

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.

August 27th, 2023
21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Stewardship Reflection

"Or who has given a gift to him, to receive a gift in return?" (Romans 11:35)

St. Paul reminds us of a central fact of stewardship. We cannot give God anything - He already owns it all. God made everything, including us. Since we are made in His image, we too, are called to be generous. How we use our God-given gifts becomes our gift back to Him. Gratitude for all we have been given opens our hearts to joyful generosity! And, through our generosity, we just may be the answer to someone else's prayer.

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Mass Intentions:

Mon. Aug. 28 Joanne Smith +
Tues. Aug. 29 Catherine Stokes-Mellalieu healing
Wed. Aug. 30 Doris Girard +
Thurs. Aug. 31 Vic Paragas +
Fri. Sept. 1 Holt Family living & deceased
Sat. Sept. 2 Doreen Wilderman +

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3RD, 2023

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:

Sat. Sept. 2 5:00pm Pastor's Intention
Sun. Sept. 3 9:00am Parishioners
Sun. Sept. 3 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, James Noble, Patricia Peters, Eileen Roberts, Daniel Straker, Cheri Turcott, and Zachary Restiaux.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Elizabeth Meier who died August 19th. Mass of Christian Burial will be on Wednesday, August 30th at 11am. *Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord. And let perpetual line shine upon her. May her soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

Matthew Intercessory Prayer Brigade will be here at St. Joseph's **TODAY, Sunday, August 27th** from **1pm to 4pm**. All are invited to come and join in prayer. A small reception follows.

St. John Brebeuf High School is looking to hire an energetic and creative individual for the position of Marketing and Social Media Manager. Please visit the school website at www.st.johnbrebeuf.ca

Celebrate the opening of the academic year for **Corpus Christi College and St. Mark's College** at St. Mark's Parish, Vancouver (UBC) on **September 7** at **12:10pm**. Archbishop J. Michael Miller, CSB will be the main celebrant. More info at corpuschristi.ca

Parish Religious Education Program (PREP): Classes will be on Tuesday evenings from 6pm to 7:15pm and will start on September 19th. Registration forms can be found on the table in the foyer near the church entrance or you can go to our website <https://stjosephmission.ca/> and download the form. You can e-mail the completed form to the new PREP e-mail: prep.stjoseph.parish@gmail.com

To Live of Love Silent Retreat with St. Thérèse of Lisieux Facilitator Angelina Muñiz. **Friday, Sept. 8, 6pm to Sun. Sept. 10, 3pm. Westminster Abbey, Mission.** Donation: \$215 includes retreat, accommodations, meals and the book for the retreat "To Live of Love." To learn more and register, e-mail: angelina@vidahumanaedu.org **Registration Deadline: Tuesday, September 5.**

Upper Room Conference 2023: Registration Now Open!! Join us on **Saturday, September 23**, from 8am to 6pm at Pacific Academy in Surrey. Cost is \$75, inclusive of food and two breakout sessions. Parking is free. To qualify for a \$10-discount, simply gather a group of 8 or more people and register together with a parish coupon code. Learn more and register at upperroomvancouver.com

Create Hope: Development and Peace-Caritas Canada Regional Assembly and Retreat. The weekend retreat aims to raise awareness in different social issues impacting our world, accompanied by meaningful spiritual reflection and opportunities to socialize. The weekend gathering is open to everyone. From **Friday, September 22 at 5:30pm to Sunday, September 24**, at Carmel Hill, Little Flower Monastery, 10789 N. Deroche Road, Deroche B.C. Cost is \$60. To learn more and register, please contact Pinky Pascual by phone at 604.612.9677 or email at pinky.devpeace@gmail.com **Registration Deadline, Friday, September 8.**

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is offering a week-end marriage retreat this fall, **October 27th - 29th, 2023**. Rekindle the romance, remind yourselves why you fell in love and learn how to make a good marriage even better! For more info and to register visit: <https://beholdvancouver.org/events/couple-retreat-by-worldwide-marriage-encounter>
Early bird special before September 5.
Registration closes October 17, 2023.

The Alpha Marriage Course:
When life gets busy, it's easy for married couples to forget about date nights. Come set a weekly night to reconnect with your spouse and build a more joyful family by thriving as a couple! Join The Marriage Course, a seven-week program by Alpha international designed for spouses seeking practical support to strengthen their relationship, keep the spark alive and stay connected. The course is presented as a dynamic video with in-person and online options. Cost is \$25. **Every Friday, starting September 15 until November 3, from 7:30pm to 9:30pm.** Learn more and register at beholdvancouver.org/events

Making Sense of Anxiety in Children and Youth:
The escalating level of anxiety in our children begs for an explanation as well as a solution, Dr. Gordon 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. 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.

Every Thursday, starting September 21 until October 19, from 7:30pm to 9:00pm via Zoom. Cost is \$25. Learn more and register at beholdvancouver.org/events

The Men's Retreat 2023: Yeshua
Are you yearning to know the real Jesus? *The Men's Retreat: Yeshua* delves deep into the heart of Christ. Join Jake Khym and Peter White for transformative talks, the Holy Mass, and space of adventure in the outdoors of Rockridge Canyon. Rediscover. Reconnect. Recommit.

From **Friday, September 29 to Sunday, October 1, at Rockridge Canyon in Princeton, BC.** Cost is \$275+ which includes the retreat experience, accommodations, activities and food. Bursaries available. Learn more and register at liferestoration.ca/mensretreat

Save on a Sacred Burial Space - Fall Open House:
Fall is coming and Gardens of Gethsemani Catholic Cemetery is hosting its Fall Open House. Catholics save 20% off burial space at our sacred grounds. Now is the perfect time to make pre-need burial arrangements for yourself or your parents at our local Catholic cemetery. On **Friday, September 15, from 10:00am to 6:00pm** OR **Saturday, September 16 from 10:00am to 4:00pm.** Learn more and register at ccav.org/event/fall-open-house

World Day for Migrants and Refugees:
The Holy Father has chosen the theme "*Free to choose whether to migrate or to stay*" for the 109th World Day of Migrants and Refugees.

The Archdiocese of Vancouver is home to Catholics from many countries and where the Holy Mass is celebrated in over 22 languages. Migrants leave their homes in search of a better life and face the difficult experience of migration in its various forms.

Join Father Richrd Zanotti and Father Tom Smith in prayerful celebration and solidarity with our migrant and refugee brothers and sisters on Saturday, September 23 awt 5:00pm at St. Paul's Parish, Richmond. There will be a reception with food and entertainment following Mass in the gym. Learn more at beholdvancouver.org/events

The Way of Beauty: Encountering Jesus in Scripture and the Arts:

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCCB) invites leaders of catechesis and evangelization to *The Way of Beauty*, a webinar series that reflects on beauty and its powerful witness in the life of the Church.

The three sessions of *The Way of Beauty* webinar are:

Beauty and the Catechesis
Thursday, September 7, 10am
Speaker: Dr. Jem Sullivan

Beauty and Evangelization
Thursday, September 14, 10am
Speaker: Mr. David Dayler

Beauty and Liturgy
Thursday, September 21, 10am
Speaker: Fr. Paul Massel

All sessions will be held via Zoom, and will be recorded and packaged with a reflection guide for later release. Learn more and register at beholdvancouver.org/events