

The month of December is dedicated to the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

"From all eternity God chose with infinite wisdom the woman who would be the Mother of His divine Son. To prepare for the Word Incarnate a spotless and holy tabernacle, God created Mary in grace and endowed her from the moment of her conception with all the perfections suited to her exalted dignity. St. Thomas teaches that through her intimacy with Christ, the principle of grace, she possessed beyond all creatures a fullness of divine life." — Liturgical Meditations, The Sisters of St. Dominic

Wonderful people to remember in your prayers:

Amelia & Pietro Morlin, Anastasia Estropia & Family, Angela Calogero, Angelina Ciotti, Audrey Breaker, Darryl Halisky, Francesco (Antonella's father), George Macri, Irene Lapierre, Iolanda Minicucci, Jacob Legoff, James B., Lena Record, Maria Dos Santos, Mateo Carelse-Borzel, Raymond LaBoucane

Happy Birthday Jesus!

Every fourth Sunday of the month, we will celebrate all the birthdays/anniversaries of the month at the end of the Mass. We encourage people to bring snacks for after mass. A sign-up sheet is posted at the entrance.

Sacred Heart Parish 525 Campbell Avenue Vancouver, BC V6A 3K5 Mass: Sunday at 9:30am

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St. Tekakwitha Centre: 887 Keefer Street Mass: Weekdays at 10am St. Paul's Parish: 381 East Cordova Street Mass: Sunday at 11:30am The advent candles and their colors are packed with rich meaning. Each represents a specific aspect of the spiritual preparations for Christmas.

The three main colors are purple, pink, and white. Purple symbolizes repentance and royalty. (In the Catholic church, purple is also the liturgical color at this time of year.) Pink represents joy and rejoicing.

And white stands for purity and light.

Each candle carries a specific name as well. The first purple candle is called the Prophecy Candle or Candle of Hope. The second purple candle is the Bethlehem Candle or the Candle of Preparation. The third (pink) candle is the Shepherd Candle or Candle of Joy. The fourth candle, a purple one, is called the Angel Candle or the Candle of Love. And the last (white) candle is the Christ Candle.



Mass Intentions for November & December 2022

Sacred Heart Church

Nov. 20 - For Deceased Members of the Pettovello Family requested by S. Pettovello

Nov. 27 - For John Comuzzi requested by Hugo & Deanna Muzzin

Dec. 4 - For John Comuzzi requested by Hugo & Deanna Muzzin

Dec 11 - For Gino Pettovello requested by S. Pettovello

Dec. 17- For Lorenzo Crema requested by Mary Crema

Dec. 25 - For Gino & Teresa Pettovello requested

by S. Pettovello

Dec. 31 - For Fr. Bob Douglas OMI requested by S.

Pettovello

St. Paul's Church

Nov. 27 – For Yeung Hu Chun Kin requested by Mimi Cheung

Dec. 4 - For Etta Yung Li requested by Mimi Cheung

All Masses will be for the Intention of the People of God, unless otherwise indicated in the above.

Every Sunday at 11am you are welcome to pray with the Legion of Mary (St. Kateri Tekakwitha Centre basement).

Christmas Celebrations at Sacred Heart Parish

- 1. We will have a **Jesse Tree** parishioners are invited to decorate this tree with Bible Verses, names of persons they wish to pray for during the Advent and Christmas Seasons and personal intentions/prayers for the season.
- Every Sunday in December we will collect nonperishable goods that we will donate to the Door is Open to help our brothers and sisters who are homeless.
- 3. **Dec. 4th until Jan. 1st**, raffle tickets for our annual Fund-Raising Christmas Raffle will be sold. Prize donations are encouraged, <u>please give to Silvana or Vilma by Dec 25th</u>. The raffle will take place after mass on Jan 1st; you must be present to win!
- 4. **Dec. 18**th, we will have a Parish Fund Raiser Bake Sale. People are encouraged to bring baked goods to sell. Please ensure your baked goods are priced and given to Vilma & Silvana prior to mass.
- Dec. 18th, we are looking for volunteers to clean and decorate the church and surrounding area in preparation for the Christmas Celebrations.
- Contributions for the purchase of Christmas
 Flowers can be given to Vilma & Silvana prior
 to Dec 11th.
- 7. Christmas Week Masses:

Christmas Eve: Sacred Heart 7pm Christmas Day: Sacred Heart 9:30am

St Paul's 11am

New Year's Day: Sacred Heart 9:30am

St Paul's 11am

Archdiocese News

Living with Christ Webinar Series 2022-2023

To register see Father Nestor Silva for Webinar details.

Support for Displaced Ukrainians Settling in the Lower Mainland

Please help Holy Eucharist Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral settle displaced Ukrainians in the Lower Mainland. They are in dire need of the following:

- Accommodations for 2 to 3 months, preferably with a family, since most arrivals consist of women with their children (contact: refugees@rcav.org)
- 2. Cash donations
- 3. Grocery store gift cards
- 4. Compass cards for bus rides
- 5. Used computers / laptops
- 6. Used cell phones / SIM cards

Arrange to drop off donations at the nearest Ukrainian Catholic Church or contact: <u>uahelp.ca</u>

Blessing

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace.