

## 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

**September 14th, 2025**

### THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

#### Stewardship Reflection:

*"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son."*

*(John 3:16)*

God created us to be in relationship with Him. Sin broke that relationship. Jesus came to earth so that we may reconcile our relationship with God. Following Jesus' example, we can be blessed with a joy-filled life on earth and eternal life in Heaven. These four points are known as the "kerygma" - the first proclamation of the Gospel. This core message is the basis of our Catholic faith. How do you live this out in your daily life?

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#### **Mass Intentions:**

Mon. Sept 15 9:00am Edith Abellaneda  
Tues. Sept 16 9:00am Eugene Power +  
Wed. Sept 17 9:00am Kathleen Ethier +  
Thur. Sept 18 9:00am Rita Mederack  
Fri. Sept 19 9:00am Donald Gillies  
Sat. Sept 20 9:00am Carol & Ben Mar

#### **SUNDAY, SEPT 21ST, 2025**

##### **25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Sat. Sep 20 5:00pm Pastor's Intention  
Sun. Sep 21 9:00am Parishioners  
Sun. Sep 21 11:00am Pope Leo

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

Estefania Canero, Peter de Jong, Riet de Jong, Greta Derewenko, Paola Giacometti, Bill Girard, Lilia Huff, Frank Muermann, Patricia Peters, Zita Walt, Eileen Webster, Zachary Restiaux, Herman Van Der Loos, Vern San Laurent and Benito Mar.

**PREP:** Our Parish's PREP program for children who do not attend Catholic school will begin again this **Tuesday, September 16th, 2025**. Classes run **every Tuesday night from 6:00pm to 7:15pm** during the school year. Classes start at age 4 and run through grade 7. To receive a sacrament, your child must attend for a total of two years. Please download the registration form from the parish website and submit to-

**[prep.stjoseph.parish@gmail.com](mailto:prep.stjoseph.parish@gmail.com)** or the parish office before classes start. We look forward to seeing your children there!

**The Chosen:** Please join us as we start to watch *The Chosen*, Season 5, with Episode 1 this **Wednesday, September 17th** from **6:30pm to 8:00pm** in the church hall. (Please park below as the church doors will be locked). Season 5 is based on Passion Week, starting with Palm Sunday and ending in the Garden of Gethsemane. Episodes are approximately an hour long, followed by a brief discussion and refreshments. All are welcome!

**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 21st from 2:00pm to 3:00pm**.

**Second Collection:** 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 Culture and Language Revitalization, Education, Community Building and Dialogue for promoting indigenous culture. Make a tax-deductible donation in person at the parish or online at **[rcav.org/healing-and-reconciliation](http://rcav.org/healing-and-reconciliation)**.

**Altar Servers:** The next practise for our Altar Servers will be on **Saturday, October 4th, 2025** from **11:00am to 12:00pm**. We look forward to seeing everyone there.

We should glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection, through whom we are saved and delivered.

#### **Project Advance**

The Diocesan Goal for this year is **\$18,900**. After the Archdiocese of Vancouver receives \$18,900, all additional funds received for Project Advance will be rebated back to the Parish. 12% of St. Joseph's parishioners have contributed so far. As of September 5th, **\$16,190** had been received. *We are only \$2,710 away from reaching our Diocesan Goal*. If you have not already donated, please consider donating today! There are forms in the foyer or you can make a donation online at **[www.projectadvance.ca](http://www.projectadvance.ca)** (Be sure to note that the donation is for St. Joseph's in Mission.)

**Sunday Coffee:** Thank you for all those who have volunteered with Sunday Coffee! We are hoping to continue with it every week and so we continually need volunteers. There is a sign up sheet on the coffee table in the foyer. Unfortunately we won't be having any coffee or goodies on a week that we don't have volunteers signed up to host it.

**The Fourteenth Annual Archbishop's Dinner:** Join Archbishop Richard Smith on **Wednesday October 22nd, 2025** at the Hyatt Regency, Vancouver. This special evening will bring together Catholics from across the Archdiocese to celebrate our faith, share fellowship, and support a new fund that empowers women facing adversity. The funds raised at this year's Dinner will launch a new fund that empowers women facing adversity to find safety, healing, and new beginnings. Register online at [rcav.org/dinner2025](http://rcav.org/dinner2025) before September 30th, 2025.

**St. Ann's Parish Daycare:** St. Ann's Parish in Abbotsford is excited to announce the opening of their new toddler room! They currently have spots available for children aged 15 months to 5 years. Operating hours are from 7:00 am to 5:30 pm. For more information, please call **778- 536- 8240**.

**Magnificat Vancouver - Fall Prayer Brunch:** In the words of the Magnificat, Mary proclaimed to Elizabeth her gratitude for the wonderful action of God in her life. Catholic women are invited to a brunch to share together in that same spirit of gratitude and praise. After brunch, there will be a time of prayer for the needs of all present and an opportunity to hear one woman's experience of the transforming love of Christ in her own life. Saturday, October 4th at 11:00am to 2:00pm at the John Paul II Pastoral Centre. Learn more and register at [beholdvancouver.org/events](http://beholdvancouver.org/events).

**The Interior Castle of the Soul - Silent Retreat:** St. Mary's, Vancouver invite you to experience a deeper relationship with God in a retreat of silence, meditation and contemplative prayer. Through St. Teresa of Avila's teachings, you will discover how to journey through the beautiful castle of your soul, and live a more peaceful, joyful, and meaningful life. Facilitator Angelina Muniz holds a Master's Degree in Psychology and has studied Carmelite mysticism and spirituality at the Carmelite Institute of Mystic Studies in Avila, Spain. **Friday, October 3rd at 6:00pm through Sunday, October 5th at 2:00pm** at Westminster Abbey. Learn more and register at [beholdvancouver.org/events](http://beholdvancouver.org/events).

**Alpha for Men - Explore Life, Faith and Purpose:** Do you have big questions about the meaning of Life? Are you curious about what it really means to follow Jesus? Do you want to grow deeper in your faith? If so, and if you're a man aged 18 or older, we invite you to join Alpha for Men. This series of weekly evening gatherings is designed to explore these questions in a relaxed environment. Each session includes a great meal, a short video, and an open, no-pressure discussion in small groups. It's free, and there's no obligation. Check it out the first week and continue if you like. Beginning Friday, September 26th, 2025 from 6:30pm to 8:30pm through Friday, December 5th, 2025 at St. Clare of Assisi Parish in Coquitlam. Learn more at [beholdvancouver.org/events](http://beholdvancouver.org/events).

**Swing Dance:** Swing Dance is back on **Friday, September 19th, 2025**. Doors open at 7:00pm, lesson at 7:30pm and social dance from 8:15pm to 10:30pm. \$10 cash at the door or \$25 for families. All are welcome!

#### New Online Giving Option:

Thank you for your continued generosity! We are pleased to announce that online giving option is now available.

We invite you to consider enrolling today by visiting <http://stjosephmission.ca/> and select "Giving" tab or scan the QR Code to contribute securely.

Please feel free to reach out to the parish office if you have any questions - 604-425-0392



#### **Sun. Sept 21/25 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

##### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

##### Date:

Sat. Sept 20 5:00pm Anne McLaughlin  
Sun. Sept 21 9:00am Blake Lindgren, Patrick Quinn  
Kevin Puthenangady  
Sun. Sept 21 11:00am Shaeleen Lochbaum,  
Patti Sunder, Joseph Livera

#### **Sun. Sept 21/25 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

##### Lectors

##### Date:

Sat. Sept 20 5:00pm Carolyn Mar, Marizel Turingan  
Sun. Sept 21 9:00am Lysia Murphy, Rina Lomague  
Sun. Sept 21 11:00am Maria Hedderson,  
Shaeleen Lochbaum

#### **Sun. Sept 21/25 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

##### Altar Servers:

##### Date:

Sat. Sept 20 5:00pm Sophie Chan Kin, Bethany Bosco, Hunter Morton  
Sun. Sept 21 9:00am Gabriel Legaspi, Peter Krzus, John Paul Krzus, Timothy Krzus  
Sun. Sept 21 11:00am Kristofer Zeleznik, Philip Mbuya, Emeé Ogbonna, Gianna Kanyago, Alia Schmidt