



October the Month of the Holy Rosary:

2,000 Hail Mary's Please join us for the continuous praying of 2,000 Hail Mary's 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 Registration cost \$18 includes lunch. Final registrations taken following the Saturday 5 pm and Sunday 9 & 11 am masses. This weekend.

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

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

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 ☺

There will be a **Vocation Live-In Weekend** November 4-5, 2023 at the **Seminary of Christ the King in Mission, BC.** Anyone wishing to enter the Seminary in the next couple of years is welcome. For more information phone 604-826-8975 or email rector.minors@sck.ca

Upcoming public lecture at Catholic Pacific College! Wednesday, October 25, 7pm at the CPC building. Prof. Allen Haaheim will bring together aspects of the thought of Victorian poet Gerard Manley Hopkins to explore "inscape," a word he coined that, in his own words, means "design, pattern" and constitutes "the very soul of art." *Inscape* also gets to the very being of things—including ours—and comes from Christ and His presence. The title of the talk is: "Of Kingfishers and Other Fires." Bring a friend! Free Registration: catholicpacific.ca/cpc3



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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.

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29th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Readings: Isaiah 45:1, 4-6; Psalm: 96 1 - 10; Thessalonians 1:1-5b; Gospel Matthew 22:15 - 21

Both Isaiah and our Psalmist extol the power of God. Nations are invited to bring their gifts to God in the temple. Overwhelmed by what God has done he tells others about God's greatness. The one God shows forth glory and strength.

Cyrus was the King of the Medes. He was the most powerful king in that part of the world, his kingdom comprising the lands of both the Assyrians and the Babylonians, and more. In spite of his power and importance, and the fact that he does not believe in God, God can use him to further his plans. He in effect becomes God's anointed king or messiah. Cyrus can do for God what no King of Judah or Israel can do. He can set the Jewish exiles free and facilitate the rebuilding of Jerusalem without asking anything in return. God is more powerful than the greatest earthly king.

In the Gospel of Matthew the Pharisees and the Herodians are attempting to draw Jesus into a conflict between religion and the state. In doing so they are seeking to either politically incriminate Jesus or to personally discredit him. Recognizing their intentions Jesus is able to elude the trap.

The Pharisees as religious people resent paying the Roman taxes that are burdensome to the economy and puts them under a foreign power. Herodians for their part are the administrators of Roman taxation in Palestine. If Jesus comes out against taxation, then he will be reported to Herod Antipas and could be executed as a rebel. If he comes out for taxation then the Jewish people would be against him and he wouldn't be a problem for the Pharisees.

As Jesus asks for a coin he is pointing out their hypocrisy. Why do they have money changers in the temple? It is because foreign currencies weren't allowed because they have images of false gods (i.e. Caesar). The denarius demonstrates that they are part of the Roman economic system. The coin technically belongs to Caesar, his image and title are on it. Jesus is able to bring the argument to a different level. Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.

Jesus wants us to recognize our dual citizenship. While we live in the world, but we are also called to live in relationship with God. The political system of the world creates debts, but we have an even greater debt to God who is the source of all we have and are. It is sometimes easy to forget this debt. The tax collector is much more insistent than God who quietly guides us even if, like Cyrus, we are not aware of it. The point is when we give to God what is God's he is able to bestow even greater gifts and we are able to come into an even fuller union with him.

As St. Paul writes to the Thessalonians he is able to rejoice in knowing that God is working in the community. Thessalonica was a large international city, the Roman capital of Macedonia. It was also a thriving seaport. On his first visit Paul had to leave town rather quickly because of threats to his life. Paul was able to send Timothy back to check on the Thessalonians and received a report of an active Christian community.

Paul gives thanks for their active faith. He recognizes them as a people of faith, hope and charity. These of course are the theological virtues that allow us to grow in relationship with God and come to know him ever more fully. The Gospel has taken root, the Thessalonians have become God's chosen people.

God's word is effective because the Holy Spirit is operative in the world. The Holy spirit changes believers. As we pray this weekend pray that the Holy Spirit may continue to change us and that the power of God may be manifest in our own community as we grow in him

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 **\$95,189.01 = 102 gifts, 8% of 1331 families, which brings us to 156%** of our diocesan goal (\$63,00.00) **or 59.5% of the parish goal**

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
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: Mari Nhel & Lester Acierto, Allan Apilado, Emelyn & Alfredo Averia, Casandra & David Jerome,

Recently Baptized: Franco Sumisim, Nithalee Panos.

R.I.P.: Please remember in your prayers the souls of Ursula Marie Bussiere, George Fujimura.

Moms & Tots Group meet the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month: Outdoors gathering Thursdays Weather permitting. When the weather is not cooperating we meet in the Hall Lounge.

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

CWL POINSETTIA SALE: Orders taken Oct 28 & Nov.4 following the 5:00pm Mass and Oct. 29 & Nov.5 following the 9:00 & 11:00 am Masses,
*****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 RAFFLE!! – 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: "Struggle with the Rosary." Register at 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 @St. Catherine's before & after school. Online
tickets sales available now. www.stcatherines.ca Ticket sales end: October 25