

O SWEET CHILD OF BETHLEHEM,
GRANT THAT WE MAY SHARE WITH ALL OUR
HEARTS IN THIS PROFOUND
MYSTERY OF CHRISTMAS.
PUT INTO THE HEARTS OF MEN AND WOMEN
THIS PEACE FOR WHICH THEY
SOMETIMES SEEK SO DESPERATELY
AND WHICH YOU ALONE CAN GIVE TO THEM.
HELP THEM TO KNOW ONE ANOTHER BETTER,
AND TO LIVE AS BROTHERS AND SISTERS,
CHILDREN OF THE SAME FATHER.
REVEAL TO THEM ALSO YOUR BEAUTY,
HOLINESS AND PURITY.
AWAKEN IN THEIR HEARTS LOVE AND GRATITUDE
FOR YOUR INFINITE GOODNESS.
JOIN THEM ALL
TOGETHER IN YOUR LOVE,
AND GIVE US YOUR HEAVENLY PEACE.
AMEN.

Saint John XXIII

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DECEMBER 25, 2022

NATIVITY OF THE LORD

We welcome Jesus into our hearts and homes, and in His name we open our hearts to one another, growing as the community of faith. In the name of Jesus we extend a special welcome to those visiting us. We thank God that the worst of COVID-19 is over, and we are now able to be together without restrictions. We pray that our whole community may soon be together again as one family of faith and charity.

The parish expresses its deep gratitude to all those who have contributed to the beauty and glory of the Liturgy and the church for this Feast: the choirs, the organists, the lectors, the ushers, the altar servers, the Youth Group, those who cleaned the church, prepared the linens and sacred vessels, decorated the church with flowers, and set up the Crib.

Thanks to your generosity, the parish was once again able to assist fifty individuals and families in need this Christmas with the distribution of grocery store gift cards, mandarin oranges, and chocolates. Your charity gives significant witness and is a sure sign of God With Us.

Father DePaul and I express our deep gratitude for all your kindness and support, especially at this time of year. The Midnight Mass is offered for you, your intentions, and for your loved ones, living and dead.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Dec 26 Monday

❖ Saint Stephen, the first martyr
9:00 a.m. Mass

Dec 27 Tuesday

❖ Saint John, apostle, evangelist
7:10 p.m. Rosary for the Sick
7:30 p.m. Mass

Dec 28 Wednesday

❖ The Holy Innocents, martyrs
7:00 a.m. Lauds
7:15 a.m. Mass

Dec 29 Thursday

7:00 a.m. Lauds
7:15 a.m. Mass

Dec 30 Friday

❖ The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
7:00 a.m. Lauds
7:15 a.m. Mass

Dec 31 Saturday

9:00 a.m. Mass
9:30 a.m. Rosary for Vocations
5:00 p.m. Mass
11:00 p.m. Holy Hour

The whole octave of Christmas, December 25th to 31st, is celebrated as one Feast. Friday of this week is not a penitential day. You are encouraged to continue your thanksgiving for the birth of our Saviour by attending daily Mass.

HOLY HOUR

For the closing of the year and the welcoming of 2023, there will be a Holy Hour on New Year's Eve from 11:00 p.m., followed by a reception in the Parish Centre. Everyone is welcome.

JANUARY 1ST

January 1st is The Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God. The anticipated Mass is at **5:00 p.m.** on December 31st. The schedule of Masses for January 1st is 8:30 and 10:00 a.m., 12:00 noon and 5:00 p.m.

BURNABY CRISIS PREGNANCY CENTRE

We have a tradition at Saint Michael's of leaving gifts for mothers and their children by the Crib over the Christmas Season and we ask that you remember these women and babies again this year. Clothes, toys, blankets, and sleepers are all greatly appreciated. Please speak to Father Rossi if you are willing and able to deliver the gifts to the Pregnancy Centre in January.

PROJECT ADVANCE

Thanks to all those who have contributed to the 2022 Project Advance Campaign. Any additional contributions must be received by the parish **today** in order to be receipted for this calendar year.

We are united in prayer at this time with all those less fortunate than ourselves. May we, by our faith, offer His comfort and strength to friends and strangers alike, and thus hope to merit the Kingdom of Heaven.