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## 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**  
**TUESDAY to FRIDAY 8:30 - 8:50 AM**  
**SATURDAY**  
9:30 - 10:30 AM | 5:30 - 6:30 PM  
Or by Appointment

**SACRAMENTS**  
**BAPTISM**  
Baby and Child - 1 PM  
(2nd and 4th Sundays)

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](mailto:pastor@pbparish.ca). 24.01.21 a



## Third Sunday in Ordinary Time | January 21, 2024

### Pope Francis' Mass Reflection

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good morning!

This Sunday's Gospel passage (cf. Mk 1:14-20) shows us, so to speak, the "passing of the baton" from John the Baptist to Jesus. John was His precursor; he prepared the terrain for Him and prepared the way for Him: now Jesus can begin his mission and announce the salvation by now present; He was salvation. His preaching is summarized in these words: "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent, and believe in the gospel" (v. 15). Simply. Jesus did not mince words. It is a message that invites us to reflect on two essential themes: time and conversion.

In this text of Mark the Evangelist, time is to be understood as the duration of the history of salvation worked by God; therefore, the time "fulfilled" is that in which this salvific action reaches its pinnacle, full realization: it is the historical moment in which God sent his Son into the world and his Kingdom is rendered more "close" than ever. The time of salvation is fulfilled because Jesus has arrived.

However, salvation is not automatic; salvation is a gift of love and as such offered to human freedom. Always, when we speak of love, we speak of freedom: a love without freedom is not love; it may be interest, it may be fear, many things, but love is always free, and being free it calls for a freely given response: it calls for our conversion. Thus, it means to change mentality - this is conversion, to change mentality - and to change life: to no longer follow the examples of the world but those of God, who is Jesus; to follow Jesus, as Jesus had done, and as Jesus taught us. It is a decisive change of view and attitude. In fact, sin - above all the sin of worldliness which is like air, it permeates everything - brought about a mentality that tends toward the affirmation of oneself against others and against God. This is curious... What is your identity? And so often we hear that one's identity is expressed in terms of "opposition". It is difficult to express one's identity in the worldly spirit in positive terms and those of salvation: it is against oneself, against others and against God. And for this purpose it does not hesitate - the mentality of sin, the worldly mentality - to use deceit and violence. Deceit and violence. We see what happens with deceit and violence: greed, desire for power and not to serve, war, exploitation of people... This is the mentality of deceit that definitely has its origins in the father of deceit, the great pretender, the devil. He is the father of lies, as Jesus defines him.

All this is opposed by the message of Jesus, who invites us to recognize ourselves as in need of God and his grace; to have a balanced attitude with regard to earthly goods; to be welcoming and humble toward others; to know and fulfil ourselves in the encounter with and service of others. For each one of us the time in which we are able to receive redemption is brief: it is the duration of our life in this world. It is brief. .

The history of our life has two rhythms: one, measurable, made of hours, days, years; the other, composed of the seasons of our development: birth, childhood, adolescence, maturity, old age, death. Every period, every phase has its own value, and can be a privileged moment of encounter with the Lord. Faith helps us to discover the spiritual significance of these periods: each one of them contains a particular call of the Lord, to which we can offer a positive or negative response. In the Gospel we see how Simon, Andrew, James and John responded: they were mature men; they had their work as fishermen, they had their family life... Yet, when Jesus passed and called to them, "immediately they left their nets and followed him" (Mk 1:18).

Dear brothers and sisters, let us stay attentive and not let Jesus pass by without welcoming him. Saint Augustine said "I am afraid of God when he passes by". Afraid of what? Of not recognizing Him, of not seeing Him, not welcoming Him.

May the Virgin Mary help us to live each day, each moment as the time of salvation, in which the Lord passes and calls us to follow him, every second of our life. And may she help us to convert from the mentality of the world, that of worldly reveries which are fireworks, to that of love and service.

# Around the Parish

## Weekly Calendar

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### PARISH MINISTRIES

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#### PARISH RELIGIOUS

#### EDUCATION PROGRAM (PREP)

Wednesdays 6:30 - 7:45 PM  
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#### RCIA (Catechism for Adults)

September to May  
Parish Office - 604.574.4363  
office@pbparish.ca

## Parish Schedule

### Mon, January 22

9:00 AM Intention of  
Precious Blood Parishioners

**SENIORS CARDS**  
10:30 - 2:30 PM,  
Columbus Rm

### Tues, January 23

9:00 AM Intention of  
Rosana Ruiz

**SSVP Food Dist. Program**  
10-11 AM @ Vestibule  
**Safe Environment Training**  
7:30-9:30 PM @ Columbus Rm

### Wed, January 24

9:00 AM Intention of  
Diana Balestra

**PREP PROGRAM**  
6:30 - 8 PM, @ Auditorium

### Thu, January 25

#### Feast: Conversion of St Paul

9:00 AM Steve de Jong †

**RCIA PROGRAM**  
6:30 - 8 PM @ Bushey Rm.

### Fri, January 26

9:00 AM Steve de Jong †

**9:00 AM—CCS SCHOOL MASS**

**MOMS & TOTS**  
10-12 AM @ Columbus Rm.

### Sat, January 27

9:00 AM Intention of  
Therese McCrystal & Family  
4:30 PM Nilima Daniels †

**LEGION OF MARY MTG.**  
10:00 - 11:30 AM,  
Cenacle Rm.

### Sun, January 28

9:00 AM Intention of  
Sherill Victor  
11:00 AM Steve de Jong †

**The 2nd Collection this Sunday is for the GUARDIAN ANGEL FUND which supports the needy families of our parish with financial assistance towards the CCS tuition fees. Please donate generously**

### 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 Dira, 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.*



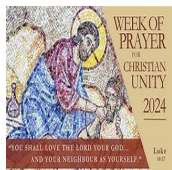
# Around the Parish & Archdiocese

January 21, 2024

Weekly Calendar

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## Prayer for Christian Unity January 18-25



The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is celebrated around the world on January 18-25, which are also the dates recommended by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops. However, there has also been a long-standing practice by a number of communities to celebrate the Week of Prayer on optional dates, in order to include two Sundays.

This universal week of prayer encourages Christians of all denominations to meet, participate in various liturgical and other community activities, and to pray together that all may be one, as Christ desires. The importance of unity among Christians and the responsibility of the people of each parish to work for this unity should be emphasized throughout the week. All members of the parish should seek to have a deeper understanding of ecumenism.

Jan 27th (Sat), 10am at St Nicholas Parish, Langley

**Thank you !**

**from the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul**

SSVP Society has been helping the less fortunate in our area for over 35 years.

We are very grateful to our parishioners for the generous donations made through the Advent Tree and over Christmas. The generosity of the people in our parish community both supports and empowers those in need.

## VOCATION LIVE-IN

There will be a Vocation Live-In on the weekend of February 10 -11 at the **Seminary of Christ the King in Mission, BC**. Anyone wishing to enter the Seminary in the next couple of years is welcome.

**For more information phone 604-826-8975 or email [rector.minors@sck.ca](mailto:rector.minors@sck.ca)**

A Vocation Live-In is an opportunity for young men to spend a weekend at the seminary. It gives them a chance to meet other boys and/or men searching for God's will. During the weekend there are times for community prayer, daily mass, lectio divina (spiritual reading), rosary, sports, discussion groups, and a tour of the seminary and campus.

We hope that in attending the Vocation Live-In, you will leave the seminary closer to Christ, more knowledgeable of seminary life, and will inspire other boys and men to respond to the possibility of a call to the priesthood or religious life.

## Holy Cross Regional Secondary Open House

Holy Cross Regional Secondary is hosting an Open House, Thursday, January 25, 2024, from 6:30 – 8:30 pm. Holy Cross Regional Secondary invites prospective families to join our community to see what makes our school unique. You will be able to listen to Holy Cross' Band, conduct experiments in our Science Laboratory, learn about the many different athletic opportunities, taste the delightful treats provided from the Foods and Nutrition Department, relax at a French Café, admire the artwork of our students, browse through the books in our Learning Commons, and much, much more. Spend your evening exploring our campus, talking with students and staff to observe what education within a Catholic community looks like at the high school level. Holy Cross' online registration process will commence with this event. Holy Cross' community looks forward to meeting all of you, Thursday, January 25th.

**PRAY & PLAY**  
Moms & Tots Gathering  
Rosary . Coffee . Fellowship . Discussion . Kids' corner

Where: Columbus Room, Precious Blood Parish Centre  
When: 10:00am (after the 9:00am Mass)

Jan 26: Reflections on 2023 & Looking forward to 2024 with faith & hope  
*"For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope." (Jeremiah 29:11)*

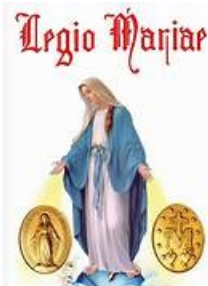
Sign up for our mailing list to be notified of schedule changes & cancellations.  
Contact: Lisa Price 778-549-4240



## RCIA PROGRAM

RCIA is conducted every Thursday, 6:30-8:00 pm @ the Parish Centre. If your heart is yearning for more Faith, or if you know someone who is yearning, the RCIA Program is the journey to a better understanding of the Catholic Faith.

## LEGION OF MARY



The Legion of Mary is a lay apostolic association of Catholics, who under the powerful leadership of Mary Immaculate, Mediatrix of All Graces, serve the Church and their neighbour. If your heart yearns to serve the needy through the help of our Blessed Mother, come join the Mary Help of Migrants Praesidium @ Precious Blood Parish. We meet every Saturday from 10-11:30 AM at the Parish Centre. For more information contact Nancy Mathias Tel# 6043537581 email: [lom@pbparish.ca](mailto:lom@pbparish.ca)

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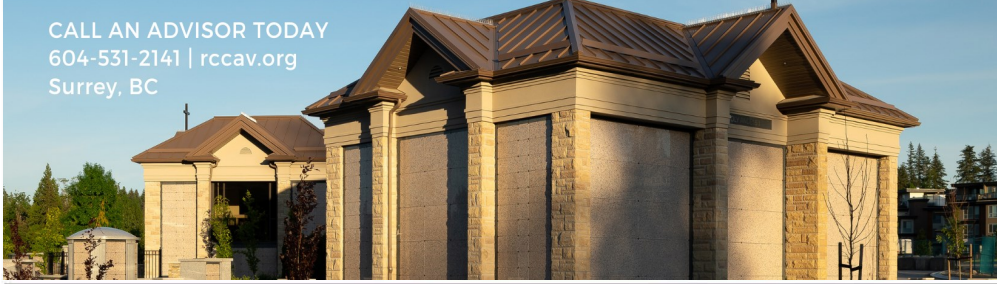
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