

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



September 20th, 2026

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Stewardship Reflection:

"Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last."

(Matthew 20:168)

You've heard the saying "it's not where you start, but how you finish." This certainly applies to this Bible passage. We have a responsibility not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well. We are called to generously share our gifts with others, not hoard them for our own use. Our sincere gratitude and cheerful generosity will help us live "God-centered" lives and not "self-centered" lives.

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Mass Intentions:

Mon. Sept 21 9:00am Alex Watts +
Tue. Sept 22 9:00am Bruno Mannella +
Wed. Sept 23 9:00am Chinyere Anozie +
Thu. Sept 24 9:00am Carol Mar
Fri. Sept 25 9:00am Joan Ethier +
Sat. Sept 26 9:00am Shaeleen Lochbaum

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20th, 2026

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sat. Sep 26 5:00pm Celebrant's Intention
Sun. Sep 27 9:00am Celebrant's Intention
Sun. Sep 27 11:00am Parishioners of St. Joseph's

Please Pray for our Parishioners who have Health Challenges:

Mark Reyes, Fran Power, Francelina Narciso, Greta Derewenko, Liz Sweeney, Zita Walt, Peter de Jong, Riet de Jong, Lilia Huff, Frank Muermann, Patricia Peters, Eileen Webster, Zachary Restiaux, Benito Mar, Joseph Shannon, and Suzanne Maxwell.

Fundraiser for Summerland Wildfires: We are happy to announce that through your generosity we managed to raise **\$2,504** to help purchase hay for horses displaced during the catastrophic wildfires that occurred in Summerland a few weeks ago. Your donations will help deliver a load of hay to the region. Jenn Neville who has generously given up her time for our Family Day Event will arrange pick and delivery of the hay. She is forever grateful for the generosity shown by all of you. Thank you once again!

Stronger Together - Project Advance 2026

We are very happy to announce that we have reached our Diocesan Goal of **\$19,200!** All future donations will now be rebated back to our parish!

Our current rebate amount is **\$2,850.00**

Thank you so much for your generosity! Please continue to support this worthy cause and help bring much needed funds back into our parish. Learn more and donate today at projectadvance.ca.

Praise & Worship: Come join us **today** for an hour of praise & worship songs **Sunday, September 20th from 2:00pm to 3:00pm** in the church sanctuary.

PREP: PREP classes will begin again on **September 22nd!** These classes are for students aged 4 through grade 7 who don't attend Catholic School. Classes run every Tuesday night from 6:00 -7:15pm. For a child to participate in a Sacrament, they need to have attended PREP for 2 years. The PREP Calendar and the registration form can be found on the parish website. We look forward to working with you in the religious education of your children!

Youth Group: The youth group starts up **this Saturday night, September 19th!** Join us after the 5pm Mass for food, games and deepening your faith. Students from grade 7 through grade 12 are welcome to attend! Youth Group runs from 6-8 pm. We hope to see you there!

Young Adults Bible Study: Calling all St. Joseph's Young Adults (18-30 years) to come and share in God's word with friendship and food bi-weekly. For more information tune into our Instagram [@stjosephs_youngadults](https://www.instagram.com/stjosephs_youngadults). More info. can be found on a table at the entrance to the church.

Movie Night: All are welcome to join us in watching inspirational movies on **Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm** in the church hall. This week, on **September 23rd**, we will be watching part 1 of "Sound of Hope: The story of Possum Trot". It's a powerful true story of faith, courage, and of a community that discovers just how far love can reach. Come and be inspired by a story that illustrates the transformative power of a single "yes" to God. Running time approx. 70 minutes. For more info, contact Judi at 604-832-0334

Visitors: If you are visiting us from another parish, **Welcome! We are happy to have you at St. Joseph's.** If you wish to give a donation, please use the pink envelopes found in the foyer and not envelopes from your own parish, as these will then need to be forwarded to your parish. Thank you.

Silent Auction: The Silent Auction has now ended and we are happy to announce that **Sharon Power** was the winner of two nights at **The Westin Bayshore Hotel** in Vancouver! **Congratulations Sharon! We hope you have an amazing time!** All proceeds from this fundraiser was added to the "Hay for Horses" campaign in Summerland and will be presented to Jenn Neville this week.

Rosary: Come learn more about our faith by joining us **Monday evenings at 6:30pm** 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 September 21st session will be on "Padre Pio" For more info, contact Judi at 604-832-0334.

St. John Brebeuf Regional High School Textiles Program: Do you have a **sewing machine, serger or hemmer** that you no longer need/use? SJB is now accepting donations of the above items for their new Textiles Program. Donations can be dropped off at the **St. John Brebeuf School Office** during regular school hours: 2747 Townline Road, Abbotsford. For more information, please contact **Nancy Foster** nfoster@stjohnbrebeuf.ca. **Thank you for helping our students learn, create and develop valuable lifelong skills!**

Altar Servers: If your child has made the Sacrament of First Holy Communion and is interested in becoming an Altar Server, please complete a registration form (found in the foyer) and we will be touch with you regarding training. We would love to see more of our youth be a part of this very rewarding ministry.

Lectors: If you are interested in becoming a Lector at any of our Masses, please email the parish office and we will have you added to the schedule.

Choir: If you are interested in joining one of our choirs we would love to have you and hear some new voices! Please consider giving back to your Church family by signing up today!

Message from Archbishop Richard Smith: Prayer For Renewal: "As we continue the Archdiocesan Renewal Process, I ask for your assistance in fostering a common spirit of prayer across the Archdiocese through the regular use of the Prayer for Renewal in the Archdiocese of Vancouver. This prayer invites a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit and asks the Lord to renew our parishes, clergy, schools, stewardship, liturgical life, and missionary discipleship. Renewal is ultimately the work of the Lord. Plans, consultations, and pastoral initiatives have their place, but lasting renewal begins with prayerful openness to the Holy Spirit. Sunday Mass gathers the largest portion of the faithful and therefore offers a natural occasion for Catholics across the Archdiocese to pray together for this intention. By praying the Renewal Prayer regularly, parishioners will be reminded that renewal is not simply an administrative process but a spiritual journey that calls each of us to deeper holiness, discipleship, and mission." *The Prayer for Renewal can be found on the inside cover of the blue Journey Song Book.*

PRAYER FOR RENEWAL

O God, who make all things new in your Son, Jesus Christ, grant us, we pray, a new and mighty outpouring of your Holy Spirit and renew your Church in the Archdiocese of Vancouver. Open our hearts to the cry of your poor and enliven our pastoral charity. Make our celebrations of the Sacred Liturgy fitting offerings of praise to your great glory. Sanctify our Archbishop and priests and send them anew as compassionate shepherds of your people. Revitalize our schools as communities of Catholic faith and authentic humanity. Grant us new wisdom to steward our resources well in service of the Church's mission. Infuse our parish families with apostolic boldness to announce the joy of the Gospel. Thoroughly renew us all, Heavenly Father, by your love and mercy. Inspire us to embrace once again our baptismal call to holiness and mission. Through Christ our Lord.

SUN. SEPT 27/2026 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Date:

Sat. Sept 26 5:00pm Shirley Dickman, Anne McLaughlin
Sun. Sept 27 9:00am Patrick Quinn, Aida Evangelista, Bruce Kennedy
Sun. Sept 27 11:00am Joanne Soullie, Joseph Livera, Anton Van Tran

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Lectors:

Date:

Sat. Sept 26 5:00pm Nicole Martires, Carolyn Mar
Sun. Sept 27 9:00am Denise Reid, Aisla Reid
Sun. Sept 27 11:00am Juliette Robertson, Mary Jane Onyinye Akus

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Altar Servers: * M.C.

Date:

Sat. Sept 26 5:00pm * Emee Ogbonna, Sophie Chan Kin, Bethany Bosco
Sun. Sept 27 9:00am * Kristofer Zeleznik, Emee Ogbonna, Peter Krzus, John Paul Krzus, Timothy Krzus,
Sun. Sept 27 11:00am * Gianna Kanyago, Philip Mbuya, Isaiah Priest, Alia Schmidt, William Alukka