

## 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

### March 23rd, 2025 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

#### Stewardship Reflection:

*"He said to the gardener, For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none,"* (Luke13:7)

*We can all be like the barren fig tree at times. Do you cling to what you have, or do you generously share with others? How will you respond when God asks you what you have done with all the gifts He has given you? Remember, not only are we called to be generous with all of our gifts; especially the one that means the most to us.*

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#### Mass Intentions

Mon. Mar. 24 9:00am Olga Olguin Gomez +

Tues. Mar. 25 9:00am Divine Espiritu  
7:35pm Pastor's Intention

Wed. Mar. 26 9:00am Bruno Mannella +

Thur. Mar. 27 9:00am Mike, Miranda Pelletier &  
Family

Fri. Mar. 28 9:00am Tony Mannella +

Sat. Mar. 29 9:00am Minda Gabiana +, Pauline Arquillano + and Edith Abellaneda +

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 30TH, 2025

##### FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Sat. Mar. 29 5:00pm Pastor's Intention

Sun. Mar. 30 9:00am Parishioners

Sun. Mar. 30 11:00am Pope Francis

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

Wade Baker, Aldora Bettencourt, Peter de Jong, Riet de Jong, Greta Derewenko, Paola Giacometti, Bill Girard, Lilia Huff, Deacon Terry McLaughlin, Michael Martin, Mabsie Merz, Frank Muermann, Patricia Peters, Eileen Roberts, Randi Robertson, Elaine Webster, and Zachary Restiaux.

#### Stations of the Cross during the Season of Lent:

Tuesdays 7:15pm

Fridays after the 9:00am Mass

Fridays 7:00pm

**The Chosen:** We will continue watching The Chosen, Season 4, with **Episode 8** on **Thursday, March 27th** at **6:30pm** in the church basement.

**Young Adults Bible Study:** Young adults aged between 18 and 30 are welcome to attend the Bible Study on **Sunday, April 6th** at **6:30pm** in the parish portable. (We meet the 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month.)

**40 Days for Life Vancouver:** Each day during the 40 Days for Life, individuals, churches, families, and groups are asked to unite around a common focus - the preservation of human life. We encourage you to take part by committing to prayer, fasting, and Eucharistic Adoration. You are invited to participate in a peaceful public prayer (mid-way rally) on **Sunday, March 23rd at 2:30pm at 14818 Willow Street, Vancouver.** Guest speaker is Fr. Mark McGuckin.

**Installation Mass of Archbishop Richard W. Smith:** With gratitude to God, the Archdiocese of Vancouver joyfully welcomes The Most Reverend Richard W. Smith as the Archbishop of Vancouver. His installation Mass will be a moment of great significance as he formally takes up his ministry among us. Due to limited space, the Mass will be by invitation only. Everyone is invited to watch the live stream at [rcav.org](http://rcav.org) and join us in prayer on **Friday, May 23rd at 7:00pm.**

**Altar Servers Practise:** The next practise for our Altar Servers will be on **Saturday, April 5th at 11:00am.** If your child has received their First Holy Communion and is interested in becoming an Altar Server, they are welcome to join in this ministry. There are registration forms located in the foyer.

**Sunday Coffee:** We are looking for more people to help with serving coffee/treats after Sunday 9 am Mass. Training is available. There's a sign up sheet in the foyer. If setting up the coffee/treats is too much for you, but you still want to help out, you can help by bringing some treats/juice to add to the table. For more info, please call/text Judi at 604-832-0334.

**Stipend Envelopes:** If you are new to our parish and have requested stipend envelopes, please check the table in the foyer by the front doors for a box with your name on it. Thank you!

#### On Tuesdays during the Season of Lent:

6:00pm PREP classes start

7:15pm Stations of the Cross

7:35pm Mass

## **The Jubilee Prayer:**

Father in heaven,  
may the faith you have given us  
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,  
and the flame of charity enkindled  
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,  
reawaken in us the blessed hope  
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us  
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.  
May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos  
in the sure expectation  
of a new heaven and a new earth,  
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,  
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee  
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,  
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.  
May that same grace spread  
the joy and peace of our Redeemer  
throughout the earth.  
To you our God, eternally blessed,  
be glory and praise for ever.  
Amen.

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**Youth Group:** Calling all youth in grades 7-12! We invite you to come and join us for a youth group get-together after the ***Saturday Mass on April 12 from 6-8pm!*** Along with our usual meeting, we have some additional service opportunities for you this month. ***Join us at the parish on April 5, from 3-5pm to help with some landscaping/yard-work.*** You can also help out on ***April 19 at 10am in Maple Ridge handing out flowers to shut in seniors.*** Please contact Marie Therese for more details about this at [mtakrzus@yahoo.com](mailto:mtakrzus@yahoo.com)

**Project Advance:** Record-Breaking ***\$7.7 Million Raised Through Project Advance 2024.*** This year's record-breaking success reflects the extraordinary generosity of 13,758 parishioners and donors who answered the call to give back to their communities and support the mission of the Church. Through the parish rebate program, \$4.28 million will be distributed to parishes for local projects. ***Thank you!***

**Gardens of Gethsemani Catholic Cemetery:** You're invited to our annual Spring Open House! **Friday, April 4 | 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM.** On both days, there will be bus tours every hour, on the hour. Tour our grounds, including our newly expanded section near the Eternal Pagoda of Light.

### **Sun. Mar. 30/25 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Date:

Sat. Mar. 29 5:00pm Mark Gervais  
Sun. Mar. 30 9:00am Aida Evangelista, Ryan Murphy,  
Libi Puthenangady  
Sun. Mar. 30 11:00am Michelle Favrin, Joanne Soullie,  
Anton Van Tran

### **Sun. Mar. 30/25 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

Lectors

Date:

Sat. Mar. 29 5:00pm Nicole Martires  
Sun. Mar. 30 9:00am Bertie Mathis, Jocelyn Chowdry  
Sun. Mar. 30 11:00am Juliette Robertson,  
Maria Hedderson

### **Sun. Mar. 30/25 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

Altar Servers:

Date:

Sat. Mar. 29 5:00pm Hunter Morton, Bethany Bosco, Isaiah Lichtenerg, Macarias Lewis  
Sun. Mar. 30 9:00am Loyal Luka, Emme Ogbonna, John Paul Krzus, Peter Krzus, Gabriel Legaspi  
Sun. Mar. 30 11:00am Sophie Chan Kin, Gianna Kanyago, Alia Schmidt, Kristofer Zelenik, Nimuna Yunga