

**Priests Study Week: November 13 - 17** –Mass will be celebrated Monday November 13 at 8:00 a.m. and Friday November 17 at 7:00 p.m.

**Communion Services:** Tues. to Thurs. Nov. 14 - 16 at 8:00 a.m. While the priests will be away at their Study, Sister Jeannine Marchand sj, will preside.

**SJB Remembrance Day Assembly & Grandparents' Lunch Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup>.**

Join the students of St. John Brebeuf Regional Secondary School for a special **Remembrance Day Assembly at 10:45am Thursday, November 9.** Grandparents are invited to stay for a special luncheon following the assembly. Space is limited to grandparents only. Please call the school at 604-855-0571 to reserve your space

**St. John Brebeuf Open House:** All parishioners are invited to attend the SJB Open House on **Thursday, November 23rd from 6:00 - 8:00pm.** We extend a special invitation to families with school age children in Grades 4-7! Please encourage your friends, neighbours, and fellow parishioners to come and see our secondary school in action! Applications for new students for the 2024-2025 school year will be available at the Open House, at the school or parish offices, and on our website ([www.stjohnbrebeuf.ca](http://www.stjohnbrebeuf.ca)). Completed applications for new students are due February 1st, 2024.

**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:** 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 ☺

**(NEW START DATE – November 16) St. Joseph's Bereavement Support:** a 10-week structured support group. Thursdays 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 November 20, 7 pm Adoration, 8-8:10pm Reflection, followed by Refreshments and Social. Future dates: Dec. 11.

**Catechesis of the Neocatechumenal Way** - 8 weeks -Sessions Mondays at 7:30pm and Thursdays @ 8:00pm.at the parish hall.

**MONTREAL, October 25, 2023** — [Development and Peace — Caritas Canada](#) is making an immediate allocation of \$150,000 to Caritas Jerusalem to help it meet the needs of families besieged and displaced by the ongoing crisis in Gaza in the Holy Land. As a [member of the Canadian Foodgrains Bank](#), Development and Peace — Caritas Canada is also participating in the Humanitarian Coalition's Gaza Humanitarian Emergency appeal, to which we invite Canadians to [donate generously](#).at <https://devp.org/en/> or phone Toll Free: 1 888 234-8533 Thank you.



## St. Joseph's Catholic Church

20676 Fraser Highway, Langley, BC V3A 4G5

Ph: 604-534-3303

Fax: 604-534-6458

Email: [parish.sjl@rcav.org](mailto:parish.sjl@rcav.org)

website: [stjlangley.rcav.org](http://stjlangley.rcav.org)

**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.

November 5, 2023

### 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time.

*Readings: Malachi 1:14b—2b, 8 - 10; I Thessalonians 2:7b-9, 13; Psalm: 131*  
*Gospel Matthew 23:1-12*

A strong invitation and warning to render humble, committed and loving service to others in the name of the Lord is the main theme of all three of today's readings. In the first reading, the prophet Malachi condemns the irresponsible, proud, lazy priests of his day. After the exile in Babylon and the rebuilding of the Temple, the priests became indifferent to their duties and through Malachi, the Lord God says, “*I, therefore have made you contemptible and base before all the people.*”

And in the second reading, St. Paul presents himself as an ideal example of the servant leadership in the Church. The itinerant preachers those days had a notoriety for greed and pride. That is why Paul frequently emphasizes his own unique leadership style. He tries to convince the Thessalonians that the message they received was not just human teaching, but rather the word of God. He reminds them that when he was among them, he was careful not to “sponge” off them and not even to ask them for his own livelihood, never to be a burden to no one, so that they experienced Jesus' love through Paul's love. And in today's Gospel, Jesus gives a word of judgment against those who are more concerned with self-promotion than with giving loving service to others. Jesus'

condemnations were meant also as a warning to future Christian leaders about the possible abuses of authority in their ministry. They are not to say one thing and do something else, rather, follow their Master’s teaching and avoid titles and practices which would imply arrogant superiority which can lead to hypocrisy. The Holy Spirit emphatically reminds us that Jesus wants His Church to be a community of mutual love and service in which the leaders and teachers were to be servants of those they lead and teach.

We need to live the Faith we profess. Our faith tells us that we are all brothers and sisters, children of the same Heavenly Father. The way to live this Faith is to help build a human community of love and justice, one deed at a time; the first step in doing this is to acknowledge our failings and ask God for help to do better. It is easy to read today’s Gospel and start pointing fingers at others. But let us ask ourselves the question: “Am I so different from them?” And instead of being too reactive and critical, let us try to be more proactive, helpful and accommodating. St. Francis of Assisi always reminded his friars that if they could boast about anything as their own, it was their sins. Hence, let us use everything we are and have in a way that brings glory to God and His family. *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 **\$100,084.04 = 116 gifts, 9% of 1331 families, which brings us to 158% of our diocesan goal (\$63,00.00) or 62.6% of the parish goal**  
Please visit [projectadvance.ca](http://projectadvance.ca) to learn more about the Archdiocese Projects and to give online

**2023 – 2024 Sunday Missals** for your own personal use on sale following Weekend Mass at the Information Booth or at the parish office. Cost \$5 each.

**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](mailto:irisramsdales@gmail.com)

**Welcome to the parish:** Johnalyn & Leomar Sibbaluca, Joana & Sandell Mateo.  
**R.I.P.:** Please remember in your prayers the souls of Donald J. Dangelmaier, Ramon Kalinowski.  
**Moms & Tots Group meet the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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! Annual CWL Membership drive** this weekend, November 4/5 after each Mass. Membership fees are \$45.00 - Please come by the table at the back of the church and renew your membership or find out how to join.



**CWL POINSETTIA SALE: Orders taken** Nov.4 following the 5:00pm Mass and Nov.5 following the 9:00 & 11:00 am Masses,  
\*\*\***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, Christmas Gifts.!!! If you are interested in purchasing any gift cards, please contact Suzanne Spanjers at. 604-427-4267. 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)

**KofC Council 2552 St. Joseph’s Parish is hosting a Pancake Breakfast Sunday**



**November 5** after the 9:00 am and 11:00am Mass in the Hall. Please join us for this community building event and to support our charity. The funds raised will be donated to Development and Peace – Caritas Canada to Help families affected by the conflict in Gaza. Breakfast is by donation, cash, interact and credit cards accepted for payment

**Baptism Preparation Class: Tues. November 21 at 7:30 pm.** for parents wanting their babies baptized. Call the parish office during office hours to register. 604-534-3303

**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.

**Kids Talk of the week: “ St. Leo the Great – Catholic Saints”** Register at [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org) For further questions contact the parish office.



**Remembrance Day Saturday November 11, -. Monday November 13.**  
**Morning Mass at 9 am - Stat Holiday Office closed**