

## 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; 4:15 to 4:45pm

### September 10th, 2023 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### Stewardship Reflection

"So you, O son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel..." (Ezekiel 33:7)

Many of us are generous with our gifts. However, many of us are not generous in proportion to the gifts that we have been given. How often do we give at the minimum level required? Remember, the Lord calls us to nurture and develop our gift and to give back with increase. He calls us to be generous with all the gifts, especially the one that means the most to us.

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#### Mass Intentions:

Mon. Sept. 11 Pilar Pardo Abalos +  
Tues. Sept. 12 Joao Tavares +  
Wed. Sept. 13 Evelyn Wood +  
Thurs. Sept. 14 Foerderer Family living & deceased  
Fri. Sept. 15 Bettencourt Family living & deceased  
Sat. Sept. 16 Loreto Caoyonan +

#### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH, 2023 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:

Sat. Sept. 16 5:00pm Pastor's Intention  
Sun. Sept. 17 9:00am Parishioners  
Sun. Sept. 17 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.

#### Lectors 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Date:**  
Sept. 16 5:00pm Maria Hedderson  
Sept. 17 9:00am Paul Lewis, Pamela Lewis  
Sept. 17 11:00am Felistas Gariwa, Danai Gariwa

**Collection for Healing & Reconciliation:** Your tax-deductible gift will continue to support our Indigenous brothers and sisters in the following ways: ♦Healing & reconciliation initiatives for communities & families affected by past injustices, ♦Culture and language revitalization projects aimed at preserving & celebrating Indigenous heritage, ♦Education and community-building initiatives that empower individuals and promote unity. *Find the envelopes on table in the foyer.*

**C.W.L. General Meeting** will occur on **Monday, September 11** at **7:00pm** in church foyer. All ladies of the parish are welcome to attend and find out what we are all about. Please bring a small 4 - 8 ounce empty jar. Contact Maria Hedderson at 604.854.4858 if you need a ride.

Come join us to **Praise & Worship Jesus in the Tabernacle** with an hour of songs on **Sunday, September 17th, from 2pm to 3pm** in the church sanctuary.

**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](mailto:prep.stjoseph.parish@gmail.com)

**The Permanent Diaconate: Three Inspiring Sessions:** Would you like to discern whether you may have a vocation to the Permanent Diaconate? Join an information and formation program once a month on Saturdays, 1pm-3pm at John Paul II Pastoral Centre in Vancouver: ♦September 16 ♦October 14 ♦November 18. All men interested and their wives are welcome! **Registration is required and accepted until Monday, September 11: [deacons@rcav.org](mailto:deacons@rcav.org)**

#### Endow's *The Science of Love Study*

Have you ever wanted to learn more about St. Thérèse of Lisieux? She once said, "Remember that nothing is small in the eyes of God." For more than a century, many have been inspired and encouraged by her writings, and witness of her simple but extraordinary life. All women are invited to join us as we learn more about her "Little Way" through Endow's newest study. (For more information about Endow, visit [endowgroups.org](http://endowgroups.org)) We will gather **bi-weekly for 8 Wednesday sessions on September 27th** and ending on January 31st, from **12:30-2:30pm** in the **St. James Church** meeting room (2777 Townline Road, Abbotsford). Cost is \$20 USD for a digital copy or \$40 USD for a hard copy. Contact Eileen Gaudet at [eileenmgaudet@gmail.com](mailto:eileenmgaudet@gmail.com) to register

### **Death of Archbishop Adam Exner, OMI:**

The Archdiocese of Vancouver is deeply saddened to announce the passing of Archbishop Adam Exner, OMI, who served as Archbishop of Vancouver from 1991 to 2004. Archbishop Exner peacefully died the morning of Tuesday, September 5, 2023, at the age of 94, in his residence in Grayson, Saskatchewan.

As we bid farewell to Archbishop Exner, we remember his life of dedication, compassion, and service. We offer our prayers and support to his family, friends, and all those whose lives he touched.

The funeral will be held in Saskatchewan, and a memorial Mass will be organized at Holy Rosary Cathedral in Vancouver. Details of these services will be posted online at [rcav.org](http://rcav.org) once they are received.

**You are invited to explore Gardens of Gethsemani, our Archdiocesan Cemetery at the OPEN HOUSE on Friday, Sept. 15, 11am-6pm or Saturday, Sept. 16, 10am-4pm.** Any questions, contact [advisor@rrcav.org](mailto:advisor@rrcav.org) or call the office during business hours 604.531.2141.

### **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](http://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](http://liferestoration.ca/mensretreat)

"The **Chilliwack Symphony Orchestra's Baroque Ensemble** together with **Belle Voci**, are pleased to announce the return of the highly celebrated presentation of George Friederich Handel's Dixit Dominus. This beautiful setting of Psalm 110 is Handel's earliest surviving work, written when he was just 22, and has a unique character amongst all of his compositions, which we will perform on period instruments, in the style of our celebrated Messiah. Come enjoy the high-energy, spirited rendition of Handel's most stylistically unique work, presented **September 29 at Good Shepherd Church in Surrey**, and **September 30 at Holy Rosary Cathedral in Vancouver.** Tickets range from \$10 for Youth, \$35 for General, \$30 for Seniors, or \$75 for your whole family, and may be purchased either at [chilliwacksymphony.com](http://chilliwacksymphony.com) <<http://chilliwacksymphony.com>> or at the door! Come keep the tradition of live orchestral music alive, and experience the timeless masters of our history!"

### **Retrouvaille Weekend - Marriage Help:**

Need marriage help? Retrouvaille, pronounced "retroo-vye," is a marriage program endorsed by Pope Francis 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 retreat on October 13 - 15** and six Sunday afternoon follow-up sessions, which can be attended remotely.

For confidential information or to register, please contact Retrouvaille Vancouver at 604.530.6710 or [vancouverbc@helpourmarriage.org](mailto:vancouverbc@helpourmarriage.org), or visit [helpmy marriage.ca](http://helpmy marriage.ca)

### **Healing the Wounds of Abuse: Grief to Grace Retreat:**

Grief to Grace helps those who have endured neglect, physical, emotional, sexual and/or spiritual abuse to find healing and begin their journey to wholeness. Abuse can be experienced in one's family of origin, community, workplace, or from their partner or spouse. The event will take place on **Saturday, October 28, from 3:00pm to 6:00pm.** The location will be shared upon acceptance of applications. Learn more and register at [beholdvancouver.org](http://beholdvancouver.org)

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter** is offering a weekend 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.**