

## 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.

July 16, 2023  
**15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

### Stewardship Reflection

*"As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing."*  
(Matthew 13:22)

Does the lure of riches and material goods choke God out of your life? Are you so caught up in earthly activities that you have no time for God? Gratitude and generosity are virtues that we should strive to do on a daily basis. Every decision we make either takes us one step closer to God or one step further away. What we receive at Mass every Sunday should be shared with others all the other days of the week as well.

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### Mass Intentions:

Mon. July 17	Bruno Mannella +
Tues. July 18	Elaine Beatch +
Wed. July 19	Winy Zakardomski
Thurs. July 20	Luisito Caoyonan +
Fri. July 21	Steven J. Briggs healing
Sat. July 22	Dolores Amado +

### SUNDAY, JULY 23RD, 2023

#### 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sat. July 22	5:00pm	Pastor's Intention
Sun. July 23	9:00am	Parishioners
Sun. July 23	11:00am	Archbishop Miller

**Please Pray for our Parishioners who have Health Challenges:** Margaret Boe, Bob Curley, Kathleen Ethier, Eugene Filiatraut, Jean Hellier, Paola Giacometti, Dustin Hiles, Ken Hodge, Lilia Huff, Mabsie Merz, Patricia Peters, Eileen Roberts, Daniel Straker, Cheri Turcott, and Zachary Restiaux.

### Lectors 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Date	Time	Lector
July 15	5:00pm	Maria Hedderson
July 16	9:00am	Trevor Traub, Anita Quinn
July 16	11:00am	Danai Gariwa, Felistas Gariwa

**St. Joseph's Parish congratulates Medard Kamanzi and Patrick Le** on their ordination to the priesthood on July 1st by Archbishop Miller at Holy Rosary Cathedral. May their priesthood be blessed with love, joy, prayer, peace and wisdom.

**30th Anniversary Mass, St. James Parish:** Come join the 30th Anniversary celebration of St. James Parish in Abbotsford! Archbishop Miller will celebrate Mass on **Sunday, July 23** at **10:00am**. Reception to follow. For more details, please contact Fr. William Ashley by email at [stjamesabby@gmail.com](mailto:stjamesabby@gmail.com) or by phone at 604.864.8800.

**Praise & Worship:** *Jesus came to the disciples and found them sleeping. And He said to Peter, "So, could you not watch with me one hour?"* Do you struggle spending an hour with Jesus in the Tabernacle? Come join us **TODAY, Sunday, July 16th from 2:00pm to 3:00pm** for an hour of songs, giving thanks, praise & worship to Jesus.

**World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly:** The third World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, which will be celebrated on **July 23, 2023**, will have the theme, *"His mercy is from age to age."* (Lk 1:50). This verse reminds us that God's mercy is manifested in history through the testimonies of those who have experienced it and passed it on to their children and grandchildren. Grandparents and the elderly are called to carry this mercy, to tell through words and life how God has been faithful to His promises and how He continues to love His people. They are also called to receive God's mercy and to allow themselves to be comforted by His fatherly love that never abandons them. The World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly is an occasion to once again express with joy that the Church wants to celebrate together with those whom the Lord - as the Bible says - has given "a full life." Learn more at [beholdvancouver.org](http://beholdvancouver.org)

**Volunteer for Upper Room:** The Upper Conference 2023 will be held at Pacific Academy, Surrey on Saturday, September 23. We are looking for volunteers to help with the event. To volunteer, sign up at [rcav.regfox.com](http://rcav.regfox.com)

**Retired Clergy:** From Fernando Amaral, Development Office: The development office is in the process of planning & creating materials for this year's Archbishop's Dinner. The theme of this year's dinner is "caring for our clergy", and the funds raised will go toward's supporting our retired priests and showing gratitude for their legacies of service. We are looking for Catholics in the community who have been impacted or have stories and/or experiences about our retired priests. One in particular is Fr. George Edattukaran who served at St. Joseph's. If anyone has something to share about Fr. George, please contact [FAmaral@rcav.org](mailto:FAmaral@rcav.org)