



### October the Month of the Holy Rosary:

**2,000 Rosaries:** Please join us for the continuous praying of 2,000 Rosaries Thursday, **October 26 from 9 am to 6 pm** in the Chapel. Light refreshments will be served during the day in the social lounge off the church foyer. All parishioners invited.

**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](mailto:carlavan@shaw.ca) Registration cost \$18 includes lunch. Registration closed

Thursday October 19<sup>th</sup>

**St. Joseph’s Bereavement Support:** a 10-week structured support group. Beginning Thursday November 2, 10:00 am – 11:30 am. in the parish annex room. Registration limited to 8 people. We will work with a book “Grieving With the Help of Your Catholic Faith” by Lorene Duquin. Cost of materials and book \$35. To register and for information. Contact Carla Vangool 604-308-0050 or [carlavan@shaw.ca](mailto:carlavan@shaw.ca)

**Women’s Adoration Evening: “Memento Mori”** *Never Forget.* at St. Joseph’s Chapel Monday October 30, 7 pm Adoration, 8-8:10pm Reflection, followed by Refreshments and Social. Future dates: Nov. 20 and Dec. 11.

**Feast of All Souls – November 2:** November is a month that the church sets aside to pray for the Faithful Departed. All Souls Day Envelopes are available at the back of the church. Envelopes should be filled in and deposited in the collection basket or returned to the office. A mass will be said for each envelope received. Suggested stipend is \$10 per mass, NO CHEQUES as the stipend goes to the priest celebrating the mass.

**Verso L’Alto Young Adults Team:** for more information and check out events email: [youngadults@stjosephlangley.com](mailto: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](mailto:youth@stjosephlangley.com) Looking for Volunteer dinners for Core Team meetings if you can help contact Analiza and the above mail address ☺

**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!



## 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 (2<sup>nd</sup> 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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**28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time.**

*Readings: Isaiah 25: 6-10a; Psalm:23; Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20; Gospel Mathew 22:-1 – 14.*

This weekend the readings speak to us of God’s salvation with the image of the banquet. God will care for all our needs. Not just sparingly, but in an overflowing measure. Even in difficult times it is important that we recognize and be thankful for the blessings we have received.

Isaiah is writing to a people in exile. They perhaps think that God has forgotten them. They can feel the separation. The prophet is saying that this is not true. That God is preparing a great feast on his holy mountain where there will be rich food and well aged wines, strained and clear. They will all be gathered on the mountain (Jerusalem) and they will experience God’s salvation when all wrongs will be redressed as they stand in the presence of God.

The author of our psalm envisages God as the Good Shepherd who guides his people in love, caring for all their needs. “You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies... surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life.” God’s plans for us are for good and not for evil. To be able to know his goodness even in the face of challenge is an important aspect of thanksgiving.

As Jesus speaks to the Chief Priests and the Pharisees he compares the kingdom of heaven to a wedding banquet given by a king for his son. In Jesus’ day a banquet of this nature and stature would involve a double invitation; first that the event is being planned and secondly that all is ready.

This should have been an event of a lifetime, but those invited treated it very casually and would not come. On the final invitation we are told that “they made light of it” and went away one to his farm and another to

his business. Still others seized, mistreated and killed his slaves. The king’s response is to destroy those murderers and burn their city, hardly very festive.

Those invited proved unworthy, so the answer was to widen the invitation...”Go therefore into the main streets and invite everyone.” They gathered, we are told, both the good and the bad until the hall was filled with guests, but as the king comes in to greet them he finds a man without a wedding garment. The king demands that he be bound and cast into the outer darkness. This may seem extreme to us and disturbing.

As far as we can tell there were no proscribed garments for weddings, and then you invite people from the main streets, they may not be fully prepared. What we believe the reference to be is a garment of righteousness, found in Revelations 19:8. Those good works that make faith concrete and prepare us for the kingdom.

This parable is really about our response to God’s call. It cautions us about the dangers of indifference. When we are called to a relationship with Jesus we can choose to respond or we can quietly decline and go back to our personal pursuits. Others find it difficult to accept the idea that we are sinners in need of salvation. Repentance can seem like a threat to our happiness and fulfillment. Finally Jesus warns against incomplete conversion. The man without the wedding garment had neither ignored nor refused the invitation, but his yes to the call of God was not carried forward into his life. He wanted the good things of the kingdom, but not enough to break with his sinful ways and be a committed disciple.

Paul is thanking the Philippians for their assistance in his need. In his life he has learned how to deal with having little or having plenty, being well fed or being hungry. He can do all things through him who strengthens him. Never the less it is good to have people who are prepared to help him in his need. Ultimately we all rely on Christ Jesus to fully satisfy all our needs. To be open to God working in our lives. Allowing him to change us for the better, that we may participate in the banquet which is heaven.

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 **\$92,224.04 = 93 gifts, 7% of 1331 families, which brings us to 145%** of our diocesan goal (\$63,00.00) **or 58% of the parish goal**  
Please visit [projectadvance.ca](http://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  
[irissramsdales@gmail.com](mailto:irissramsdales@gmail.com)

**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:** Teresa Szafranski.

**Recently Baptized:** Juliet La Mouri.

**Moms & Tots Group meet the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**Last chance for registration and payment** is after mass on Oct. 14 at the 5 PM mass and on Oct. 15 at 9 AM and 11 AM mass. 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

**The Knights of Columbus charities** is having another raffle this year – Tickets on Sale from 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. Knights will be selling after all the Sunday Masses (or you can take a card to purchase online)

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**Talk of the week: How and Why to Pray the Rosary.** Register at [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org) For further questions contact the parish office.



**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](http://www.stcatherines.ca) Ticket sales end: October 20.