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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

February 4, 2024 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Stewardship Reflection:

"In the morning, while it was still very dark, Jesus got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. ... He told them, Let us go on to the neighbouring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." (Mark 1:35,38)

In today's Gospel reading we see a perfect example of stewardship. Jesus gives His time to do all that God wishes - healing the sick and preaching. But before He begins, Jesus takes time to be alone with God in prayer. It is through prayer, spending time with God, that we are given the graces needed to do what He wishes us to do. Praying before acting is a great habit to develop.

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Mass Intentions

Mon.	Feb. 5	Tony Bettencourt +
Tues.	Feb. 6	Yvonne Reme
Wed.	Feb. 7	Vince & Anna Pallier
Thurs.	Feb. 8	Louis & Delores Azvedo +
Fri.	Feb. 9	Jacinto Narciso +
Sat.	Feb. 10	Bruno Mannella +

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH, 2024 SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sat.	Feb. 10	5:00pm	Pastor's Intention
Sun.	Feb. 11	9:00am	Parishioners
Sun.	Feb. 11	11:00am	Pope Francis

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

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time **Lectors**

Date:

Feb. 10	5:00pm	Nicole Martires
Feb. 11	9:00am	Rina Lomague, Bertie Mathis
Feb. 11	11:00am	Danai Gariwa, Felistas Gariwa

STEUBENVILLE CONFERENCES - "Catholic Conferences to bring high-schoolers into a life-changing encounter with Jesus Christ."

Information Meeting today, Sunday, February 4th, after the 11am Mass for youth and parent(s) in Grades 8 - 12 who are interested in attending the conference in Spokane on July 12-14/24.

Location: St. Joseph's Church foyer

For more info, text Marie Therese 778-991-005.

JOIN A PILGRIMAGE led by Fr. George Edattukaran (retired) to unique and extraordinary sacred places in France and Spain. To mention a few: St. Thérèse of Lisieux, St. Vincent de Paul, Our Lady of Rocamadour, Our Lady of Lourdes, St. Bernadette, St. Ignatius of Loyola, St. Francis Xavier, Our Lady of Montserrat and La Sagrada Familia in Barcelona, Spain. For more information, watch the link:

<https://www.facebook.com/583790114/videos/40349984557502/>

September 6 - 20, 2024. Flights from Vancouver, BC.

Call Dora Croner @ 604.725.5350 or

email: doracroner@gmail.com for more information and/or to register.

ST. JAMES & ST. ANN'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MOVIE NIGHT FUNDRAISER:

Movie: Monsters, Inc.

Date: February 09, 2024

Time: 6:00pm. Doors open at 5:30pm

Location: School Gymnasium

Cost: \$5 per person, \$25 per family (5 or more)

Concession stand will include pizza, hot dogs, smokies, popcorn, candy and more!

VOCATION LIVE-IN: February 10 - 11

at the Seminary of Christ the King, Mission, BC. Anyone wishing to enter the Seminary in the next couple of years is welcome. For more information, phone 604.826.8975 or email: rector.minors@sck.ca

ENDOW'S God is Love Study: All women are invited to join us for an Endow study based on Pope Benedict XVI's encyclical, *God is Love*. This inspiring letter calls us back to the foundational truths about love. Join us for a break in your day to learn and study alongside other women. We will meet for **eight Wednesday sessions from 12:30-2:30pm** in the **St. James Church meeting room, beginning on February 14th and ending on May 28th**. Cost is \$20 USD for digital copy and \$40 USD for a hard copy. Visit endowgroups.org for more information. Contact Eileen Gaudet to register at eileengaudet@gmail.com

ST. JAMES & ST. ANN'S SCHOOL is accepting applications for September 2024. Kindergarten to Grade 7. **Deadline: February 5.**
www.stjameselementary.ca
2767 Townline Road, Abbotsford.

Pastoral Letter on the Use of Social Media: The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) has released its Pastoral Letter on the use of social media titled: *"Let Your Speech Always Be Gracious."* Acknowledging the prominent role social media has come to play at an individual and societal level, this timely Pastoral Letter considers the benefits and dangers of social media from the perspective of Catholic Social Teaching. It provides tools for moral reflection and self-examination, and suggests seven commitments by which to be guided for a more ethical use of social media. The Pastoral Letter can be accessed and shared via rcav.org/announcements

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK MASS:

As the church marks the World Day of the Sick on February 11, the Catholic Health Association of BC encourages everyone to pray for those who suffer from illness and for their caregivers.

The theme of this year's observance is *"It is not good that man should be alone - Healing the Sick by Healing Relationships."* The best therapy for those who are ill, Pope Francis adds, is to offer them our love and communion, despite the pace of our own frenetic lives.

Archbishop Miller, CSB will celebrate Mass for World Day of the Sick on Saturday, February 10, at 11:00am at Our Lady of Sorrows Parish (555 Slocan Street, Vancouver). Reception to follow. All are welcome! Pray with us on this day. To learn more, visit chabc.rcav.org/wds2024

40 DAYS FOR LIFE: NIGHTLY ROSARY:

40 Days for Life is an international-focused pro-life campaign with a vision to access God's power through prayer, fasting, and peaceful vigil to end abortion. The Lenten campaign includes a nightly rosary at 8:00pm. Join us on Zoom every night as we pray together for an end to the injustice of abortion, **starting on Ash Wednesday, February 14, until Palm Sunday, March 24.** Learn more

and register via beholdvancouver.org/events

MOMENTUM SINGLE MOTHERS LUNCH: This is an opportunity for women to gather, share, pray, and learn more about Momentum, a faith community for Catholic single mothers that offers retreats, as well as in-person and online gatherings. We will be joined by Claire Brown, who has been a single mother to her son since his birth in 2000. Claire is a co-founder of Momentum and a Professor at McGill University.

On **Saturday, February 24, 12:30pm - 2:30pm** at **Corpus Christi Parish in Vancouver.** Lunch and childcare will be provided. Learn more and register for free via beholdvancouver.org/events

DAUGHTERS OF ST. PAUL BOOK FAIR:

The Daughters of St. Paul Books & Media is bringing a book fair to St. James School and Parish in Abbotsford. Come and peruse a wonderful selection of Catholic books for children, youth, and adults, including Bibles, prayer books, Bible stories, storybooks, graphic novels, lives of the saints, spirituality, Lenten titles, First Communion and Confirmation.

On **Ash Wednesday, February 14, from 9:30am to 4:30pm.** The book fair will be set up in the vestibule of the church. Cash, Debit/Interac, Visa and Mastercard will be accepted. All are welcome.

IDENTITY COURSE BY LIFE RESTORATION

MINISTRIES: Discover your God-given identity.

Starting February 21, you can embark on a three-part journey that will guide you deeper into your true identity. Instructed by Jake Khym (MA), this course offers a fresh perspective on the journey of becoming.

- Participate in weekly Zoom teachings
- Engage in community discussions
- Equip yourself with a library of resources and exercises
- Bring daily prayer starters into your time with Jesus

Enrol today at: liferestoration.ca/identity-course

GRIEF TO GRACE HEALING RETREAT:

Grief to Grace is a retreat program to help those who have endured physical, emotional, sexual, and/or spiritual abuse to find healing. Centred on Jesus Christ, the five-day program is facilitated by mental health professionals and will be held in Kelowna, BC from **Tuesday, May 14 to Saturday, May 18.** Due to the confidentiality and sensitivity of this retreat, the exact address will only be shared to those who register. For more information, please email griegtogracekelowna@gmail.com or make a confidential phone call to 250.808.6403. Register at griegtograce.org

SANCTA MARIE HOUSE IN VANCOUVER is looking for female volunteers. Sancta Maria is a Healing/Recovery Home for women. They need assistance with household management, arts and crafts, social activities and gardening. Please consider sharing your gifts and talents. Email: santamariahhouse@agapestreetministry.org

AGAPE STREET MINISTRY is calling on compassionate individuals to join their dedicated team of volunteers. Make a difference in the lives of the working women on the streets by telling them "Jesus loves them."
email: info@agapestreetministry.org