

BLUE LIGHTS are shining onto our church building



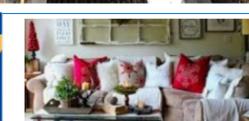
The SSVP Giving Tree

Choose a star from our Advent Giving Tree!

Gift Cards can be purchased through the PB Knights of Columbus Gift Card Program. Submit an order and the cards will be kept for us at the parish office. Otherwise please drop off your donations at the parish office during work hours.

Thank you for helping the less fortunate in our community!

GIFTS ACCEPTED TIL DEC. 25



ONLINE CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISER

Thank you to everyone who helped & supported our fundraiser. We raised a little over \$1000 for our Vestibule. Unsold items will be posted on the Precious Blood Parish Facebook page. If interested, contact the parish office.

We are grateful for your support for the KofC Gift Card Program. Because of your participation, \$20,000 has been remitted by the Knights to our Parish. All this goes towards our Vestibule Expansion Project. **THANK YOU VERY MUCH!**

K OF C GIFT CARD PROGRAM
Call Earl @ 604-576-6306
Or email @ ecoatta@telus.net
Thank you for your support!

CLOVERDALE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

is having a **TREE CHIPPING FUNDRAISER** on January 9. Stay tuned for more details.



JESUS, Our Living Hope

This year's Christmas preparations will undoubtedly look different; the faithful of the Archdiocese will be challenged to make space intentionally in their hearts despite the obstacles presented by the pandemic. Our priests will be undertaking more work and some

Christmas traditions will not be possible under current Provincial restrictions. As we journey through Advent to the joy of the Incarnation, may we, through the intercession of Our Blessed Mother, encounter Jesus, Our Living Hope. Learn more about this year's Christmas celebrations at www.rcav.org/christmas

Blue Light Campaign Photo Contest

To brighten up dark evenings, the archdiocese is launching a Blue Light campaign, inviting everyone to use blue lights when decorating their churches and homes as a sign of hope and solidarity with families who have lost loved ones and are experiencing a "blue Christmas" this year. Enter to win one of three gift baskets by participating in our Blue Light Campaign photo contest.

How to Enter

- Take a photo of your home, living space, church or office decorated with blue lights.
- Post your photo to Facebook or Instagram using the hashtags #bluelightchristmas #catholicvanchristmas @archvancover before December 28.
- Make sure your post is public so we can see it and enter you



December Memorial Mass and Remembrance Tree Service, 2:30 PM - Dec 20
Evangelist Chapel @ Gardens of Gethsemani



Archdiocese of Vancouver Events

Register for the following online events

beholdvancouver.org/events

FAITH UNITES VIRTUAL RETREAT, Sat, Dec 19, 10am-4pm. Youth for a United World (of the Focolare Movement) invites young adults to reflect, reset and socialize at this FREE virtual retreat.

MAKING SENSE OF ANXIETY IN CHILDREN & YOUTH video course, Wednesdays, Jan 6-27, 7:30-9:00pm. Dr. Gordon Neufeld sheds light on the age-old problem and paves the way for natural interventions that can get to the root causes. Although focused on children, this material benefits anyone suffering from anxiety.

THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW: A NEW EXODUS webinar, Sat, Jan 9, 7:00-8:30pm. This study will investigate the way which the Gospel of Matthew describes Jesus as a new Moses working a new Exodus.

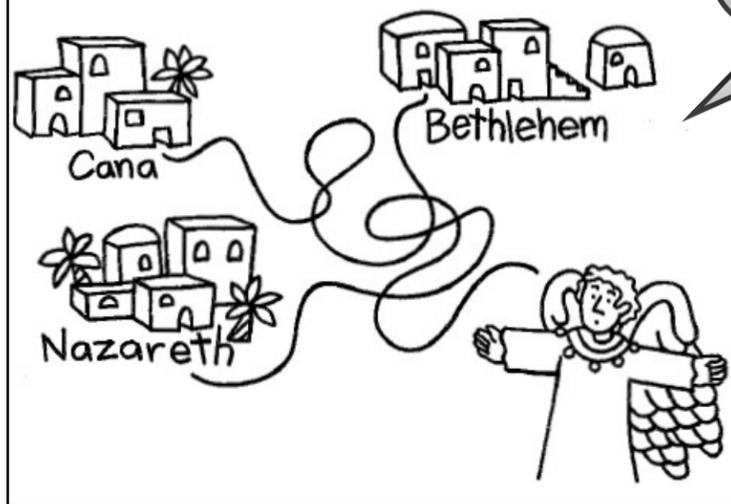
Christmas is about Emmanuel, God is with us. I look forward to be with you all again to celebrate our faith together. Keep safe and enjoy your holiday.

~ Fr. Paul ~

Kid's Korner

The Angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth to a virgin to be married to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. He came to her and said, "Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you." She was confused by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this was. The Angel said, "Do not be afraid, Mary for you have found favour with God. You will conceive in your womb & bear a son. You will name him Jesus. He will be great & will be called Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David & his kingdom will have no end." Mary said, "How can this be as I am a virgin?" He said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you so the child will be holy & called the Son of God. Your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son and is in her 6th month for nothing is impossible with God." So Mary said, "Here I am the servant of the Lord; let it be done to me as you say." Then the Angel left. (Luke 1: 26-38)

Where did Mary live? Follow the line to see where it leads.



God sent the angel Gabriel to visit Mary.

God's Messenger!

Mary's child would be called the 'Son of God'.

What name was Mary told to name her son? Black out the letters with a ✂ to find out the name.

M	P	E	A	O	S	J
R	L	B	F	K	Z	J
A	J	E	S	U	S	D
N	R	M	P	L	S	U

Give Mary a happy face. Colour the picture



Mary agreed to everything the angel had said!

Christmas Activity Sheet



A Saviour is born!

Everyone had to return to their home town to be counted for the Roman census

The time came for Mary to have her baby, but there was no room at the inn!

Find which road Joseph and Mary took

Join the dots to see where Jesus was born

Colour the picture

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Luke 2:11

Many angels appeared to some shepherds on a hillside and told them where to find the new-born Saviour