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St. Joseph, Pray for Us

May 17, 2020
6th Sunday of Easter

Bible Verse for the week: 2 Cor. 4:6

For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

For live-streaming Masses, visit: www.rcav.org

Mass Intentions:

- Mon. May 18 Bielecki Family 2 pregnant daughters
- Tues. May 19 Fr. Tom Nicholson 53rd anniversary
- Wed. May 20 Jack Ethier & Family
- Thurs. May 21 Baby Aisha Priest health
- Fri. May 22 Victor Petersen +
- Sat. May 23 Teodora Parayno +
- Sat. May 23 5pm Sister Gabriel, SDM
- Sun. May 24 9am Jeannette Rollheiser +
- Sun. May 24 11am Art & Anne Sunder +

ANNUAL WALK FOR LIFE - Advokate Life & Education
5 or 10km Walk/Run Saturday, June 6/20, 12:30pm

Location: wherever you are. This is a remote event so walk or run at your favourite park or from your front door. Donate or create your own fundraising page at www.walkforlife.ca

BABY BOTTLE Campaign 2020: Help pregnant women by supporting Hope for Women. For information go to the website [Hope for Women](http://HopeforWomen.ca). For online donations, there is a link at Babybottles.ca

Rachel's Vineyard Post-Abortion Retreat *"May your heart never be haunted by ghost structures of old damage. May you come to accept your longing as divine urgency. May you know the urgency with which God longs for you."* - John O'Donohue
Is your heart haunted by all that happened the day of the abortion? Did you know God longs to heal your heart and remind you of His love for you? Come on a Rachel's Vineyard™ Retreat and allow Him to transform your pain with His mercy. Next Retreat is July 2020. For confidential information and to register, call 604.525.0999.

Stewardship Reflection:

"For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil." (1 Peter 2:7)

The old line says, "if you want to make God laugh, tell him your plans." Many of us are diligent in our planning and making sure things are progressing smoothly. Then disaster strikes, we don't get the result that was intended or an unforeseen problem arises. Many times we may respond negatively and ask, "Why me? I did everything right!" Here's the thing - adversity humbles us and reminds us of our dependence on God and not on our own self-reliance. Rest assured. God has a better plan in store for you.

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Limited Re-opening of Church Services: The Archbishop has advised that parishes can re-open for Masses the weekend of **May 23/24**. Attendance at each Mass will be limited to 50 parishioners. We will follow the health protocol which the Archdiocese has asked us to do for the safety of everyone. **We need VOLUNTEERS** after each Mass to wipe down the pews to get ready for the next Mass. If you can volunteer, kindly call Linda in the office.

Novena to the Holy Spirit

May 22nd to 30th

Father, pour out your Spirit
upon your people,
and grant us
a new vision of your glory,
a new experience of your power,
a new faithfulness to your Word,
and a new consecration to your service,
that your love may grow among us. Amen.
Come, Holy Spirit,
Comforter and Sanctifier.
Melt our hearts
that we may accept your love.
Renew our minds
that we may know your truth.
Strengthen our wills
that we may serve you faithfully.
Renew your wonders in these our days
by a new Pentecost
In St. Joseph's Parish Community
and in your entire church.
We make this prayer
through Christ our Lord. Amen

Guidelines for re-opening St. Joseph's for Masses.

NB *Those who wish to read the complete list of guidelines from the Chancery (7 pages) may like to visit the Archdiocesan website: rcav.org This is a short summary as we will try to implement the guidelines as applicable to St. Joseph's.*

The Covid-19 pandemic curve is more flat than before in B.C. but still presents serious threat to the physical health of individuals as well as our community. So all the directives and recommendations of the Government authorities at various levels must be followed.

In General

- ◆ The Date of re-opening is: Weekend of May 23/24.
- ◆ # People at one Mass: no more than 50
- ◆ Those who feel sick, even in the slightest way or have any previous medical condition, should stay home; No one should endanger oneself nor put others in danger. Those who live with sick family members should also stay home.
- ◆ Seniors and children are strongly advised to stay home.
- ◆ No social gatherings before or after Mass.
- ◆ All faithful are dispensed from attending Sunday Mass or attending a 'make-up' weekday Mass.
- ◆ All those attending Mass do so at their own risk.

Practical steps at St. Josephs:

- Those who wish to attend Mass on weekends and weekdays **must sign up prior to attending a Mass**. This is necessary for two reasons: 1) to make sure that we have no more than 50 people at a given Mass 2) to trace people in case there is a Covid-19 break-out. So, kindly decide on which Mass you wish to attend: Sat. 5pm / Sun. 9am or 11am. Once you sign up, please stick to that schedule. First come, first served!

- **Sign up is needed also for weekday Masses.**
- **You can sign up by** 1) Tel.604-425-0392 or 604-756-1963 2) by email to Linda or Fr. George (see bulletin) 3) sending a message through the parish website: <https://stjosephmission.ca>
- We have put green stickers on the pews and for communion line up to keep a safe distance. Same family members may sit together.
- After Mass you are expected to leave the church as soon as possible so that the cleaning crew can work.
- On recommendation from the Chancery, we will keep the washrooms locked as we will not be able to sanitize them after each use. So kindly come prepared from home. There will be provision only for rare emergency.
- Entrance and exit doors will be marked. The entrance door will remain open 15 minutes prior to the Mass and locked once the Mass has started. Exit door will remain open after the Mass.
- At the entrance an usher will spray hand sanitizer into your hands.
- You may use a mask in the church. Kindly bring one from home if you wish to use one.
- Exit should be pew by pew starting with the pews at the back (starting with the right side, as we face the altar. Kindly wait for your turn to exit.
- Communion line starts in the middle isle (right to the altar first, then the left side). Kindly follow the directions from Fr. George.
- There may be a cantor who sings. No church hymnals or missalets should be used. Those who have personal copies of missalets, kindly bring them along.
- No ushers will go around for collection. The collection box will be available in the sanctuary. Kindly use them as you come into the church or at the very end.
- Kindly use your good sense in keeping the recommendations of the authorities in keeping the required distance at all times, washing of hands etc.
- If you have other practical suggestions, kindly contact the Parish Office or Fr. George at any time.
- Thank you!