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Our Parish Vision:

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

December 17, 2023

Third 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

“Apart from the cross, there is no other ladder by which we may get to heaven.”

St. Rose of Lima

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Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Mass Intentions: Dec 16 to Dec 23, 2023

Dec 16	(5:00pm Sat)	Bert Vielvoye †
Dec 17	(8:30am Sun)	Barone Family †
Dec 17	(10:30am Sun)	St. Nicholas Parishioners (Int.)
Dec 17	(7:00pm Sun)	Sandra Zenone †
Dec 18	(8:15am Mon)	Bill Gelowitz †
Dec 19	(6:00pm Tues)	Bill Gelowitz †
Dec 20	(8:15am Wed)	Agnese Camparmo †
Dec 21	(8:15am Thurs)	Stevie Moniz de Sa (Int)
Dec 22	(8:15am Fri)	Leo & John Aarts †
Dec 23	(9:00am Sat)	Jennifer Miller †



Gaudete Sunday means "rejoice" and marks the halfway point until Christ's birth at Christmas.

"Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus." - 1 Thessalonians 5:16 - 18

This scripture reading sums up Stewardship. "Rejoice always" means place your trust in God; He will provide all that you need. "Pray constantly" means prayer should be a running conversation with God throughout the whole day, every day. "Give thanks in all circumstances" means even in bad situations, thank God. Suffering a little bit helps build empathy for others in similar situations and shows our dependence on God.

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

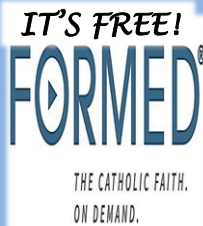
Advent is the season of preparation. During this time, we are all encouraged to go to confession to prepare for the coming of our Saviour, Lord Jesus Christ, King of Kings.



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



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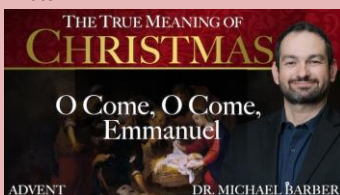
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Once you have registered & want to return to the **FORMED** website:

1. Visit <https://formed.org/> & click "SIGN IN"
 2. Enter your email
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PICK OF THE WEEK: The True Meaning of Christmas – O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



Why do we sing "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" during the Advent season? What does it mean? Join Dr. Barber as he explores the significance of this beautiful hymn.

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.



Our Parish Celebration was a tremendous success! It was impressive to see our parishioners come out in full force and participate in the festivities – from working behind the scenes to prepare our parish centre; ensuring that there was a continuous flow of coffee, tea or water; and providing a taste of international treats and entertainment. It is a testament to the fact that St. Nicholas is truly a thriving parish that joyfully brings people to Jesus!

CHRISTMAS AND SOLEMNITY OF MARY SCHEDULE 2023/ 2024

Christmas – The Nativity of the Lord

Sunday, December 24
5:00pm Family Mass
8:00pm Vigil Mass

Monday, December 25
12:00am Midnight Mass
8:30am Mass
10:30am Mass

There will be No 7pm evening Mass

New Year's Day - The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

Sunday, December 31 7:00pm Mass of Anticipation

Monday, January 1, 2024 8:30am, 10:30am

There will be No 7pm evening Mass

For a more detailed Mass schedule, go to our parish website under Mass Times or click [here](#).



We started a Saint Vincent de Paul Conference in our parish on September of this year. In just over 2 months, with the support of Father Nixon and our Parishioners, we were able to provide hampers to 6 families to bring them some hope and joy this Christmas. Next year, with continued support, our goal is to help people all year round by donations to the Langley Food Bank.



Wednesday, December 20th is the last day for Seniors' Drop-in before the Christmas holidays. We will resume our Seniors' Drop-in on Wednesday, January 10, 2024.



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: www.stcatherines.ca

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!



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.



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.



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.... BUT what if there is a different story?

****That story is the Gospel** explosive, extraordinary and life-changing 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 RESCUED YOU, 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 limited.

Join us.....

as we journey together!

St. Nicholas Parish Center

Tuesday, Jan. 9th – Feb. 27th

6:00 – 8:30 pm

Registration: \$40.

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

**PROJECT
ADVANCE** 2023 Empowering
our Parish Vision

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.

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