

## 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 9th, 2025 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

#### Stewardship Reflection:

*"I have now brought you the first fruits of the products of the soil which you, O Lord, have given to me." (Deuteronomy 26:10)*

This line from the Old Testament offers two challenges: First, do you give to God from your "first fruits" - the first and best that you have to offer? Or do you give from what you have left over? Second, do you realize that everything you have and that everything you are has been given to you by God? We aren't owners of anything, we are merely stewards of God's gifts. Pray for a grateful and generous heart, every day, in all circumstances.

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#### Mass Intentions

Mon. Mar. 10 9:00am Sick & Suffering  
Tues. Mar. 11 9:00am Jan Cymbala  
7:15pm Pastor's Intention  
Wed. Mar. 12 9:00am Carmen Pennington +  
Thur. Mar. 13 9:00am Clarence Pennington +  
Fri. Mar. 14 9:00am Holt Family (living & deceased)  
Sat. Mar. 15 9:00am Herlinda Basas +

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 16TH, 2025 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Sat. Mar. 15 5:00pm Pastor's Intention  
Sun. Mar. 16 9:00am Parishioners  
Sun. Mar. 16 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, Mabsie Merz, Frank Muermann, Patricia Peters, Eileen Roberts, Randi Robertson, Elaine Webster, and Zachary Restiaux.

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

Tuesdays 7:15pm  
Fridays after the 9:00am Mass  
Fridays 7:00pm

**St. Joseph's Society Collection:** This collection supports our retired priests who have dedicated their entire life to the Church. Generous support from the community ensures a comfortable living environment, quality medical care, and other essential services for our retired priests. Parishioners can make their tax deductible donation to St. Joseph's Society in-person at the parish office or online at [rcav.org/joseph](http://rcav.org/joseph)

**Youth Group:** Calling all youth in grades 8 to 12 to come and join us for a get-together **tonight, Sunday, March 9th, from 6:00pm to 8:00pm.** Join us in the downstairs hall for some food, games and devotional time. Please park below as the front doors will be locked.

**"To all the Parishioners of St. Joseph's:** Thank you so much for the warm blanket of prayers that kept me company through a successful surgery and now are a beautiful blessing for me on my road to recovery at home. I look forward to returning to serve you as soon as I can. I have kept you all in my prayers through my days in hospital. With my blessings. Deacon Terry."

**The Chosen:** There WON'T be a The Chosen episode this week March 13th as the hall is booked for something else already. We will continue to watch The Chosen, Season 4 with **Episode 7** on **Thursday, March 20th at 6:30pm** in the church basement.

**Exposition of the Blessed Eucharist:** Come join us for Exposition with an hour of songs, giving thanks, praise and worship to God on **next Sunday, March 16th from 2:00pm to 3:00pm.**

**Young Adults Bible Study:** Young adults aged between 18 and 30 are welcome to attend the Bible Study **next Sunday, March 16th at 6:30pm** in the parish portable. (We meet the 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month.)

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

6:00pm PREP classes start  
7:15pm Stations of the Cross  
7:35pm Mass

**Prayer for the Holy Father:** Archbishop Miller asks you to join him in prayer for our Holy Father, Pope Francis, as he faces challenges with his health. May the Lord grant him strength, healing, and the comfort of our prayers.

*Almighty ever-living God, eternal health of believers,  
who willed that our infirmities  
be borne by your Only-Begotten Son for our salvation  
Listen in kindness to our prayers  
for your servant Francis, our Pope and Shepherd:  
Grant him, we implore you, your merciful help,  
so that he may be restored to your Church in good health  
ever ready to serve the flock you have entrusted to his care.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.*

**Swing Dance:** Come join us for an evening of dance on **Friday, March 21st**. Doors open at 7:00pm. Dance lesson between 7:30pm to 8:15pm followed by a social dance afterwards until 10:30pm. \$10 at the door or \$25 for a family.

**Volunteers Needed:** *St. Joseph's Food Bank* is in need of volunteers. The duties include moving grocery boxes, stocking shelves, and distributing groceries to clients. The hours are usually 9:00am to Noon. Volunteers can arrange their own days and hours. Also needed are drivers to pick up groceries from the grocery stores. For more information see Sandra at the food bank any morning or phone her at 778-536-FOOD (3663).

**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.

**AI & Faith: A Christian Contribution to Ethical AI:** Explore how Christian principles can shape the development and use of AI systems to promote human dignity, justice for the oppressed, environmental stewardship, humility, transparency, accountability, and hope. This event will offer insights into how these faith-driven values can help AI development be a force for good, rather than harm. Join us for a dynamic discussion on this emerging topic. On **Wednesday, March 19, 12:30pm**. Register by March 12 at [beholdvancouver.org/events](http://beholdvancouver.org/events)

**Sun. Mar. 16/25 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Date:

Sat. Mar. 15 5:00pm Mark Gervais  
Sun. Mar. 16 9:00am Aida Evangelista, Ryan Murphy  
Libi Puthenangady  
Sun. Mar. 16 11:00am Michelle Favrin, Joanne Soullie,  
Anton van Tran

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Lectors

Date:

Sat. Mar. 15 5:00pm Francesca Turingan, Marizel Turingan  
Sun. Mar. 16 9:00am Lysia Murphy, Bertie Mathis  
Sun. Mar. 16 11:00am Nicole Martires, Shaeleen Lochbaum

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Altar Servers:

Date:

Sat. Mar. 15 5:00pm Hunter Morton, Isaiah Lichtenberg, Loyal Lukla, Bethany Bosco, Nimuna Yunga  
Sun. Mar. 16 9:00am Gabriel Legaspi, Andre Reid, Macarias Lewis, Emeé Ogbonna  
Sun. Mar. 16 11:00am Kristofer Zelenik, Peter Krzus, Gianna Kanyago, John Paul Krzus, Alia Schmidt, Sophie Chan Kin

*Lent = prayer / fasting / almsgiving*