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St. Joseph, Pray for Us

December 21ST, 2025
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Stewardship Reflection:

"When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home."

(Matthew 1:24)

Putting our complete trust in the Lord without expecting anything in return. Striving to put God first in all things and follow Him wherever He may lead us. Joseph was a model of these pillars of our faith. As we prepare for the birth of our Lord, pray for the strength and courage to be a model of discipleship, just as Joseph was.

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Mass Intentions:

Mon. Dec 22 9:00am Vern Walt +
Tues. Dec 23 9:00am Eugene Power +
Wed. Dec 24 9:00am Kathleen Ethier +
Thur. Dec 25 9:00am ***Christmas Day**
Fri. Dec 26 9:00am Evelyn Priest +
Sat. Dec 27 9:00am Lwai Family (Thanksgiving)

SUNDAY, DEC 28TH, 2025

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

Sat. Dec 27 5:00pm Celebrant's Intention
Sun. Dec 28 9:00am Celebrant's Intention
Sun. Dec 28 11:00am Parishioners of St. Joseph's

Please Pray for our Parishioners who have health challenges:

Randi Robertson, Francelina Narciso, Anna de Jong, Zita Walt, Peter de Jong, Riet de Jong, Lilia Huff, Frank Muermann, Patricia Peters, Eileen Webster, Zachary Restiaux, Herman Van Der Loos, Benito Mar, Joseph Shannon and Suzanne Maxwell.

Exposition of the Blessed Eucharist - Come join us today **from 2:00pm to 3:00pm** for Exposition with an hour of songs, giving thanks, praise and worship to God.

Young Adult Bible Study: The last Bible Study class for this year will be tonight, **Sunday, December 21st, 2025** from **6:30pm to 8:30pm** in the parish portable. This runs on the first and third Sundays of the month and is open to all young adults 18-30 years old. Classes will resume on Sunday, January 18th, 2026. All are welcome to attend and we look forward to seeing you there!

CWL Christmas Bake Sale: CWL will be having their final Bake Sale of the year today, **Sunday, December 21st, 2025**. This will be a "Take & Bake" sale where you take the pie home and bake it yourself. All proceeds will go to the Priests' Appreciation Dinner and other local charities. Thank you for your continued support.

Parish Family Christmas Skate: Please join us on **Sunday, December 28th, 2025 from 4:00 - 5:30pm** at the Mission Leisure Centre for our annual free skate! You can bring your own helmet and skates or rent some from the Leisure Centre. We look forward to seeing you all there!

Catholic Street Ministries: A huge Thank You to everyone who donated through "The Giving Tree" for *Catholic Street Ministries* in Vancouver. We raised a grand total of **\$2,550** for this very worthy cause! This truly speaks to the generosity and kindness of our parish. Thank you for caring and for helping this very vulnerable sector of our community. You have made a difference!

CHRISTMAS - THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Christmas Eve - Wednesday, December 24th

5:00pm - Families
11:30pm - Carol Singing
Midnight Mass - Parishioners

Christmas Day - Thursday, December 25th

9:00am - Peace
11:00am - Church Leaders



Archbishop Smith's Christmas Message 2025

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Every heart longs for hope. At Christmas, that longing is fulfilled in the child of Bethlehem - God Himself, who enters our story to remind us that we are never alone. "The Word became flesh and dwelt among us" (John 1:14)

In that little child we see the reality of our own lives. We are vulnerable to loneliness, longing for love, searching for meaning. Yet it is precisely in our weakness that the Lord draws near with tender love and warmth.

The wonder of Christmas reminds us that God's glory shines through what is small and simple. May that beauty open our hearts to welcome Christ anew.

As we enter the final weeks of the Jubilee of Hope, I invite you to reflect on where you need hope most in your life. Christmas is the season of hope - when God reminds us that everything will be all right, that all things work together for good, because He draws near and remains with us. No matter how dark things may seem, the hope born in Bethlehem assures us that Christ's light will always prevail.

My friends, as we celebrate this season together, may the peace of Christ dwell in your heart. May His gift of hope bring light to your days. And may His love move you to serve Him with gratitude.

With prayerful best wishes for a blessed and joyful Christmas,

Richard W. Smith
Archbishop of Vancouver

Sunday Envelopes: Sunday Envelopes have been issued and are available in the foyer for pick up. Please note that everyone has been assigned a **new number** for 2026, so please shred any unused envelopes from 2025. If you do not typically get Sunday envelopes, but would like some please email the parish office at admin.assistant@stjosephparishmission.org.

Raffle Winners: \$300 - *Shelley Tonks*
Nespresso Vertuo Pop - *Jet Francisco*,
\$150 Superstore Gift Card - *Annlyn Dancis*
\$100 Petrocan Gift Card - *Amanda* from Chilliwack
Handmade Christmas Quilt - *Darlene Ducharme*

Fraser Valley East - Remaining Penitential Services

Sunday, Dec. 21: St. Anthony of Padua, Agassiz – 4:00pm
Monday, Dec. 22: St. Ann, Abbotsford – 7:00pm
Tuesday Dec. 23: St James, Abbotsford - 7:00pm

Simbang Gabi

Simbang Gabi is a devotional Filipino tradition of nine Novena Masses in anticipation of Christmas and in honour of Mother Mary.

Remaining Novena Mass Schedule:

Mon. Dec. 22 7:00pm
Tue. Dec. 23 7:00pm

Sun. DEC 28/25 THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Date:

Sat. Dec 27 5:00pm Mark Gervais
Sun. Dec 28 9:00am Aida Evangelista, Ryan Murphy,
Libi Putenangady
Sun. Dec 28 11:00am Michelle Favrin, Joanne Soullie,
Anton van Tran

Sun. DEC 28/25 THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

Lectors:

Date:

Sat. Dec 27 5:00pm Nicole Martires, Maria Hedderson
Sun. Dec 28 9:00am Rina Lomague, Lysia Murphy
Sun. Dec 28 11:00am Shaeleen Lochbaum,
Jonnie Traub

Sun. DEC 28/25 THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

Altar Servers: * M.C.

Date:

Sat. Dec 27 5:00pm *Hunter, Sophie, Alia
Sun. Dec 28 9:00am *Emee, Peter, John Paul, Timothy
Sun. Dec 28 11:00am *Philip, Kristofer, Isaiah, William

