



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. 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> 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.

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.

Advance Planning State & Memorial Presentation - September 12th at 6:30pm A free presentation at St. Nicholas Parish’s Pope Francis Conference Room. **Gardens of Gethsemani** will be giving this free presentation that offers a Catholic perspective on advance care planning, estates, will, legacy, meaningful funerals and memorialization. There will be time for questions and answers. Register today at planning.rcav.org.

Second Collection: Healing & Reconciliation September 9-10, 2023

This weekend's second collection is for Healing and Reconciliation. Your tax-deductible gift to this collection will continue to support our Indigenous brothers and sisters in the following ways: Healing and reconciliation initiatives for communities and families affected by past injustices Culture and language revitalization projects aimed at preserving and celebrating Indigenous heritage Education and community-building initiatives that empower individuals and promote unity Learn more and donate today: rcav.org/healing-and-reconciliation Thank you for your generous support!



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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 10, 2023

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Readings: Ezekiel 33:7-9; Psalm 95; Rom 13:8-10; Gospel Mt 18:15-20

The common theme of this Sunday’s readings is God’s command concerning our spiritual responsibility towards all in our families, parish, and community. Being members of the Church means we belong to the single Body of Christ and form a community of brothers and sisters in Christ. We are, therefore, the “keepers” of our brothers and sisters. In the first reading, God tells the prophet Ezekiel that he is to be a “*watchman for the house of Israel*,” obliged to warn Israel. If he should refrain from speaking God’s Word, God will hold him responsible for the death of the wicked. Today’s Responsorial Psalm urges sinners to hear God’s Voice, not to harden their hearts, and to remember that He is the One Who made us - the Rock of our salvation. In the second reading, St. Paul points out that the love we should have for one another should be our only reason for admonishing the sinner. Love seeks the good of the one who is loved. Therefore, we should correct one another in charity so that we may all grow in holiness.

In the Gospel, Jesus reminds us that we are indeed keepers of our brothers and sisters. But often we tend to think that we have no right to intervene in the private lives of others or even, as sinners ourselves we don’t have the moral right to do so. But Jesus emphatically affirms that we are our brothers’ keepers, and we have the serious obligation to correct someone in charity in order to help them grow in faith and holiness. And He reminds us of all the good we can do together, and how we can do it by putting Him in our midst. “*Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there*

among them.” If we gather, work and act together with Him in our midst, we become much more than simply the sum of our numbers - because of the blessings that God’s presence provides.

Jesus makes it clear how important we are to one another as members of His Mystical Body, the Church. We come together, pray together and work together, by the power of the Spirit, enabling us transform our lives and the lives of all. When we gather in Jesus’ Holy Name, it opens our hearts and minds to allow Jesus to become the focus and centre of all what we do. And that is what we experience at each Eucharist - we in Him and everything we do, through Him Who strengthens us (Philippians 4:13).

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 **\$63,254.04 = 64 gifts, which brings us to 100%** 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
irisramsdales@gmail.com

Welcome to the parish: Daniel & Chioma Gogo, Renate & Helmut Pettersch, Marta Flores, Katherine & Reinier Eugenio

Recently Baptized: Chantelle Gonzales, Luciano Gasparre

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



Baptism Preparation Classes: Next Class Tuesday, September 19., 7:00 pm for parents wanting their babies baptized. Call the parish office to register.

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.

Langley Life Chain Saturday, September 30, 2:00 - 3:00 pm. 200th Street and Langley Bypass Join with others to stand up against abortion in a peaceful, prayerful witness. Ph: 604-805-2046 for more information.

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. **Talk of the week: "Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary"** 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 ☺