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Parish Choir	Anna Hughes	
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Youth Choir	Vanessa Lowing	

YOUTH MINISTRY Shelly Coish Ext. 223

EDGE Programme: Grade 6, 7 & 8

Please join us on the 2nd and 4th Friday of the month

Lifeteen Programme: High School Students

Please join us on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month

OTHER APOSTOLATES

Bereavement	Please call the parish office	
Legion of Mary	Fran Baduel	Ext. 504
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SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil 4:30pm
Sunday 8:30am, 10:00am, 11:30am, 7:00pm
(Rosary 15 minutes before each Mass)

DAILY MASSES

Monday to Friday 7:30am
Wednesday 7:00pm
Saturday 8:30am
First Friday 7:30pm
First Saturday: 11:00am Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite (Latin)
(Mass will be offered at 10:00am on Public Holidays)

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE (CONFESSIONS)

Saturday 9:00 to 9:30am, 3:45 to 4:15pm.
Sunday: 15 minutes prior to each Holy Mass
(Any time by appointment)

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Wednesday between the morning and evening Masses
First Fridays after morning Mass until 6:30pm Holy Hour

DEVOTIONS

Our Lady of Perpetual Help: Every Wednesday at 7:00pm
First Friday: Holy Hour at 6:30pm

BAPTISM

Baptisms are celebrated at least once per month. Parents are to be registered parishioners. To register your child for baptism, pick-up a baptism package in the parish office.

MARRIAGE

Couples planning to be married contact the parish office at least one year in advance. No wedding date is to be set before consultation with the Priests/Deacons. At least one of the parties must be a registered parishioner.

RITE OF INITIATION OF ADULTS INTO THE CATHOLIC FAITH (RCIA)

Interested in becoming Catholic? Please contact the office.


PASTORAL CARE OF THE ILL OR HOMEBOUND

Requests for the Sacrament of the Sick, prayers or visitations, please call the parish office.

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!

To be a registered member of our parish is to have a sense of belonging to the Catholic Church locally. Please introduce yourself to the Priests or Deacons and register in the office.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

 Mass Intentions & Parish Activities
<u>MONDAY 10 DECEMBER</u> 7:30am Mass: + Santiago Badaraco 3:30pm: Youth Choir 7:30pm: RCIA meeting (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)
<u>TUESDAY 11 DECEMBER – ST DAMASUS I, POPE</u> 7:30am Mass: + Anastasia Chin-King 8:30pm: Gregorian Schola
<u>WEDNESDAY 12 DECEMBER – OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE</u> 7:30am Mass: + Joseph Lowery 3:30pm: Youth Choir 7:00pm Mass: Multiple Mass Intentions 8:00pm: Parish Choir
<u>THURSDAY 13 DECEMBER – ST LUCY, VIRGIN & MARTYR</u> 7:30am Mass: + Albert Joseph 7:00pm: Legion of Mary meeting
<u>FRIDAY 14 DECEMBER – ST JOHN OF THE CROSS, PRIEST & DOCTOR</u> 7:30am Mass: Special Intentions – Dawn Foster 7:30pm Mass: Marie Ninone Noel
<u>SATURDAY 15 DECEMBER</u> 8:30am Mass: Multiple Mass Intentions 4:30pm Mass: + Clem, Jules & Maxim Faust
<u>SUNDAY 16 DECEMBER – THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT</u> 8:30am Mass: + Philomena & Lionel Dias 10:00am Mass: Pro Populo 11:30am Mass: + Jorgelina DeMelo 7:00pm Mass: + Bienvenido Pajardo Jr.

**THIS WEEK THE SANCTUARY LAMP BURNS
IN MEMORY OF RONALD BURNETT**

FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

THE VOICE CRYING IN THE WILDERNESS

Today the Gospel introduces the figure of St. John the Baptist “proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins”. St. Luke, from whose Gospel we will be reading during this liturgical year which has just begun, gives us very precise historical details of just when all these events took place—events which were to usher in Our Lord’s public ministry, the era of the Messiah. This emphasis on dates and historically verifiable persons was divinely guided. The Holy Spirit, Who inspires all Sacred Scripture, foresaw that a time would come when some people would question the very fact of Christ’s existence, let alone His saving Work for all humanity. With this in view, He made sure that St. Luke put down every detail which would show future generations that all he writes about is no myth or legend, but the simple truth. So John the Baptist has a very special role in history—he is the person chosen by God to introduce the world to its Saviour. The coming of that Saviour had long been foretold by such great prophets as Isaiah—who lived over 600 years before Our Lord was born. We remember too the Creed: “We believe in the Holy Spirit...who has spoken through the prophets”. Like the Evangelists, the Prophets too were especially chosen and guided by the Holy Spirit in what they wrote. Although their words come from so many centuries ago and were written in another language for people with very different experiences of life, those words still speak to us today

because of the presence in them of the Spirit of God who ensures that those writings remain ever fresh and full of truth for every generation yet to come, until the end of the world. John’s message was very urgent, calling for repentance, urging the people who had grown cold in their faith to turn back to God. How can this be so? Surely the Jewish people of Our Lord’s day were all very religious? Yes, they were religious in the sense that they believed in the Scriptures as being God’s word, and believed that they belonged to the unique race especially chosen by God to be His people. Yet they had made serious mistakes concerning God’s plan for them. They believed that the Messiah foretold by Isaiah would be a great military leader who would drive out the pagans and set up a new religious state in which they could hold their heads high. These were known as the “zealots” and at least one of the Apostles had been one of these before Our Lord called him. Like John the Baptist, the zealots lived not in the city, but out in the wilderness, in fanatical communities where they studied the writings of the prophets and prepared for war against the Romans. But John the Baptist was not like the zealots. His preaching did not prepare anyone for war, except for the war against sin. He wanted only to prepare people for the coming of Almighty God into their midst. Would they be ready? Would they know Him when He arrived? Would they listen to His voice and teaching? Well, it is thanks to John’s faithful ministry that some at least were. Some of his own followers became the first to follow Our Lord, including St. Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. They had learned so much from John that they were able to recognise Jesus as the Christ, the Messiah, the true fulfilment of Isaiah’s prophecies. John’s preaching was to “prepare a way for the Lord” by making “His paths straight”. The winding paths are those which we cannot see far along, in which we take refuge as in half-truths. Similarly, John was called to fulfil Isaiah’s prophecy as the forerunner by “filling in every valley and laying low every mountain”. These are not the valleys and mountains of geography, but of the human soul. John called men and women to look into their hearts and souls and see where the ruggedness of selfishness and sin kept God out. Repentance would put an end to that and make them ready for Christ. That is why John’s message is not for his time only, but speaks to every time, including our own.

FEASTS OF THE WEEK

St Damasus (d.384) Though born in Rome he was a Spaniard, elected Pope in 366. He introduced various reforms, including commissioning his friend (St) Jerome to correct the Latin Bible. During his pontificate, Catholicism became the religion of the Roman State, and many previously neglected sacred sites and churches were restored by him.

Our Lady of Guadalupe When St Juan Diego Cuatitlatoatzin reported Our Lady’s apparition to his bishop, he asked for a sign. Our Lady told Juan to gather the flowers around her into his cloak and to take it rolled up until he was in the presence of the bishop. When Juan unrolled the cloak, Our Lady’s image was emblazoned on the cloak which is still preserved in Mexico. Science has only been able to confirm that the image is ‘not made by hands’. Our Lady of Guadalupe is the Patron of the Americas and of unborn children.

St Lucy (d.304) Mentioned in the Roman Canon, she suffered martyrdom in the last and greatest persecution of the early Church under the Emperor Diocletian. Legend has it that her eyes were put out and so she is the patron of those who suffer from eye complaints.

St John of the Cross (1542-91) A Carmelite friar in his native Spain he agreed to assist his friend St Theresa of Avila in reforming the Carmelite Order which had become very lax and thus the Discalced Carmelites were founded. He suffered much persecution from his community, resistant to change. Known as the 'Mystical Doctor', he wrote many mystical works including *Ascent to Mount Carmel* and *The Dark Night of the Soul*.



**DAY OF CONFESSION
ST ISAAC JOGUES**

Wednesday 19 December
9:00 - 10:00am, 1:00 - 2:00pm
and 6:00 - 7:00pm

Regular Penance Schedule:

Saturday 9:00 to 9:30am, 3:45 to 4:15pm.
Sunday: 15 minutes prior to each Holy Mass.
(Any time by appointment)

Please Notice This



The office will be **closed from noon Friday, December 21st through Sunday, January 6th.** The office will reopen on Monday, January 7th, 2019 at 9:00am.

RIGHT TO LIFE CHRISTMAS CARDS are now on sale in the foyer after all Masses. Please support this worthwhile cause "Keep Christ in Christmas" magnets will also be available.

All requests for reference letters, Sacraments, teaching, etc., will only be provided to those who are registered members of the parish and active in parish life. Please think ahead and get involved.



Please do not park in front of St. Isaac Jogues School beside the wall where it is posted "Fire Route" or "School Bus Loading Zone" otherwise you may be ticketed.

Also, the road allowance in front of the church on Finch Avenue is signed "No Parking" and must be observed to avoid a ticket.

Kindly remember the designated accessible parking spots in front of the church are for those who are handicapped. A current valid permit must be displayed and clearly visible on the vehicle's sun visor or front dash.

Smile of the Day:

What happens to astronauts who misbehave?
They're grounded.



CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

Monday 24 December
4:00pm, 6:00pm, 8:00pm, 10:00pm
& 12 Midnight

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

Tuesday 25 December
10:00am & 11:30am

NO 8:30am OR EVENING MASS

FEAST OF ST STEPHEN, THE FIRST MARTYR

Wednesday 26 December 10:00am

ST. JOHN, APOSTLE & EVANGELIST

Thursday 27 December - 7:30am

THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS

Friday 28 December - 7:30am

**MEMORIAL OF ST THOMAS BECKET,
BISHOP & MARTYR**

Saturday 29 December 8:30am
Fifth Day of the Octave of Christmas

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

Saturday 29 December 4:30pm
Sunday 30 December 8:30, 10:00 & 11:30am
& 7:00pm

Monday 31 December 7:30am

Seventh Sunday of the Octave of Christmas

**THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY,
THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**

Holy Day of Obligation ~ New Year's Eve Mass
Monday 31 December 4:30pm
New Year's Day Masses
Tuesday 1 January
10:00am, 11:30am & 7:00pm (no 8:30am Mass)

WEDNESDAY 2 JANUARY

7:30am & 7:00pm - *St Basil the Great & St Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors*

THURSDAY 3 JANUARY

7:30am - *Christmas Weekday - The Most Holy Name of Jesus*

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