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St. Joseph, Pray for Us

February 7, 2021

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Bible Verse for February 7: Eph. 2:11-13

So then, remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, were called ... aliens ... and strangers to the covenants of promise ... But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off, have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

Stewardship Reflection:

"In the morning, while it was still very dark, Jesus got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. ... He told them, 'Let us go on to the neighbouring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do.' " Mark 1:35,38

In today's Gospel reading we see a perfect example of stewardship. Jesus gives His time to do all that God wishes - healing the sick and preaching. But before He begins, Jesus makes time to be alone with God in prayer. It is through prayer, spending time with God, that we find the strength to do what He wishes us to do. Be sure to find time every day to be with God.

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Sorry! No in-person attendance is allowed at any Mass.

Masses are LIVE STREAMED at <https://stjosephmission.ca>

There is Drive-Through HOLY COMMUNION at **9:50am** and **12Noon EVERY SUNDAY**. On **weekdays at 9:30am**.

Mass Intentions:

Monday	Feb. 8	Zachary Restiaux	health
Tuesday	Feb. 9	Martin Dumas +	
Wednesday	Feb. 10	Nenita Long	
Thursday	Feb. 11	Fred Teindl +	
Friday	Feb. 12	Feliciano Giacometti +	3rd d/a
Saturday	Feb. 13	Carmen Pennington and Holy	souls in Purgatory
Sunday	Feb. 14	Jacinto Narciso +	

World Day of the Sick Mass

Each year on February 11, the Catholic Church marks the World Day of the Sick. This is a time to offer prayers for those who suffer from illness and for their caregivers. Archbishop Miller will celebrate Mass for the sick on **Friday, February 12 at 12:10pm** from Holy Rosary Cathedral. Join the Live Stream at holynosarycathedral.org/live-stream.

Thank You

I would like to thank Fr. George, the Poor Clares, Fr. John, Fr. Joseph, and parishioners who offered prayers for me while I was in Abbotsford Hospital from January 15 to January 21. I have no doubt your prayers were instrumental in my return to health.

Linda, Parish Secretary

Fr. Jim Nisbet Catholic Bible Seminar

Fr. Jim Nisbet, the renowned Biblical scholar and international speaker, will be hosting an online presentation on the Second Letter to Timothy and the Gospel of Mark. As a bonus, Fr. Jim will hold a three-day retreat on **Friday, February 19, 7pm-9pm** as well as **Saturday and Sunday, February 20 and 21 from 9am to 4pm** with breaks. Please pre-register for \$75 per person. For more information visit beholdvancouver.org or send an email to biblestudies@shaw.ca

In Pursuit of Wisdom: Mass with Archbishop Miller

As a university or college student, you quickly become familiar with pressure, deadlines, midterms, and final grades. The student's life can feel like an obstacle course whose finish line moves just as quickly as you move toward it. And while it can be stressful, it is important to afford some time to rest, relax, and pray. School, after all, is not only about deadlines or assignments; it's about pursuing knowledge and wisdom. Post-secondary students are invited to join Archbishop Miller for **Mass and an AMA on Saturday, February 20 at 7:00pm**. We will pray together at Mass celebrated by His Grace, and spend time with him in an intimate online setting to share in his experience and wisdom. It will be a wonderful opportunity to know the heart of Jesus, and the heart of our beloved Archbishop. Register online for free at beholdvancouver.org/events

Virtual Worldwide Marriage Encounter

If you desire to restore communication & rekindle romance, this weekend is for you! No travel required means you can participate from the comfort of your own home. This weekend is presented by a team of 3 couples and a priest who will help you to learn tools to make your relationship a priority, communicate from the heart, grow in intimacy, renew your commitment to each other, and value the precious gift of your marriage. It sounds intense but it is a weekend guaranteed to transform your marriage (or you can get your old relationship back!). Rest assured, you won't be staring at your screen the entire time either. The weekend flows nicely between screen presentations and couple work (time off-screen). Join us on **February 26-28** (Registration deadline is Feb. 19) **OR May 14-16** (Registration deadline is May 7). Register now at beholdvancouver.org/events

Note on the morality of using some anti-Covid-19 vaccines

The question of the use of vaccines, in general, is often at the centre of controversy in the forum of public opinion. In recent months, the Vatican has received several requests for guidance regarding the use of vaccines against the SARS-CoV-2 virus that causes Covid-19, which, in the course of research and production, employed cell lines drawn from tissue obtained from two abortions that occurred in the last century. At the same time, diverse and sometimes conflicting pronouncements in the mass media by bishops, Catholic associations, and experts have raised questions about the morality of the use of these vaccines. Learn more about official Church teaching on this topic at rcav.org/announcements/8281

