



Friends,

We begin the Season of Advent this Sunday. Advent has a two-fold nature. First, it is a time to prepare for Christmas, when we recall Christ's first coming among us. Secondly, it is also a time when we look forward to his coming again in glory. It is a season of hope, love, and joyful expectation. Indeed, Advent symbolizes our spiritual journey, as we affirm that Christ has come and became one like us in all things but sin, has risen in the world today, and that he will come again in power.

Here are five things we should remember as we enter the Advent Season:

*First, on Saturday, November 27<sup>th</sup> (8:30am - 3:45pm) we will be having a **MINI-PARISH MISSION**. Speakers are **Pat & Vicki Conroy**, founders of the Agape Street Ministry in downtown eastside Vancouver & Surrey. Come and bring a friend, a neighbour, a co-worker. Come with an open heart and an open mind and be prepared for a great mission! If you are planning to attend, we kindly ask you to bring a bag of lunch. Coffee, tea and goodies are provided. I look forward to seeing you there!*

*Secondly, on Sunday, November 28<sup>th</sup> at 7pm, we will have a solemn '**Vigil for all Nascent Human Life**'. As we approach Christmas, Pope Benedict XVI invites us; sons and daughters of God, to hold a vigil for the protection of life from conception to natural death. We are aware of the danger that threatens human life and we need to be proactive to prevent them. Come and join us as we prepare ourselves to celebrate the birthday of Jesus!*

*Thirdly, we are counting on your generosity in donations of flowers --- poinsettias or white and yellow mums --- in memory of or thanksgiving for someone this Christmas. Every year, our Church looks splendid and extra special because of these donated flowers. If you do provide flowers, please drop them off at the Msgr. Flynn Room by December 24<sup>th</sup>. Thank you in advance!*

*Fourthly, we will be having our **Food Bank Drive** during the whole Advent Season. As Christmas evokes love and generosity in our hearts, let's take this opportunity to show our love and communion with the needy especially during this Christmas season! You may drop-off your donations of non-perishable items in the Mother Teresa's Pantry which will be located outside the Msgr. Flynn room.*

*Lastly, our **Parish Penance Celebration** will be on Tuesday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 7PM. I hope that you are able to come and celebrate! There will be at least 7 priests who will be hearing confessions that night. Through the Sacrament of Penance, may we really come to know the depth of God's love!*

For myself and on behalf of the Parish Pastoral Council, I wish you and your family a faith-filled, blessed and happy Christmas! May this season bring us together....deeper and closer in Christ!

I look forward to celebrating with you this Christmas! Know that Jesus, our Emmanuel, God-with-us, is the main reason of the season! May the year 2010 bring you peace, good health and prosperity!

Yours in Christ,  
Fr. Rex M. Velmonte

Christmas 2010

# CHRISTMAS SCHEDULES:

## CONFESSION TIMES:

December 14 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday	7PM	<i>Parish Penance Celebration</i>
December 16 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday		Christ the King Parish, Oliver
December 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Wednesday	4-5PM	

## MASSES ---

### DECEMBER 12<sup>th</sup> (Sunday):

*Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe* 10:30AM Mass

### DECEMBER 24<sup>th</sup> (Friday):

Christmas Eve	6:30PM	Christmas Carols
	7PM	<b>FAMILY MASS/</b> Christmas Pageant
Midnight Mass	11:30PM	Christmas Carols
	12AM	<b>MASS</b>

### DECEMBER 25<sup>th</sup> (Saturday):

Christmas Day 10AM **MASS**

### FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY (December 26<sup>th</sup> --- Sunday):

Saturday	NO MASS
Sunday	8:30 & 10:30AM

### DECEMBER 31<sup>st</sup> (Friday):

New Year's Eve	4:30PM	Christmas Carols
	5PM	<b>MASS</b>
	7PM	<i>Holy Hour Adoration</i>

### JANUARY 1<sup>st</sup> (Saturday): *(Holy Day of Obligation)*

New Year's Day 10AM **MASS**

### EPIPHANY OF THE LORD (January 2<sup>nd</sup> --- Sunday):

Sunday 8:30 & 10:30AM

*May You Have A Blessed Christmas  
& A Promising, Happy New Year!!!*