

SAINTS JOACHIM & ANN CATHOLIC CHURCH



DECEMBER 24, 2023

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday 4:30 PM (Anticipated Sunday Mass)

Sunday 10 AM 12 PM 7 PM

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday & Wednesday 8 AM

Tuesday 7 PM

Friday 11:30 AM

Saturday 9 AM

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

30 minutes before each Mass on Sundays, Saturday 4 PM
& 15 minutes before Weekday Masses

CHRISTMAS SEASON SCHEDULE
See the last page of this bulletin

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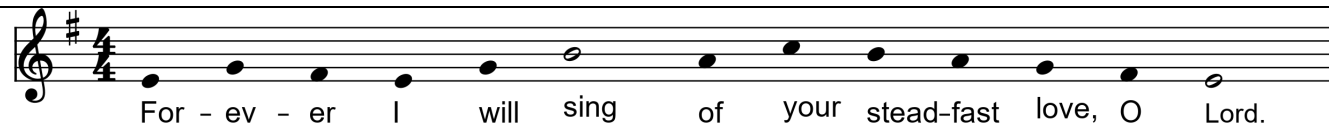
MUSIC LIST FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ENTRANCE
ANTIPHON
Psalm 19



Kyrie #124

RESPON-
SORIAL
PSALM
Ps 89



Gospel Acclamation # 265

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL



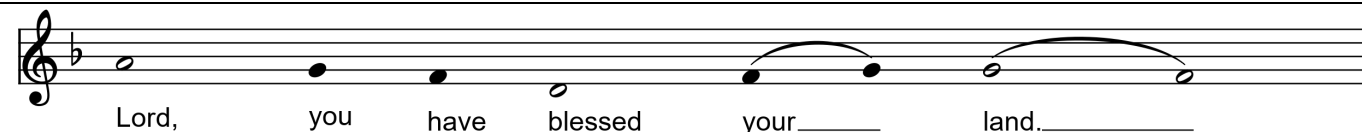
OFFERTORY HYMN # 650

HOLY HOLY # 127

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION: # 128

AGNUS DEI # 104

COMMUNION
ANTIPHON
Ps 85



COMMUNION HYMN # 491

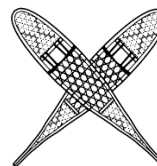
RECESSIONAL HYMN # 712

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT	
Priest's Mass Intention	
Sat. Dec. 23	
4:30 PM	For Intentions of Eileen Petras
Sun. Dec. 24	
10 AM	Robert Lashin
12 NOON	Ann Orrck
9 PM	Parishioners of Sts. Joachim & Ann
ADVENT WEEK 4	
Mon. Dec. 25 The Nativity Of The Lord	
10 AM	Rodney Pontes RIP
12 NOON	
Tue. Dec. 26 St. Stephen, The First Martyr	
7 PM	Elliott B
Wed. Dec. 27 St. John, Apostle, Evangelist	
8 AM	Herminia Ponte RIP
Thurs. Dec. 28 The Holy Innocents, Martyrs	
7 PM	Augusto Ponte RIP
Fri. Dec. 29 St. Thomas Becket, Bishop, Martyr	
11:30 AM	Sheila Quinn RIP
Sat. Dec. 30	
9 AM	Gus & Bea Hartl RIP

SNOWSHOE WITH NUNS

All women aged 18-35 are welcome!

Come spend quality time with the Religious Sisters of the Archdiocese and have fun outdoors on Saturday, January 6! We will meet at St. Anthony's Parish in West Vancouver and start with Mass at 9 a.m., then drive to Cypress for the snowshoe up Black Mountain. The trail is a 5.3-km snowshoe loop with a beautiful view at the top. There is no cost. Please pack a bagged lunch and bring your snowshoes. If you need help getting snowshoes or a ride, please contact Sister Mary Martha at smmhetzler@rcav.org. Learn more and register at beholdvancouver.org/events.



HAPPENINGS IN THE PARISH THIS WEEK

Monday		
Prayer Group	7:05 pm	Church
Saturday		
Divine Mercy Chaplet	9:30 am	Church

NEW YEAR'S EVE HOLY HOUR

December 31 — 11 PM with
Benediction at Midnight
Light Refreshments after Benediction



HELP FOR PARENTS
DEALING WITH CHILDREN AND
TEENS

Making Sense of Counterwill

The instinct to resist being controlled or coerced is one of the most perplexing and troublesome dynamics in dealing with children and youth. This video course by Dr. Gordon Neufeld reveals the dynamics controlling this instinct and provides suggestions for how to deal with it. This material is applicable for all those dealing with toddlers through adolescents: teachers, parents and helping professionals. Discussions will be facilitated by Kevin Bredeman, M.A.

On Tuesdays, from January 23 to February 20, 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., via Zoom. Cost is \$25. These workshops are not being recorded. Learn more and register at beholdvancouver.org/events.

OUR PARISH MASS ATTENDANCE CENSUS

October 2019 Average Attendance	¹ October 2020 Average Attendance	² October 2021 Average Attendance	October 2022 Average Attendance	October 2023 Average Attendance	* % Change from 2019	* % Change from 2022	* % Change from 2012
334	186	254	354	433	30%	22%	45%

MASS ATTENDANCE CENSUS FOR ALL PARISHES

82,684	18,078	49,748	61,194	69,317	-16.17%	13%	-17.09%
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¹ October 2020: Mass attendance limited to 50 people

² October 2021: No restrictions on Mass attendance



Your gift will grow your parish and expand the reach of Christ's love to those who need it most. Your tax-deductible donation will fund important works. So far, this year's appeal across the archdiocese has raised \$5,911,489.79 for funding archdiocesan goals and ministries.

OUR PARISH UPDATE AS OF DECEMBER 18, 2023

Total Raised by Our Parish	Parish Share of Diocesan goal	Total Parish Households	Donors	Donor Participation	Average Gift Amount	Parish Rebate (not subtracting administration fee)
\$50,612.96	\$15,600	161	50	31%	\$1012.26	\$35,012.96

To read the message from Archbishop Miller and to find out more about what the appeal will do on the Archdiocesan level, and how to donate online, check out <https://support.rcav.org/project-advance-2023/>

Archbishop Miller's Message for Christmas

With particular concern this Christmas, we turn our gaze to the suffering Holy Land, to Bethlehem. There the Lord came into the world in a stable and was laid in a manger where animals feed on hay, since his parents could find no room in an inn.

Let us, then, look at the scene. Mary and Joseph do not seem to be a very fortunate family. Their Child was born in the midst of great hardship. Yet, they are full of profound joy, because they love each other and they are certain that God is at work in this astonishing birth.

And the shepherds? What did they have to rejoice about? That Newborn Infant wasn't going to change their condition of poverty and marginalization. It was their simple faith that helped them to recognize that the Child wrapped in swaddling clothes was the fulfilment of God's promised Saviour for all the people.

God came among us in silence and in the darkness of night. Why like this? Because the Word of God had no need of spotlights or loud human voices. He himself is the Word who gives life its meaning. He is the Light that brightens our path: "The true light, which enlightens everyone" (Jn 1:9). Christ's birth was the victory of the Light over the darkness of evil and sin.

At Christmas we celebrate that our mighty God truly became "Emmanuel," God-with-us. No barrier or any distance can separate us from him. God is so powerful that he made himself vulnerable and came to us as a defenseless child, so that we might love him. God is so


good that he gave up the splendour of his divinity to be born in a stable, so that we might find him. In that Child Jesus, God became so close to us that we are able to speak to him personally and to enjoy a trusting relationship of deep affection with him.

To give a deeper meaning to Christmas, I urge every family to set up a Nativity scene in their home. It is a simple but effective way of passing on the beauty of the faith to your children. Let them experience amazement and wonder at Jesus' birth. The manger helps all of us to ponder in our hearts the mystery of God's love that was revealed in the poverty and simplicity of the Bethlehem stable.

Jesus comes to accompany our daily lives, to share with us in all things: our joys and sorrows, our hopes and fears. Like the shepherds on that silent night, let us set out in haste and allow ourselves to be amazed by the Child lying in a manger who is waiting to welcome us.

With my blessing, prayers and warmest best wishes for a joyous celebration of Christmas, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,
+ J. Michael Miller, CSB
Archbishop of Vancouver



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◆ CHRISTMAS ◆ SCHEDULE ◆

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Fourth Sunday of Advent

A Holy Day of Obligation - Catholics are required to attend Mass on all Sundays

Saturday, December 23 rd	4:30m pm	Mass
Sunday, December 24 th	10 am	Mass
	12 noon	Mass (in Latin)
	NO 7 PM MASS	

Christmas – The Nativity of the Lord

A Holy Day of Obligation - Catholics are required to attend Mass

Sunday, December 24 th	9 pm	Mass during the night
Monday, December 25 th	10 am	Mass
	12 noon	Mass (in Latin)

Weekdays in the Octave of Christmas

Tuesday, December 26 th St Stephen, the First Martyr	7 pm	Mass
Wednesday, December 27 th St John, Apostle & Evangelist	8 am	Mass
Thursday, December 28 th The Holy Innocents, Martyrs	7 pm	Mass
Friday, December 29 th St Thomas Becket, Bishop & Martyr	11:30 am	Mass
Saturday, December 30 th	9 am	Mass

The Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

A Holy Day of Obligation - Catholics are required to attend Mass on all Sundays

Saturday, December 30 th	4:30 pm	Mass
Sunday, December 31 st	10 am	Mass
	12 noon	Mass (in Latin)
	7 pm	Mass
	11 pm	Holy Hour with Benediction

The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

A Holy Day of Obligation - Catholics are required to attend Mass

Monday, January 1 st	10 am	Mass
Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God	12 noon	Mass (Latin)
	7 pm	Mass
