SAINT NICHOLAS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Our Parish Vision:

To be a growing family who

joyfully brings people to Jesus.

December 24, 2023

Fourth Sunday of Advent

- We Value Relationships of:
 - Faith
 - Community
 - Service

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

Adult Faith

Altar Servers - Esther Spindlove

Building Committee - Barry Nickerson

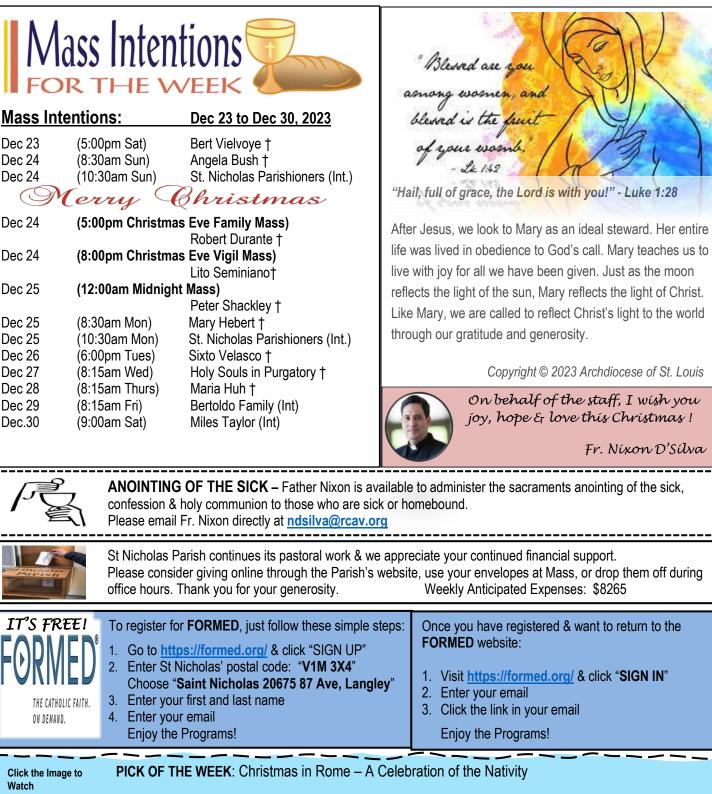
"Nothing so humbles the proud sinner as the humility of Jesus Christ's humanity."

St. Anthony of Padua

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		Children's Liturgy - Evelyn Moi-Precourt	604-365-5617
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HRISTMAS IN ROMI

The birth of Jesus changed the course of human history. Christmas marks one of the greatest days on the Christian calendar, and nowhere celebrates the birth of the Savior like the Holy City of Rome. Christmas in Rome follows the celebration of the Nativity throughout history, from a tiny grotto in Bethlehem to the biggest Nativity scene in Saint Peter's Square, and from small groups of early Christians to the enormous multitude of believers at Christmas Masses in St. Peter's Basilica.

Fr. Níxon D'Sílva

See how one of the greatest events in human history is celebrated today...right from the heart of the Church.

2024 Offertory envelopes are available for pick-up at the foyer. If you did not receive a box of offertory envelopes and would like one, please contact the office.

CHRISTMAS AND SOLEMNITY OF MARY SCHEDULE 2023/ 2024

Christmas – The Nativity of the Lord Sunday, December 24

Family Mass Vigil Mass

Monday, December 25

12:00amMidnight Mass8:30amMass10:30amMass

There will be No 7pm evening Mass

For a more detailed Mass schedule, go to our parish website under Mass Times or click here.

5:00pm

8:00pm



IT'S ALMOST HERE! Spaces are filling up!

If you're still on the fence about signing up, time is running out! The Rescue Project starts on January 9, 2024. Rescue is a multi-week event of great meals, great conversation and answers to life's tough questions. Fr. Riccardo and the team at ACTS XXIX have formulated a plan to bring people together to discuss these questions and how our Faith provides answers to those questions. Sign up now either through the parish office or via the parish website.



Are you good at basketball Free Throws? Were you born between 2009 and 2014? You are invited to the Knights of Columbus 2024 Free Throw Championship at the St. Nicholas

Parish basketball gym. On January 13th, you will shoot 15 free throws to compete for the Council's Championship, from there you will be able to compete at the regional, provincial and national levels. Scan the QR code to register and get details emailed to you!





Parish photo directories for parishioners, who had either their family or individual picture taken, can be picked up at the parish office during office hours. For group family pictures, only one photo directory is provided. Additional copies will be available for purchase for \$15 in the new year. After January 6, volunteers will be at a table after the Masses for anyone wishing to pick up their photo directory.



St. Catherine's Elementary School is now accepting Kindergarten Applications for the 2024-2025 school year. Students must be 5 years of age in 2024 to apply. Application deadline is Jan 31st, 2024. Please visit our website for more information and for the Application Form: <u>www.stcatherines.ca</u>

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 <u>acastellon55@gmail.com</u> Our next meeting is Jan. 23rd, 7pm on Zoom. Invite your friends from other churches!



WHAT IS IT?

Simply put THE RESCUE PROJECT produced by Fr. John Riccardo and the team at ACTS XXIX is **an 8 week experience of community, conversation, prayer and the Gospel** in a small group format which seeks to light a fire under Catholics to claim the world for Christ by first overwhelming them with the message of the Gospel.

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It's for people who have been going to church all their lives, as well as for people who have never even heard the name of Jesus.

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This series is imbued with beauty waiting to be shared with all who come to partake, but more importantly it is filled with supportive and authentic individuals sharing this original experience right along with you! We live our lives according to the stories we believe..... <u>BUT</u> what if there is a different story?

That story is the Gospel explosive, extraordinary and lifechanging news!

The team at ACTS XXIX passionately believe that the most urgent task is the compelling proclamation of the Gospel, one that not only shares it in an attractive and concentrated way, but that also offers people a way of seeing reality and of making sense of the world, history and life ---that is vastly different from the story our modern culture tells.

Until this happens the Christian faith is often experienced as a mere set of rules and disciplines ---and simply going to Church isn't likely to lead a person to embark on the great adventure that is following JESUS and continuing HIS mission of the "rescuing" of this world.

"We don't think most people have ever heard the Gospel."

(Fr. John Riccardo)

Better understanding the depth of Jesus' love that <u>RESCUED YOU</u>, will give you a new desire and courage to go out & rescue others, because...

"RESCUED PEOPLE - RESCUE OTHERS"

SIGN UP TODAY

- at the parish office with Maria
- or St. Nicholas' parish website
- or E-mail: bible_study@live.com

Please continue to read the parish bulletin and parish website for on-going promotional information.

Pre-registration by January 1st is required because this is a catered event and seating availability is also <u>limited</u>.

Join us.....

as we journey together!

St. Nicholas Parish Center Tuesday, Jan. 9th – Feb. 27th

6:00 – 8:30 pm Registration: \$40.

Includes:

- All 8 weeks of great home cooked meals
- The Rescue Project Participant's Manual
- Retreat Day!



UPDATE - December 14, 2023

We are almost out of time for 2023. We have passed our Archdiocesan goal of \$31,200., and all additional funds raised will be returned to the parish for our vision.

To date, St. Nicholas parishioners have responded generously with 138 donors – 18% of our parishioners helping us to reach 67% of our parish goal. Many thanks to all those donors.

However, we are still well short of our 2023 goal of \$115,000.

The additional funds raised through our 2023 Project Advance campaign are dedicated to saving toward the capital cost of our church and school building projects.

It is not too late to participate; all gifts are important to us in collectively achieving our parish goals and the December 31st tax deadline is approaching. Please participate with any amount according to your means.



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.

"Live gratefully, give generously."

