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Parish Office Hours
Mon-Fri 8:30AM-4PM

Weekend Masses
廣東話主日提前彌撒:
星期六 下午四時
Sat 4 PM (Cantonese),
5:30 PM
Sun 9 AM, 11 AM, 6 PM

Weekday Masses
Mon-Sat 8 AM
Public Holidays 9 AM

Confession
20 minutes before all
weekend Masses and
15 minutes before all
weekday Masses

Morning Prayer
Mon-Sat 7:30 AM

Adoration
Fri 8:30-9:30 AM
1st Fri 8:30 AM-6:30 PM

Holy Rosary
Mon-Sat after morning Mass

Divine Mercy Chaplet
10 minutes before all weekend
Masses

Visit to the Sick
Please call Parish Office or
Emergency number
604-729-7638

Baptisms
by appointment

Marriages
at least 6 months notice

Second Sunday of Advent
December 09, 2018

December 09, 2018—Second Sunday of Advent
“And this is my prayer: that your love may increase
and every kind of perception, to discern what is of God.”

Glittery holiday ads can blind us to our stewardship
wants. It is important that during this season of end
of us also has the need to give back to God and to

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

- Dec 08 Saturday, Immaculate Conception of Blessed Virg...
Yvonne
Felix &
- Dec 09 Second Sunday of Advent (P).....Pietro E
- Dec 10 Monday, Ferial (P).....John G
- Dec 11 Tuesday, St. Damasus (W).....Yvonne
- Dec 12 Wednesday, Our Lady of Guadalupe (W)...
- Dec 13 Thursday, St. Lucy (R).....Arden L
- Dec 14 Friday, St. John of the Cross (W)...Luis D.
- Dec 15 Saturday, Ferial (P).....Elpidio M
Helen W

WELCOME TO NEW PARISHIONERS AND VISITORS: If you
St. John the Apostle Parish Community, please complete a
bulletin board near the main door of the Church) and introdu
assigned to those who request for them. Please pick them up
Office.

THE IMPORTANCE OF PARISH REGISTRATION AND US
Some Church goers are requesting from the parish Letters of
part of Baptism and/or Confirmation Sponsor documents or for
their children enter a Catholic Elementary or Secondary Sch
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when one claims that he/she attends Mass but does not
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Please Pray for the

Joan Archer, Maria Amelia Dias, George Murray, Monika & Ad
Bernadette Percy, Elizabeth Schwertfeger, May Wong, Claire H

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available for confessions. This is a good opportunity to
go to confession in preparation for Christmas.



Come and join us to celebrate the **Feast Day of St. John the Apostle Parish** on **Thursday, December 27, to start with a Mass at 9:00am**. A pancake breakfast will follow at 9:45am in the Parish Hall. Then pull out your ice skates and bring the family over to our **Annual Family Free Skate** from 10:30-1:30PM at Kerrisdale Arena. Please bring goodies (fruits, baked goods, chocolates) to share at the Kerrisdale Arena. Volunteers are needed to help set up the food table at the Arena. Thank you.



St. John the Apostle Parish December 2018 Mass Schedule



December 23, Sunday	Regular Sunday: 9am 11am, 6pm
December 24, Monday Christmas Eve	6pm (Christmas Mass), 9pm (Cantonese) 12 mid-night (Christmas Mass)
December 25, Tuesday Christmas Day	9am, 11am
December 26, Wednesday Boxing Day	Regular Holiday: 9am
December 27, Thursday Feast of St. John the Apostle Parish	Parish Feast Day: 9am
December 30, Sunday	Regular Sunday: 9am 11am, 6pm
December 31, Monday New Year's Eve	4pm (Cantonese) 5:30pm Holy Hour 11pm to 12:15am
January 1, Tuesday New Year's Day	9am, 11am, 6pm

Morning of Recollection at Madonna House

'St. Joseph – the Hidden Advent Hero' is the topic for the **Morning of Recollection** in December.

Come join us for a talk, and a time of silent reflection, followed by fellowship, sharing, and mid-day prayer.

When: Saturday, December 15th 2018 from 9:30 am to 12 noon

St. Gemma Galgani was born on March 12, 1878 at Camigliano, a village near Lucca after her birth by the parish priest of Camigliano. There was disagreement in the name given. A paternal uncle wanted her to be called "Gemma". Her mother objected saying "if there is no saint of the name of Gemma?" However, the parish priest said, "But I hope that she may become a gem of Paradise." And so it was agreed to give the name "Gemma Maria Umberta Pia Galgani".

A month after Gemma's birth, the family moved to Lucca. Little Gemma loved to pray and recalled: "Nothing seemed as pleasing to Gemma as to go to the Church to say her prayers. She had said an Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory be to the Father in honour of her mother and say, 'To whom should I pray now?' If I told her a pious story she always asked repeatedly, 'Tell me more, tell me more.' Although so very young, when she was kneeling with her hands joined, and she was quite recollected."

Gemma's mother would point to the Crucifix and speak to her of the sufferings of the good Jesus has died on the Cross for us!" Gemma would say: 'Tell me more, Mom.' Her mother was busy in the house she felt her dress plucked and heard Gemma said "I thought about Jesus."

Gemma's mother, Aurelia Landi, died when Gemma was eight. Aurelia was sick and would soon die, she said to her daughter, "Gemma, if you were able, would you do anything for Jesus is calling me?" Gemma asked, "Where". Aurelia answered, "To Paradise very soon." years later, Gemma wrote, "It was Mom who made me as a child long to go to Heaven."

Aurelia knew that she could not take Gemma to heaven, and so she entrusted her to Gemma's religious instruction to prepare her for the Sacrament of Confirmation. On December 26, 1885. After the ceremony, Gemma attended a thanksgiving Mass. During Mass she made a big sacrifice. She recalled: "I was assisting as best I could, and praying for Mom, and she said to me: 'Are you willing to give me your mother?' 'Yes,' I replied, 'if you take my mother of your own will. For the present you must remain with your father. I will do what I had to say yes, and when the Mass was finished I ran home."

The Lord called Gemma's mother to her eternal home on September 17, 1886, and at her death she said: "I offer my life willingly to God that I may obtain the grace of Heaven and Paradise."

When Gemma received the news of her mother's death, her only words were: "Mom is in Heaven." Gemma said, "Why are you weeping? Mom is in Heaven and suffers no longer; only you now try to regain your own health so that you can help us."

The Importance of Parish Registration and Use of Parish Standing

Some Church goers are requesting from the parish Letters of Good Standing or Release from Confirmation Sponsor documents or for other religious certifications or wanting their names removed from the secondary school. **The only official and ordinary way to obtain them is to register**