

## 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

March 31st, 2024

## RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

### Stewardship Reflection:

"Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth." (Colossians 3:22)

On this day we thank God for His Son, Jesus, who died, rose and opened the gates of heaven for us. We celebrate and sing, "Alleluia!" Let's try to keep the joy of this Easter season in our hearts throughout the year! Pray daily and listen for how God is calling each of us to joyfully use our gifts to fulfill His salvation plan. Copyright@2024 Archdiocese of St. Louis

### Mass Intentions

Mon. April 1 Bettencourt Family living & deceased  
Tues. April 2 Bruno Mannella +  
Wed. April 3 Susan McGlone +  
Thurs. April 4 Dr. Johan Wouterloot +  
Fri. April 5 Tony Bettencourt +  
Sat. April 6 Emilia Borba +

### SUNDAY, APRIL 7TH, 2024

#### SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

#### DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY:

Sat. April 6 Pastor's Intention  
Sun. April 7 Parishioners  
Sun. April 7 Pope Francis

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

Aldora Bettencourt, Bob Curley, Kathleen Ethier, Eugene Filiatrault, Paola Giacometti, Jean Hellier, Dustin Hiles, Ken Hodge, Lili Huff, Mabsie Merz, Patricia Peters, Eileen Roberts, Zachary Restiaux and Eileen Webster.

**Please Pray for the Repose of the Soul of** Margaret Boe +, daughter of Eileen Webster, who died Monday, March 25th. *Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

HOLY HOUR 2nd Sunday of Easter April 7, 2024  
(Divine Mercy Sunday)

2:30pm - 3:30pm Divine Mercy Novena at 3:00pm.

**CWL MEETING** to occur Monday, April 1 at 7:00pm in church foyer. 2 items on Agenda.

- 1) Re-schedule Bake Sale for baby formula
- 2) Baby Bottle Campaign

Hope to see you there

Maria Hedderson

### BLESSED EUCHARIST:

Come join us for an hour of songs, giving thanks praise and worship to Jesus in the Tabernacle. **Sunday, April 21** from **2:00pm to 3:00pm.**

**HELP WANTED!** We're trying to re-establish refreshments after Sunday 9am Masses and are looking for people that are willing to help out. We are hoping to have many people willing to volunteer a few times in the year to bring juice, creamo & goodies (either homemade and/or store bought) and to set up the coffee pot in order to help build up community bonds within our parish. The parish will reimburse individuals who provide a receipt showing what they have spent on this. There will be a sign-up sheet at the back of the church where 2 people can sign up for a particular Sunday(s). For more information or questions, please call/text Judi at 604.832.0334.

**RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT:** "We are much better off when we can finally allow someone else to see our life with their perspective and through a lens that is not our own." - CEK  
We are quick to judge, shame and condemn ourselves for our role in the abortion decision. Handing your story over to someone who cares about you and can help you see things differently, how God sees you with all His love and mercy, is sometimes the beginning of the healing. Why wait? Join us on the next Rachel's Vineyard Retreat™ from May 24 to 26. For confidential information, call 604.525.0999. email: [info@pacscanada.org](mailto:info@pacscanada.org)

*Happy Easter!*

## Second Sunday of Easter    Divine Mercy Sunday

### Lectors

#### Date:

April 6	5:00pm	Nicole Martires
April 7	9:00am	Pamela Lewis, Paul Lewis
April 7	11:00am	Bridget Winterhoff, Juliette Robertson

### A Compassionate Approach to Infertility:

Navigate infertility with practical resources and faith-filled support through this two-part webinar series:

#### ► Session 1: The Suffering of Infertility

Sister John Mary Sullivan, FSE, will speak on some of the deeper questions that may arise from the cross of infertility: Why is this happening to us? How are we a family without children? How can this not affect our marriage?

Dr. Jonathan Yang, MD, CCFP, will give an informational presentation on "What is normal, and when should I reach out for help?"

#### ► Session 2: Is there Hope?

Deacon Martin and Lora Cayer will share their testimony with a focus on how their relationship and faith has been affected by the long-term cross of infertility.

Dr. Paul Yong, MD, PhD, FRCSC and Theresa Yong will give an informational presentation and share their personal experiences with treatments for infertility. On **April 10 & 17, 7:00pm** via **Zoom**. Learn more and register at [beholdvancouver.org/events](http://beholdvancouver.org/events)

### YOUTH RETREAT 2024 - MAY 17 - MAY 20 at CAMP SQUEAH IN HOPE, BC

**Attention: All Youth, Grades 8 - 12.**

St. Joseph's Youth Ministry is teaming up again this year with Saint Mary's Chilliwack, Saint Joseph's Langley, and Immaculate Conception Delta for our annual Youth Retreat! This year's theme is "JOY!" Come join us for a fun-filled adventure with other Catholic youth. The retreat includes: Bus transportation to and from Camp Squeah, 8 meals and snacks, 3 nights accommodations, t-shirt and camp crafts, plus lots of joy-filled camp activities including archery, swimming, adoration, and more. Cost is \$350.00. **Deadline to register is April 20th.**

For more information, contact Angela Frendo at [frendoangela@gmail.com](mailto:frendoangela@gmail.com)

We will be looking at fundraiser events for youth interested in coming. Parishioners: your financial support is welcome - why not consider sponsoring a youth.

**A Tagalog Mass** in honour of the Feast Day of **San Pedro Galungsod, Saturday, April 20, 7:00pm, St. James Parish, 2777 Townline Road, Abbotsford BC.** Celebrant: Rev. Father Vincent Miguel. Music by The Magnificat Choir led by Vincent Punzalan. For more Information: email Rosalina Cole at [linacole5458@gmail.com](mailto:linacole5458@gmail.com) or call St. James Parish office 604.864.8800.

### Archbishop Miller's Easter Message 2024:

From time immemorial, people have asked whether there really is life after death and, if so, what kind of life it would be. Some have suggested that life simply ends in nothingness. For them, the world is just a war-torn and violent waiting room where death has the last word.

We Christians, on the other hand, today shout 'Alleluia' because Jesus Christ has been raised from the dead. His Resurrection is neither a myth nor a dream. It wasn't a vision. Nor is it a fairy tale. It is a singular and unrepeatable event in the history of the cosmos.

At Easter we celebrate that He conquered sin and death, opening us to a future of hope. Thanks to Him, evil has been robbed of its power; failure can no longer hold us back from starting anew; and death has become a passage to eternal life.

This Easter the Church invites us to relive the thrilling experience of the disciples who encountered Jesus as a living Person. Today we too can encounter Him.

He might be right there before us: in a troubled son or daughter; a difficult spouse or family situation; a neglected person clamouring for our attention. He is waiting to be encountered as Risen Lord, but He wears many disguises. He is found in the poor, the sick, the trafficked, the addicted, the imprisoned, the abandoned, the homeless, and the marginalized in our midst.

As Bishop Robert Barron has written: "It all comes down finally to this: If Jesus was not raised from death, Christianity is a joke. But if he did rise from death, then Christianity is the fullness of God's revelation and Jesus must be the absolute centre of our lives. There is no third option."

If you sincerely seek the Lord, rest assured that you will find Him. Indeed, He will come to find you, to meet you. Calling you by name, He will take you into the intimacy of His love and ask you, in return, to share your experience with others.

+J. Michael Miller, CSB

### Hope on the Horizon: Catholic Street Missionaries Summer Outreach

Hope on the Horizon is an outreach program designed to introduce young adults aged 19-30 to the life of a street missionary, sharing a life of prayer and service with others and bringing the love of Jesus to the homeless. For two weeks, participants will live a communal life, praying, learning, and reaching out to our homeless friends on the streets. In addition, there will be human, apostolic, spiritual and intellectual formation. We will also enjoy recreational activities together. From **August 6 to 21 in Vancouver**. Program fee is \$650, including food and accommodation. Candidates will receive mentorship on how to raise funds for the program fee. Sponsors will be issued a tax receipt.

**Registration deadline: Tuesday, April 30.** Learn more and register at [catholicstreetmissionaries.org/horizon](http://catholicstreetmissionaries.org/horizon)