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

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 ☺

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.

Lectures at Seminary of Christ the King: On Saturday, October 21, Dr. Michael Naughton of St Paul, Minnesota, will give free lectures at the Seminary of Christ the King in Mission BC on “Getting Work Right: The Integration of the Contemplative & Active Life” and “Good Work: Building and Nurturing a Culture of Subsidiarity” from 10 AM to 3 PM, with an hour and a half break for lunch. For more info, call 604-826-8975.

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!

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.



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.

October 8 2023

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Readings: Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm:80; Philippians 4:6-9; Gospel Mathew 21:33 - 34

This week we read “The Song of the Vineyard,” a very popular reading from the prophet Isaiah. The prophet speaks of a very beautiful vineyard on a fertile hill. It has been dug and cleared of rocks, planted with choicest vines. A watchtower has been built and a wine vat hewn, but when the landowner comes to harvest his grapes, he finds wild grapes. Does he go to all this trouble for wild grapes? “What more could I do for my vineyard?” I will make it a waste. We believe this refers to the Assyrian and Babylonian deportations.

The vineyard of the Lord of Hosts is the house of Israel and the people of Judah his pleasant planting. God was looking for justice and righteousness, but found bloodshed. The vineyard property, well cared for, it represents the wealth of the land. This wealth has not produced a just society. God is forced to act.

As Jesus tells his Parable of the Tenants he is quoting from “the Song of the Vineyard.” In this parable the landowner leaves for a foreign country and leases the vineyard to tenants. In return he expects a portion of the produce as rent.

My mother has a similar arrangement with my uncle. He would farm her land and he would give her 1/3 of the produce. No we didn't have trucks drive up after the harvest and dump the grain in our yard. Fortunately he translated it into a monetary amount and wrote a cheque. This is an age old tradition and my uncle was very trustworthy unlike the tenants in today's Gospel who did not only

refuse to turn over the produce, but abused and killed his slaves. Even to the point of killing his own son outside of the vineyard.

Jesus asks his audience what the landlord should do to these treacherous tenants. To a man they said that they should be killed and the vineyard leased to others who would give him the produce at the harvest time. It was only after their condemnation that they realized the Jesus was speaking of them, “The vineyard of the Lord of hosts” is the house of Israel.

The religious and political leaders of Israel were not producing the fruit of the kingdom and so it would be taken away from them. Jesus identifies himself as the stone rejected by the builders which becomes the cornerstone or capstone of a new edifice, the Church.

We are challenged to ask ourselves, are we producing the fruit of the kingdom in our own lives and in our community. Are we doing the things that Jesus is asking of us?

Paul tells us, along with the Philippians not to worry. Let your requests be known to God through prayer and supplication with thanksgiving. The world tells us that peace can be found in positive thinking, the absence of conflict or just good feelings, the Christian knows that true peace is knowing that God is in control.

A protestant source says that it is easy to listen to a sermon and forget what the preacher said, or to read the bible, but not let it affect your life. (this may not apply to Catholics?) We have to put the word of God into action. St. Paul calls on us to focus on whatever is true, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable. Not just to think about them, but to put our faith into action. Because it is in doing these things that the God of Peace will be with you.

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 **\$73,034.04 = 84 gifts, 6% of 1331 families, which brings us to 116%** 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

Thanksgiving Day: Monday October 9, Morning Mass 9 am – Parish Office Closed.

Daily Missal Subscription: Our Limited Annual subscription renews in November. We have had a small number of cancellations and if you would like to have your own Daily Missal - only \$30 for the year! Please contact the parish office during office hours as soon as possible 604-534-3303

Welcome to the parish: Epefania Floresca & Nieves Gojetia, Cecilia Imomoh, Jennifer & Jesus Robles.

Moms & Tots Group meet the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month: Next Outdoors gathering Thursday October 19 at Portage Park, 9 – 11 am. Weather permitting. When the weather is not cooperating we meet in the Hall Lounge.

Senior’s Luncheon: Hosted by the K of C & CWL: October 18.- Doors open 11:00 am. Meal by Chef Kees, after meal join us for BINGO (\$1.00 per card). Cost for the meal is \$10.00 Come, join us in the parish hall for friendship, a few laughs. and a great meal.

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

*****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:

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 all the Sunday Masses or you can take a card to purchase online

RETREAT MORNING with Fr. Nevin for anyone who has experienced a loss of a loved one and also for anyone else who is interested to join us. **“Life & Life After Death”**, Thursday October 26th. 9:30 to 11:30 and lunch after by CWL. - To Register Contact Carla Vangool 604-308-0050 or e-mail carlavan@shaw.ca Registration cost \$18 includes lunch. **REGISTRATION CLOSED THURSDAY OCTOBER 19TH**

