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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

January 5th, 2025

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Stewardship Reflection:

"...and they fell down and worshipped him, and opened their treasures, and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh."

1 Matthew 2:11

What gifts do you give to the Lord? St. Pope Gregory said that these three gifts represent what we should give to God each day. Gold - as we must reflect the wisdom of Christ in all our relationships. Incense - represents our daily prayers and worship of God. Myrrh - is a symbol of our daily sacrifices in which we unite with Jesus for the good of others.

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Mass Intentions

Mon. Jan. 6 9:00am Tony Bettencourt +
Tues. Jan. 7 9:00am Bruno Manella + and
Tony Manella +
Wed. Jan. 8 9:00am Kyle McDermott +
Thur. Jan. 9 9:00am Jacinto Narciso +
Fri. Jan. 10 9:00am Foerderer Family (Living &
Deceased)
Sat. Jan. 11 9:00am Holt Family (Living & Deceased)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12TH, 2025 THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Sat. Jan. 11 5:00pm Pastor's Intention
Sun. Jan. 12 9:00am Parishioners
Sun. Jan. 12 11:00am Pope Francis

Thank you and Happy New Year!

A very big *Thank You* to all of you for the lovely gifts and cards we received over the Christmas season! They were much appreciated!

We wish each of you a very happy, healthy and blessed New Year.

Fr. John & Fr. Craig

Young Adults Bible Study: Young adults aged between 18 and 30 are welcome to attend the Bible Study that is held on the first and third Sunday of every month in the parish portable from 6:30pm.

National Visitation of Holy Relics-Canadian Martyrs Relics Jubilee Year Tour: St. Anthony Parish, Agassiz. **Saturday, January 11th, 2025.** For more information beholdvancouver.org

Jubilee 2025: Pilgrims of Hope Talk: Pope Francis declared a Jubilee Year with the theme *Pilgrims of Hope*. But what is a Jubilee Year: What is its origin and significance? Why do we need it now? What is the Jubilee indulgence? How do we participate in the Jubilee Year and make the most out of it? Come and join us on **Friday January 10th at 7:45pm at St. Matthew's Parish, Surrey** for a talk to learn more about the Jubilee 2025!

CWL: General Meeting will take place on **Monday, January 13th at 7:00pm** in the church foyer. All ladies of the parish are invited to join us.

Sun. Jan. 12/25 THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Date:

Sat. Jan. 11 5:00pm Anne McLaughlin
Sun. Jan. 12 9:00am Blake Lindgren, Kevin Puthenangady,
Patrick Quinn
Sun. Jan. 12 11:00am Shaeleen Lochbaum, Patti Sunder,
Joseph Livera

Sun. Jan. 12/25 THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Lectors:

Date:

Sat. Jan. 11 5:00pm Maria Hedderson
Sun. Jan. 12 9:00am Aisla Reid, Denise Reid
Sun. Jan. 12 11:00am Marizel Turingan, Nicole Martires

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, Elaine Webster and Zachary Restiaux.

To all Legion of Mary Auxiliary Members of St. Joseph's Parish:

As we could not send out our annual Christmas cards to you, we would like to express our warm Christmas greetings and thanks to all our Auxiliary members who pray for the success and advancement of the works of our Praesidium (local group) of the Legion of Mary. We also thank our Spiritual Director, Fr. John, for supporting our Legion work this past year. Prayer is the foundation of all Legion active works and having many praying members helps us to persevere in our attempts to work in Mary's Legion. May 2025 be a very blessed, healthy and fruitful year for all of you and for your families.

The Chosen: We will begin to watch The Chosen, Season 4, with *Episode 1* on **Thursday Jan 16th at 6:30 pm** in the **church basement** (please park below as front doors will be locked). For those that have missed any sessions, you can watch it at home to catch up at <https://watch.thechosen.tv/> If the weather is questionable, please contact Judi at 604-832-0334 (cell) to confirm.

Swing Dance: Come join us for an evening of Swing Dance **on Friday, January 17th, 2025** downstairs in the Parish Hall. Doors open at 7:00pm, dance lesson at 7:30pm, followed by a social dance from 8:15pm - 10:30pm. Cost is \$10 cash at the door or \$25 for families. All are welcome! For more information, please contact Katherine Pelletier at 604-996-3662.

Exposition of the Blessed Eucharist: Come join us for Exposition with an hour of songs, giving thanks, praise and worship to God on **Sunday, January 19th from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm**

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: Christians around the world are invited to pray for the unity of all Christians, to reflect on scripture together, to participate in jointly ecumenical services, and to share fellowship. See the full schedule of ecumenical prayer services for January 2025 at beholdvancouver.org/events

St. James & St. Ann's School Open House: St. James & St. Anne's School will be having their annual Open House on **Wednesday, January 22nd, 2025 from 6:30 -7:30pm**. Doors open at 6:00pm. Any questions can be directed to the school office at office@stjameselementary.ca Everyone is Invited! Applications opening soon for K-7. Come see what makes our school special and a great choice for Catholic Education in the Fraser Valley. 2767 Townline Road, Abbotsford. **RSVP to 604-852-1788**

World Day of the Sick: Archbishop Miller will celebrate a Mass for World Day of the Sick on **Tuesday, February 11th at 11:00am** at Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, Vancouver. Reception to follow. All are welcome!