### St. Joseph's Parish

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St. Joseph, Pray for Us

# December 20, 2020 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**Bible Verse for December 13:** Gal. 6:14 May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

#### **Stewardship Reflection:**

"Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you." - Luke 1:28

After Jesus, we look to Mary as an ideal steward. Her entire life was lived in obedience to God's call. Mary teaches us to live with joy for all we have been given. Just as the moon reflects the light of the sun, Mary reflects the light of Christ. Like Mary we are called to reflect Christ's light to the world through our gratitude and generosity.

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Masses are at 9am (except where noted) and there is no in-person attendance. Masses are LIVE STREAMED.

#### **Mass Intentions:**

Monday Dec. 21 Maria Augusta + Tuesday Dec. 22 Tom Schalkx + Wednesday Dec. 23 Colleta Chifamba + Thursday Dec. 24 Paul Schincariol + Saturday Dec. 26 Marian Judith Chan + Sunday Dec. 27 Zachariah 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 <a href="mailto:tiny@ic3telekom.com">tiny@ic3telekom.com</a>

#### 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.
- Our parish relies on your ongoing support during this challenging time. Your gifts are critical in keeping our parish active and thriving into the new year. 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 You determine your monthly financial commitment and that is the amount that is withdrawn from your account between the 25th 30th.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.

#### **Christmas Schedule**

#### Christmas Eve Thursday December 24

6:00pm LIVE STREAM MASS ONLY

11:30pm Christmas Carols LIVE STREAM ONLY Midnight Mass LIVE STREAM MASS ONLY

Christmas Day Mass: Friday December 25

**10:00am** LIVE STREAM MASS ONLY

11:00am Holy Communion Drive-Through

## Merry Christmas!

#### Making Sense of Anxiety in Children and Youth

The escalating level of anxiety in children begs for an explanation as well as its solution. Dr. Neufeld sheds light on this age-old problem, paving the way for natural interventions that can actually get to the root causes as opposed to just managing symptoms. Although the focus is on children, this enlightening material will benefit anyone suffering from anxiety. Dr. Gordon Neufeld's revolutionary yet science-specific approach turns parenting right-side-up, restoring natural intuition to parenting, and putting parents back in the driver's seat. This video-course takes the best that science has to offer and renders it readily accessible to parents of children of all ages. Join us on Wednesday evenings from 7:30pm - 9:00pm from January 6 to January 27.

Register online at beholdvancouver.org/events

How Can We Hear Christ's Voice More Clearly in Our Lives? Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God. -1 John 4:1 In our lives there are many voices: family, co-workers, society, or our own inner voice. Of all these voices, how do we know what is coming from God and what is not? Is there a way to know Christ's desire and invitation for my life? How can I make daily life decisions together with Jesus? In the Spiritual Exercises, St. Ignatius of Loyola gives us guidelines for discerning Christ's voice in our lives. During this session we will explore together with Fr. Elton Fernandes, SJ. Join us online on Saturday, January 9 at 7:30pm.

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#### 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 \$\_\_\_\_\_\_ of my estate or the total of the residue of the estate."

