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Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord | January 07, 2024

Pope Francis' Mass Reflection

MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKDAY
Monday to Friday 9 AM

WEEKEND
Saturday 9 AM | 4:30 PM
Sunday 9 AM | 11 AM

FIRST FRIDAY 6:30 PM

SPANISH MASS
3rd Sunday of the Month 4 PM

**EXPOSITION AND ADORATION
OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**
First Friday 3PM to 6:15PM

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saturday
9:30 to 10 AM | 4 PM to 4:25 PM

Sunday
8:30 AM to 8:55 AM
10:30 AM to 10:55 AM

Monday to Friday – 15 mins.
Before weekday masses
By Appointment

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM
Baby and Child – 10:15 AM
(2nd and 4th Saturdays)

Note: Contact Parish Office to register
Adults – Please enroll in RCIA or contact
Parish Office for more information.

MARRIAGE
Please do not finalize wedding plans
prior to initial meeting with Fr. Rey Usman.
A minimum of six months advance notice
is needed.

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK
Please contact parish office
or if after office hours,
email Fr. Rey at pastor@pbparish.ca.

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good morning!

Today, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany, that is, the manifestation of the Lord to all peoples: in fact, the salvation wrought by Christ knows no boundaries. It is for everyone. Epiphany is not an additional mystery, it is always the same mystery as the Nativity, viewed, however, from the dimension of light, the light that illumines every man and women, the light to be welcomed in faith and the light to bring to others in charity, through witness, in the proclamation of the Gospel.

Isaiah's vision, reported in today's Liturgy (see 60:1-6), resounds in our time and is more timely than ever: "darkness covers the earth, and thick darkness the peoples" (v. 2), the text from Isaiah says. With that background, the prophet announced the light: the light given by God to Jerusalem and destined to enlighten the path of all the peoples. This light has the power to attract everyone, near and far, everyone sets out on the path to reach it, (v 3). It is a vision that opens the heart, that makes the breath come easier, that invites hope. Certainly, the darkness is present and threatening in everyone's life and in the story of humanity; but God's light is more powerful. It needs to be welcomed so that it might shine on everyone. But, we can distance this light from us. But we can ask ourselves: "Where is this light?" The prophet caught a glimpse of it from afar, but that was already enough to fill the heart of Jerusalem with irrepressible joy.

Where is this light? The Evangelist Matthew in his turn, recounting the episode of the Magi (see 2:1-12), shows that this light is the Baby of Bethlehem, it is Jesus, even if His kingship was not accepted by everyone. Rather some rejected it, like King Herod. He is the star who appeared on the horizon, the awaited Messiah, the One through whom God would inaugurate His kingdom of love, His kingdom of justice and of peace. He was born not only for some, but for all men and women, for all peoples. The light is for all peoples, salvation is for all peoples.

And how does this "radiation" come? How does Christ's light shine in every place and at every moment? It has its own method of expanding. It does not do so through the powerful means of this world's empires who always seek to seize power. No, Christ's light spreads through the proclamation of the Gospel. Through proclamation...by word and witness. And with this same "method", God chose to come among us: the Incarnation, that is, by drawing near to the other, encountering the other, assuming the reality of the other and bringing the witness of our faith, everyone. This is the only way that Christ's light, who is Love, can shine in those who welcome it and attract others. Christ's light does not expand only through words, through fake methods, commercial ones.... No, no, through faith, word and witness. Thus the light of Christ expands. The star is Christ, but we too can and must also be the star for our brothers and sisters, as witnesses of the treasures of goodness and infinite mercy that the Redeemer offers freely to everyone. Christ's light does not expand through proselytism. It expands through witness, through the confession of the faith. Even through martyrdom.

Therefore, the condition is to welcome this light within, to welcome it always more. Woe to us if we think we possess it, no; woe to us if we think that we only need to "manage" it! No. Like the Magi, we too are called to allow ourselves to be fascinated, attracted, guided, illuminated and converted by Christ: He is the journey of faith, through prayer and the contemplation of God's works, who continually fills us with joy and wonder, an ever new wonder. That wonder is the always the first step to go forward in this light.

Let us invoke the protection of Mary on the universal Church, so that it might spread throughout the entire world the Gospel of Christ, the light of all the peoples, the light of every people. [06.01.21 a](#)

Around the Parish

Weekly Calendar

January 07, 2024

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RCIA (Catechism for Adults)
 September to May
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Parish Schedule

Mon, January 08 Feast: Baptism of the Lord 9:00 AM Intention of Precious Blood Parishioners	SENIORS CARDS 10:30 - 2:30 PM, Columbus Rm.
Tues, January 09 9:00 AM Intention of Raquel S Carrasco	SSVP Food Dist. Program 10-11 AM @ Vestibule SURREY DEANERY MEETING 11-3pm @ Columbus & Cenacle Rm
Wed, January 10 9:00 AM Mark Siu †	PREP PROGRAM 6:30 - 8 PM, @ Auditorium KofC Meeting 8 - 10PM @ Columbus Rm.
Thur, January 11 9:00 AM Derrick Fernandes †	RCIA PROGRAM 6:30 - 8 PM @ Bushey Rm.
Fri, January 12 9:00 AM Intention of Heather Dengan	9:00 AM—CCS SCHOOL MASS MOM's & TOT's 9:30 - 12 Noon, Cenacle & Columbus Rms.
Sat, January 13 9:00 AM Vera Hessey † 4:30 PM Otto †, Darryl †, Ashley †	LEGION OF MARY MTG. 10:00 - 11:30 AM, Cenacle Rm.
Sun, January 14 Intention of 9:00 AM Lorena & Family 11:00 AM Mark Siu †	UKRAINIAN MASS, 2PM by Exul. of the Holy Cross

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION: JANUARY 2024

For the Gift of Diversity in the Church - We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.

PLEASE PRAY FOR



The sick & shut in; Norman Jansen, Debbie Davis, David Thiele, Leandro Rodino Jr., Delorus Lee, Dawn Epaarachchi, Gracie Formby, Jim O'Brien, Velma Cronin, Silvia Gallagher, Helen Gaska, Bernadette Leclair, Dario Di-ra, Carol Armstrong, Rejeanne Lajoie, George Blakey, Lily Gallant, Lucy Gallant, Carol LeBlanc, Corry Van Den Brand, Roy Gregory, Jenna Faykosh, Artemio Abrogena, Sue Broerken, Christopher, Grace, Anna & Josh Lasell, Norma MacInnes, Margaret Mccreadie, Andrea Haley, Brenda Curran, Fran & Maureen, Gary Hopper, Lori Beaulieu Smith, Angela Todo, Anna-Lisa Bailey, Rosa Santos, Susan Harasyn McEvoy, Maximiliano O'Brien, Ney Antonio Villegas, Katherine, Polly Voon, Xenia Mallari, Peter Taillon, Ana Defrias, Richard Jones, Barbara Taylor, Stan Begley, Ed & Eleanor Carrol, Joyce Krahnbel, Gigi Swalehe & Dar Maddatu, Nelly Wiemer (Madeline's mom), Judy Bothwell, Craig Stevenson, James Borkowski, Roger Gagner, Catherine Tolmozoff, Barbara Naef, Wilson Borbon, Alma Zinger, Bob & Deanna Fernandes, Elaine Lauzon, Anne O'Hagan, Rose Javier, John Lloyd, Eladio Tria, Malcolm Da Silva, Dominik Basiak, Pablito Basit, Rosana Ruiz, Bonnie Watson, Deanna Maceda Silva, Katrina Craig, Norah Aucoin, Thelma Urbano, Ron Hart & all who have asked for our prayers... May our Lord sustain, comfort & heal them through faith.

The Chalking Of The Doors Epiphany Blessing of Our Home



It is in the home that the first experience of love occurs, it is there that love is nurtured and grows to maturity. The Christian home is also the ground for much of people's spiritual growth.

The ministry of Jesus occurs in many different homes. Therefore, to hallow the home as an environment for nurture and renewal, is a deeply felt need by many Christian households. The blessing of a home encourages Christians to dedicate their life at home to God and to others.

C M B above the door, also stands for Christus Mansionem Benedicat, Latin for "May Christ Bless this House."

"Chalking the door" or the door step may be used as a way to celebrate and literally "mark" the occasion. In the Old Testament the Israelites were told to mark their doors with the blood of the lamb on the night of the Passover to ensure that the angel of death would pass them by. Deuteronomy 6: 9 says that we shall "write (the words of God) on your heart, and you shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and you shall write them on the door posts of your house and on your gates."

Sign of the Cross (+)

Instructions: Take (blessed) chalk (of any colour) and mark on the lintel of your front door 20 + C + M + B + 24 saying:

20 + C + M + B + 24

Leader: The three Wise Men,

C Caspar,

M Melchior, and

B Balthasar, followed the star of God's Son who became human

20 two thousand

24 and twenty-four years ago.

++ May Christ bless our home

++ and remain with us throughout the new year. Amen.

All: Our Father...

Pray together: Loving God, bless this household. May we be blessed with health, goodness of heart, gentleness, and abiding in your will. We ask this through Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Sign of the Cross (+)

Parish Skating Event



The Parish Christmas Skating Event at the Cloverdale Arena on December 30th, 2023 was an uplifting social event attended by approximately 120 parishioners. There were many happy moments, with the parish community mingling together and sharing some good Christmas cheer.

PROJECT ADVANCE 2023 UPDATE

PARISH GOAL: **\$75,000**

Donors to date: **174 donors**

Raised so far: **\$71,700.00**



Donate at the Parish office, or

online at <https://support.rcav.org/project-advance-2023/>

Feast of St. Joseph Vaz



Join us for a spiritually enriching evening on January 13th at St. Mathew's Parish in Surrey, as we come together for a Holy Rosary at 6:40 pm, followed by a Holy Mass at 7:00 pm.

Our Celebrant for the Mass is Fr. Joseph D'Souza, the Pastor at St. Mary's Church, Vancouver. Assisting him are Deacon Peter Gomes and Deacon Dileep Athaide.

This special event is organized by the Sri Lankan Catholic Community and the Vancouver Goan Association, reflecting the unity and diversity within our vibrant community.

Spiritual Care Training Program



Pope Francis has challenged everyone to think about their brothers and sisters in a new way as many are experiencing profound loneliness and isolation. The Archdiocese of Vancouver is offering the Spiritual Care Training Program as one way to answer this call.

The eight-week course teaches how to make yourself more available to seniors and others who can benefit from your genuine concern and presence in their lives. Some topics covered include aging, communication, boundaries and self-care.

The training is offered online via Zoom every Thursday, from February 1 to March 21, from 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Cost is \$30.

Learn more and register at beholdvancouver.org/events.

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