



MERRY CHRISTMAS

FROM CHRIST THE REDEEMER PARISH

Christmas, The Nativity of the Lord—December 25, 2020

What if the God that you've
always been looking for...
The God that the human race has
always been looking for...
What if he came looking for
YOU?

THE
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A GLANCE AT OUR PARISH CALENDAR

Thursday	December 24	7:45 pm	Christmas Carols	rebrand.ly/ctrmass
		8:00 pm	Christmas Eve Mass	rebrand.ly/ctrmass
Friday	December 25	9:45 am	Christmas Carols	rebrand.ly/ctrmass
		10:00 am	Christmas Mass	rebrand.ly/ctrmass
		12-4 pm	Church open for prayer	Church
Saturday	December 26	11:00 am	Boxing Day Zoom (Skating) Party	rebrand.ly/ctr-boxingday
Sunday	December 27	10:00 am	Sunday Mass livestream	rebrand.ly/ctrmass

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

L = Live Streamed Mass online at rebrand.ly/ctrmass.

No Public Masses

Thursday Dec 24	L	8:00 pm	CHRISTMAS EVE
Friday Dec 25	L	10:00 am	CHRISTMAS DAY <i>The Nativity of the Lord</i>
Saturday Dec 26			<i>St. Stephen</i>
Sunday Dec 27	L	10:00 am	Hank Giefing† <i>The Feast of the Holy Family</i>
Monday Dec 28			Peter Fensslein† <i>The Holy Innocents</i>
Tuesday Dec 29			Albert Cloutier †
Wednesday Dec 30			Andrea Buhler †
Thursday Dec 31			Ken Beesley †



THE TRADITION CONTINUES!

A beloved Christmas tradition at Christ the Redeemer is the parish's annual Boxing Day skate. While we aren't able to skate this year, the tradition lives on through our Boxing Day Zoom Party! **Join us online this Saturday, December 26th from 11am - 12pm** for activities and games for all ages to enjoy including trivia, breakout rooms for high school youth, story time for kids, Christmas visits with Msgr. and Fr. Jeff, and more. **RSVP at rebrand.ly/ctr-boxingday** so we can send you the Zoom link.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Lindsay Maingot

Margaret Ryan (*sister of Denise Wild*)

All those affected by the COVID-19 virus

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Kathy Barcnas, Thelma Bayley, Stanley Bednarski, Helen Bush, Ron Buziol, Noel Callahan, Stephanie Cameron-Antil, Mark Ceraldi, Veronica Chan, Kathy Cheng, Frank & Rowena Cheung, Cathy Chun, Caleb Clarke, Patricia Collingwood, Jason Costa, Leo Dy, Ted Ewbank, Carol Fung, Nancy Fung, Marilyn Goulet, Germaine Guay, Annie Mackenzie, Vern McLeish, Mary Menescardi, Josef Mlick, Simon Ngui, Sei Joon Park, Paula Pelletier, Gloria Serrano, Breda Sheehan, Theresa Sheehan, Linwood Trask, Thua Tran Thai, Molly Waechter and Sierra Watton

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Pray for the Repose of the Soul of

Silvia Bednarski (*mother of Valerie Dong*)

Roberto Cabrera

Jacqueline Gomez-Burke (*sister of Andrea Ridgedale*)

Celia Mok (*mother of Sylvia Tsakok*)

ARCHBISHOP MILLER'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Full message here: rcav.org/announcements/7741



Whatever difficulties this pandemic has brought to you and your loved ones, I encourage you to invite the Holy Family to accompany you in your suffering. Jesus, Mary and Joseph know full well what you're going through. Hardship and heartache were their lot too on that first Christmas. They want to be with us today, reminding us that the Saviour born that day so long ago is forever Emmanuel, God-with-us.

Christmas in 2020 is being celebrated more simply this year, with no parties, fewer gifts, and livestreamed Masses instead of crowded churches. It takes us to the heart of the great mystery. With his birth by the Virgin Mary, the eternal God consecrated the world and his light will never be extinguished.



CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

The **Christmas special collection**, taken on **December 24 & 25**, is a crucial collection to the life of the parish and a separate offering from Dedicated Giving. You may give using the **pink envelope** in your envelope box or online at rebrand.ly/christmas-offering. Thank you for supporting our parish during the Christmas season!



FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY MASS WITH FR. RICHARD

Fr. Richard Conlin will be the principal celebrant and homilist at Mass **this Sunday**, December 27. As soon as we are able, we hope to have a Solemn First Mass in person with Fr. Richard. Until then, we look forward to welcoming him online as a parish.



INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

If you are an adult who would like to know more about becoming Catholic, join us on Zoom for RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) on **Tuesday January 19, 2021 at 7pm** and every Tuesday night thereafter. If you are a baptised Catholic but have not received other sacraments like Confirmation, this is also for you. Catholics who want to deepen their knowledge of their faith are welcome too! To register, please email the office at office@ctrwestvan.ca



NEW YEAR'S ADORATION

The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for Adoration on **New Year's Day, January 1**—which also happens to be the First Friday of the month—from **12—3 pm**. Make a visit to pray and welcome the new year with Christ! There will not be Benediction due to the Public Health Order.



2021 ENVELOPES AVAILABLE

Your 2021 Sunday Contribution envelopes are **now available for pickup** in the church foyer during open hours. If you weren't assigned envelopes and would like to receive them, please contact the parish office.



CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saturday: No confessions on Boxing Day
Sundays: 4:00—4:30 pm

CHRISTMAS SEASON HOURS

O, Come Let Us Adore Him! Make a brief visit to the church on Christmas to pray in front of the creche. Christmas music will be playing throughout.



Church hours for private prayer (Dec 24—Dec 26):

Thursday (Christmas Eve)	9:30 am—4:30 pm
Friday (Christmas)	12:00—4:00 pm
Saturday (Boxing Day)	12:00—3:00 pm

Church hours for private prayer (Dec 27—Jan 2):

Sunday	12:00—4:30 pm
Mon	Closed for cleaning
Tues—Thurs	9:30 am—4:30 pm
Friday (New Year's Day)	12:00—3:00 pm (Adoration)
Saturday	9:30 am—3:00 pm

Office closures:

The Parish Office will be **closed** on December 25; Monday, December 28; and January 1. If you have trouble reaching a priest in an emergency, please contact **604-657-3715**.

WATCH "THE CHOSEN" OVER CHRISTMAS

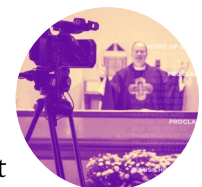


"The Chosen" is an original series about the early ministry of Jesus and the life of his disciples. With an IMDb rating of 9.7 and a 99% Rotten Tomatoes score, the Chosen has captured audiences around the world, both Christian and non-Christian.

Between **December 26-28**, you can view all 8 episodes through the Archdiocese's 'Behold' page on Facebook at facebook.com/beholdvancouver. Join the 'watch parties' and comment as you participate!

PROJECT ADVANCE

There is still time to make your Project Advance donation in support of this year's campaign. You can **donate online** with just a few clicks at projectadvance.ca/ctr or call the office.



2020 DONATIONS

If you plan to make a donation before the end of the year and want it to be included in your 2020 tax receipt, please make sure it is received by the parish office before **December 31, 2020**.

