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Our Parish Vision:

To be a growing family who joyfully brings people to Jesus.

December 10, 2023

Second Sunday of Advent

We Value Relationships of:

- Faith
- Community
- Service

Sunday Mass: 8:30am, 10:30am, 7:00pm

Mass of Anticipation: Saturday evening @ 5:00pm

Weekday Mass: Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri & holidays @ 8:15am; Tuesday @ 6:00pm
Sat @ 9:00am – followed by Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet all days except Tuesday

First Friday: Adoration after 8:15am Mass, concluding with Benediction @ 3:50pm

Reconciliation: Sat @ 9:30am – 10:00am and 4:30pm, or by appointment with Fr. Nixon.
30 Minutes before weekend & 15 Minutes before weekday Mass.

Baptism: Please contact the Parish Office. Pre-Baptismal instruction is required.

Marriage: Please notify the Parish Office at least six months in advance.
Marriage preparation course is required.

Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday, 9:00am–5:00pm

“To be possessed by Jesus and to possess Him – that is the perfect reign of Love.”

St. Peter Julian Eymard

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Mass Intentions: Dec 9 to Dec 16, 2023

Dec 9	(5:00pm Sat)	Bert Vielvoye †
Dec 10	(8:30am Sun)	Helen Yelland †
Dec 10	(10:30am Sun)	St. Nicholas Parishioners (Int.)
Dec 10	(7:00pm Sun)	Maria Perreira †
Dec 11	(8:15am Mon)	Mario Pezzolesi †
Dec 12	(6:00pm Tues)	Athanasio Kim †
Dec 13	(8:15am Wed)	Boissenneau Family †
Dec 14	(8:15am Thurs)	Luketic Family †
Dec 15	(8:15am Fri)	Donna Myers (Int)
Dec 16	(9:00am Sat)	St. Nicholas CWL (Int)

"Prepare the way of the Lord..." - Mark 1:3

We are all called to live a holy life. We are all called to invite others to live holy lives. Living a stewardship lifestyle, being grateful and generous with our gifts, puts us on the path to holiness and is an example for others to be holy, too. We are responsible not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well. How are you helping others get to Heaven?

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ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE at St. Nicholas Parish will be on Tuesday, December 19 @ 6:30 pm.

Advent is the season of preparation. During this time, we are all encouraged to go to confession to prepare for the coming of our Saviour, Lord Jesus Christ, King of Kings.



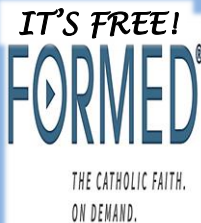
Happy Feast Day, St. Nicholas Parish!! Come and join the festivities in the gym after the 10:30 am Mass today!!



ANOINTING OF THE SICK – Father Nixon is available to administer the sacraments anointing of the sick, confession & holy communion to those who are sick or homebound. Please email Fr. Nixon directly at ndsilva@rcav.org



St Nicholas Parish continues its pastoral work & we appreciate your continued financial support. Please consider giving online through the Parish's website, use your envelopes at Mass, or drop them off during office hours. Thank you for your generosity.
Weekly Anticipated Expenses: \$8265



To register for **FORMED**, just follow these simple steps:

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Once you have registered & want to return to the **FORMED** website:

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 3. Click the link in your email
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PICK OF THE WEEK: The Bible and the Virgin Mary: Episode 9: Full of Grace



In this session we're going to discuss another of the Marian dogmas—the Immaculate Conception. We're going to see how the Church's belief that Mary was unstained by Original Sin is related to three different passages in Sacred Scripture. It's also going to become clear that, given God's plan of salvation, the Immaculate Conception of Our Lady makes sense.



Due to unforeseen circumstances, Alex Villaraza will be resigning as our Maintenance Coordinator. We are accepting applicants for the position of Parish Maintenance Coordinator. Anyone interested can submit their resume and cover letter to Fr. Nixon D'Silva. **Closing date for applications: December 15, 2023.**



The Rescue Project is coming to St. Nicholas. This is an 8-week program that starts on January 9 from 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm. at the Parish Centre. The cost of the program is \$40 which includes your Participant Guidebook, dinner and a one-day retreat. Register soon as space is limited.



YOUTH MINISTRY - Saturday, December 16, 6:20pm

Come bring your creativity and imagination to our last event of the year- a gingerbread house competition and Christmas movie night on.

2024 Offertory envelopes are available for pick-up at the foyer.



FAMILY ADORATION - Dec.16 @ 1pm - 3pm

You're invited to a family-friendly time of Adoration to celebrate Advent. All are welcome, bring friends!

1pm - 1:45pm

Spend time with Jesus through prayer and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Music & reflection on scripture through colouring sheets & journaling pages will be prepared. Pls. note: Father Nixon will be available for Confession at this time.

1:45pm - 3pm

Enjoy snacks and meet other families in the Pope Francis room and at *open gym. *Parent supervision required.

Hosted by Family Ministry. We're looking for volunteers! Reach out to Laura if you'd like to assist with this event and/or future projects -

laura.defleuriot@gmail.com



SYNOD Update: The Synthesis Report of the first session of the Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops and other information on the synod which took place in October is available from the following website: synod.va

SENIORS ADVENT LUNCH – LAST CALL!!

Heads up everybody! The Seniors Advent lunch is going to be held on **December 13** at 12:30 in the Pope Francis room. Tickets are now available from Sandy Shaw either in the Pope Francis room after the 10:30 mass or by calling 604-866-8510. Tickets are \$35 each as this is a catered event. Hope to see you there!

CWL Christmas Cookie Sale

A huge thank you to all the parishioners and CWL members who baked, plated and sold cookies for our cookie sale. Your support has earned \$1,032.25 which will go back into the parish.

New IPL course - The diocesan Indigenous Pastoral & Lay Leader (IPL) Ministry Education program is launching a new course starting in the New Year: **Contemporary Effects of Colonization II: Social Justice will run from Jan. 9 to March 5, 2024, held from 2:15 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. PST on Tuesday afternoons.** Offered online, IPL is led by teams of Indigenous and non-Indigenous instructors, modelling respectful and reconciling relationships. Cost: \$200 per course (some funding assistance available). No pre-requisite is necessary to take this course. Those completing eight courses will earn a diploma. Information and Registration: rcdos.ca/indigenous-ministry-education.

One bursary is available thanks to the Parish Enhancement fund. Please email Adrienne for more information acastellon55@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, Jan. 27, 2024 10 AM - Noon.

Prayer for Christian Unity - The materials for the 2024 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity were prepared by an ecumenical team from Burkina Faso. The theme is "You shall love the Lord your God ... and your neighbour as yourself" (Lk 10:27). The St. Nicholas Ecumenism Interfaith team welcomes everyone to attend! If you'd like to be part of planning email Adrienne acastellon55@gmail.com Our next meeting is Jan. 23rd, 7pm on Zoom. Invite your friends from other churches!



- Why is there something rather than nothing?
- Why is everything so messed up?
- What, if anything, has God done about it?
- And how do I respond?

It's only by **recognizing Jesus' true identity** that Catholics are able to wrestle with these 4 critical questions.

St. Nicholas' Adult Faith Formation is offering an 8 week video presentation by Fr. John Riccardo beginning Tuesday, January 9th at 6:00pm in the Parish Center. He will share simple stories that are moving enough to impress the most knowledgeable theologian.

His incredible pastoral leadership, combined with Biblical knowledge, his own advanced prayer life, along with his gift of storytelling -- while sharing some of his personal painful life tragedies and triumphs, will reveal to us that **GOD is far more powerful than the One we think we know.**

Fr. Riccardo says: "Jesus is not anxious right now as He looks at the Church, the world, or the country. So, we want to engage the world we are in, with absolute confidence in Jesus-- who is utterly unconquerable."

This series successfully accomplishes that goal.

Registration is now open and can be made at our Parish Office with Maria.

The cost is \$40. per person, which includes:

- ✓ the Participant Guidebook,
- ✓ meals for all 8 week sessions
- ✓ and the Retreat Day.

Capacity is limited and early registration is required because this is a catered event.....so book before December 31st.

Read upcoming bulletins for additional details.

For further inquiries please contact Gail at: bible_study@live.com



Sunday Mass Schedule:

Saturday, December 23, 2023	5:00 pm (Mass of Anticipation)
Sunday, December 24, 2023	8:30 am (Sunday Mass)
	10:30 am (Sunday Mass)

Christmas Mass Schedule:

Sunday, December 24, 2023	5:00 pm (Christmas Eve Family Mass)
	8:00 pm (Christmas Eve Vigil Mass)
Monday, December 25, 2023	12:00 am (Christmas Midnight Mass)
	8:30 am (Christmas Day Mass)
	10:30 am (Christmas Day Mass)

NO EVENING MASS

Sunday Mass Schedule:

Saturday, December 30, 2023	5:00 pm (Mass of Anticipation)
Sunday, December 31, 2023	8:30 am (Sunday Mass)
	10:30 am (Sunday Mass)

New Year's Mass Schedule:

Sunday, December 31, 2023	7:00 pm (New Year's Eve Mass of Anticipation)
Monday, January 1, 2024	8:30 am (New Year's Day Mass)
	10:30 am (New Year's Day Mass)

NO EVENING MASS

PROJECT ADVANCE 2023

Empowering our Parish Vision

UPDATE – November 22, 2023

We have passed our Archdiocesan goal of \$31,200., and all additional funds raised will be returned to the parish for our vision.

Many thanks to the **120** parishioners, who have pledged so far helping us to achieve **56%** of our parish goal this year.

However, this is only 15.9% of our registered parishioners.

The St. Nicholas parish goal this year is \$115,000.

St. Nicholas's vision for 2023 was to start the preliminary planning for our parish site to develop both a church and a school.

This master site planning for the future development, including building code and bylaw review and analysis with the Township of Langley, a conceptual plan and a final site plan is almost complete.

Watch for a presentation board in the foyer coming in the next couple of weeks.

Please help our parish move forward by making a gift to Project Advance today.

Making a safe, easy and secure gift online to Project Advance can be done by going to **www.projectadvance.ca**

and selecting St. Nicholas as your parish from the drop down menu.

You can also pick up an envelope with the brochure and Father's letter in the foyer or contact the parish office.

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