



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!

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

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: “Praying the Rosary Like Never Before by Dr. Edward Sri” Register at www.formed.org For further questions contact the parish office.

Miles Christi Silent Retreat for Young Adults

The priests of Miles Christi will be in Canada to offer the Spiritual Exercises at Westminster Abbey in Mission, BC. Young adults age 19-30 are invited to the silent retreat on the weekend of October 13-15.

The retreat involves conferences and meditations necessary to make the Spiritual Exercises. There will be daily Mass, Rosary, Adoration, as well as times for one-on-one spiritual direction and Confession. The retreat will be silent, and it is important to come prepared to fully engage in the entire experience.

Cost is \$230, which includes a single room, private bathroom, and all meals (Friday dinner to Sunday lunch). Financial assistance is available for those who need it. Learn more and register at beholdvancouver.org/events.

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.



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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.

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26th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Readings: Ezekiel 18:25-28; Psalm: Ps 25; Phil 2:1-11; Gospel Mathew 21:28-32

What will decide our eternity? It is the choices we make. Gifted with free will, we are the ones who choose our eternal destiny - to be with God or to be not. In the first reading, Lord God tells Ezekiel that it is the choices that we make that will ultimately decide our eternal life because God respects our freedom and the decisions we make. Today's Responsorial Psalm Ps 25, appeals to God, in His compassion, to wipe away our sins and extend His mercy to us. The second reading, from the Letter to the Philippians, we read the very well-known Christological hymn about the obedience of Jesus – the choice Jesus made in obedience to the will of the Father. St. Paul says, because of Christ's obedience to God's will of emptying himself, taking human form and humbling himself by accepting death on a cross, God the Father exalted Christ, bestowed on him the Name above every other name, and made Jesus the recipient of universal adoration and exaltation.

In today's Gospel parable, a man with two sons tells both to go out to work in the vineyard. The first son says he will not go, but later he regrets his refusal and goes to work. He represents the tax collectors and sinners who refused to obey God's commandments, but, after listening to John the Baptist and Jesus, repented and became worthy of eternal reward.

The second son says that he will go but does not. He represents the chief priests, the Scribes and the Pharisees. By their pride, and

their refusal to obey God's call to repentance through John the Baptist and Jesus, they excluded themselves from the eternal reward.

This parable teaches that we need to be truthful to our promises to God. That is, we are not supposed to say "yes" to God on Sundays and "no" to God on weekdays. We need to keep our promises. God is ever with us to strengthen us, to pardon us, and to lift us up again when we stumble. If we have been disobedient to God, all we need is to knock at the door of God's mercy, for He is the merciful Father who always waits for us to come back. We need to remember that what God in his mercy did for the tax-collectors and sinners in the parable, the Matthews, the Augustines and the millions of unknown penitents who are now Saints in Heaven. He can, and will, do for us, if we repent of our past sins and renew our lives as the first son in the parable did. It is never too late for God. Whatever it may be, God wants us to know that it's never too late to begin again and have a great life with Him in eternity. *God Bless!!*

Fr Nevin Jacob



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 **\$70,204.04 = 80 gifts, which brings us to 113%** 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
irissramsda@gmail.com

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Monday October 2, Morning Mass 9 am – Parish Office Closed.

Welcome to the parish: Niclette Donda Esoni, Teresita & Antonio Perez

Recently Baptized: Rheizel Bautista, Addison Epp, Wyatt Wiens, Walker Wiens.

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 ☺

St. Joseph's Catholic Women's League News!

All ladies 13 years and older are invited to attend our **Ladies' Prayer Brunch on Sat., Oct. 28**, following the 9 a.m. mass until 12 noon. The morning's theme is "I have called you by name: you are mine" Is 43.1 The morning's speakers are Sr. Mary Bethany Zeitler OP and Fr. Nevin Jacob. The cost is \$5 for students and \$10 for adults and includes refreshments and a delicious brunch. Registration and payment will be accepted after all masses Oct. 7, 8 and Oct. 14, 15. Seating is limited so early registration is recommended. Hope to see you there

CWL Bake Sale & Religious Article Sale: following all the morning Masses, Sunday October 1.

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

Knights of Columbus News: Membership drive this weekend, we will have members from our council 2552 available to discuss the benefits in getting involved in this organization. You will be able to sign up or get more information after the regular Masses or online at <https://www.kofc.org/secure/en/join/join-kofc.html>

The Knights of Columbus charities is having another raffle this year – Oct 1 to December 16. There are some great prizes and all proceeds go to the Knights of Columbus (BC) Charity Foundation. This organization funds senior housing and other worthwhile causes in our province. Early Bird draws start October 9 so you will want to purchase tickets early
Knights will be selling after the Masses or you can take a card to purchase online