

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 10:15 am. 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 Regional High School Applications for new students for the 2024-2025 school year are available at the school or parish office, and on our website (www.stjohnbrebeuf.ca). Completed applications for new students are due February 1st, 2024.

Women's Adoration Evening: "Memento Mori" Never Forget. at St. Joseph's Chapel Monday **December 11**, 7 pm Adoration, 8-8:10pm Reflection, followed by Refreshments and Social.

Development and Peace — Caritas Canada is participating in the Humanitarian Coalition's Gaza Humanitarian Emergency appeal, to which we invite Canadians to [donate generously](https://devp.org/en/). at <https://devp.org/en/> or phone Toll Free: 1 888 234-8533 Thank you.

CPC Breakfast Fundraiser (Texas Brunch) Monday Dec. 4: @ St. Matthew's Parish Hall. Surrey, Mass 8 am, Program 9 am, Keynote Speaker (Fr. Deacon Andrew Bennett) 9:45 am. Tickets \$30. I invite you to join me Dec. 4, Adam Van Noort, CPC alumni and current Board of Directors. Registration link: <https://revenue-can.keela.co/give-2025-advent-breakfast-registration> by **November 27th**.

Simbang Gabi (Advent novena masses): December 15 – 23, 7:00 p.m. (except 5:00 p.m. on Saturday and 8:00 p.m. on Sunday). Coffee and snacks after mass. This is a great way to prepare your hearts for Christmas. Everyone invited to this 9-day parish event.

CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER: Volunteers needed: Many volunteers are needed to work before, during or after the event. **Sign up to help** online volunteersignup.org/LCJ3A. **Donate food or supplies.**- drop them off at the tables in the church foyer. **Cash Donations may be made** – by e-transfer to Autodeposit.sjl@rcav.org or dropped off in the collection basket in an envelope labelled "Christmas Dinner", or handed into the organizers at the table in the church foyer



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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.

November 26, 2023

Christ the King: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Readings :Ezekiel 34: 11-12, 15-17; Psalm 2;1 Corinthians 15: 20-26, 28; Matthew 25:31-46

As we approach the end of the Church's year our thoughts are drawn to the final things. Classically the four last things are death, judgement, heaven and hell. These are things that we usually put on the back burner. We think that we'll deal with them when they happen, if they happen. But the reality is that they will happen at some time.

In the ups and downs of life I am heartened by the thought that when all is done and finished Jesus Christ is King and he will share his victory with us.

Judgement is the theme of Ezekiel, St. Paul and Jesus in today's readings. Ezekiel speaks for God as the shepherd who cares for his flock, seeking out the lost, binding us the injured and strengthening the weak. In the end he will judge his flock, between one sheep and another, between rams and goats.

St. Paul doesn't speak directly to judgement, but he notes that Jesus' resurrection leads to salvation. That just as sin came into the world through Adam so all are made alive in Christ. His reign puts all his enemies under his feet even death so that God can be all in all. This subjection of his enemies necessarily leads to judgement.

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all his angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory” All the people will be gathered to him and he will separate one from another and he will put them at his right and his left. Those on his right will inherit the kingdom prepared for them while those on his left will be cast into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.

What is the point that separates these two groups? It is love, the ability to share God’s life with others. Not based on receiving a reward, but doing it because it is the right thing to do. Feeding the hungry, giving a drink to the thirsty, welcoming a stranger or clothing the naked, caring for the sick or visiting prisoners are not always easy things to do. Yet it is important for us to do without always seeing Jesus standing beside us. Loving for the sake of loving.

God wants us to share in his love. Through Jesus Christ he draws us to himself that we may have a share in his resurrection. Judgement will not be harsh unless we have first rejected his love.

A friend of mine once said that she was, at times, hard to get along with so that I could exercise my Christianity. As we move through the hardships and disappointments of life we grow in our ability to exercise our life in Christ.

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 \$109,284.04 = 135 gifts, 10% of 1331 families, which brings us to 173% of our diocesan goal (\$63,000.00) or 68% 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
irisramsdale@gmail.com

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

Welcome to the parish: Kimberley D’cruz, Mark Elvin, Mary & Ted Udzenija, Deryol Andrews

R.I.P. Please remember in your prayers the soul of Joseph Henry Tecklenborg.

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.

CWL

All ladies are invited to our Christmas Dinner - Tuesday, **December 12th**. Doors open at 6:00 pm - dinner at 6:30 pm. Tickets \$40.00 ea - available from Iris Ramsdale or Marg Rodrigues at the Information Desk following Sunday morning 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)

Senior’s Luncheon: Hosted by the K of C & CWL: **Wednesday December 13.-** 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.

Verso L’Alto Young Adults Team: for more information and check out events email: youngadults@stjosephlangley.com

St. Joseph's Youth Ministry: 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 ☺

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