

St. Joseph's Parish

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St. Joseph, Pray for Us

December 13, 2020 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Bible Verse for December 13: Gal. 6:7-8

Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit.

Stewardship Reflection:

"... rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." - 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

This scripture reading sums up Stewardship. "Rejoice always" means place your trust in God; He will provide all that you need. "Pray without ceasing" means prayer should be a running conversation with God throughout the whole day, every day. "Give thanks in all circumstances" means even in bad situations, thank God. Suffering a little bit helps build empathy for others in similar situations and shows our dependence on God.

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Mass Intentions:

Monday	Dec. 14	Jeanne Hellier health
Tuesday	Dec. 15	Tony Bettencourt +
Wednesday	Dec. 16	Graceamma Chittattu +
Thursday	Dec. 17	Raffaella Paniccia +
Friday	Dec. 18	Joseph Antalek +
Saturday	Dec. 19	Marian Judith Chan +
Sunday	Dec. 20	Angela Pederzini +

There is one Mass every day at 9:00am and it is [livestreamed](#). This can be viewed also at ["View Past livestreams"](#) any time.

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

Father Tom Nicholson, former Pastor of St. Joseph's Parish (1992-2003), passed away peacefully Friday, December 11. Prayers will be held at 7pm on Wednesday, December 16 and the Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11am on Thursday, December 17 and interment will follow in the Priests' Section at the Gardens of Gethsemani in Surrey. Vigil prayers and Funeral Mass will be livestreamed. Visit stjosephmission.ca/
Attendance will be by invitation only due to the restrictions in place because of COVID-19. *Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen.*

Financial Stewardship:

- If you want to receive a tax deductible receipt for 2020, your donation must be received in the office by December 29th. St. Joseph's Parish is a charity and must abide by the rules of the Canada Revenue Agency governing charities. This means that to be eligible for a tax receipt for 2020 funds must be in our bank account by December 31. Since our bank normally closes at noon on December 31 we need to have your donation in before then.

- Parish operating expenses continue even in a pandemic. *You are encouraged to consider using **Pre-Authorized Debit**. You determine your monthly financial commitment and that is the amount that is withdrawn from your account between the 25th - 30th. To get PAD started, please bring a VOID cheque to the office.*

Faith Unites - Young Adults Retreat: Youth for a United World of the Focolare Movement invites all young adults to a free virtual retreat on **Saturday, December 19 from 10am to 4pm**. Join us as we come together from across North America for spiritual reflection, intellectual stimulation, and community. Please register at <https://linktr.ee/y4uw> Contact info: Lioba Na: na.lioba@gmail.com

Blue Light Campaign Photo Contest To brighten up dark evenings, the Archdiocese is launching a Blue Light campaign, inviting everyone to use blue lights when decorating their churches and homes as a sign of hope and solidarity with families who have lost loved ones and are experiencing a 'blue Christmas' this year. Enter to win one of three gift baskets by participating in the Blue Light Campaign photo contest.

How to Enter:

- Take a photo of your home, living space, church or office decorated with blue lights.
- Post your photo to Facebook or Instagram using the hashtags #bluelightchristmas #catholicvancouver@archvancouver before December 28.
- Make sure your post is public so we can see it and enter you.

Hope Central - Mission's Annual Christmas Dinner 2020

Christmas Meals Needs: ham, turkey, gravy mix, potatoes, vegetables (frozen or canned), cranberry sauce, butter, coffee, hot chocolate, coffee cream, individual snacks, Christmas candy. **Christmas Wish List:** waterproof bags, toilet paper, umbrella, rain ponchos, flashlights, sleeping bags, hand-warmer, Christmas treats (candy, nuts, chocolate, etc.) **Please drop off donations at Copper Hall, 33129 Railway Avenue on Tues., Dec. 15, from 4-7pm, or Wed., Dec. 16 from 9-10:30am.**

Remember St. Joseph's in your LAST WILL

You might like to help St. Joseph's Parish even after you have passed on. This can be done by a simple BEQUEST clause that can be added to your existing WILL.

"I give and bequeath to the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Vancouver, incorporated under a special Act of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia, and whose offices are located in Vancouver, BC, for the benefit of St. Joseph's Parish, Mission BC the sum of \$_____ or _____% of my estate or the total of the residue of the estate."