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Our Parish Vision:

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

December 3, 2023

First 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 & weekday Mass, including Saturday.

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

“The whole earth is a living icon of the face of God.”

St. John Damascene

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December 3, 2023

First Sunday of Advent

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



Mass Intentions: Dec 2 to Dec 9, 2023

Dec 2	(5:00pm Sat)	Bert Vielvoye †
Dec 3	(8:30am Sun)	Allan Robbins †
Dec 3	(10:30am Sun)	St. Nicholas Parishioners (Int.)
Dec 3	(7:00pm Sun)	Walter Stevenson †
Dec 4	(8:15am Mon)	Agnese Camparmo †
Dec 5	(6:00pm Tues)	Nancy Clark †
Dec 6	(8:15am Wed)	Anthanasus Kim †
Dec 7	(8:15am Thurs)	Vanda Tolando †
Dec 8	(8:15am Fri)	Theresa Reece (Int)
Dec 9	(9:00am Sat)	Tadeusz Kuczynski †



"Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come." - Mark 13:33

We all take things for granted. In particular, we take time for granted. We make our lives too busy. We plan our days, weeks, months, even years in advance. Remember, our time on earth is a gift. None of us knows how long we will be here. Start today and begin thanking God for each and every day. Take time in silence, every day, and listen to how God is calling you right now to help build His kingdom on earth.

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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.



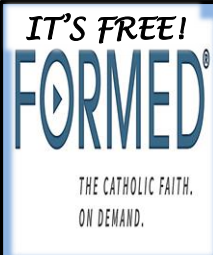
Coming soon to our parish!
Jan 9 – Feb 2, 2024 from 6:00 – 8:30 pm.
Registration forms available at the office.



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:

1. Go to <https://formed.org/> & click "SIGN UP"
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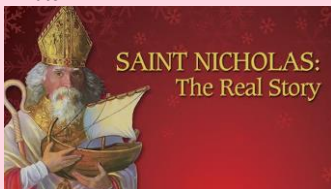
Once you have registered & want to return to the **FORMED** website:

1. Visit <https://formed.org/> & click "SIGN IN"
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3. Click the link in your email

Enjoy the Programs!

Click the Image to Watch

PICK OF THE WEEK: Saint Nicholas: The Real Story



Everybody knows the story of Santa Claus, the red-suited figure who lives at the North Pole and distributes gifts to good children every Christmas eve. But is there any historical evidence on which this jolly old character is based? Was there a real Santa Claus? To answer that question, host Mark Wilson, a distinguished historian and archeologist travels not to the North Pole but to modern day Turkey and Italy. There he uncovers clues that lead to the truth about the man behind the legend.



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.**



Many hands make light work! Everyone is welcome to help set-up after the 9:00 am Mass on Saturday for our parish feast day on December 10 when we celebrate the 25th anniversary of our parish! His Excellency, Archbishop Michael Miller, CSB will celebrate the mass at 10:30 am. After the mass, we will enjoy an array of dishes from various countries in the parish center, a cultural program as well as the release of our 25th Anniversary Parish Directory. Come one and all to join in our festivities!



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



A Big Thank You to all those who participated in our recent Meridian/Ralph's gift card sale. We sold \$6,640 worth of cards, which has resulted in the CWL retaining \$1,992. In addition, we received donations of \$270 for a total of \$2,262. This amount will go towards fulfilling our goals for funding Domestic Abuse Services (Thrifters' Paradise), our Youth Ministry, NET Ministries, Hope for Women (Advokate), our CWL scholarships and our Parish Building Fund to name a few.

And another Big Thank You to all who donated items to sell at the CWL Jewelry and Accessories sale, to those who purchased items, to those who volunteered their time to organize and work at the sale and to those who did the "heavy lifting" for set up and take down! The jewelry and accessories sale were a big success!

We couldn't do all this without your support!

SENIORS ADVENT LUNCH – TICKETS ARE GOING FAST!

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

Our annual cookie sale will take place on **Dec. 2nd and 3rd** after all Masses. If you can contribute 2 dozen or more home baked cookies to our sale, we would greatly appreciate it. **All bakers, please bring the cookies to the kitchen before 10 a.m. on Dec. 2nd.** For **\$5.00** you will receive a plate of 10 delicious home baked cookies. For more information, call Linda at **778-298-3370**.

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.

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, Jan. 27, 2024 10 AM -1 PM.

Prayer for Christian Unity - please hold the date/time in your calendars and plan to attend - invite neighbors, friends, and families! More details forthcoming in January.

Holy Cross High School Spring Break Basketball Skills Camp

Runs from January 2nd-5th 9am-11am Boys and Girls currently in Gr 4-7 at St Matthews Elementary Gymnasium 16065 88 Ave, Surrey, BC V4N 1G3 to improve overall basketball skills, meet future classmates and have fun. To register, email Head Coach/Teacher Matthew LeChasseur @ hcbysbasketball@gmail.com to confirm your child's spot in the camp. Space is limited on a first come, first serve basis. **Download and fill out a registration form at www.hcbysbasketball.com** and bring a cheque/cash and completed registration form on the first day of the camp. Cost: \$100.00 includes daily gatorade and prizes.



ADULT FAITH FORMATION – THE RESCUE PROJECT

You are **worth** being rescued. You are worth being **singled out** by Jesus, to be **noticed** by Him, **seen** by Him and **known** by Him. Jesus has done specific things to get your attention because He craves spending time with you. He wants to reveal Himself to you ---and for you to share your heart with Him.

We believe **The Rescue Project** is one of the best ways to discover this truth.

Have you ever gazed at a crucifix and felt confused or indifferent? Wondering why so many people talk about their encounters with Jesus but you've never experienced one of your own? Perhaps you even doubt whether a personal relationship with Jesus is possible for you.

Come and join us for a homecooked meal, listen to a compelling talk by Fr. John Riccardo and enter into a lively group discussion, where you'll have opportunity to experience the story of Jesus in a brand new way.

Come with an open heart and Jesus will meet you there.

The Rescue Project begins Tuesday, January 9th at 6:00pm in the Parish Center.

Registration is now open and can be made at the 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 now!

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.

"Live gratefully, give generously."



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