

## 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

### December 17th, 2023 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

#### Stewardship Reflection

*"... rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)*

This scripture reading sums up Stewardship. "Rejoice always" means place your trust in God. He will provide all that you need. "Pray without ceasing" means prayer should be a running conversation with God throughout the whole day, every day. "Give thanks in all circumstances" means even in bad situations, thank God. Suffering a little bit helps build empathy for others in similar situations and shows our dependence on God.

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#### Mass Intentions

Mon. Dec. 18 Roger Holt b/d  
Mon. Dec. 18 7:00pm *Simbang Gabi*  
Tues. Dec. 19 Zachary Restiaux  
Tues. Dec. 19 7:00pm *Simbang Gabi*  
Wed. Dec. 20 Angela Pederzini + 5th d/a  
Wed. Dec. 20 7:00pm *Simbang Gabi*  
Thurs. Dec. 21 Maxine Jakins +  
Thurs. Dec. 21 7:00pm *Simbang Gabi*  
Fri. Dec. 22 Tom Schalkx + 15th d/a  
Fri. Dec. 22 7:00pm *Simbang Gabi*  
Sat. Dec. 23 Edith Sims +

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24TH, 2023 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sat. Dec. 23 5:00pm *Simbang Gabi*  
Sun. Dec. 24 9:00am Parishioners  
Sun. Dec. 24 11:00am Archbishop Miller

#### THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD CHRISTMAS EVE

##### Sunday, December 24

5:00pm Margaret Carreiro + & Manuel Sousa +  
11:30pm carol singing  
12:00am Midnight Mass

#### CHRISTMAS DAY

##### Monday, December 25

9:00am Sandy Lancker  
11:00am Bev & Zender Family

CHRISTMAS IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

#### FRASER VALLEY EAST DEANERY REMAINING ADVENT CONFESSION TIMES:

Sun.	Dec. 17	4:00pm	St. Anthony's, Agassiz
Tues.	Dec. 19	6:30pm	St. Nicholas, Langley
Wed.	Dec. 20	7:00pm	St. James, Abbotsford
Wed.	Dec. 20	6:00pm-7:00pm	St. Joseph's, Mission
Thurs.	Dec. 21	6:00pm-7:00pm	St. Joseph's, Mission
Fri.	Dec. 22	6:00pm-7:00pm	St. Joseph's, Mission

#### Please Pray for our Parishioners who have Health Challenges:

Aldora Bettencourt, 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, Zachary Restiaux and Eileen Webster.

**CAN YOU HELP?** Fr. Craig and Fr. John received some tulip bulbs but they need to be put into the ground. If you can help planting the bulbs, you can be pick them up from the office.

**FIAT SNOWSHOE:** Come spend quality time with the Religious Sisters of the Archdiocese and have fun outdoors on **Saturday, January 6!** We will meet at St Antony's Parish in West Vancouver and start with Mass at 9am, then drive to Cypress for the snowshoe up Black Mountain. The trail is a 5.3km snowshoe loop with a beautiful view at the top. All women aged 18-35 are welcome! There is no cost. Please pack a bagged lunch and bring your snowshoes. If you need help getting snowshoes or a ride, please contact Sister Mary Martha at [smmhetzler@rcav.org](mailto:smmhetzler@rcav.org) Registration deadline: Wed. January 3.

#### CELEBRATE "350 YEARS OF MEANING AND ACTION" IN QUEBEC CITY:

The Catholic Church in Quebec City is celebrating the 350th anniversary of the founding of its Diocese until December 8, 2024! The oldest diocese north of Mexico, the cradle of faith in our country, has given birth to more than 150 dioceses over the years. Its community has lived, celebrated and shared the faith, met social needs, founded organizations that are still vibrant, and helped give life to the culture we inherited today. The fundamental importance of this legacy will be celebrated in a program that also takes a look at the life of today's community.

The Catholic community of the Diocese of Quebec opens wide its arms to you! Experience a pilgrimage in the footsteps of the founding saints of the Church in Canada. Rediscover our shared history through activities for all including visits to rarely accessible heritage sites, "Founders' Fortnight", exhibitions, and concerts. For more details, please visit [fetes350.ca](http://fetes350.ca)