

## 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

**December 15, 2024**

### THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

#### Stewardship Reflection:

*"Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God."*

*Philippians 4:6*

St. Paul reminds us that God is an abundant God - He is the ultimate giver of gifts. He promises to give us all that we need. Remember, that we are created in God's image and likeness. We, too, are made to be generous with all of our gifts as well. Placing our trust in God frees us from being a slave to possessions. It allows us to gratefully and generously share ourselves and our goods with others.

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#### Mass Intentions

Mon. Dec. 16 Graceamma Chittattu +  
Tues. Dec. 17 Zachary Restiaux (Health)  
Wed. Dec. 18 Elvira Fresco (Health)  
Thur. Dec. 19 Telcy Devji (Health)  
Fri. Dec. 20 Sarafina Ikahu (Health)  
Sat. Dec. 21 Tom Schalkx +

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22ND, 2024 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sat. Dec. 14 5:00pm Pastor's Intention  
Sun. Dec. 15 9:00am Parishioners  
Sun: Dec. 15 11:00am Archbishop Miller

#### Please Pray for our Parishioners who have health challenges:

Wade Baker, Aldora Bettencourt, Peter de Jong, Riet de Jong, Greta Derewenko, Kathleen Ethier, Paola Giacometti, Lilia Huff, Kenneth Knopp, Mabsie Merz, Patricia Peters, Eileen Roberts,

**Simbang Gabi Novena:** Will begin today, and continue for nine days. Mass times listed on the back of the bulletin. Morning masses at 9:00am will continue as usual.

#### Advent Penitential Services:

December 16th at 7:00pm - St. Anne, Abbotsford, BC

December 17th at 6:30pm - St. Nicholas, Langley, BC

December 18th, 19th, 20th at 6:00pm - St. Josephs, Mission,

December 20th at 7:00pm - St. Joachim & St. Ann, Aldergrove, BC

December 20th at 7:00pm - St. Ann, Aldergrove, BC

December 21st at 10am - Our Lady of Good Hope, Hope, BC

December 23rd at 7:00pm - St. James, Abbotsford, BC

**Children's Liturgy Volunteers Needed:** Catholic adults who are interested in leading young children during the 9am Sunday Mass once a month. Training and all materials are provided. For more information please email [a.frendo@telus.net](mailto:a.frendo@telus.net)

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

**Young Adults Bible Study:** Young adults aged between 18 and 30 are welcome to attend the Bible Study, which will be held in the parish portable **today Sunday, December 15th, from 6:30pm to 8:30pm.**

**Parish Skate:** Please join us for our free Annual Parish Skate on **Sunday, December 29th from 4:00pm - 5:30pm** at the Mission Leisure Centre. Skates and helmets will be provided as quantities last.

**Bazaar 2024 Raffle Winners:** Congratulations to all our winners!  
Dinner with Fr. John & Fr. Craig - Alex Fantillo  
\$300 Cash - Maggie Alvarez  
Ninja Foodi - Digital Pro Air Fry Oven - Paul Comeau  
Abbotsford Canucks Hockey Tickets - Roger Holt  
\$100 Petro Canada Gas Card - Paul Cummings  
Handmade Christmas Quilt - Bruce Kennedy

#### Sun. Dec. 22/24 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Lectors:

Date:

Sat. Dec. 21 5:00pm Nicole Martires

Sun. Dec. 22 9:00am Bertie Mathis, Rina Lomague

Sun. Dec. 22 11:00am Shaeleen Lochbaum, Juliette

Robertson

**Project Advance:** Make a safe, easy & secure gift online. You will receive a tax receipt immediately. To make your donation go to [www.projectadvance.ca](http://www.projectadvance.ca)

**\*Please do not bring donations to the office as it will be too late to issue a tax receipt for this year.\***

**Mail Disruption: The BC Catholic Print Edition:** Stay informed and inspired with The *B.C. Catholic* digital edition, now available for free at [digital.bccatholic.ca](http://digital.bccatholic.ca). Due to the mail service disruption, our print edition is temporarily paused. We will resume printing as soon as the postal service returns to normal.

**Diaper/Formula Drive:** During the month of December there will be a diaper/formula drive taking place to support *Hope for Women*. This is the perfect time to say 'yes' to life and help mothers in need. Donation boxes will be in the foyer.

**Monthly Memorial Masses:** Join us for a special Mass honouring the souls of loved ones buried at Gardens of Gethsemani and Catholic Cemeteries. Mass will be on **Sunday, December 22nd at 12:30pm and 2:30pm** with a musical interlude from 1:45pm to 2:15pm. Hot beverages and Christmas cookies will be served after each mass. We invite you to personalize an ornament for your loved one and place it on our Tree of Remembrance. Please register in advance so we can prepare an ornament for you at [rcav.org/events](http://rcav.org/events)

**Christmas Outreach to the Homeless:** Spend Christmas Day with Catholic Street Missionaries (CSM) and reach out to our less privileged brothers and sisters on the streets of Vancouver. Wednesday, December 25th from 2:00pm to 5:30pm at Holy Rosary Cathedral. Register at [beholdvancouver/events](http://beholdvancouver/events)

**Simbang Gabi: Novena Masses:** Simbang Gabi is a devotional Filipino tradition that involves a nine-day series of novena Masses in anticipation of Christmas and in honour of Mother Mary.

**NOVENA Mass Schedule:**

Sun. Dec. 15 11:00am  
Mon. Dec. 16 7:00pm  
Tue. Dec. 17 7:30pm \*  
Wed. Dec. 18 7:00pm  
Thur. Dec. 19 7:00pm  
Fri. Dec. 20 7:00pm  
Sat. Dec. 21 5:00pm  
Sun. Dec. 22 11:00am  
Mon. Dec. 23 7:00pm

**THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD  
CHRISTMAS Mass Schedule:**

Tue. Dec. 24 5:00pm, 11:30pm carol singing,  
Midnight Mass  
Wed. Dec. 25 9:00am, 11:00am



**Sun. Dec. 22/24 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Date:

Sat. Dec. 21 5:00pm Mark Gervais  
Sun. Dec. 22 9:00am Aida Evangelista, Ryan Murphy, Libi Puthenangady  
Sun. Dec. 22 11:00am Michelle Favrin, Joanne Soullie, Anton Van Tran