

St. Joseph's Parish

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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



St. Joseph, Pray for Us

January 11TH, 2026

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Stewardship Reflection:

"John tried to prevent him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, yet you are coming to me?"

(Matthew 3:14)

The Catholic Catechism states that Jesus' immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God's will." In other words, as baptized Catholics there is only one gift that we need to give to Jesus - the gift of ourselves. Surrender yourself to God, place your trust in Him and allow the Holy Spirit to work through you for the greater glory of God.

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PREP: Classes are back in session this **Tuesday, January 13th, from 6:00 - 7:15pm**. We look forward to seeing you all there! Remember that you can check the PREP calendar on the parish website for class times.

Young Adult Bible Study: 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 next **Sunday, January 18th, 2026**. All are welcome to attend and we look forward to seeing you there!

CWL: The CWL will be holding their general meeting this **Monday, January 12th, 2026 at 7:15pm** in the Church foyer. Membership fees (\$45) are also due and will be collected after all Masses the following weekend. All ladies are encouraged to attend and be part of the Catholic Women's League. We look forward to seeing you there!

St. James and St. Ann's Open House: Please join us for our annual open house this **Thursday, January 15th from 6:30 – 7:30pm**. We will answer any questions you may have as you explore the option of a Catholic education for your child. We are located at 2767 Townline Road, Abbotsford. You can also check out our website at www.stjameselementary.ca. We look forward to meeting you and your child/children.

Mass Intentions:

Mon. Jan 12 9:00am Antonio Bettencourt +
Tues. Jan 13 9:00am Judy Holt
Wed. Jan 14 9:00am Zachary Restiaux
Thur. Jan 15 9:00am Simon Balayil +
Fri. Jan 16 9:00am Ken Restiaux +
Sat. Jan 17 9:00am Frances Varghese

SUNDAY, JAN 18TH, 2026 THE 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sat. Jan 17 5:00pm Celebrant's Intention
Sun. Jan 18 9:00am Celebrant's Intention
Sun. Jan 18 11:00am zParishioner's of St. Joseph's

Movie Night: Join us in watching inspirational movies on **Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm** in the church hall. This week we will be watching the first half of **"Ordinary Angels"**. Inspired by the incredible true story of hairdresser Sharon (Hillary Swank) who single-handedly rallies an entire community to help widowed father Ed (Alan Ritchson) save the life of his critically ill young daughter. Running time approx. 60 minutes. For more info, contact Judi at 604-832-0334.

Praise & Worship - Come join us for an hour of praise & worship songs next **Sunday, January 18th from 2:00pm to 3:00pm** in the church sanctuary.

Are you called to the priesthood, diaconate or religious life? As John the Baptist introduced the people of his time to Jesus "a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.' Perhaps God is calling you to do the same in our time as a priest, deacon, brother or sister. Learn more and contact the Archdiocese of Vancouver Vocations Office at vocationsvancouver.ca.

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.

After the Lord was baptized, the heavens were opened, and the spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well

Rosary: Come and learn more about your faith by joining us on **Monday evenings at 6:30pm** in the church hall, **starting, this Monday, January 12th, 2026** to pray the Rosary according to the ancient tradition renewed by St. Dominic: we expand our meditations by beginning with a brief teaching from Scripture, Tradition, or the Magisterium. We then meditate on that teaching as we pray each decade, repeating this rhythm of reflection and prayer five times. There will be a short discussion on the meditation afterwards. Our first session will be on St. Dominic and the Rosary. For more information, contact Judi at 604-832-0334.

World Youth Day 2027- Information Session: This online information session will give more insight and information regarding the World Youth Day event in Korea from August 3-8, 2027. Zoom sessions will be held on **January 14th at 12 noon and 4:00pm**. Register at beholdvancouver.org/events.

Mourning your Grief - Suicide and Euthanasia (MAiD) Support: This support group is for those who are mourning the loss of a loved one through suicide or euthanasia. The group is limited to five people, and sessions will run on Wednesdays for eight consecutive weeks, beginning **Wednesday, February 4th from 9:30am - 12:00pm at St. Nicholas Parish, Langley**.

Dwelling Place: An Hour with Jesus + Fellowship: Dwelling Place is a night of adoration for all ages, but focused primarily on youth and young adults. Praise music and reflection will be based on a theme that helps guide the attendees in prayer and meditation. Confessions are available throughout the night as well as a healing ministry. All are welcome to adore Jesus for an hour and continue the night with board games and refreshments in the lounge! **Wednesday, February 4th, 7:00pm - 9:00pm at St. Anthony of Padua Parish**. Learn more and register at beholdvancouver.org/events.

Unique Call of Women in the Church: Fiat Young Adult Catholic Women's Group: Join the Religious Sisters of the Archdiocese of Vancouver as we dive into the unique contributions of women saints in a four part series. The next presentation focuses on St. Joan of Arc, with discussion, reflection, and a themed dessert to follow. All Catholic women ages 18-35 discerning God's will in their lives are welcome! On **Friday, January 23rd, 6:00pm to 8:30pm** at the Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist convent (2811 Venables St., Vancouver.) Register at beholdvancouver.org/events.

Arise Retreat 2026 - Team member applications now open: "Arise" is a four-day overnight retreat for youth born in 2011 and 2012 and takes place at Camp Jubilee from **Monday, June 29th to July 2nd, 2026**. We are looking for young adults and youth team members (currently in Grade 11 or 12) to plan, organize and implement Arise. Successful candidates will be given training in program planning, leadership skills, and most importantly, how to be missionary disciples of Jesus Christ. **Applications due Monday, February 9th**. Learn more and apply at rcav.org/arise-team.

Milestone Marriage Anniversary Mass: At every stage of their married life, couples form each other by guiding their husband or wife to a deeper and more intimate friendship with their partner and the Lord. Come and celebrate your anniversary with other couples in the Archdiocese of Vancouver. On **Sunday, February 8th 1:15pm at St. Patrick's Parish in Vancouver**. Learn more and register at family.rcav.org/mam. The **deadline to purchase a certificate is January 19th, 2026**.



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Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Date:

Sat. Jan 17 5:00pm Mark Gervais
Sun. Jan 18 9:00am Aida Evangelista, Ryan Murphy, Libi Putenangady
Sun. Jan 18 11:00am Michelle Favrin, Joanne Soullie, Anton Van Tran

Swing Dance

Please join in the celebration of **All the Cats Join In** 1st Swingversary dance in the Church hall on **Friday, January 16th**. This past year, we raised over \$1700 in proceeds that went back to the parish and to the food bank. With your support, we hope to continue building community and giving back to our church with our friends and families joining the fun here at St. Joseph's. Doors open at 7pm, beginner lesson at 7:30pm, social dance until 10:30pm. No partner needed! \$10 cash at the door, kids are free!

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Altar Servers: * M.C.

Date:

Sat. Jan 17 5:00pm *Alia, Hunter, Emee, Bethany
Sun. Jan 18 9:00am *Gabriel, Peter, John Paul, Timothy
Sun. Jan 18 11:00am *Philip, Kristofer, Gianna, Isaiah P,

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Lectors:

Date:

Sat. Jan 17 5:00pm Maria Hedderson, Joe Hummel
Sun. Jan 18 9:00am Rina Lomague, Lysia Murphy
Sun. Jan 18 11:00am Naomi Kelly, Jonnie Traub