

## 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 17th, 2023  
**24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

### Stewardship Reflection

*"If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's." (Romans 14:8)*

This is the essence of stewardship - everything we have and everything we are is a gift from God. We aren't "owners" of anything. We are merely "stewards" of the gifts that God has given us, especially our very own lives. Pray to God daily and ask Him how He is calling you to live the life that He intended for you.

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### Mass Intentions:

Mon. Sept. 18 Cathy Stokes-Mellallieu healing  
Tues. Sept. 19 Elaine Beatch +  
Wed. Sept. 20 Thanksgiving for protection  
Thurs. Sept. 21 Bruce Campbell +  
Fri. Sept. 22 Zachary Restiaux  
Sat. Sept. 23 Joan Gardner +

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH, 2023 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:

Sat. Sept. 22 5:00pm Pastor's Intention  
Sun. Sept. 23 9:00am Parishioners  
Sun. Sept. 23 11:00am Pope Francis

**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 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Date:**  
Sept. 23 5:00pm Nicole Martires  
Sept. 24 9:00am Bertie Mathis, Rina Lomague  
Sept. 24 11:00am Belinda Gallamos, Phil Daigle

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

**Parish Religious Education Program (PREP):** Classes will begin this Tuesday, September 19th, from 6pm to 7:15pm

### 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 beginning on Sept. 27th** and ending on January 31st, **from 12:30-2:30pm** in the **St. James Church meeting room** (2777 Townline Road, Abbotsford). Cost is \$20USD for a digital copy or \$40USD for a hard copy. Contact Eileen Gaudet at [eileenmgaudet@gmail.com](mailto:eileenmgaudet@gmail.com) to register.

### Miles Christi Silent Retreat for Young Adults:

The priests of Miles Christi will be in Canada to offer the Spiritual Exercises at Westminster Abbey, Mission, BC. Young adults age 19-30 are invited to the silent retreat on the **week-end of October 13-15**.

The retreat involves conferences and meditations necessary to make the Spiritual Exercises. There will be daily Mass, Rosary, Adoration, as well as times for one-on-one spiritual direction and Confession. The retreat will be silent, and it is important to come prepared to fully engage in the entire experience.

Cost is \$230 which includes a single room, private bathroom, and all meals (Friday dinner to Sunday lunch). Financial assistance is available for those who need it. Learn more and register at [beholdvancouver.org/events](http://beholdvancouver.org/events) *New conferences are introduced each year, ensuring that participants who are repeating the retreat do not encounter the same meditations. Each new conference still aligns with the overall method and rhythm of the Spiritual Exercises.*

### 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. **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/events](http://beholdvancouver.org/events)

### **Marriage Conference Weekend Getaway:**

We are thrilled to announce an exciting opportunity in partnership with Family Life Canada, designed exclusively for married couples within the Archdiocese of Vancouver! The Weekend Getaway is not your typical retreat, it's a marriage conference thoughtfully crafted to enrich and invigorate your relationship. Whether you're seeking a chance to reconnect, rebuild a strong foundation, or rekindle the flames of romance, this retreat offers it all. For some, it may even serve as a fresh start, and for a few, it could be the weekend that renews and saves a marriage. No matter where you currently stand in your relationship journey, this retreat promises to be a memorable experience. The atmosphere is welcoming, relaxed, and infused with joy. You'll hear from real couples navigating life together in alignment with God's wisdom. There will also be ample time for reflection and the opportunity to work together in building a joyful marriage that will withstand the test of time.

**Registration:** The conference fee is typically \$299 but with the promo code "RCAV" you can secure your spot for just \$199. Accommodations at the exquisite Fairmont Chateau Whistler can be booked separately at a rate of \$229+ per night if reserved before October 10th. Please note that rates may vary based on availability after this date. To register, please visit the registration page at [beholdvancouver.org/events](https://beholdvancouver.org/events) and select "individual" (which equates to one couple) and opt for the Early Bird rate. Applying the promo code will automatically reduce the fee to \$199, and the system will recognize you as part of the Archdiocese of Vancouver community. The deadline is Monday, November 6th at 9am. We look forward to sharing this enriching weekend with you and strengthening the bonds of love and commitment in your marriage.

### **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](https://beholdvancouver.org/events)

### **World Day for 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 Richard Zanotti and Father Tom Smith in prayerful celebration and solidarity with our migrant and refugee brothers and sisters on **Saturday, September 23 at 5:00pm at St. Paul's Richmond**. There will be a reception with food and entertainment following Mass in the gym. Learn more at [beholdvancouver.org/events](https://beholdvancouver.org/events)

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

Need Marriage Help? Retrouvaille, pronounced "retro-vye" meaning "rediscovery", 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 October 13th - 15th** and six Sunday afternoon follow-up sessions, which can be attended remotely.

**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>  
**Registration closes October 17, 2023.**

### **Pilgrimage to the Holy Land:**

Join a transformative journey to the Holy Land led by renowned Catholic Biblical scholar Dr. John Bergsma and Fr. Bruce-John Hamilton of Corpus Christi Parish from **June 28 to July 7, 2024**. This pilgrimage is proudly sponsored by BestOUR, a trusted name in guiding pilgrims through the Holy Land for three decades.

Don't miss this rare opportunity to be part of a limited group of 50 participants on this once-in-a-lifetime journey. Secure your seat by contacting [amerguide@gmail.com](mailto:amerguide@gmail.com) or calling +972-52-6903169 (Please note that Israel is +10 hours ahead of Pacific Time).