

## 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

**September 7th, 2025**

### **23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

#### **Stewardship Reflection:**

*"Everyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple."*

*(Luke 14:13-14)*

When we first hear this statement, it seems that Jesus is making an unrealistic demand upon us. How can we renounce all of our possessions? We need them to live. However, what we must renounce is the belief that they all belong to us. Everything that we have belongs to God alone. All of our resources are entrusted to us not only for our own use, but also so that we can help others. Once we renounce the idea that we possess or are entitled to anything, it is much easier to share the many gifts that God has given us. Then we truly are His Disciples.

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#### **Mass Intentions:**

Mon. Sept 8 9:00am Bruno Mannella +  
Tues. Sept 9 9:00am Jacinto Narciso +  
Wed. Sept 10 9:00am Pilar Abalos +  
Thur. Sept 11 9:00am Tony Mannella +  
Fri. Sept 12 9:00am Carol Mar  
Sat. Sept 13 9:00am James Leask +

#### **SUNDAY, SEPT 14TH, 2025**

##### **THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS**

Sat. Sep 13 5:00pm Pastor's Intention  
Sun. Sep 14 9:00am Parishioners  
Sun. Sep 14 11:00am Archbishop Smith

#### **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.

**Youth Group:** The Youth Group will have their first meeting of the school year next Saturday, **September 6th**, after the 5pm Mass and finishing at **8:00pm**. Students from grade 7 through grade 12 are welcome to join us for some food, games and a chance to grow your faith. We hope to see you there!

**The Chosen:** Please join us as we start to watch *The Chosen*, Season 5, with Episode 1 on **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!

**PREP:** Our Parish's PREP program for children who do not attend Catholic school will begin again on **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!

**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 any week that we don't have volunteers signed up to host it.

**CWL:** CWL will have their monthly meeting this **Monday, September 8th, 2025 at 7:15pm**. All ladies are welcome!

**Invitation from the Legion Of Mary:** Please join us after the 9am Mass on **Monday, September 8th, 2025** for cake and refreshments to celebrate the Birthday of Our Lady.

#### **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.)

## Archbishop Smith asks for continued support for Healing & Reconciliation Collection

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Thank you so very much for the warm welcome extended to me as the new Archbishop. I am really enjoying getting to know the people of this local church. In particular, I look forward to meeting the indigenous peoples of this area.

One of the most important things I've learned from our indigenous brothers and sisters across Canada is the power of listening—truly Listening. Taking the time to hear someone's story is a way of saying: "You are worthy of being listened to," It is a profound way of honouring the dignity of the person.

As I begin my ministry here, I carry in my heart the call to truth and healing between the Church and Indigenous peoples. It has been part of my ministry for many years, and I have witnessed both the wounds of our past and the hope that grows when we walk together.

One concrete way we continue this journey is through our **Healing and Reconciliation Collection on September 14th**

The projects supported by this collection are shaped locally in partnership with First Nations communities. These initiatives are helping Indigenous peoples embrace their identity through language revitalization, cultural knowledge, and wellness. These projects connect individuals who might otherwise feel isolated and help ensure that those who have often faced discrimination can access healthcare and other services with dignity and respect.

These efforts remind us that reconciliation is not just an institutional effort, but a human journey that touches lives and builds hope, one person at a time.

I invite each of you to pray for ongoing healing and consider supporting this collection. Together, we can help bring about the vision of unity to which Christ calls us.

With every blessing,

Richard W. Smith,

Archbishop of Vancouver



### **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 14/25 EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS**

#### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

##### Date:

Sat. Sept 13 5:00pm Mark Gervais  
Sun. Sept 14 9:00am Aida Evangelista, Ryan Murphy  
Libi Puthenangady  
Sun. Sept 14 11:00am Michele Favrin, Joanne Soullie,  
Anton Van Tran

### **Sun. Sept 14/25 EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS**

#### Lectors

##### Date:

Sat. Sept 13 5:00pm Marizel Turingan,  
Francesca Turingan  
Sun. Sept 14 9:00am Aisla Reid, Denise Reid  
Sun. Sept 14 11:00am Hannah Traub, Trevor Traub

### **Sun. Sept 14/25 EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS**

#### Altar Servers:

##### Date:

Sat. Sept 13 5:00pm Sophie Chan Kin, Gabriel Legaspi, Bethany Bosco, Hunter Morton  
Sun. Sept 14 9:00am Philip Mbuya, Emeé Ogbonna, Hunter Morton, Peter Krzus, Timothy Krzus  
Sun. Sept 14 11:00am Kristofer Zeleznik, Gianna Kanyago, Isaiah Priest, Alia Schmidt, Nimuna Yunga