



## ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH - MOMS & TOTS MINISTRY:

Come hang out at local parks with other parents in the parish! Kids of all ages welcome. 9 – 11 am every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month. Next meetings: July 20 at Williams Park. Check posters for next meetups!

**LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN** :The gathering of children to participate in the Liturgy of the word at both 9am and 11am Mass will take a short summer break and resume again in September. We will be praying for all our parents and children over the summer. May you all have a safe and joyful time with family and friends

**Annual Marian Pilgrimage to Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes (Fraser River Heritage Park, Mission BC)** : Saturday Aug. 19, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.. Confessions begin 10 a.m. celebration of the Eucharist 1 p.m. Archbishop Miller CSB Celebrant. Procession, Rosary & Benediction at Grotto. Please bring picnic baskets and chairs. [www.MissionGrotto.com](http://www.MissionGrotto.com) check out the poster for more details.

**30th Anniversary Mass, St. James Parish** Come join the 30th Anniversary celebration of St. James Parish in Abbotsford! Archbishop Miller will celebrate Mass on Sunday, July 23, at 10 a.m. Reception to follow. For more details, please contact William Ashley by email at [stjamesabby@gmail.com](mailto:stjamesabby@gmail.com) or by phone at [604-864-8800](tel:604-864-8800).

**Domestic Abuse Services - Our Lady of Good Counsel Society:** A new Help Line training session is starting September 15, 2023. If you're ready for a challenge and want to help in the most meaningful way, join our team of Help Line Operators. They are the vital link between survivors of domestic abuse and a LIFE WITHOUT FEAR. Training is free and online. Register now at [604.585.6688](tel:604.585.6688) / [operationsmgr@domesticabuseservices.ca](mailto:operationsmgr@domesticabuseservices.ca). [www.DomesticAbuseServices.ca](http://www.DomesticAbuseServices.ca)

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend:** Rekindle the romance, remind yourselves why you fell in love and learn how to make a good marriage even better! WWME is offering a weekend marriage retreat this fall. Oct. 27-29, 2023. For more info and to register visit: <https://beholdvancouver.org/events/couple-retreat-by-worldwide-marriage-encounter> ♥ **Early bird special before Sept. 5.** ♥ Registration closes Oct. 17, 2023. You both deserve it!

**SerraRosary.org** : Pray the Rosary for an increase in Priests, Deacons and Consecrated Religious. Every Wednesday night via ZOOM Register at [www.serrarosary.org](http://www.serrarosary.org)



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**Office Hours:** 9:00 am. – 5:00 pm. Mon – Fri

Closed for Lunch: 12:30 – 1:30 pm.

**Pastor:** Fr. Patrick Chisholm **Assistant Pastor:** Fr. Nevin Jacob

**Sunday Masses:** 9 am, 11 am and 8 pm; Saturday Mass 5 pm

**Daily Mass** Monday to Friday 8 am, Friday eve. 7 pm. Saturday and Holidays 9 am.

**Spanish Mass (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Month) 5:30 pm**

**Friday All Day Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** Fridays 9:45am to 6:45 pm

**Confessions:** Saturdays between 10 am and noon.

**Inquiries for Baptisms, Funerals or Weddings** please contact the Parish Office.

July 16, 2023

### 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Readings: *Isaiah 55: 10-11; Psalm 65; Romans 8: 18-23; and Matthew 13: 1-23*

Today Jesus asks us to reflect on the parable of the Sower. This is the first parable Jesus uses. A parable is designed to take something that is familiar and compare it to something that is unfamiliar in order to discover a truth. It is about honestly searching and openness to truth. We shouldn't read too much into the parable remembering that a parable only has one meaning unless otherwise specified by Jesus. The importance of the sincerity and openness of the listener is of utmost importance. As Jesus says, "Let anyone with ears listen."

The Sower sows, the seeds fall on hard soil – the path, on rocky ground and among thorns. Then it falls on good soil where an abundant crop springs up. Some would say that it was about good seed vs bad, but as the prophet notes the Word of God is effective, it does not return to God empty. It accomplishes that for which He proposes and succeeds in the thing for which He sent it

This parable explains why Jesus' preaching of the Kingdom of God has not been universally accepted and encourages those who have accepted it to allow it to keep bearing fruit. The word growing in good soil will produce enormous results.

We often pass by the crowd very quickly. This mass of people are the object of Jesus' mission. They unlike the Scribes and the Pharisees, are still open to the message. It is important to recognize that we are part of the crowd. Although we are not standing at Capernaum on the shore of the Sea of Galilee Jesus is speaking to us. He wants the seed of faith which he has planted in our hearts to continue to grow and bear fruit.

It is important that we are active listeners taking in His words and building our life on them. Making our lives more receptive to Him. Taking the “hard paths” of our lives and the “rocky ground” and making it good soil where the seeds of truth can germinate and grow. Where the promises of this passing world are not allowed to choke off our faith. Isaiah knew that often times the central conflict in our life is God's purpose vs ours, Jesus wants us to know the Father's abundant generosity that we may be grateful to God and generous to others.

. Fr. Patrick

PROJECT  
ADVANCE  
2023

Empowering  
our Parish Vision

This year our parish goal is \$160,000. The first \$63,000 will go towards the Archdiocese campaign with the remainder coming back to our parish for our own projects.

To Date we have collected **\$26,050.00 = 33 gifts, which brings us to 44%** of our diocesan goal (\$63,00.00)

Please visit [projectadvance.ca](http://projectadvance.ca) to learn more about the Archdiocese Projects and to give online

**TAKING A SUMMER HOLIDAY FOR FEW WEEKS.  
NEXT BULLETIN AUGUST 20.**

**WELCOME TO ST. JOSEPH'S**

Join us for coffee and fellowship in the parish hall after the 9 am and 11 am Masses  
If anyone is interested in helping a host group with their coffee service contact Iris  
[irisramsdales@gmail.com](mailto:irisramsdales@gmail.com)

**Newly Baptized:** Felicity Najarro, Micah Shin

**R.I.P.:** Please pray for the souls of; Maria (Mary) Boots, Pat Johnson, Sharon Andrich, Peter Maver.

**PREP Registrations:** now open for 2023 – 2024, Grades 1 to 7, Wednesday or Thursday evenings 6:30 – 7:45 pm. register on the parish website.

**St. Joseph's CWL are selling the Ralph/Meridian gift cards,** they come in denominations of \$25.00, 50.00, 75.00 and 100.00. These make great 'Thank you' gifts, Father's Day gift, Birthday, etc. If you are interested in purchasing any gift cards, please contact Suzanne Spanjers at. 604-427-4267. The cards will be available throughout the summer. Thank you for your support

**FORMED.ORG:** The Catholic Faith On Demand. Free videos, Movies, Audio Book and eBooks streamed right to your electronic devices. Inspirational, Educational, and Entertaining for all ages.

**Video of the week:** “How to become a Saint – Fr, Josh Johnson / SEEK23 ” Register at [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org) For further questions contact the parish office.

**Verso L'Alto Young Adults Team:** for more information and check out events email: [youngadults@stjosephlangley.com](mailto:youngadults@stjosephlangley.com)



**Hi St. Joseph's young adults,** our youth ministry is looking for young adult men to volunteer to serve in a leadership position this coming fall. If you have a desire to serve the Lord by helping to lead His youth, please email [youth@stjosephlangley.com](mailto:youth@stjosephlangley.com)

**WORLD YOUTH DAY -Aug. 1-6, 2023!!** Three of our active Young Adults (Amy Etantte, Marie-Rose Gloanec, Patrice Quon) will be going to WYD leaving at the end of this month, <sup>1</sup> they are asking for your prayers and any financial help you can give to assist with their journey... where they will be our parish presence at the Gathering...

**NET Ministries Ireland:** Jeremy Luistro SJB Graduate will be with us this weekend to make an appeal to assist him with fundraising for his 2<sup>nd</sup> year of NET. Donations for tax receipts are to be made to “ NET Ministries Ireland”