

DECEMBER 2, 2018

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

“Be alert at all times, praying...to escape all these things...and to stand before the Son of Man.”

THIS WEEK

Advent Reflection: Sun. Dec. 2 - Talk at 7pm.

Mon. Dec. 3 - Mass & talk at 6:30pm

Tues. Dec. 4 - Mass & talk at 6:00pm

Wednesdays - Mass at 8:15am & 6:45pm Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help followed by Mass.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

“But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand.”

Luke 21:28 We celebrate Advent each year in preparation of the birth of Jesus, His first coming, as we await His second coming. In this Advent season, use the sacrament of reconciliation to strengthen your relationship with Jesus. It's never too late.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Creg Rosales; Ryan Lehwald; Kellie Marchak; Maria Amato; John Pollard; Edna Cachero; Almira Steeds; Melody Carruthers; Kay D; Shirley Papuc; Mike Peake; Louella D'Penha; Gloria & Cecilio Peralta; Darlene McHale; Helga & Bert Wolters; Dominga Carrion; Maria & Jose Santos; Jean Van Loo; Marie Connor; John William; Edward Chan; Nick Krueger; Jo-Anne MacLeod; Volga Vaz; Irene O'Flynn; Armando Ceniza; Andrea Schroeder & Celso Tria.

If you have a relative who is sick in the hospital or at home, please let the rectory know so that we can arrange a visit.

PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD

Chris Furtado

SIMBANG GABI

It's that time of year again! Everyone is invited to attend this year's Simbang Gabi Mass at 5am (Tagalog Mass) or 7pm (English Mass) for nine consecutive days, from Dec. 15-23. If you are interested in sponsoring one of the Masses, please sign-up your name and phone # in the Gathering Area.

FIRST FRIDAY VIGIL SERVICE

Our small group of devoted attendees of the First Friday Vigil service would like to invite more parishioners to join us in this beautiful devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Our next vigil service will be on Friday, December 7 at 8:45pm.



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Next Edge Night: Wed. Dec. 5, 6:45pm “Conversation with Christ” This is the next night in our prayer series! Praying is just like having a conversation. How do we do that with Jesus?

Life Teen (High School): Sun., Dec. 9, 7:00pm – 8:30pm Join us for Adoration in the church! Spend some quality time with Jesus in this busy season of Advent.

Follow us on Instagram, SnapChat, Twitter and Facebook! (iclifeteen or icdeltaedge)

For more information about Youth Ministry, please contact Faye p: 604.785.6729 or e: icyouthmin@gmail.com



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

General Meeting: Thursday, December 6 at 7:30pm in the Gathering Area.

Winter clothing: Collection of women's winter clothing for Agape is until Dec. 15/16. Items needed are winter mitts, gloves, woollen scarves and toques.

ADVENT EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Everyone is invited on December 9 at 7pm -8:30pm for a special Eucharistic Adoration event at our parish! Take some time off during the busy Advent season and join us for a joyful evening which will include a special talk, praise & worship music and of course, time spent with Jesus. For more information, visit icdelta.ca/lifeteen or email icyouthmin@gmail.com.

PRO-LIFE

Christmas cakes (6 large cakes-1kg) are still available for sale at \$27. Contact Mike at 604.592.5110.

ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICES

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Thurs. Dec. 13 7:00pm - Our Lady of Good Counsel

Thurs. Dec. 13 7:00pm - St. Matthew's

Fri. Dec. 14 7:00pm - Precious Blood Parish

Tues. Dec. 18 7:00pm - **Immaculate Conception Parish (Delta)**

Wed. Dec. 19 7:00pm - St. Bernadette

Thurs. Dec. 20 7:00pm - Good Shepherd

DECEMBER 8

OUR PARISH FEAST DAY



Come honour our Blessed Mother and celebrate with your Parish family.

Sat., Dec. 8th – 9am & 5pm Masses

Sun., Dec. 9th – 8:30am, 10:15am, 12noon & 4pm Masses

Please bring snacks, finger food, fruits and goodies to share in the Gathering Area. Everyone is welcome.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER



IC Parish Annual Christmas Dinner will be held on Saturday, December 15 at 6:00pm in the Parish Hall. The cost will be \$7/Adult, \$5/Senior or children 10yrs and under. Tickets are on sale and lists for volunteers and donations of food for the dinner can be signed up this weekend in the Gathering Area. All donations should be in by Sunday, December 9. Call Greg Hanna 778.551.1627 for further information.

GIVING TREE

(No food donations, Gift Cards only please)

To thank the Lord for all His blessings, we in turn wish to help those in need. The Giving Tree is set up with leaves printed with Gift Card specifications on it. You are requested to take a leaf or more (buy a card of any denomination of your choice), mark it "Giving Tree" and drop it at the Parish office or in the Sunday collection basket, **latest by December 10**. Gift cards can also be purchased in the Gathering Area through the Knights of Columbus. Many thanks for your generosity.

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS FOR THE NEEDY

St. Martin's Guild will be organizing to deliver Christmas Hampers in December. Keeping in mind those in our community who are in need, if you know of anyone who's Christmas will be a little better if they receive a hamper, please call the parish office at 604.591.2271. This information will be kept confidential.

ADORATION CHAPEL

Meeting room #4 is being remodelled to become our Adoration Chapel. Adoration will be between 6am to 12midnight, daily. We encourage you to commit to adoration for one hour, twice a week, by signing up this weekend in the Gathering Area after all Masses.

The parish office email address has changed to info@icdeltaparish.ca. Please update your records. Thank you.

PROJECT ADVANCE UPDATE

Our participation rate is at 31.9% which is 580 families participating out of 1821. Thank you for your support.

ADVENT REFLECTION 2018

You are invited to attend the parish Advent Recollection in preparation for Christmas on Sunday, Dec. 2 - Talk at 7pm, Monday, Dec. 3 - Mass & talk at 6:30pm and Tuesday, Dec. 4 - Mass & talk at 6:00pm. Leading us is Fr. James Kelleher, SOLT who is the Founder of the Eucharistic Family Rosary Crusade. The theme is "TOTAL SURRENDER". Fr. James' talks will also prepare us for our long-awaited Adoration Chapel.



CHRISTMAS CARDS, CALENDARS & SUNDAY MISSALS

We are selling Christmas cards, calendars and Sunday Missals in the Gathering Area. Christmas cards \$8, Sunday Missals \$4 and Calendars \$2. Cash only please.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Women's Bible Study will be having a social gathering after morning Mass on Wednesday, December 5 from 8:45am to 11:15am. Come enjoy some fun, goodies and conversation with other women parishioners. Please bring along a gift valued at about \$10 if you wish to participate in a gift exchange. We look forward to welcoming all the women of our parish.

DISCOVER DISCIPLESHIP

We at Discover Discipleship-IC Delta invite you to consider the Faith Study Series, starting with "Discover". Discover is a 6-lesson, small-group study which is still ongoing, is meant for each of us to rediscover the essence of our faith and establish that personal friendship with Jesus. We are here for you, by phone 778.232.5953/email: faithstudies101@gmail.com.



LEGION OF MARY

The Annual General Reunion will be on Saturday, December 8th from 1pm to 4pm at Precious Blood Parish, Surrey. All active, junior and auxiliary members are invited to attend with their families. Please bring food to share and be ready for some fun and games at this social get-together.

CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES – 2019

Contribution envelopes for 2019 are available in the Gathering Area. If you would like a box of envelopes and one is not available for you, please PRINT your name on the list provided or call the Parish Office (604.591.2271) and it will be ready for you to pick up the following Sunday. **These envelopes should be used effective January 1, 2019.** Thank you.