

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

April 14th, 2024

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Stewardship Reflection:

"Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' They were startled and terrified." (Luke 24:36-37)

Throughout the day we have many opportunities to "see the face of Jesus" in others and to "be the face of Jesus" to others. Do we take that opportunity to provide "peace" to those we encounter or are we afraid of what others will think of us and do nothing? Pray for the strength and courage to live a "God-centred" life and not a "self-centred" life.

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Mass Intentions

Mon.	April 15	Tony Mannella +
Tues.	April 16	William Teindl +
Wed.	April 17	Shaleen Lochbaum good health
Thurs.	April 18	Kimberly Samson +
Fri.	April 19	Russell Pendrod +
Sat.	April 20	Zachary Restiaux

SUNDAY, APRIL 21ST, 2024

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sat.	April 20	Pastor's Intention
Sun.	April 21	Parishioners
Sun.	April 21	Pope Francis

Please Pray for our Parishioners who have Health Challenges:

Aldora Bettencourt, Bob Curley, Kathleen Ethier, Eugene Filiatrault, Paola Giacometti, 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 Jean Hellier+** who died April 11th. Her service will be on Friday, April 19th at 11am with Fr. George celebrant. *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. Amen.*

Viewing of *The Chosen*, Season 2 will begin this afternoon, Sunday, April 14th at 1:30pm, in the church.

Blessed Eucharist:

Come join us for an hour of songs, giving thanks praise and worship to Jesus in the Tabernacle. **Sunday, April 21** from **3:00pm to 4:00pm** following the viewing of The Chosen.

International Fatima Statue:

Visit of the Pilgrim Statue of Fatima blessed by Pope Pius XII will be at St. James Parish, 2777 Townline Road, Abbotsford BC on **Monday, 15 April 2024. 9:00am: Mass, 7:00pm: Holy Hour 8:30am to 9:00pm** Visits may be made all day. All are welcome!

The Catholic Women's League is asking for your support. We are having a Bake Sale to support Hope for Women. **The Bake Sale will take place after the 9:00am and 11:00am Masses on Sunday, April 21st.** Donations of baking will be accepted as well as monetary donations. Thank you in advance for your support. For further details, please contact Maria at 604.854.4858.

Annual General Meeting: All parishioners of St. Joseph's Church are invited to the Annual General Meeting of St. Joseph Food Bank at the Food Bank building on **Friday, April 19, 2024 beginning at 4:30pm.** Your insight and suggestions are welcome.

St. James & St. Ann's School Zumbathon April 26, 2024: Students are asking for your support. Our goal is to raise \$25,000 for the first phase of fundraising for a new playground at our school. You can make a pledge online <https://www.stjameselementary.ca/zumbathon/> All donations of \$25 or more are eligible for a tax receipt. Please support our regional Catholic school. Thank you for making a pledge.

St. John Brebeuf Regional Secondary School is looking for event sponsors for the annual Bear Brawl - this is a great way to promote your business while supporting your Catholic regional high school. For more information, please visit <https://stjohbrebeuf.ca/bear-brawl/> or email sponsorship@stjohnbrebeuf.ca

Sweet Surrender: The Joy of Entering God's Will - Easter Retreat for Divorced and Separated: The word surrender doesn't usually evoke excited anticipation or desire in us. And yet, our faith tells us that surrendering our will to the Lord is the central path to life and fulfillment in Him. In this retreat, we'll explore what surrender really means and explore concrete, real-world ways to come into direct contact with our Lord and His will, while discovering the joy & peace that true surrender brings. On **Saturday, April 27, 9:30am to 2:30pm** at **St. Francis de Sales Parish in Burnaby.** Cost is \$20. Learn more and register at 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 27th.**

For more information, contact Angela Frendo at 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.

Enroll Your Child in Our Faith-Filled Catholic School:

Are you seeking a nurturing and faith-centred environment for your child's education? Look no further than St. James and St. Ann's Elementary School!

For the upcoming 2024-2025 school year, we are excited to welcome new students into our Kindergarten, Grade 1, Grade 2, Grade 3, Grade 4, and Grade 7 classes. Our school is a place where students flourish academically, socially, and spiritually.

At St. James and St. Ann's, we prioritize the development of the whole child, fostering a strong foundation in academics while instilling Catholic values and teachings. Our dedicated staff create a warm and welcoming atmosphere where every student is known, valued, and loved.

We invite all parish families to explore the enriching opportunities available at our school. To learn more, please visit our website at www.stjameselementary.ca or call the office at 604.852.1788.

Join our school family at St. James and St. Ann's Elementary School, where faith, learning, and community come together to create an exceptional educational experience. We can't wait to welcome you!

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Lectors

Date:

Sat. Apr. 20	5:00pm	Nicole Martires
Sun. Apr. 21	9:00am	Lysia Murphy, Jocelyn Chowdhry
Sun. Apr. 21	11:00am	Hannah Traub, Trevor Traub

How Churches Can Protect Youth from the Explosion in Cyber Exploitation:

It is critical for Churches to comprehend the world we live in and create programs to protect youth from exploitation. Join this seminar hosted by Through God's Grace Ministry and learn what every Church needs to know about AI (artificial intelligence) and the technology transformation that endangers and empowers kids and their families. Our keynote speaker is Opal Singleton, a nationally recognized cyber exploitation expert and the author of the book *Societal Shift, A World Without Borders and a Home Without Walls*. On **Saturday, April 20th, 8:30am to 10:00am via Zoom**. Learn more and register via beholdvancouver.org/events

Mother-Daughter-Sister Tea:

This is a free opportunity for moms and their daughters to meet and spend an afternoon with religious sisters of different communities over tea and treats, with activities organized by the Sisters of the Archdiocese of Vancouver.

On **Saturday, May 11**, from **2:30pm to 4:30pm** at the **Our Lady of the Assumption Parish Hall** in Port Coquitlam.

There's an option to go to the Saturday Vigil Mass after the event at 5pm. **Registration deadline: Saturday, May 4.** Learn more and register at beholdvancouver.org/events

Marriage Anniversary Mass 2024: "Love isn't easy. No.

But the most beautiful thing that a man and a woman can give each other is true love, for a lifetime." - Pope Francis. On Sunday, May 12, Archbishop Miller, CSB will be honouring couples celebrating milestone marriage anniversaries: five-year increments from 5 to 60 years, and every year beyond 60 years. The Marriage Anniversary Mass will be at Our Lady of the Assumption Parish in Port Coquitlam at 1:30pm. **Registrations received by Friday, April 19**, will receive their certificate at the Mass. Learn more and register at family.rcav.org/mam

Grief to 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

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. e-mail: info@pacscanada.org