

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

September 8th, 2024

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Stewardship Reflection:

"Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him?" James 2:5

What is more important - being rich in faith or rich in possessions? Society tells us that possessions are most important. God teaches a different lesson. When we are rich in faith, we keep God first and experience true joy and peace. When we put possessions first, we soon realize we can never have enough and happiness is fleeting. When we put faith over possessions we truly realize it is better to give than receive.

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Mass Intentions

Mon. Sept. 9 Jacinto Narciso +
Tues. Sept. 10 Pilar Abalos +
Wed. Sept. 11 Antonietta Buonassisi +
Thurs. Sept. 12 Joao Tavares +
Fri. Sept. 13 Lucita Fernandez b/d
Sat. Sept. 14 Foerderer Family living & deceased

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH, 2024

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sat. Sept. 14 5:00pm Intention of Pastor
Sun. Sept. 15 9:00am Parishioners
Sun. Sept. 15 11:00am Archbishop Miller

Sun. Sept. 15/24 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Date
Sat. Sept. 14 5:00pm Mark Gervias
Sun. Sept. 15 9:00am Aida Evangelista, Ryan Murphy,
Libi Puthenangady
Sun. Sept. 15 11:00am Michelle Favrin, Joanne Soullie,
Anton van Tran

Please Pray for our Parishioners who have health challenges: Aldora Bettencourt, Bob Curley, Peter de Jong, Riet de Jong, Greta Derewenko, Kathleen Ethier, Paola Giacometti, Lilia Huff, Mabsie Merz, Patricia Peters, Eileen Roberts, Elaine Webster and Zachary Restiaux.

The Catholic Women's League will start the "new year" with a meeting *tomorrow*, **Monday, September 9th at 7pm** in the foyer. All ladies in the Parish are welcome to attend.

Exposition of the Blessed Eucharist: Come join us for Exposition with an hour of songs, giving thanks, praise and worship to God on **Sunday, September 15 from 2:00pm to 3:00pm**.

The Chosen - We're excited to be starting to watch The Chosen, Season 3 on **Thursday, September 19th at 6:30pm** in the **church basement** (please park below as front doors will be locked). Come join us, as Fr. Craig gives us some insightful information to make the bible stories come alive. For those that have missed Seasons 1 &/or 2, you can watch it at home to catch up at <https://watch.thechosen.tv/>

Endow Women's Study Group: All women are invited to join us this fall as we explore the timeless riches of the Rosary from the perspective of Pope Saint John Paul II's Apostolic Letter, *Rosarium Virginis Marie*. Whether you have never prayed the Rosary or you pray it daily, this study will invite you deeper into the life of Jesus. We will gather for **six bi-weekly Wednesday sessions from 12:30 - 2:30pm in the St. James Church meeting room (2777 Townline Road, Abbotsford), beginning on September 25th** and ending on December 11th. Cost is \$28 for a digital copy or \$55 for a hard copy. Contact Eileen Gaudet to register at eileenmgaudet@gmail.com For more information about Endow, visit endowgroups.org

PREP Registration Forms for the 2024/2025 school year are available in the church foyer and on the parish website. PREP meets on **Tuesday nights from 6:00pm-7:15pm starting on September 17th**. Our first night will be to complete registration and have a short information meeting for parents. Children are welcome to attend and play games with their classmates.

PREP is for children who are 4 years old through grade 7 who don't attend a Catholic school. Students receiving their sacraments are required to attend PREP for at least 2 years including their sacramental year. If you have any questions, please contact Amy at prep.stjoseph.parish@gmail.com

Second Collection: Healing & Reconciliation (Sept. 7/8): This weekend's second collection will help support our Indigenous brothers and sisters. Your donation will fund projects that are determined locally in collaboration with First Nations, focusing on:

- Healing and reconciliation for communities and families
- Culture and language revitalization
- Education and community building
- Dialogue for promoting Indigenous culture

Make a tax deductible donation in person at the parish or online at rcav.org/healing-and-reconciliation

Making Sense of Anxiety in Children and Youth: The escalating level of anxiety in our children begs for an explanation as well as a solution. Dr. Gordon Neufeld sheds light on this age-old problem, paving the way for natural interventions that actually get to the root causes as opposed to just managing symptoms. Although the focus is on children, this enlightening material will benefit anyone suffering from anxiety. Dr. Neufeld's revolutionary yet science-specific approach turns parenting right-side-up, restoring natural intuition to parenting and putting parents back in the driver's seat. This video course takes the best that science has to offer and renders it readily accessible to parents of children of all ages. **Every Tuesday, starting September 17 until October 15, from 7:30pm to 9:00pm via Zoom.** Cost is \$25. Learn more and register at beholdvancouver.org/events

Horizons of Hope: A Toolkit for Catholic Parishes on Palliative Care: Join us for an interactive day of prayer, videos and discussion based on Horizons of Hope, a toolkit that seeks to empower and educate parishioners on questions surrounding palliative care, dying, death, suffering, and bereavement.

The content explores how palliative care is understood from a perspective of Catholic moral and pastoral theology, medical expertise, and the Compassionate Community model. We hope to facilitate meaningful conversations grounded in the mercy and tenderness of the living Christ. This is an opportunity for caregivers, those who are sick, and family members to find support and help each other live well until our earthly life is over.

On **Saturday, September 21, 10:00am to 4:00pm** at **St. Joseph's Parish in Langley.**

In God's Image: Human Formation in Our Parishes: *In God's Image* is a study day for parish leaders who desire to learn what we mean by "human formation" and why it is important to foster in our own lives and in the lives of those we serve.

Sister John Mary Sullivan, Jody Garneau, Kevin Bredeman and Jane Waldoock will give an overview of human formation, its benefits for parish ministry and hands-on experience with different methods of formation that help meet the many challenges of serving in today's parish communities

The study day will be held on Saturday, September 21 from 9:00am to 4:30pm at St. Matthew's Parish Centre in Surrey. The presentation will be preceded by Mass. Cost is \$25 per registrant, with refreshments and light lunch provided.

Registration deadline: Monday, September 16. Learn more and register at beholdvancouver.org/events

Create Hope: Build a Better Tomorrow (Development and Peace - Caritas Canada Regional Assembly): All are invited to attend the annual Regional Assembly of the BC/Yukon Development and Peace, where we will review what we have been doing and set priorities for the upcoming year. The event will be held at Carmel Hill - Little Flower Monastery in Deroche, BC on the following dates:

- Friday, October 18, 5:00pm - 9:00pm
- Saturday, October 19, 9:00am - 10:00pm (with speakers)
- Sunday, October 20, 9:00am - 11:30am

New members are welcome! Event cost ranges from \$55-\$280/person, depending on accommodation. Discounts will depend on the number of attendees. **Registration deadline: Sunday, September 15.** For more information and to register, please email pinky.devpeace@gmail.com or visit beholdvancouver.org/events

Fr. John and Linda welcome Amanda Priest as the Administrative Assistant of St. Joseph's Parish. Linda is retiring as parish secretary at the end of October and until then will be helping Amanda settle into her role.