

# Our Lady of the Assumption Parish

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**DECEMBER 17, 2017 \* 3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Gaudete Sunday-Rejoice!)**



**Welcome!**

We are happy to have you with us! Whether you are here for the first time, visit periodically, or attend faithfully every week, you are most welcome. We would like to know you, so please introduce yourself to the priest after Mass

**PASTOR:** Rev. Ronald Thompson, M. Div., M. Ed.

**Rectory Office:** Tel: 604 942-7808

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**Office Hours: Tues. - Fri., 9am to 12 noon & 1pm to 2pm**

\*Office Closed Fri. Dec.22 at Noon til Mon.

**Jan.8th. Opens Tues., Jan.9.**

Appointments are to be pre-arranged by phone during office hours. **(NOT BY EMAIL)**

**Please leave a daytime number.**

**Sacramental Emergencies at any time.**

**Holy Sacrifice of the Mass:**

**Sunday:** Saturday: 7:00pm  
5:00pm  
Sunday: 9:00am, 11:00am & 4:00pm

**Weekday:** Mon: 7:00am  
\*Tuesday:7:00am & 7:00pm  
Wed. & Fri: 8:30am  
\*Thursday:7:00am & 8:30am

**Also: First Fridays & Weekday Solemnities:**

7:00pm

Saturday: 9:00am

**\*NB: 7:00am Mass on Tues. & Thurs. will not be celebrated on civic holidays, Christmas Season and summer months.**

**Lauds:** Wed., Thurs., Fri.: 8:15am  
Saturday: 8:45am

**Sung Vespers & Benediction:**

**Sunday: 3:30pm in the Chapel**

**Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet:**

Wed., Thurs., Fri., Sat.

After Morning Mass and Friday @3:00pm

Parishioners are invited to join Sr. Mary Sabina on Mondays, from 9-10am in the Centre for "Pray a Latte". Bring your own coffee.

## SACRAMENTS

**Reconciliation: (Confessions)**

Tuesday, 6:45pm

Wed., Thurs., Fri., 8:15am

Saturday: 9:30am & 4:00 to 4:30pm

**Baptisms:**

Usually the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays of each month at 10:00am. Parents and Godparents to be married in the Catholic Church, and parents to be registered parishioners for at least two months.

Baptism class attendance by the parents and Godparents is required before the Baptism. Call the Parish Office between 9:00am to 12 Noon & 1:00pm to 4:00pm, Tues. - Fri.

**Marriages:**

**\*\*\*Couples planning marriage must contact the Parish Priest at least 6 months before the wedding. Must attend the Marriage Preparation Course and the Catholic is to be registered here for at least two months and regularly attending Mass.**

**Funerals:**

Contact Parish Priest before making arrangements.

**Sacramentals:**

**Blessing of cars and religious articles: See Priest after Sat. pm & Sun. Masses (Only) For house blessings, please contact the office during office hours at 604 942-7808.**

## HELPFUL CONTACTS:

**OLOA School Principal:**

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**PEC Chair:** Robin 604 552-1676

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Dr. Henk Luyten 604 942-7465

**REC:** Mary-Ann 604 945-6016

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**Choir:** Sue Saturday 5pm Mass 604 942-7808

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Peter Sunday 11am Mass 604 626-1997

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**Squires:** Rick 604 942-1657

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**Sacristan:** Denisa 604 942-2513

**Altar Servers:** Peter 604 626-1997

**Legion of Mary** Agnes 604-942-3626

**Ushers**

## REFLECTION ON THE READINGS:



We can understand why a commission of inquiry was sent to the Baptist. Some Jerusalem theologians expected a Messiah who would confer a baptism through which the Spirit would be poured out. Here is John, north of the Dead Sea, near the spot where Israel once crossed the Jordan to enter the Promised Land. He is conferring a water baptism, which signifies an acceptance of the call to repentance. Who then is this man who has the crowds running to him and who makes the great cry of the prophets ring out once more after three centuries of silence? John's reply to the commission is surprising in its humility. No, he is not the Messiah. He is not Elijah returned (Mal 3:23-24) nor the great prophet that is awaited (Deut 19:18). This wholly negative statement of his identity must have left the inquirers dissatisfied. It is preserved in the New Testament because some of his followers preached a baptism which competed with that of the primitive Church. He declared himself to be only the precursor, a simple witness, a lamp lit by God for his Christ, the voice of the Word. We must also recognize our role as "Christ-bearers", called to refer by our very lives to Jesus. This humble and self-effacing role is in no way a negligible one. It is no small thing to ask us to prepare others' road to the Lord.



**MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>Dec 17</b>	
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>Dec 18</b>	<b>7:00AM</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>Dec 19</b>	<b>7:00AM</b>
		<b>7:00PM</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>Dec 20</b>	<b>6:30AM</b>
		<b>8:30AM</b>
		<b>11:00AM</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>Dec 21</b>	<b>7:00AM</b>
		<b>8:30AM</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>Dec 22</b>	<b>8:30AM</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>Dec 23</b>	<b>9:00AM</b>
		<b>5:00PM</b>

**3rd Sunday of Advent** • Parishioners  
 "O Sacred Lord" • Corazon Nava+  
 "O Root Jesse" • Thanksgiving Mass  
 "O Root Jesse" • CWL  
 "O Key David" • **Convent Mass** • Sisters of Poor Clare in Mission  
 "O Key David" • Corazon Nava+  
 "O Key David" • **Anointing Mass** • Holy Souls+  
 "O Radiant Dawn" • Elizabeth Mcvey  
 "O Radiant Dawn" • Bob Salmon+  
 "O King of Nations" • Michelina & Giovanni Arcari+  
 "O Emmanuel" • Sarah Gatzka+  
**4th Sunday of Advent** • Steve Humar

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Mon.** Justice and peace shall flourish for ever.  
**Tue.** Fill me with your praise and I will sing your glory!  
**Wed.** Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.  
**Thurs.** Cry out with joy to the Lord.  
**Fri.** My heart rejoices in the Lord, my Saviour.  
**Sat.** Lift up your heads and see; your redemption is near at hand.

**PARISH ANNOUNCEMENT**

Altar Servers Please sign which Christmas Mass you will serve on the sheet provided in your room.

**CHRISTMAS STAR TREE:** During the Season of Advent, the decorated tree in Assumption Centre (both North doors are open before and after Saturday pm & Sunday Masses). Please make sure you return your wrapped Christmas gift. Thank you & God Bless!

**CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE**

**NB: Holy Days of Obligation: along with 52 Sundays: in Canada there are two extra Holy days of obligation: these are Christmas and New Year's**

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**  
 Saturday, Dec.23, 5:00pm (No Incense)  
 Sunday, Dec.24, 9:00 & 11:00am (No 4:00pm)

**Christmas**  
 Sunday, Dec. 24, 5:00pm (No Incense), 7:00pm & Midnight  
 Monday, Dec. 25, 9:00 & 11:00am

**Sunday after Christmas (Holy Family)**  
 Saturday, Dec. 30 5:00pm (No Incense)  
 Sunday, Dec.31 9:00 & 11:00am (No 4:00pm Mass)

**New Year's (Mother of God)**  
 Sunday, Dec.31 5:00pm,(No Incense),(11:00pm Holy Hour)  
 Monday, Jan. 1 9:00 & 11:00am (No 4:00pm Mass)

Please note to all Groups the Centre is not open/available from **Sat. Dec.23- Sat., Jan. 6, 2018.**

The Sunday Missal on Page 23 has the list of Eucharistic Prayer options. Here at Assumption we use only the 1<sup>st</sup> three: either 3,2, or 1.

**TODAY**

**SECOND COLLECTION** Today, Sunday, Dec. 17 Building Fund.  
**Monday, Dec. 25:** Christmas Collection and Building Fund  
**Monday, Jan. 1:** Initial Offering (covers cost of envelopes), New Year's Day and Building Fund  
**Sunday, Jan.7** Building Fund  
 Thank you for your support!

**Today, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent is called "Gaudete"** (Latin: Rejoice!) Sunday. The wearing of the Rose Vestments & lighting of the Rose candle mark out the spirit of rejoicing that is ours as Christmas draws near.

**COFFEE AND DONUTS:** Hosted today after the 9am & 11am Masses in the Assumption Centre by the Squire & Squirettes. & Cwl on Sunday, Jan 7. There will be No Coffee & Donuts on Sunday, Dec. 24 & Sunday, Dec 31. Thank you.

**CWL:** Advent Party Sunday Dec 17<sup>th</sup> in the Parish Centre from 1:00pm-3:30pm.

**\*Today, Parish Advent Penitential Service: Sun, Dec 17-@ 7:00pm, Our Lady of the Assumption**  
 (11 Priests for Confessions; Fr. Ronald Thompson, Fr William Ashley, Fr. Mariano Barreto, Fr. Patrick Chisholm, Fr. Donald Larson, , Fr. Claude Makulu, Msgr. Bernard Rossi, Fr. Thomas Smith, Fr Craig Scott, Fr. Reynaldo Usman, & Fr. Emmerich Vogt)

**Young Adults of Assumption: Our Last event of 2017** is the Penitential Service on **Sunday, Dec.17.** We will be in the Chapel with a Priest ready to hear confessions as well as a guided examination of conscience and a testimony. Followed by a Pre-Christmas pub night (Rejoicing Sunday), bring your Christmas Sweaters!

**THIS WEEK**

**Penitential Service** at our neighbours are all at **7pm:**  
**Mon, Dec 18- St. Francis de Sales, Bby,**  
**Tues, Dec 19- St Luke's, Mple Rdge & OLO Mercy, Bby,**  
**Wed, Dec 20- St. Michael's, Bby & OLO Lourdes, Coq, Thurs, Dec. 21- OLO Fatima, Coq,**

**SENIORS' MASS OF ANOINTING: Wed, Dec 20<sup>th</sup>** at 11:00am, followed by Pre-Christmas Luncheon & Sing-along (School Play) at Assumption centre. (sign-up for Anointing only) Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin boards in Vestibule.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO DECORATE THE CHURCH:**  
 -To put up the 2 trees on **Thurs., Dec. 21 @ 9:30am**  
 -To decorate the Church on **Fri., Dec.22 @ 9:30am**

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**½ Day Recollection** –There will be a ½ day Recollection on **Saturday, January 13 at 10 am – 12:30 pm,** given by Brother Joseph Selinger OP, at the Assumption Centre. **ALL PARISHIONERS ARE INVITED!**

**Kindergarten Application Notice:** Our Lady of the Assumption School will begin taking applications for the **2018-19 Kindergarten class beginning January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018 until January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018.** Application forms will be available for pick-up in the school office or may be **downloaded from the school website as of January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018.**

**READY SET LEARN FOR 3 AND 4 YEAR OLDS!** Our Lady of Assumption School, in conjunction with the Ministry of Education, will be hosting a **complimentary Early Literacy Workshop.** The workshop will take place on **Friday, January 19th from 12:30 -2:30pm.** Children will be brought to the Kindergarten class at 12:30pm to participate in Early Literacy Activities with Ms. Heffernan and Mrs. Pignatelli. At 2:00pm parents are asked to return to the kindergarten class and will join their children working at centres completing activities on literacy, numeracy and social skills development. Free take home materials will be provided. Please register early as space is limited - registration **deadline is Monday January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018.** Contact the office at Our Lady of the Assumption School at 604-942-5522 (8:30 am to 3 pm) or email us at: [info@assumptionschool.com](mailto:info@assumptionschool.com)

Mark your **calendars for 2018:** Pre-Lenten Parish Mission Mon-Thurs. **January 22-25.** Fr. Ricardo Pineda CPM. (protégé of Fr. Wade Menezes CPM.)

**Parish Retreat at the Abbey, in Mission, Fri.Feb.2 7:30pm, Sun. Feb.4, 1:30pm** with Fr. David Bellusci O.P. Topic... "Power of God's Love". Cost \$165.00. Contact the Office.



**ONGOING**

**NEW TO THE PARISH?**

If you are new to the Parish, please fill out a Registration Form available in the foyer and drop it in the Collection Basket. If you would like Donation Envelopes and/or the BC Catholic please remember to check the boxes on the registration form. For those already registered, any changes such as your address, tel. #, etc., please contact the Parish Office at 604 942-7808. **Direct Deposit** is a good option for your giving. The blue form for regular Sunday contribution is taken on the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month and the pink form for the Building Fund is taken on the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month. **NB:** The Building Fund contributions are not taxed by the Diocese, whereas the regular Sunday contributions are taxed at 14%.

**2018 CHURCH DONATION ENVELOPES**

Available for pick up in the Church Vestibule. (**not the same # as 2017!**). As an incentive we ask at this time for those **ONLY** who are **picking up your 2018 Envelopes, that you may also pick up 1 calendar at this time in consideration of others. Please DO NOT use 2018 envelopes until Jan 2018. Thank you!** If you would like a **2018 box of envelopes**, please sign up in the **binder** provided (by the bulletin board in the vestibule) or fill out a blue registration form and drop it off in the collection basket. **It will then be out by the following Sunday for pickup in the vestibule. If you would like an emailed copy of the bulletin please email the office @ [assumptionofmary@shaw.ca](mailto:assumptionofmary@shaw.ca). The office will NOT share your email. Thank you!**

**ASSUMPTION BINGO:** Fridays at 6:20pm in the Gym.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

**Eucharistic Adoration in our Chapel**

We are looking for **Eucharistic Adorers** for the following days and times: **Monday's: 7:30am-9:00am & 5-6pm, Tuesday's: 7:30am-9:00am, 5-6pm & 6-7pm, Wednesday's: 11:00 to 12:00, Friday's: 5-6pm.** If you can assist please call Remi @ 604 469-9307. "Can you watch one hour with me?" Mt. 26:40.  
**\*\*\*No Adoration, Monday, Dec.25, Tuesday, Dec.26 & Monday, Jan. 1.**

**PROJECT ADVANCE UPDATE**

**"ONE FAITH, ONE CHURCH, ONE FAMILY"**  
**FINAL STRETCH!!! ONLY 1 MORE WEEK TO GO** and our total pledges add up to **\$159,506.99.** We just need **\$3,493.01** to reach our goal. We need everyone's generous participation! If every parishioner made a pledge, big or small we could certainly make it!  
 You may drop your pledge in the collection basket or at the Parish Office until Christmas. You may also make your pledge online at [www.projectadvance.ca](http://www.projectadvance.ca) until the end of the year.  
**"LIVE GRATEFULLY, GIVE GENEROUSLY"**  
 God bless you all.  
 José López - 2017 Project Advance Manager



**Financial Giving:**

Our thanks to those who continue to contribute generously to the parish. Along with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Commandment to attend Holy Mass each Sunday, we also have the Precept of the Catholic Church to financially give of our resources to the parish. In practice, the suggested minimum amount is one hour's wage (or 2.5% weekly). [The Biblical meaning of Tithing is actually 10%]. Where possible, we ask that you might consider your amount of giving. Increase of costs are a reality for us all. [\$5.00 won't buy a MacMeal.] The Lord loves a cheerful giver. Indeed, the amount we measure out is the amount we will receive. Thank you.



Thank you to a generous donor, our Parish will continue with the **free website program "formed"**. Our **Parish code to access Formed.org is F7DPJB**. **Important:** Do not sign up as an individual. Our Parish access code provides more content than an individual subscription.

**MAINTAINING A PRAYERFUL ENVIRONMENT**

Maintaining a prayerful...  
 "Hearing Mass": The whole of the Mass is a prayer. Although there is regularity in the words, these are not said/prayed without purposeful thought and intentionality. Each word (especially by the celebrant) is to be prayed with fervency. Thus, in order to be caught up in the prayer & its meaning, the least amount of distraction of outside sound is to be avoided. For example, when young children "chatter", when the need arises, we ask that parents take them for a walk to the vestibule (better to be near the entrance for this). From there, simply take them into one of the family rooms. As these rooms are not large, we ask that where possible, only one parent be present. Also, the vestibule is not soundproof. We hope that even at a very young age, children learn that, to be in Church is a special place and not a "playground". Thanks to families for your understanding and cooperation to help maintain a truly quiet, prayerful & sacred environment at Holy Mass.

**COMMENDING OF THE SICK**  
 We commend to your prayers the sick of the parish, including:  
 Carolyn Bowen, Elsie Charyna, Alice Colosimo, Betty Dechant, Hedwig Haner Kebritz, Venessa Miller, Daphne Nagle and Marie Richard. Thank you.

**HOW TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION**

-The CCC# 1415 states: "Anyone who desires to receive Christ in Eucharistic Communion must be in the state of grace. Anyone aware of having sinned mortally must not receive communion without having received absolution in the sacrament of penance."  
 -If one is not receiving Holy Communion, but rather receiving a blessing; then bow your head & cross your hands over your chest. Do not put your hands this way,(to prevent confusion), if you desire to receive Holy Communion. Rather, to receive Holy Communion, in all situations, the hands are to be folded or joined.  
 -Placing oneself around the Rail highlights the time of immediate preparation to receive the Blessed Sacrament or a blessing. Remember that the priest (or minister) is the guardian and protector of the Eucharist.  
 -Either one kneels or stands; one receives on the tongue or in your crossed hands. Hands are to be flattened, cupped slightly (to make a throne) but not curled up. "The host is laid in the palm of the left hand (on top) & then taken by the (underneath) right hand". USCCB, after receiving, one may make the sign of the cross with this right hand.  
 -When kneeling, tilt your head back, slightly extend your tongue. If receiving on the hand, please ensure that your hands are parallel to the rail, not tilted, to prevent needing to press on the host to prevent slipping.  
 -When standing, either on the tongue or with crossed hands, consume the host before you move away. The host is not a "show- piece: do not make the sign of the cross with the host before you consume. Do not place the host in your mouth with the same hand that you receive (like a poker-chip twirl?) It is the Anglican custom, not Catholic, to lift the host directly to the mouth with both hands together.  
 -If there is any malady (arthritis?), for protection of the Eucharist, the option of receiving on the tongue is to be preferred; so too, if you have ink on your hand.  
 -Ensure that you respond "Amen" to the words "the Body of Christ". This assists the minister to know that you are a practicing Catholic.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Dec. 17 <b>3rd Sunday of Advent (Gaudete)</b> "Pope Francis:1936" "O Wisdom" 9:00am Mass 11:00am Mass 1-3:30pm Cwl Advent Party 3:30pm Vespers 4:00pm Mass (School Choir) 7:00pm OLOA Penance Service (11 Priests)	Dec. 18 <b>"O Sacred Lord"</b> 7:00am Mass 9:00-10:00am PRAY A LATTE @ Centre 10:00am Legion of Mary (7:00pm Penance: St. Francis De Sales)	Dec. 19 <b>"O Root Jesse"</b> 7:00am Mass 7:00pm Mass (7:00pm Penance: St. Luke's & OL of Mercy) (No Talks)	Dec. 20 <b>"O Key of David"</b> 6:30am Convent Mass 8:30am Mass 11:00am Seniors' Anointing Mass & Luncheon 4/6/7 Prep Classes (7:00pm Penance: St. Michael & OL of Lourdes)	Dec. 21 <b>"O Radiant Dawn"</b> 7:00am Mass 8:30am Mass 1:00pm & 7:00pm School Christmas Concert (7:00pm Penance: OL of Fatima)	Dec. 22 <b>"O King of Nations"</b> 8:30am Mass 9:00am School Assembly (9:00am K of C Hampers) 9:30am Trees up & Decoration 5-8pm Stronghold Party (6:20pm Bingo)	Dec. 23 <b>"O Emmanuel"</b> 9:00am Mass 10:00am Fusco Marriage 5:00pm Mass (No Incense)
Dec. 24 <b>4th Sunday of Advent</b> 9:00am Mass 11:00am Mass 12noon Christmas flower decoration (No 4:00pm Mass) <b>CHRISTMAS EVE</b> 5:00pm Mass (No Incense) 7:00pm Mass Midnight Mass	Dec. 25 <b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b> 9:00am Mass (Children's Procession to the Crib) 11:00am Mass (No 4:00pm Mass)	Dec. 26 <b>ST. STEPHEN</b> (Boxing Day) (No 7:00am Mass) 7:00pm Mass	Dec. 27 <b>ST. JOHN, APOSTLE</b> 8:30am Mass	Dec. 28 <b>HOLY INNOCENTS</b> (No 7:00am Mass) 8:30am Mass	Dec. 29 <b>5TH DAY of Christmas</b> 8:30am Mass (6:20pm Bingo)	Dec. 30 <b>6TH DAY of Christmas</b> 9:00am Mass 5:00pm Mass (No Incense)
Dec. 31 <b>HOLY FAMILY</b> 9:00am Mass 11:00am Mass (No 4:00pm Mass) <b>New Year's Eve</b> 5:00pm Mass (No Incense) (11:00pm Holy Hour)	Jan. 01 <b>MOTHER OF GOD NEW YEAR'S DAY</b> 9:00am Mass 11:00am Mass (No 4:00pm Mass)	Jan. 02 (No 7:00am Mass) 7:00pm Mass	Jan. 03 8:30am Mass	Jan. 04 (No 7:00am Mass) 8:30am Mass	Jan. 05 <b>(1st Friday)</b> 8:30am Mass (6:20pm Bingo) 6:45pm Benediction 7:00pm Mass	Jan. 06 9:00am Mass 10:00am Baptism 5:00pm Mass
Jan. 07 <b>EPIPHANY OF THE LORD</b> 9:00am Mass 11:00am Mass 3:30pm Vespers 4:00pm Mass	Jan. 08 <b>BAPTISM OF THE LORD</b> 7:00am Mass 9:00-10:00am PRAY A LATTE @ Centre	Jan. 09 7:00am Mass 7:00pm Mass 7:30pm Talks on the Faith (Br. Joseph)	Jan. 10 6:30am Convent Mass 8:30am Mass 4/6/7pm Prep Classes resume	Jan. 11 7:00am Mass 8:30am Mass	Jan. 12 8:30am Mass (6:20pm Bingo)	Jan. 13 9:00am Mass 10:30am Line Dancing 5:00pm Mass

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**DECEMBER 17, 2017**

**Prayers of the Faithful:**

1. That each member of the Church on earth may be watchful and ready for Christ's coming, let us pray to the Lord.
2. That the leaders of nations may grant liberty to people who have been unjustly imprisoned, let us pray to the Lord.
3. That the poor and downhearted may hear the Good News and know the kindness of active Christians, let us pray to the Lord.
4. That we may hold on to what is good and avoid every form of evil, let us pray to the Lord.
5. That our young people thoughtfully consider a vocation to the Priesthood or Consecrated Life, let us pray to the Lord.
6. "For an end to abortion and euthanasia, let us pray to the Lord."
7. For the intentions close to our heart (pause for 5 seconds), let us pray to the Lord.