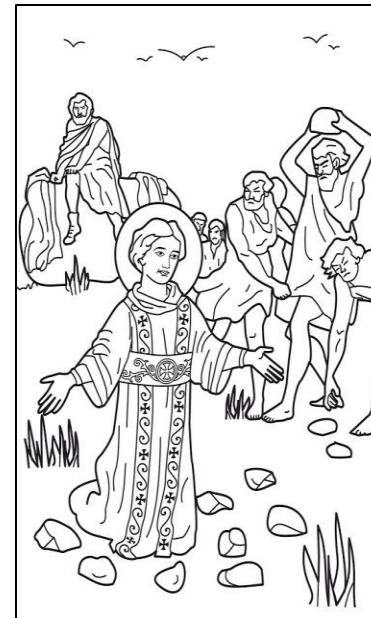


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INTENTIONS FOR HOLY MASS DURING THIS WEEK

Sun.	(Dec. 2)	8:30 am 10:30 am 6:30 pm	For ALL THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
Mon.	(Dec. 3)	8:30 am	+ JOSEPH, LUCIA & JOHN HO
Tues.	(Dec. 4)	8:30 am	+ DAVID LEE
Wed.	(Dec. 5)	8:30 am	For ZANDRA CANEDO GODINEZ
Thurs.	(Dec. 6)	8:30 am 7:00 pm	+ KO & SAKHRANI FAMILY MEMBERS
Fri.	(Dec. 7)	8:30 am 7:00 pm	+ D'SILVA, MIRANDA & LEWIS FAMILY MEMBERS
Sat.	(Dec. 8)	9:00 am 4:30 pm	For FAMILY & FRIENDS
Sun.	(Dec. 9)	8:30 am 10:30 am 6:30 pm	For ALL THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

<u>Privileged to serve</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Altar servers</u>
Sat. Dec. 8th 4:30 pm		Patricia Correa	Sharlene Pereira, Abigail & Alyssa Somera
Sun. Dec. 9th 8:30 am		Gloria Yasayko	Karalin & Joel Ceholski
10:30 am	Tony Rader	Terry Warren	Eduarda Oliveira, Justin A. Mattias & Zachary Simmons
6:30 pm		Sarah Rausch	Samuel & Layne Rausch Shawn & Aiden Cardle

STA NEWS – As we enter the month of December the school celebrates Advent in preparation for Christmas. Last Saturday morning a group of STA families came out and cleaned up the gardens for winter. Although the day was cooler and the grounds were damp the volunteers did a great job and the school looks better for all their efforts. Thank you to those who turned out to help.

DECEMBER 2, 2018 – FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

WELCOME TO ST. STEPHEN'S PARISH: Office : Mon to Fri. 9 am to 4 pm
Our Mass times and Sacrament of Reconciliation times are as follows:

Mass Schedule:	Weekdays:	Monday to Friday & holidays: 8:30 a.m.
	Saturday:	9 a.m.
	Sunday Liturgy:	Saturday evening: 4:30 p.m. Sunday: 8:30 a.m.; 10:30 a.m.; 6:30 p.m.
The Sacrament of Reconciliation:		Monday to Saturday : 8:00 - 8:20 a.m.
		Saturday: 3:00 - 4:15 p.m.
		Sunday: 30 mins before Masses (Or at any time - Please call the Rectory)

Sacrament of Baptism: Please contact the Rectory.
Sacrament of Marriage: Please contact the Rectory 4-6 months in advance.
Holy Orders: Fr. Rodney Nootebos - 604-683-0281(Vocations Office)
Anointing of the Sick: Please contact the Rectory

Welcome to any new parishioners to St. Stephen's. If you would like to register or get envelopes please contact the parish office on weekdays.

Your prayers are requested for Jim Alden, John Barry, Virgil Billesberger, Jennifer Blore, Edward Carter, Joe Dinahan, Denis Doll, Thelma Fairleigh, Mark Hamilton, Darwin Henry, Dylan Kemper, Cecilia Lam, John Magee, Darryl Meunier, Ariel Nonan, Diego Nunez, Robert Slett, Hilda Tacneng, John Toljanich, and Jarrod Weisner.

Stewardship Reflection- December 2, 2018 - First Sunday of Advent

“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.

SECOND COLLECTION – at all Masses this week-end for Youth Ministry. Thank you for your generosity.

ST. STEPHEN'S PRAYER GROUP - We will meet on **Thursday, December 6th at 7:00 pm for Mass**, followed by our meeting in the Upper Room of the church. For more information, contact Ted: 604-924-0573 Alfred: hoathome@shaw.ca.

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTION – December 7th 2018 – Adoration begins after morning Mass at 9 am and ends with Mass at 7 pm. All parishioners are encouraged to come and spend an hour with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Please sign up on the sheet in the entrance of the church.

LEGION OF MARY – The statue is at the home of Myrna Somera from December 1st to 15th, 2018. Please keep her in your prayers. Contact Jan –604- 985-1184 to book the statue.

CWL NEWS – Our December meeting will be Wed. Dec. 5th at 7 pm in the hall. Instead of a general meeting, we will have a catered dinner. This is open to all ladies in the parish. Cost is \$20 for members and \$25 for non- members and includes a glass of wine. **Deadline for payment is Sunday, December 2nd.** Look forward to a fun evening and the introduction of your new executive.

Bake sale – St. Stephen’s CWL is in need of baked goods for their bake sale next weekend, Dec. 8 & 9, at all Masses in the Upper room of the church. **Drop-off on Friday, December 7th, at the office, or from 6-7 pm at the hall.** We thank everyone for your support in the past. Due to your generosity, the CWL has been able to help the various charities in need of assistance.

CWL Christmas Raffle - **Tickets on sale at all Masses this week-end & next.** Draw next Sunday, December 9th. **Tickets – 1- \$5, 3 - \$10. 1st prize** : Dinner for 2 to the Pinnacle Hotel, Value: \$ 150.00. **2nd Prize:** Wine Basket, Value: \$ 75. **3rd Prize:** Purdy’s chocolates: Value \$ 50. All proceeds to charities supported by the CWL.

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION - at 3:00 pm every day, in the Upper room of the church. All are welcome.

ALTAR SERVERS – We have a few more spots to be filled for Christmas & New Year Masses. Please remember to sign-up on the sheet in the church, if you can help. Thank you for your dedication.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL – is looking for male & female volunteers to help distribute sandwiches, once a month on the Food truck, to the Homeless in Downtown Vancouver. Please contact Rose Morin – 604 -985-9674. Donations of blankets and candy are also welcome! We will once again be helping the needy in our community at Christmas. Please call the parish office – 604-985-1962 – if you or someone you know is in need of help. Thank you!

ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICES ON THE NORTH SHORE – will be held as follows:-

Wed. December 19th – 10:30 am – St. Stephen’s Parish

Wed. December 19th - 7:00 pm – St. Edmund’s Parish

Friday, December 21st – 7:00 pm – Christ the Redeemer Parish

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS - Archbishop’s Annual Mass for Life - Join us as we celebrate life on **Friday, Dec. 28, at Holy Rosary Cathedral, Vancouver.** Rosary begins at 11:30 a.m. and Mass is at 12:10 p.m.

Ordination of Deacon Guy Zidago and Felix Min - The Archdiocese of Vancouver joyfully announces the ordination of Deacon Guy Zidago to the Sacred Order of the Priesthood and Felix Min to the Sacred Order of the Diaconate through the laying on of hands and the invocation of the Holy Spirit by Archbishop J. Michael Miller, CSB. You are cordially invited to celebrate with us on the Solemnity of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on **Saturday, Dec. 8, at 12 noon at Holy Rosary Cathedral, Vancouver.**

18th Annual Bake and Craft Sale - The Slovak community of Sts. Cyril and Methodius Parish invites you to come and join it for its 18th annual Christmas Bake and Craft Sale. Enjoy a cup of coffee, pastries or a hot lunch while shopping for all your homemade European Christmas baking and crafts. **Saturday, Dec. 8 and Sunday, Dec. 9, from 9 am. to 3 pm.** See <https://rcav.org/event/18th-annual-bake-and-craft-sale> PREP Coordinator, Our Lady of Fatima Coquitlam (Part-Time).

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY- Our Lady of Fatima Roman Catholic Church, in Coquitlam, is searching for a full-time Parish Religious Education Program (P.R.E.P Coordinator). Please submit a résumé and a cover letter by Dec. 3 with “PREP Coordinator” in the subject line to: Rev. Mark Bautista at mbautista@rcav.org