

**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.

**Sponsor's Needed for RCIA :** St. Joseph's Parish community needs sponsors for people who are on the road to becoming Catholic. If you are interested in becoming a sponsor, please join us at our information evening; **Thursday November 23, 8 – 9 pm in the Church Foyer Coffee Room.** By contacting Tiffany Valle Anaya 604-209-8269 or [tiffany.valle.anaya@gmail.com](mailto:tiffany.valle.anaya@gmail.com)

### **St. Joseph's Book Study and Discussion Group**

Next liturgical year beginning with the first Sunday in Advent (December 3) we will be reading from the Gospel of Mark in our Sunday liturgies. Let's take a closer look at this gospel with discussion of the book **"Meeting St. Mark Today"** by Daniel J. Harrington, SJ. We will be reading and reflecting on this book on Wednesday mornings from 9:15 to 10:30 at St. Joseph's Church, **beginning on December 6th.** Come and join us for coffee and fellowship after morning Mass and stay for discussion and deeper understanding of this gospel. For registration or more information please call the parish office.

**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.

**(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.

**Development and Peace — Caritas Canada** is 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**

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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.

November 12, 2023

### **32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time.**

*Readings: Wisdom 6:12-16; Psalm: 63; I Thessalonians 4:13-18; Gospel Matthew 25:1-13*

A preacher once started his sermon with the question. "Would you rather stay awake with the wise or sleep with the foolish?" Besides some, I'm sure, unintended implications, the question itself is misleading. It's not about sleeping it is about being prepared. It is about recognizing what is happening and taking the necessary steps to meet the challenge.

Both the foolish and the wise bridesmaids should have recognized that possibility of the bridegroom being delayed. It was a common occurrence. The wise bridesmaids recognizing the possibility brought an extra flask of oil with them. The foolish bridesmaids expected others to take care of the situation. Clearly it was their responsibility and in taking care of it they missed the bridegroom and were unable to fulfill their function and were locked out of the banquet.

The real question is, "Do you want to be part of the great banquet of heaven?" If so, you have to be prepared to do what is necessary. It is about putting yourself in a position to allow Jesus to work in your life – to bring you into the banquet. Remember Jesus has done the heavy lifting, but you still have to do your part as well.

The Book of Wisdom tells us that “Wisdom is easily discerned by those who love her.” And is found by those who seek her. It is through wisdom that God makes himself known. He is not hidden away, he makes himself available to us. He appears to us on our way and meets us in our thoughts. He is always seeking to draw us closer to himself.

In the first Letter to the Thessalonians, Paul is dealing with the question of death and salvation in Jesus Christ. Initially Paul had thought that Christ’s return was immanent. As Christians began dying before Christ’s coming the question arises will they have a place in the kingdom. What Paul has come to realize is that all our hope is in the resurrection. Christ the first fruit and we in our time. He who conquered death in his own resurrection now shares his power with us.

The question we have to ask ourselves is, are we prepared to share in Christ’s life. Have we taken the time to make ourselves aware of what Jesus is asking of us, and are we prepared to do it. Are we allowing the wisdom that God wants to share with us to flow through our lives so that we can fully respond to his call.

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 **\$104,134.04 = 122 gifts, 9% of 1331 families, which brings us to 165% of our diocesan goal (\$63,00.00) or 65% 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  
[irissramsda@gmail.com](mailto:irissramsda@gmail.com)

**Recently Baptized:** Tessa Jayatilaka, Elisha Bayaborda

**Welcome to the parish:** Elizabeth Joseph, Charitha & Nauwanka Jayawardena, Nila Tubo, Ashley & David Narodowski

**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.

**CWL 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)

**Senior’s Luncheon:** Hosted by the K of C & CWL: November 15.- 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.

**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

**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 ☺

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**Monday November 13. Morning Mass 9 am - Stat Holiday Office closed One & All** Please come & Fall Clean the church prior to our Advent Season - your helping hands will be needed on Saturday, November 25th following the 9:00 am Mass

