

## St. Joseph's Parish

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St Joseph, Pray for Us

**Weekday Masses:** Monday - Saturday: 9:00am

**Sunday Masses:** **Saturday** (anticipated): 5:00pm

**Sunday Masses:** 9:00am & 11:00am

**Confessions:** Saturday: 9:30 to 10:00am; 4:30 to 5pm.

February 26, 2023

### FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

#### Stewardship Reflection:

"... for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" (Matthew 4:10)

Tempted between the riches and power of this world and service to God, Jesus chose service to His Father. If we wish to truly follow Jesus, we, too, must decide to turn away from worldly power and riches and put God at the centre of our lives. Lent is our time to prune ourselves of earthly things, and develop and nurture heavenly things. Lent is time to repent and let go of the other "gods" we have put before God.

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#### Mass Intentions:

Mon. Feb. 27 Bruno Mannella +

Tues. Feb. 28 Eileen Roberts

Wed. Mar. 1 Stephen Livera +

Thurs. Mar. 2 Virginia Narciso +

Fri. Mar. 3 Diana Martin +

Sat. Mar. 4 Tony Bettencourt +

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 2023

#### SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Sat. Mar. 4 5:00pm Pastor's intention

Sun. Mar. 5 9:00am Parishioners

Sun. Mar. 5 11:00am Pope Francis

#### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday at 7:00pm  
during the season of Lent

#### LECTORS: SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

##### Date:

Mar. 4 5pm Maria Hedderson

Mar. 5 9am Bertie Mathis

Mar. 5 11am Shaeleen Lochbaum

#### ATTENTION ANYONE WHO HAS A GLUTEN

**INTOLERANCE:** We now have some gluten-free hosts. Please advise Fr. John beforehand if you wish to receive this kind of host. Thank you.

**HOLY LAND RELIGIOUS OLIVE WOOD CARVINGS FROM THE HOLY LAND** will be on sale after all the Masses this weekend (weather permitting). These articles are hand-crafted by the Christians of the Holy Land who are seeking your support to assist them in staying rooted in the land of Christ.

**ALL LADIES:** Please join us on **Friday, March 3rd at 1:00pm for World Day of Prayer at St. Joseph's**. The ladies of Taiwan have prepared this year's service. This is an international, inter-church organization. Please join us in prayer. Refreshments will be served after our gathering. Anyone wishing to participate and volunteer to assist with refreshments can call Maria Hedderson 604.854.4858.

**BEREAVEMENT TRAINING PROGRAM:** This 6-week training course is for those who wish to grow in their ability to journey with those who are grieving. Topics include understanding grief, how to actively listen, facilitating a bereavement ministry/group, and how to provide resources for those who are grieving. **Thursdays from March 9 - April 20** (except April 6), from **6:30pm-8:30pm**. Learn more and register at [beholdvancouver.org/events](http://beholdvancouver.org/events)

**SINGLE MOTHERS' WEEKLY GATHERINGS:** This **online gathering** is open to all single mothers looking for connection and support in a faith-based community. Hosted by Momentum: Catholic Single Mothers, participants meet weekly to explore the Catholic faith, followed by sharing and prayer. Founded by and for single mothers, Momentum's vision is to transform the culture surrounding single mothers in the Catholic Church. **Every Wednesday at 7:00pm via Zoom**. Learn more and register at [beholdvancouver.org/events](http://beholdvancouver.org/events)

**SHARE LENT WORKSHOP: STAND FOR THE LAND & CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING:** This interactive Lenten workshop with Development & Peace - Caritas Canada will focus on how to stand for the land, and live in solidarity with our brothers and sisters in the Global South who put people and planet first. You will also hear about Catholic social teaching. Everyone is welcome - come by and find out how we can do our part as citizens of the world. No registration required. On **Saturday, March 11** from **10:00am - 12:00pm** at **St. Francis de Sales Parish, Burnaby**. Register at [beholdvancouver.org/events](http://beholdvancouver.org/events)

**THE SEARCH WITH ST. AUGUSTINE'S CATHOLIC COMMUNITY:** Join a journey over seven weeks, exploring the existence of God and tackling life's big questions in a non-judgmental and welcoming place. Whether your faith is solid or you feel unsure of your faith, or you are simply asking questions. The Search is sure to (re)ignite the love for the journey and open up a space to explore these questions. An **online event on Thursdays, starting March 2 until April 13, 7:00pm-8:15pm**. Learn more and register at [beholdvancouver.org/events](http://beholdvancouver.org/events)

**FROM PANAMA TO PORTUGAL: A WORLD YOUTH DAY PILGRIM SESSION:**

In 2019, World Youth Day Panama invited pilgrims to reflect on Mary's fiat and consider the influence this could have in their own lives. This year, at World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal, pilgrims will journey with the theme, "Mary arose and went with haste." Our Mother models trust, surrender, and abandonment; how can we embrace these attributes in our own lives? How do they play a part as we prepare for pilgrimage? WYD pilgrims from the Archdiocese of Vancouver are invited to attend this first of three WYD sessions to meet other pilgrims and spiritually prepare for the pilgrimage. This session on **Friday, March 3 at 7:00pm** at the **John Paul II Pastoral Centre** will include a talk from Makani Marquis, it will be a time to delve into the theme, and an opportunity to socialize with other pilgrims. Learn more and register at [beholdvancouver.org/events](http://beholdvancouver.org/events)

**COUPLES RETREAT FACILITATED BY WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER:**

If you desire to restore communication and rekindle romance, this weekend is for you! Come learn how to become closer as a couple through a communication strategy that will deepen and strengthen your love, leading to a richer, more intimate and joyful life together!

The presenting team consists of 3 couples and a priest who will help you to:

- Learn tools to make your relationship a priority
- Communicate from the heart and grow in intimacy
- Renew your commitment to each other and value the precious gift of your marriage

This weekend is meant to be experienced in its entirety as each presentation builds on the previous ones. Attending each session is expected. Mass will be celebrated on Sunday as part of the retreat. **This couple retreat in Kamloops BC begins on Friday, April 14 at 7:00pm and ends on Sunday, April 16 at 4:00pm.**

**Registration deadline: Tuesday, March 28.**

Learn more and register at [beholdvancouver.org/events](http://beholdvancouver.org/events)

**HOW TO DISCUSS MAiD WITH FAMILIES AND FRIENDS:**

As the safeguards and restrictions for MAiD slowly disappear and doctors/hospitals are being required to present this option to their patients how do we talk to our loved ones and friends about end-of-life decisions? How do we answer the questions about pain and suffering? How do we protect our loved ones? What do we say? Join Alex Schadenberg, the Executive Director of the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition (EPC), as he answers these questions and presents the truth about euthanasia and assisted suicide. On **Wednesday, March 1st at 7:00pm** at the **John Paul II Pastoral Centre, Vancouver**, and **Thursday, March 2nd at 7:00pm** at **St. Nicholas Parish, Langley**. Learn more at [beholdvancouver.org/events](http://beholdvancouver.org/events)

**RETRouvaille WEEKEND: Need Marriage Help?**

Retrouvaille, pronounced "retroo-vye," means "rediscovery." It is a marriage program that has helped hundreds of BC couples recover from all kinds of marriage trouble, from simple discontent to serious crises. Why live in misery? Repair and rekindle your relationship! The program consists of one weekend and six weekly follow-up sessions, which can be attended remotely. This couple retreat begins on **Friday, April 14 until April 17**. For confidential information or to register for the spring Retrouvaille Vancouver program, email [vancouverbc@helpourmarriage.org](mailto:vancouverbc@helpourmarriage.org)