



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 Rock Ridge 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.

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.

2023 Rosary Rally Saturday October 14, 12 noon at Douglas Park, Langley.

Second Collection: Needs of the Church in Canada, Sept. 23-24

This weekend's second collection will assist bishops in their ministry of accompanying, teaching, guiding, sanctifying and caring for the Church in Canada. Tax-deductible gifts can be made in person at the parish or online at rcav.org/second-collection.

Second Collection: Healing & Reconciliation We are still accepting donations .

CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER:



It’s time to begin Preparations for Christmas Day Dinner and we are appealing for people interested in leading teams ONLY to reply at this time. Please use the QR code for contact. You will receive a reply by the 15th of October.

Looking forward to working with you, Sophia Ponvelan Coordinator,

Note: Click the QR code link to sign up. Or email stjoeschristmasdinner@gmail.com

St. Catherine’s School Fall Fundraiser: “Viva Mexico.” Adult Only Dinner, Live Music, Full Bar, Games, Live / Silent Action. Saturday November 4, Tickets \$55. Each. Tickets on sale September 15 and 22 @St. Catherine’s before & after school. Online tickets sales available now. www.stcatherines.ca Ticket sales end: October 20.

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.

Movie of the week: “Padre Pio Miracle Man” Register at www.formed.org For further questions contact the parish office.



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 (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 24, 2023

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Readings : .Isaiah 55: 6-9; Psalm 145; Philipians 1: 20—24, 27; Matthew 20: 1-16

Jesus tells us in today’s Gospel, “So the last will be first and the first will be last” (Mt.20:16). Isaiah tells us that God’s thoughts are not our thoughts. Often we confuse our own reasoning with God’s. We sit down and think about what is happening and how we would solve the problem and then get mad at God because he’s not doing things like we think he should.

The context of our reading is a call to the feast that God has prepared. In order to come to this feast there is need for transformation – to come into an alignment with God. Humans often have trouble with this. We think that God should align himself to us. The prophet asks us to call upon God while he is near. The problem isn’t that God isn’t near, it’s that we can be far away. The contrast between the power of the Holy One and mere human flesh is revealed.

What does Jesus parable of the Vineyard express and what is it’s context? There are a number of opinions. Most see it as having to do with Jesus’ preaching of the Kingdom to the gentiles. Should he not just stay with the lost sheep of Israel? To answer this we have to know what the owner (God) is thinking. It’s too easy to be caught up in our own points of references.

As the parable begins the vineyard ‘s owner is hiring labourers for his vineyard. At 6 am he agrees with the workers for the usual daily wage – one denarius. At 9 am and noon he goes into the market place and finds more men. And again at 3 pm and 5 pm he still finds more standing around idle.

Not because they didn't want to work but because no one had hired them. He sends them into his vineyard telling them that he will pay them "what is just".

At 6 pm he tells the manager to pay the men beginning with the last. I am sure to their surprise he gave them each a denarius. When the last came they expected to get more, but they received the denarius which they had agreed to. They were upset – some of these people only worked one hour. When I used to work for a living and found out that some one who was working with me was being paid more for the same work I was upset and I'm sure that many hardworking people would agree with me. It just didn't seem fair. For Jesus the question isn't fairness or justice. The first workers indeed had agreed to a just wage. It's about the owner's (God's) generosity in providing for the late comers and in meeting their needs.

Deacon Dan gets upset when he has worked all his life being a good Christian and somebody can make a death bed confession and receive the same rewards. Of course the point is that none of us deserves God's salvation – he gives out of his generosity. As Jesus delivers this parable his disciples were not at the top of the list, among the people of Palestine in view of their social standing, Jesus was promising them more. It's not about our thinking- it's about his.

As St. Paul sat in prison he wrote to the Philippians. He was aware of Christ's dynamic presence and he lived in eager expectation and hope in the Spirit that he will not be abandoned – that Christ would be with him in life and in death. To work for Christ or to be with Christ, which is better. He would much rather be with Christ, but his missionary work was necessary in order to bring the Philippians to Christ. This comes not out of human logic, but of faith in God's will for him. Paul realized that we are called to bear witness to Christ in life and in death.

Fr. Patrick



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: Maria & Luis Eugenio, Jimaica & Herson Navarro, Alexandra & Johnnes Brouwer, Emilyn & Angelo Balla, Lilia Valencia, Uwadiale Imoni

Recently Baptized: Gianluca Pontaletta De Prot

RCIA sessions every Wednesday evening. To register or for more information please contact Adrian Fengler at 778 870 5288 or email to faithjourney.saintjosephs@gmail.com

PREP (Catechism Classes) Grades 1 to 7, Wednesday or Thursday evenings 6:30 – 7:45 pm.

PREP Volunteering If you are interested in volunteering to teach a grade, I am in need of teacher for Thursday Grade 5 contact Kris email prep.stj@gmail.com

Studying and Praying with the Gospel of Matthew: Wednesday mornings 9:15 – 10:15 at the back of the Church, starting Wednesday September 20. All Welcome !!

Verso L'Alto Young Adults Team: for more information and check out events email: youngadults@stjosephlangley.com

St. Joseph's Youth Ministry: Check out our Youth Ministry Newsletter in the church foyer, Edge Grades 6 & 7, & Lifeteen Grade 8 and over. For more information contact youth@stjosephlangley.com Looking for Volunteer dinners for Core Team meetings if you can help contact Analiza and the above mail address ☺

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. . If you'd like to be involved with LWC; please contact: Shirley Van Noort; LWC, St. Joseph's Parish stjosephlangleylwc@gmail.com

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 Bake Sale & Religious Article Sale: following all the morning Masses, Sunday October 1. Donations of gently used religious items will be accepted at the information desk following weekend masses this weekend September 23-24 ALSO.

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