

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 7th, 2024

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)

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.**

Stewardship Reflection:

"The whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions..." (Acts 4:32)

All that we are and all that we have is a gift from God! Think of your family, your friends, your life, your talents and your money - these are all gifts from God! We aren't really owners of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has blessed us with. We are called to be grateful and generous with all of our gifts for the benefit of others.

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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.

Mass Intentions

Mon.	April 8	Bill Girard good health
Tues.	April 9	Jacinto Narciso +
Wed.	April 10	Loretta Draper good health
Thurs.	April 11	Molly Niblack good health
Fri.	April 12	Jean Hellier
Sat.	April 13	Jacinto Narciso +

SUNDAY, APRIL 14TH, 2024

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sat.	April 13	Pastor's Intention
Sun.	April 14	Parishioners
Sun.	April 14	Archbishop Miller

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.

Second Sunday of Easter

Divine Mercy Sunday

Lectors

Date:

Sat.	Apr. 13	5:00pm	Maria Hedderson
Sun.	Apr. 14	9:00am	Rina Lomague, Bertie Mathis
Sun.	Apr. 14	11:00am	Felisitas Gariwa, Danai Gariwa

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

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

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

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 or call St. James Parish office 604.864.8800.

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!

Spring 2024 Gala, Catholic Pacific College (CPC)

All young adults and CPC alumni are invited to join us for the Catholic Pacific College Student Association's Spring Gala! There will be dinner, a toonie bar, live music, a photo booth, and dancing. On **Saturday, April 20, 6:00pm at Sts. Joachim and Ann Parish.** Cost is \$25. Please come in formal attire. Learn more and buy tickets are beholdvancouver.org/events

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

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 griegtograncelowna@gmail.com or make a confidential phone call to 250.808.6403. Register at griegtograncelowna.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