



## 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. Check posters for next meetups!

**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 / [operationsmgr@domesticabuseservices.ca](mailto:operationsmgr@domesticabuseservices.ca). [www.DomesticAbuseServices.ca](http://www.DomesticAbuseServices.ca) 12<sup>th</sup> Annual walkathon – September 16, 10am -12 pm at Tynehead Regional Park Surrey. All funds raised will go towards Eva's House maintenance and operation of our Help Line, Education and Awareness Dept. and our Client Counselling Program. Thanks for all the love and support!! [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!

**Life Restoration Ministries – Men's Retreat: "Yeshua"** . From Friday, September 29, to Sunday, October 1, at RockRidge Canyon in Princeton, BC. Cost is \$275+, which includes the retreat experience, accommodations, activities and food. Bursaries available. Learn more and register at [liferestoration.ca/mensretreat](http://liferestoration.ca/mensretreat).

**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)

**Corpus Christi College and St. Mark's College:** Celebrate the opening of the academic year for Corpus Christi and St. Mark's colleges at St. Mark's Parish, Vancouver (UBC) September 7 at 12:10 pm. Archbishop J. Michael Miller CSB will be the main celebrant. More info at [corpuschrist.ca](http://corpuschrist.ca)

**JOB POSTING!!! St. John Brebeuf High School** is looking to hire an energetic and creative individual for the position of Marketing and Social Media Manager. Please see the link on our parish website at [www.stjoseph.com](http://www.stjoseph.com) or visit the school website at [www.stjohnbrebeuf.ca](http://www.stjohnbrebeuf.ca)



## St. Joseph's Catholic Church

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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.

August 27, 2023

### 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Readings: *Isaiah 22: 15, 19-23; Psalm 138: 1-2a, 2b-3, 6+8b; Romans 11: 33-36; and Matthew 16: 13-20*

“...You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church...”

Five years ago I went with a group of priests to the Holy Land. We spent day at Caesarea Philippi. It is in ruins now, but I can imagine the disciples wandering around looking at the city. It was very much a Greek city and even today you can see altars to their gods. There was one particular shrine built in the side of a steep hill overlooking the city. It was in this place that Jesus asks the question, “Who do people say that I am?” There were a number of popular opinions expressed, but then Jesus asks, “Who do you say that I am?” Answering for the disciples Simon Peter says, “You are the Christ, the son of the living God.”

This is something not revealed by popular thought, but by God himself, this is the faith on which Christ will build his Church and the Gates of Hades will not prevail against it. Jesus symbolically gives Peter the keys to the Kingdom of Heaven as a sign of the authority to discern right from wrong and what is truly God's will. In this way the Church is able to preserve the faith and guide the people of God.

In our reading from the Prophet Isaiah we see the keys taken away from the steward Shebna because he has abused his authority using the resources of the kingdom for himself and his

aggrandizement . In particular he built and ornate tomb for himself near the temple. His authority will be given to another. Eliakim son of Hilkiyah assumes the keys for the good of the Kingdom of David.

Christ does not give “the Keys” to Peter because he was perfect, after all Peter would deny him three times and desert him at the crucifixion. It is the promise that if we live the faith, Peter’s faith, Jesus will be with us to protect us and draw us more closely to himself.

St. Paul reminds us of our dependence on Christ. Our relationship with God is not based on our ability to offer him something he doesn’t have or that he owes us anything. Rather it is based on his love for us. “For from Him and through Him and to Him all things are.” It is for us to give him the glory and to live in a right relationship with him and each other.

As we reflect on this week’s readings it is important to recognize that in Jesus Christ God gives us all we need for salvation. That he is indeed here for us, to help us discern his plan for us, not just as individuals, but as the Church. At the same time he is asking us to help each other to know him and to serve him.

. 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 **\$43,629.04 = 54 gifts, representing 4% participation which brings us to 69%** 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

### Archdiocesan Shrine of Santo Niño de Cebu: First Anniversary Celebration

Join us as we continue celebrating the First Anniversary of the opening and dedication of the Shrine at St. Anthony of Padua Parish in Agassiz, BC:

**Dedication Anniversary Mass** (Presider: Cebu, Philippines Archbishop Jose Palma): Saturday, August 26, at 4:00 p.m.

For more information, please email [stonino-agassiz@shaw.ca](mailto:stonino-agassiz@shaw.ca) or visit [stoninoshrine.ca](http://stoninoshrine.ca).



**Our THANKS** to Joe Karperien for making and installing safety railings on the Choir Risers in Church.

### 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)

**Welcome to the parish:** Charmaine & Shawn Gonzales, Natalie De Silva & Joshua Jayatilaka, Parveen Kaur.

**Recently Baptized:** Malakai Cesaretti, Owen Florendo.

**R.I.P.:** Please remember in your prayer the soul of Paul Bemister.

**RCIA sessions start** Wednesday Sep 13. To register or for more information please contact Adrian Fengler at 778 870 5288 or email to [faithjourney.saintjosephs@gmail.com](mailto:faithjourney.saintjosephs@gmail.com)

**PREP Registrations 2023 – 2024 Ongoing:** Grades 1 to 7, Wednesday or Thursday evenings 6:30 – 7:45 pm. register on the parish website. **PREP Volunteering** If you are interested in volunteering to teach a grade I am in need of a part time teacher for Grade 3 Wednesday and teacher for Grade 4 Wednesday, contact Kris email [prep.stj@gmail.com](mailto:prep.stj@gmail.com)

**Senior’s Luncheon ! Good news!** The very popular senior’s luncheon is starting up again on the 20th of September. Our chef Kees Mijinke will once again make lovely meals for you to enjoy. We will also offer music and the very popular BINGO! Meals are \$10.00 and the bingo is \$1.00 per card. The doors open at 11.00AM. So, come enjoy the music, food, Bingo and the friendship of all those in attendance.

**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, 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.

**Videos of the week: Augustine: a Voice For All Generation –with Mike Aquilina** 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, Gearing up for the Fall sessions!!** 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)  
Looking for an easy way to donate to **St. Joseph's Youth Ministry?**

You can take part in our **END OF SUMMER BOTTLE DRIVE!** Simply drop your bottles and cans off to any "Return-It" depot, and use the number **604-534-3303** Our new year of youth ministry is quickly approaching in September, and all the funds raised will go toward our ministry here at St. Joe's ☺