

## 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 29th, 2026**  
**PALM SUNDAY**  
**THE PASSION OF THE LORD**

### Stewardship Reflection:

"As they were marching out, they came upon a man of Cyrene, Simon by name; this man they pressed into service to carry his cross."

*Matthew 27:32*

"The Lord calls us to love God and to love our neighbour. Every day we are presented with opportunities to love our neighbour and help him "carry his cross." These opportunities aren't usually big events, they are usually ordinary occurrences like helping someone carry their groceries or holding the door open for them. They key is putting the other person's needs before our own and not expecting anything in return.

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### HOLY WEEK:

#### Mass Intentions:

Mon. Mar 30 9:00am Loretta Draper

Tue. Mar 31 9:00am Artemio Rodriguez +

Wed. Apr 1 9:00am Bill Girard

#### THE SACRED PASCAL TRIDUUM:

**Holy Thursday, April 2** (No Morning Mass)

7:00pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper  
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament follows until 10pm.

**Good Friday, April 3** (No Morning Mass) Good Friday is a universal day of fasting and abstinence from meat.

11:00am Stations of the Cross (Children)

3:00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion

**Holy Saturday, April 4** (No Morning Mass, No 5:00pm Mass & No Confessions)

11:00am Blessing of Easter Food

9:00pm Easter Vigil

**Easter Sunday, April 5**

#### THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD:

9:00am Peace in our world

11:00am St. Joseph's Parish

**Young Adults Bible Study:** This usually runs on the first and third Sundays of the month. However, because next Sunday is Easter, they will be having their class **tonight, Sunday, March 29th, from 6:30pm - 8:30pm**. All young adults 18 - 30 are welcome to attend.

#### Tuesday, March 31st

6:00pm - PREP Classes Resume - Mass at 7:25pm

**Children's Choir:** Our Children's Choir will be singing at this year's First Holy Communion Mass on **Sunday, May 3rd, 2026 at 11:00am**. Practises are being held on Tuesday evenings at **5:30pm sharp**. If your child would like to be a part of this special occasion, please meet Maria and the rest of the choir in the church on Tuesday evening!

**Poor Man's Dinner:** You are invited to attend the "**Poor Man's Dinner**" on **April 3rd**, following the 3:00pm Good Friday liturgy. Soup and a bun will be served. \$5.00 suggested donation per person. All proceeds will go to "**The Door is Open**", a Catholic drop-in ministry that provides food, clothing, counselling and shelter services in a warm and safe environment in the downtown east side of Vancouver.

**Easter Egg Hunt:** On Easter Sunday (**April 5th**) we will be having an Easter Egg Hunt for the little people in our parish! This will go ahead rain or shine, so please dress for the weather. It will take place **after the 9:00am and 11:00am Masses** outside near the playground. Please meet in the foyer and the Easter Bunny will take you outside to hunt for eggs!

**St. Joseph's Parish Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser:** You are invited to join us downstairs in the Parish Hall for a Pancake Breakfast on **Sunday, April 12th, 2026 following the 9:00am and 11:00am Masses**. \$5 per person or \$25 per family. Kids under 5 are **free**. **All proceeds will go to our Building Fund**. We look forward to sharing this time and fellowship with you.

**Youth Group:** The Youth Group will be meeting on **Saturday, April 11th** after the 5:00pm Mass from **6:00 - 8:00pm**. Students from grade 7 through 12 are welcome to join us for some food, games and a chance to grow in their faith. We hope to see you there!

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

Francelina Narciso, Zita Walt, Peter de Jong, Riet de Jong, Lilia Huff, Frank Muermann, Patricia Peters, Eileen Webster, Zachary Restiaux, Benito Mar, Joseph Shannon, Suzanne Maxwell.

**Rosary:** Come learn more about our faith by joining us on **Monday evenings at 6:30 pm in the church hall** to pray the Rosary. We will be praying 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 **March 30th** session will be on **"Solomon"**. For more info, contact Judi at 604-832-0334.

**Movie Night:** All are welcome to join us in watching inspirational movies on **Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm in the church hall**. This week, we will be watching **"The Passion"**. This is a compelling one-man dramatic presentation by Doug Barry of Radix in which his storytelling vividly portrays the suffering death, & love of Jesus in a deeply moving way. Running time approximately 90 minutes. For more info, contact Judi at 604-832-0334.

**Good Friday Second Collection - Needs of the Church in the Holy Land:** Political and economic instability, poverty, and discrimination make it difficult to live in the lands where Christ once walked. On **Good Friday, April 3rd**, there will be a special collection to support the Church of the Holy Land. Your tax-deductible gift will enable many social, educational, and parish renewal projects, and permit a measure of peace for Christians who depend on your support more than ever. Cheques can be made out to St. Josephs Parish and on the memo line write: **The Holy Land**.

**Good Friday Way of the Cross at Queen Elizabeth Park:** Join us on **Good Friday, April 3rd**, as we walk the trails of Queen Elizabeth Park in Vancouver while meditating on the Passion of Christ with prayers and songs. The procession will depart at 10:00am from the fountain next to Bloedel Conservatory's parking area. All are welcome! Learn more at [beholdvancouver.org/events](http://beholdvancouver.org/events).

**Life In The Spirit Enrichment - Rekindle The Fire Of The Holy Spirit:** Would you like to deepen your personal relationship with the Holy Spirit? Would you like to have even more of the power of the Holy Spirit in your life? This five-week program will help you receive more of God's love through the power of the Holy Spirit. Each session includes Prayer, Teaching, Testimony, Scripture, Small group discussion and Music. Starting **Monday, April 13th to May 11th from 7:00pm to 9:00pm at St. Ann's Parish**, (33333 Mayfair Avenue, Abbotsford) and continuing each Monday night for 5 weeks. Register for free through St. Anns Parish Office at 604-852-5602 or Scan the QR Code on the pamphlet found on the notice board in the foyer.

**Employment Opportunity:** St. Joseph's Food Bank is hiring an *Executive Director* and an *Operational Manager*. The advertisement along with the job description is available from the Parish Office and on the Food Bank website. Applications will be received until **11:59pm this Tuesday, March 31st, 2026** or until suitable candidates are selected.

**CWL:** General Meeting will be on **Monday, April 13th at 7:00pm** in the Church foyer. All ladies are invited. Contact Maria if you need a ride. 604-854-4858.

**Almighty ever-living God, sanctify these branches with your blessing,  
that we, who follow Christ the King in exultation,  
may reach the eternal Jerusalem through him.  
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.**

**Sun. APR 5/2026 RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Date:

Sat. Apr 4 5:00pm Anne McLaughlin  
Sun. Apr 5 9:00am Patrick Quinn, Kevin Putenangady,  
Blake Lindgren  
Sun. Apr 5 11:00am Patti Sunder, Joseph Livera,  
Shaeleen Lochbaum

**Sun. APR 5/2026 REUSRRECTION OF THE LORD**

Lectors:

Date:

Sat. Apr 4 5:00pm Marizel Turingan,  
Francesca Turingan  
Sun. Apr 5 9:00am Aisla Reid, Denise Reid  
Sun. Apr 5 11:00am Shaeleen Lochbaum,  
Felisitas Gariwa

**Sun. APR 5/2026 RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**

Altar Servers: \* M.C.

Date:

Sat. Apr 4 \***9:00pm** \*Kristofer Zeleznik, Gabriel Legaspi, Sophie Chan Kin, Philip Mbuya, Alia Schmidt  
Sun. Apr 5 9:00am \*Emee Ogbonna, Peter Krzus, John Paul Krzus, Timothy Krzus, Isaiah Lichtenberg  
Sun. Apr 5 11:00am \*Gianna Kanyago, Alia Schmidt, Isaiah Priest, Nimuna Yunga