



Three Inspiring Sessions: Would you like to discern whether you may have a vocation to the Permanent Diaconate? Join us for an information and formation program which will be held once a month on Saturdays, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., at John Paul II Pastoral Centre in Vancouver. September 16; October 14; November 18. All men interested in this ordained ministry and their wives are welcome! We kindly request your attendance at all sessions. Registration is required and accepted until Monday, September 11: deacons@rcav.org

Domestic Abuse Services - Our Lady of Good Counsel Society: A new Help Line training session is starting September 15, 2023. Training is free and online. Register now at 604.585.6688 / operationsmgr@domesticabuseservices.ca. www.DomesticAbuseServices.ca **12th 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

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend: WWME is offering a weekend marriage retreat this fall. Oct. 27-29, For 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.

Corpus Christi College and St. Mark’s College: Celebrate the opening of the academia 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

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 or visit the school website at www.stjohnbrebeuf.ca

Holy Cross Junior Crusaders Boys Basketball Teams – Tryouts: Saturday Sep.9, 1 pm – 2:30 pm and Sunday Sep 10, 2pm – 3:30 pm go to www.hcboysbasketball.com for information and to register.



St. Joseph’s Catholic Church

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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 (2nd 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.

September 3, 2023

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Readings: *Jeremiah 20: 7-9; Psalm 63; Romans 12: 1-2; and Matthew 16: 21 - 27*

Today’s readings and Gospel are about the discipleship, about how we should practice true, dynamic Christian discipleship in our daily lives. Jeremiah, in the first reading, is certainly a prototype of the suffering Christ. In the Responsorial Psalm (Ps 63), the Psalmist manifests his profound trust in God, just as Jeremiah does. In the second reading, Paul advises the Romans to “offer our bodies as a living sacrifice” to God by rejecting the ungodly behavior of the world around us and by discerning and doing the will of God. And in the Gospel, Jesus takes his disciples by surprise when, after Peter’s great confession of Faith, Jesus announces that he “*must go to Jerusalem and suffer greatly from the elders, the chief priests and the scribes, and be killed and on the third day be raised.*” After correcting Peter who tries to dissuade him, Jesus announces the three conditions of Christian discipleship: “*Deny yourself, take up your cross and follow me.*” Here, Jesus’ words also remind us that while suffering is an integral part of our earthly life, it is also our road to glory. There is no crown without a cross.

What did Jesus mean when He said to Peter ‘Get behind me Satan’?

Of course Jesus wasn’t telling Peter that he was possessed by Satan. Peter meant well, but he had no idea what he was saying. As well-intentioned as he was, he was obstructing the will of God, being a stumbling block in the path of God and that is why Jesus spoke this famous rebuke, “Get behind me, Satan!” Jesus was telling: “Peter, your place is behind me, not in front of me. It’s your job to follow

me in the way I choose, not to try to lead me in the way you would like me to go.” This *foundation-stone-become-stumbling-stone* stands as a cautionary tale for all of us. Like Peter, we are often tempted to judge the success or failure by the world’s standards. But Jesus teaches that worldly success is not always the Christian way and; the way of the Cross, although painful and agonizing, is the actual way towards the real glory.

Jesus’ challenge to all of us is that it requires more than a “feel-good” spirituality from us. Our faith must make us uncomfortable, us wanting to do more for the sake of His Kingdom by denying ourselves, taking up our crosses and following him. *The Catechism of the Catholic Church* teaches, “The way of perfection passes by way of the Cross” (CCC #2015). “There is no holiness without renunciation and spiritual battle” (CCC #2015). “Spiritual progress entails *ascesis* and mortification that gradually lead to living in the peace and joy of the Beatitudes” (CCC #2015).

God Bless

Fr Nevin Jacob

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 **\$60,029.04 = 54 gifts, representing 5% participation which brings us to 95%** of our diocesan goal (\$63,00.00)

Please visit projectadvance.ca to learn more about the Archdiocese Projects and to give online

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
irisramsdale@gmail.com

Welcome to the parish: Asha Lobo & Fernandes Loyson, Jessica & Paul Abbass, Jean Acosta & John Sumisim, Roger Rivard.

Recently Baptized: Annalynn Thompson, Ryan Ortaliza, Sia Lumbres

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

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

Liturgy of the Word with Children - LWC

St. Joseph's young children INVITE you to share your love for Jesus & God's Word with them as a Presider or an Assistant during Liturgy of the Word with Children (LWC) during 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday. From Mass, we process to the Hall to share the Mass readings with children ages 3 - 7 years at their level; sharing prayers, song, & story. Children will return to Mass after the Prayer of the Faithful to celebrate the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Support will be provided: mentorship, training, resources, & a partner to lead with. Come join this fun, faith & love nurturing Ministry & be Blessed. **We will gather with LWC on Sunday, September 10, at the 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. Masses.** If you’d like to be involved with LWC; please contact: Shirley Van Noort; LWC, St. Joseph’s Parish stjosephlangleylwc@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.

Tagalog Mass: Saturday, September 30, 6:30 pm The Filipino Outreach community of St. Joseph invites everyone to celebrate the **feast day of San Lorenzo Ruiz**, the first Filipino saint with a Tagalog Mass followed by Potluck Reception in Hall. Please bring food to share. Everyone welcome.

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

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Talk of the week: “Why Do Catholics Do Penance on Fridays?” Register at 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

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
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 ☺