SAINTS JOACHIM & ANN CATHOLIC CHURCH

DECEMBER 31, 2023

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday 4:30 PM (Anticipated Sunday Mass)

Sunday 10 AM 12 Noon (Latin) 7PM

WEEKDAY MASSES

See Xmas Schedule inside Wednesday 8 AM

Tuesday & Thursday 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

PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

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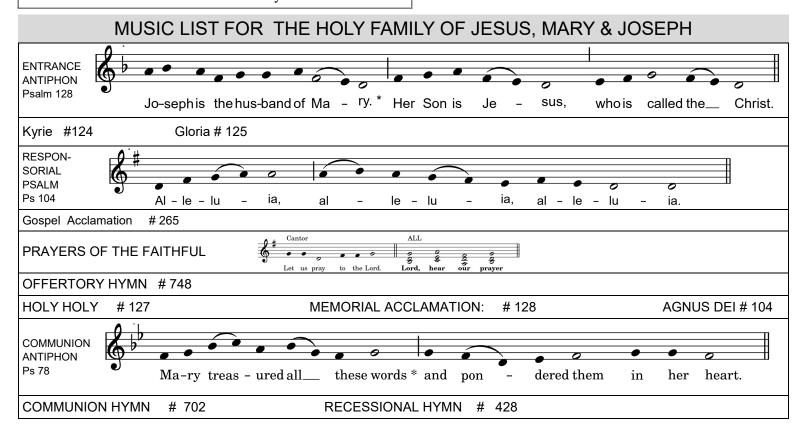
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THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

Priest's Mass Intention

Sat. Dec. 30

4:30 PM For Deceased Family of Eileen Petras

Sun. Dec. 31

10 AM Ross Lashin RIP

12 NOON Parishioners of Sts. Joachim & Ann

7 PM John Boulton RIP

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD

Mon. Jan. 1 The Solemnity of Mary

10 AM Paula Hammerle RIP

12 NOON 7 PM

WEEKDAYS IN THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

Tue. Jan. 2 St. Basil the Great; St. Gregory Nazianzen

7 PM John Boulton RIP

Wed. Jan. 3 The Most Holy Name of Jesus

8 AM Heinz Meinhard RIP

Thurs. Jan. 4

7 PM Bernemann Children & Families

Fri. Jan. 5

11:30 AM Rod Bishop

Sat. Jan. 6

9 AM George & Ursula Bernemann



Our Catholic Women's League

thanks those who gave to their appeal for coats, shoes and boots. 72 new and used pairs of foot ware and 72 new and used

parkas and coats were given to needy local children.

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



COFFEE TIME

AFTER THE 10 AM MASS Everyone welcome!



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.

SCHEDULE FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

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

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

Satuday, December 30th 4:30 pm Mass

Sunday, December 31st 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 1st 10 am Mass

Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God 12 noon Mass (Latin) 7 pm Mass



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)
\$57,162.96	\$15,600	161	59	37%	\$1012.26	\$41,562.96

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/

PRAYER

FINDING INTIMACY WITH GOD

A workshop on how to find Jesus in prayer using the Holy Bible

6 Tuesdays, January 16 — February 20 7:30 — 9 pm

after the 7 pm Mass, in the Hall
Limited space, so register by emailing the office at
parish.ssja@rcav.org or by phone at
604.857.1944
Cost: \$20.



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

Weekend Getaway Marriage Conference

We are excited to partner with <u>Family Life Canada</u> to offer weekend getaways to married couples in the Archdiocese of Vancouver!

The Weekend Getaway is a marriage conference uniquely designed to enrich your relationship. For most couples, it's a chance to reconnect, re-establish the foundation, and rekindle romance. For others, it's a fresh start. For some, it will be the weekend that saves a marriage.

Wherever you're at in your relationship, this retreat is a weekend to remember.

The atmosphere is relaxed, warm and fun! You'll hear from real couples doing real life together... God's way. You'll be given time to process what you're learning. And together, build a joyful marriage that lasts a lifetime.

The next getaway is on the weekend of February 16-18, 2024 at the Fairmont Empress in Victoria, BC. The fee is usually \$299. Use promo code **RCAVVIC** to register for \$199.

Accommodations at the Fairmont Empress Victoria for conference participants should be booked separately. Special room rate starts at \$209/night before January 26; rates may vary thereafter. The registration deadline is **Wednesday**, **February 14**, **2024**. For more information call Joyce 604-683-0281 ext. 223 or visit beholdvancouver.org/events.

Pope Francis Endorses Fundraising Christmas Song

Friends of the Holy Land is a small charity in the UK and in Palestine that works directly to support Christians and others across the area especially the West Bank and Gaza. They have produced a Christmas song in the hopes of inspiring many people throughout the world to pray in solidarity for reconciliation and peace in the Holy Land. The song, entitled *Hear Angels Cry*, has been endorsed by Pope Francis. The song is non-political – a light in the darkness, hope rising from the rubble and ruins, and a prayer for peace; a message that resonates with the Christmas message. All proceeds raised by downloading and streaming the song will help bring relief to Christians in Gaza and the West Bank. The song can also be shared and listened to free of charge on YouTube. For more information, please visit friendsoftheholyland.org.uk/appeal/angels-cry.