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St. Joseph, Pray for Us

November 22, 2020

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Bible Verse for November 22: Psalm 147:9-13-14
For he strengthens the bars of your gates; he blesses your children within you. He grants peace within your borders; he fills you with the finest of wheat.

Stewardship Reflection:

*"Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me."
Matthew 25:40*

Most of us are generous when it's convenient for us. We are generous when we have the time or the money. But, generosity is the opposite of that. It means giving of one's time, money, compassion, forgiveness or mercy when it's not convenient; when it's not on our schedule, but on the other person's schedule.

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Suspension of all services until December 7

Following the directives of BC Health authorities, there will be no public celebration of the Holy Mass nor any other parish meeting at St. Joseph's Parish starting November 20, 2020 to December 7, 2020. *However, a private Mass celebrated by Fr. George will be livestreamed every day at 9am, including Sundays.* You are welcome to access this livestreaming as well as the past Masses by going to the parish website:

<https://stjosephmission.ca/>

Unfortunately, we are also forced to cancel the Confirmations scheduled for November 29th. We will inform you of a new date later.

May the Lord keep everyone in Mission and beyond, in His loving care!

Mass Intentions:

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| Monday | Nov. 23 | Bill Girard |
| Tuesday | Nov. 24 | Salvador Castro + |
| Wednesday | Nov. 25 | Audrey Cummings + |
| Thursday | Nov. 26 | Sister Raphaela |
| Friday | Nov. 27 | Connie Adams thanksgiving |
| Saturday | Nov. 28 | Benicio Narciso |
| Sunday | Nov. 29 | Zachary Restiaux health |

Volunteers needed for the Live Streaming and Screen Projection for the church. Training will be provided "online" as well as VPN access will be set up for volunteers. Live Streaming and Screen Projection can be done remotely (online) or on-site whichever is preferable for the volunteer. Anyone interested please call Ramil Lising at 604.999.7140 or email him at tiny@ic3telekom.com

Ramil has given so generously of his time and talent in setting up and servicing the technical needs of the parish; it would be nice if he had some others he could train.

Project Advance 2020:

Any funds now donated for Project Advance will be rebated back to St. Joseph's Parish. You can bring your donation to the Parish office. Cheques are to be made out to Project Advance.

Daughters of St. Paul Christmas Concert:

COVID-19 can't stop Christmas. And this year, the Daughters of St. Paul choir's Christmas Concert is finally making it to Canada ... virtually! The Daughters of St. Paul are an international congregation of religious sisters who evangelize through the media. The sisters of the USA & Canada province have long wished to bring their Christmas Concert tour north but international rights and customs made it impossible. But this year has offered the sisters the unique opportunity to launch their first-ever virtual concert, "Home for Christmas," with choir members joining in from their homes to sing to you in yours! So join us, the Daughters of St. Paul Choir, for our first concert in Canada! "Home for Christmas" is a free YouTube live-streamed event where you can expect to meet our choir members, listen to some concert favourites, learn some dance moves, hear some inspirational stories, and have the opportunity to support our mission of evangelization. We hope to see you there on **Thursday, December 3 at 5:00pm**. Register online at beholdvancouver.org/events

Advent Retreat: Ero Cras - "Tomorrow, I Will Be"

For many of us it would be easy to say that 2020 has had its unique share of challenges. It has been easy to become discouraged, disconnected, and disengaged. Advent and subsequently, Christmas, however, present for us an opportunity to share in a fresh joy, a joy that can conquer any darkness: Rejoice, rejoice! Christ is born! Join Father Juan Lucca and Barb Dowding at this year's Advent Retreat. Ero Cras (Tomorrow, I Will Be), where we will explore the rich symbols in Advent and share the intricate details of Christmas liturgy to help prepare us for the coming of Christ at Christmas, where our hope and our joy will be full. This retreat will take place **Friday, December 4 at 7:00pm-9:00pm** on Zoom. Register online at beholdvancouver.org/events

The Search WHY ARE WE HERE? WHAT'S LIFE ALL ABOUT?

The Search is an innovative video series that tackles the key questions of every human heart. In seven beautifully filmed episodes, Chris Stefanick and experts from multiple fields of science, medicine, psychology, art, and religion examine our place in the larger story of existence. Join weekly sessions on **Thursdays until December 17 from 7:00pm - 8:30pm**. Register online at beholdvancouver.org/events/the-search

Christmas Bureau - Wish Campaign 2020

How You Can Participate:

Donate unwrapped toys and gifts appropriate for seniors: (toiletries, t-shirts, sweatshirts, sweater, slippers, socks, scarves, blankets, bedding, gift boxes [cookies, chocolate, tea, coffee]) & **children 0-10** (themed toys related to current children's TV & movies, Barbies & Legos for all ages); **Tweens (10-12) & Teens (13-17):** (hair accessories, makeup, nail polish, bath products, hoodies, clothing, sport team gear [jerseys], gift cards [Walmart, Urban Planet], electronic games). **Drop off at The Junction Shopping Centre, Unit 142 - 32555 London Avenue, Mission. rs: Mon - Fri 8am-5pm.**