

St. Joseph's Parish

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St. Joseph, Pray for Us

**September 13 / 20, 2020
24th Sunday / 25th Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

Bible Verse for September 13:

Gal. 2:19-20: I have been crucified in Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Stewardship Reflection:

"If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's." (Romans 14:8)
This is the essence of stewardship - everything we have and everything we are is a gift from God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts that God has given us, especially our very own lives. Pray to God daily and ask Him how He is calling you to live the life that He intended for you. Copyright ©2020 Archdiocese of St. Louis

Mass Intentions:

Monday	Sept. 14	Clearwater Family <i>living & deceased</i>
Tuesday	Sept. 15	Erica Monroy Griggs <i>healing</i>
Wednesday	Sept. 16	Annelle Millitante <i>healing</i>
Thursday	Sept. 17	Bob & Cel Croner +
Friday	Sept. 18	Gabriel Family <i>living & deceased</i>
Saturday	Sept. 19	Bobby Monroy & Family

Sign up is needed prior to attending Sunday Mass on the weekends for contact tracing and to ensure that we have no more than 50 people at a Mass. It would be helpful if you registered by noon Friday. Sign up by phone: 604.425.0392 (Linda), 604.756.1963 (Fr. George), by email: secretary@stjosephparishmission.org (Linda).

Collection in Support of the Holy Land:

You can make out a cheque to St. Joseph's Parish and on the memo line print 'Holy Land' and put in the collection box in the sanctuary *or* you can donate online at rcav.org/holy-land-collection

WANTED:

Diapers (no pull-ups) and Formula which will be donated to Hope for Women, an organization that supports women during pregnancy and after pregnancy. A box into which you can put your diapers & formula can be found in the foyer. For further info, please call Mary Holtby 604.826.2009.

FREE:

An upright piano. For details, please call 604.826.2247.

Dear Parishioners,

Covid19 has hit our world hard. It has affected adversely every aspect of our lives. Thanks to God, we have fared much better than many other parts of the world. Yet we too feel very uncertain about our future! We in the parish also do not know how to proceed: should we keep our parish activities to the minimum as at the moment or should we begin to open up slowly? Your feedback is very valuable and will be much appreciated. Kindly do not do not hesitate to call me (604-756-1963) or email me at (sjmissionbc@gmail.com).

Here are a few things that I wish to bring to your notice:

1. **A word of sincere thanks** to all those who have been generously supporting the parish with their donations in spite of Covid19: some dropping off their envelopes faithfully, others signing up for direct debit and still others making contributions online. The parish cannot remain open without your continuous support. Thank you!
2. **PREP (Parish Religious Education Programme) for 2020-2021:** I have appointed **Jocelyn Eguia**, who teaches at St. Patrick's School, Maple Ridge, as a volunteer coordinator to help me. We are planning to have most of the instruction online through Zoom. For this we need seven volunteers who are willing to teach Catechism through Zoom, grades 2-7, every Tuesday 6-7 pm. Kindly contact me by phone or email.
3. **PREP REGISTRATION:** Kindly download a PREP Registration FORM from our parish website (<https://stjosephmission.ca/>) or pick it up from our Parish Office. You can drop off the completed form at the office or email it to me (sjmissionbc@gmail.com) as soon as possible. This will help us to plan the instruction according to the number of registrations.
4. **PROJECT ADVANCE-2020:** Some of you have already made your donations. Thank you. This year the Archdiocesan goal for our parish has been reduced to \$10,00.00 This will be used by the Archdiocese for helping people who have been affected by Covid19. Anything above this amount will be returned to the parish for its needs. To date, we have received \$ 6,025.00 (60.3%) of our diocesan goal. We have a long way to go! Because of Covid19, we are not distributing any pledge forms. Instead, you can use any envelope and make your donation with clear instruction that it is for Project Advance and drop it off at the Parish office or in the donation box in the church. You may also make donations online on the Archdiocesan website www.projectadvance.ca or parish website. Thank you.

We are going through very stressful times. It is a time to learn to be patient and persevering...it is a time to grow in Faith. God never abandons His people.

God bless you all!
Fr. George V Edattukaran