

SCHOOL NEWS

Holy Cross Regional Secondary is hosting an Open House, Thursday, January 25, from 6:30 – 8:30 pm. Holy Cross Regional Secondary invites prospective families to join our community to see what makes our school unique. You will be able to listen to Holy Cross' Band, conduct experiments in our Science Laboratory, learn about the many different athletic opportunities, taste the delightful treats provided from the Foods and Nutrition Department, relax at a French Café, admire the artwork of our students, browse through the books in our Learning Commons, and much, much more. Spend your evening exploring our campus, talking with students and staff to observe what education within a Catholic community looks like at the high school level. Holy Cross' online registration process will commence with this event. Holy Cross' community looks forward to meeting all of you, Thursday, January 25.

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 1.**

St. Catherine's Elementary School is now accepting Kindergarten Applications for the 2024-2025 school year. Students must be 5 years of age by Dec 31, 2024 to apply. Application **deadline January 31.** Please visit our website for information and Application Form: www.stcatherines.ca

St. Joseph's Church Preschool will begin Preschool registration for the 2024/2025 school year on **Thursday February 1.** If you are interested in enrolling your child, or would like information about our programs, you can check out our website at www.stjosephschurchpreschool.com

Registration forms with updated pricing for the 2024/2025 school year will be available to download off the website on Tuesday January 30. . If you have any further questions, please contact Angela at 604-530-4288

There will be a **Vocation Live-In on the weekend of February 10 -11** 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

2024 Contribution Envelopes: Please collect your envelopes from the back of the church. They are in alphabetical order. Check your address to ensure it is correct. If your envelopes are missing, contact the parish office.



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 (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.

January 21, 2024

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings Jonah 3:1-5, 10; Psalm 25;1 Corinthians 7: 29-31; Mark 1: 14-20.

A New Reality.

“The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent and believe the good news.” Mk1:15

As John is arrested Jesus' mission begins. It announces a new reality. God and his divinity has broken into history. The person of Jesus embodies the good news and he calls for a radical response – to repent and believe. To trust, accept and yield to God working in him.

As Jesus walks along the shore he calls his first disciples, Simon Peter, his brother Andrew and James along with his brother John. Their response is immediate, they leave everything and follow Jesus. The nets, the boats and even James and John's father in the boat to become fishers of people. Reflecting the promise of Jeremiah 16:14-16 where God promises to gather his people as if they were fish in the sea.

Although they are nobodies, without aptitude, talent or promise, their prompt and radical obedience, no time for dillydallying, they gain a share in Jesus' mission. An exciting yet tension filled journey of faith. There will be serious misunderstandings and failure at

crucial points, but their eager response leads them to growth, continuous conversion and ultimately victory in Jesus Christ.

This is the journey that we are all called to share in. We perhaps worry about our ability not only to respond, but to finish it, but it's not about our abilities as these apostles came to realize. It's about surrendering our hearts to Jesus and allowing him to work in us. Yes we will at times fail, but Jesus is always prepared to forgive. We will fall, but he will be there to pick us up.

In our first reading we have the example of the prophet Jonah. When I think of Jonah I think of the whale, more appropriately the great fish. God gave Jonah a mission to proclaim God's punishment on Nineveh (modern day Mosul.) the capitol of Assyria the great enemy of Israel and an exceedingly large city.

Jonah wanted nothing to do with the mission and in fact went the other way. The great fish is a symbol of Jonah's desire to escape from God, but even in the depth of the sea he can't get away, God is in control. It is only when he surrenders to God that the fish deposits him on the shore and he can continue his mission.

In spite of its greatness Nineveh recognizes it's evil in the face of a single prophet and repents. When Jonah does the will of God, God works through him. God forgave Jonah his faithlessness and he forgave the Ninevehites their sin, and he will not only forgive us when we repent but he will even give even more opportunities to serve.

Psalms 25 is a lament. It is a realization that our own thoughts and actions at times take us away from God. Asking God to gather us to himself, "Lord, make us know your ways." Show us the way to you. It's only at times when we know that we are lost that we surrender to God, that we ask for his help and he responds.

As St. Paul answers the questions of the Corinthians in today's second reading he wants them not to become too attached to this world, it is passing away. Paul recognizes that in Jesus Christ Christians are already living a heavenly existence and the goal is to come to the fullness of this life in heaven and not to become ensconced in the world. For Paul Christ's return was immanent, after almost 2000 years we might not have the same sense, at the same time we have to realize that life on earth is not permanent and we are called to prepare for our permanent home with Jesus in heaven. It is therefore of the utmost importance for us to be prepared to repent and believe in him who is the Good News.

Fr. Patrick.

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

Welcome to the Parish: Anna & Rainier Asprey, Marta Pan, Alinda & Arnold Fernandes.

R.I.P.: Please pray for the repose of the souls of Roberto Francisco, Gloria Ceraldi.

Youth Ministry : Starting Back : Lifeteen- January 21; Edge January 26, For more information please contact Analiza: youth@stjosephlangley.com

Verso L'Alto Young Adults : Interested !!! please email
youngadults@stjosephlangley.com

Women's Evening of Worship and Eucharistic Adoration: "Restore" starting back Monthly Gatherings, Monday, February 26. 7 pm in the Church. Open to women of all ages and stages!! For more information or to volunteer please contact Tiffany 604-209-8269 or tiffany.valle.anaya@gmail.com.

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. **Documentary of the week " St. Francis de Sales: Pastor of Souls"** Register at www.formed.org For further questions contact the parish office.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2024 - Prayer Service hosted by St. Nicholas Parish, Saturday January 27, 10 am. at St. Nicholas Church 20675 – 87 Ave, All are welcome!

***RESCHEDULED * !!!** Due To Snow Out!!! **Senior's Luncheon:** Hosted by the K of C & CWL: **Wednesday, January 24.-** 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.

Employment Opportunity: Advokate Life & Education Services Society, is searching for an experienced and compassionate individual for the Director of Pregnancy Care Services position, working out of their head office in Abbotsford, B.C. Starting Date: Early April 2024 (with possible training earlier) Hours: Full-Time, 30-40 hours per week Salary: \$70,000 - \$85,000 (Commensurate with experience) Status: Full Time Management Employee. If interested send resume and cover letter to marie@advokate.ca