

CWL NEWS: 1) **Gently Used Religious Items Sale.** Consider donating them to the Catholic Women's League (CWL) for our upcoming sale. Collecting these items the weekends of April 6/7 and 13/14 at the Information Desk. Thank you.

2) **It's Bursary Time:** Please see the Bursary's available for your children to apply for. St. Joseph's CWL offers a \$2,000. bursary for a girl in grade 7 furthering her education and another \$2,000.00 for a student entering post secondary school. The Vancouver Diocese also offers a \$1,000 bursary to a boy or girl. Hard copies are available on our CWL bulletin board.

3) **Plant Sale** The CWL will be once again having their annual Mother's Day plant sale. Orders will be taken in the church lobby on Saturday April, 6th & 13th after the 5:00pm mass and Sunday, April 7 & 14th after the 9:00am ,11:00am and 8:00pm masses or you can place your order online at: sjcwl.growingsmilesfundraising.com Feel free to visit the website to view the products that we will be selling. Plant orders are to be picked up on Saturday, May 5th after the 5:00pm mass and Sunday, May 6th after the 9:00 & 11:00am masses. Thank you for your support.

Knights of Columbus Membership Drive weekend April 22/21, in the church foyer.



St. Catherine's School- Walkathon: Please help support this fundraiser. Students will be walking 5/10km on Friday April 19 to support their school and will be **collecting pledges** following the weekend masses **April 6/7 & 13/14**. Thank you

SJB Early Bird Registration OPEN for New Families St John Brebeuf registrations for the 2024/25 school year OPEN to new families with students entering Grades 8-12. For more information, visit <https://stjohnbrebeuf.ca/announcements/registration-open-for-new-families>

St. John Brebeuf is looking for event **sponsors for the annual Bear Brawl** - this is a great way to promote your business while supporting your Catholic regional high school. For more information, please visit <https://stjohnbrebeuf.ca/bear-brawl> or email sponsorship@stjohnbrebeuf.ca

St. Joseph's Church Preschool taking Preschool registration for the 2024/2025 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 are available to download off the website. . If you have questions, call Angela at 604-530-4288

Holy Cross Junior Crusaders Volleyball Camp:for Girls Grades 4 & 5, April 13-June 1 Saturdays @ 9:30-11:00 at Holy Cross High School Cost: \$130.Email jrcrusadervolleyball@gmail.com to secure a spot by April 1.Registration form [here](#) Any questions, please contact Bree Grandia (Program director/teacher) bgrandia@holycross.bc.ca or jrcrusadervolleyball@gmail.com



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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.

April 7, 2024

“Divine Mercy Sunday (2nd Sunday of Easter)

Readings: Acts 4:32-35; Psalm 118: 1-24; 1John 5:1-6; John 20: 19-31

In the Year 2000 Pope John Paul II added the theme of Divine Mercy to the 2nd Sunday of Easter. Drawing on the experiences of Sister Faustina the Pope wanted to emphasis God's mercy as reflecting in the resurrected Christ who brings us forgiveness and grace, the sharing in God's life.

In the Acts of the Apostles we witness a community that is united in mind and heart. Affirmed by the teachings of the Apostles, the people demonstrate their unity and their love for each other by placing their possessions at the Apostles' feet. This common ownership shows the power of the Apostles' testimony to the resurrection and the grace that was upon the whole community of believers.

Psalm 118 expresses thanksgiving after victory. It is a processional – God leading his people from death to life – His steadfast love endures forever. “This is the day that the Lord has made.” We are called to rejoice and be glad for what God has done for us in His Son Jesus Christ. We at times forget or minimize God's goodness to us, it is important to be grateful for all God has done for us, particularly at Easter

In his first letter John wishes to express a belief, a faith in Jesus Christ that gives us life. To believe in Jesus is to be born of God. It is he that gives us the power, the grace to obey his commandments. We can look on His commandments as burdensome, but this blocks our ability to live the life God is calling us to. St. John tells us that, whoever is born of God, whoever are truly his children, conquer the world. Jesus the Son of God, who came by water and the blood – a reference to baptism and

death – to bring us to life in his resurrection. It is not about what we deserve, but about God’s loving mercy.

Theme of the 20th chapter of St. John’s Gospel is about movement to an Easter faith. We give Thomas a hard time because of his doubting, but none of the disciples recognized the risen Christ until they saw his wounds. Jesus speaks with the authority of his Father, “As the Father has sent me so I send you... receive the Holy Spirit.” The disciples are called to bring God’s life to the world. They can only do this with faith and the power of Christ working through the Holy Spirit. His work is in their hands. God who is love, will be manifest in their words and deeds.

The eschaton (the final era) is now. The future is made present in the flow of sacramental symbols. We think of Jesus as God’s sacrament. In turn through the Holy Spirit we, the church, are called to be Jesus’ sacraments, sharing in his power.

Thomas as a disciple demonstrates both courage and ignorance. He lacks a deep faith and is seeking proof of the resurrection. Jesus’ presence seems almost to be just for him. Jesus is prepared to give him the proof he needs. We are not sure that Thomas actually put his finger in the nail holes or his hand in Jesus’ side. What we do know is that Thomas expressed a transforming truth when he says, “My Lord and my God!” There is no longer room for doubt.

Jesus expresses the importance of believing without seeing. He is particularly speaking to us and it is reassuring. However we owe a debt to “Doubting Thomas because of his desire to be a full witness to the risen Christ. St. John wants us to know that Jesus of Nazareth is indeed the Messiah in whom we are called to place our faith.

May we all be aware of and appreciate the Mercy God has shown us in the death and resurrection of His son.

Fr. Patrick.



Our Heartfelt THANKS, for all the Easter gifts, greetings and prayers Fr. Nevin and I received. We wish to thank the Choirs, Servers, Ushers, Church decorators, Vigil reception and Salubong organizers for making our Triduum a true celebration.

RCIA: Our Growing Family

Please welcome and support our new brothers and sisters with your prayers as they continue their faith journey within our community, in a deeper study of the mysteries throughout the Easter season.

Renen Adoca, Kate Lee, Stephanie Robertson, Abi Vilio (Sacraments of Initiation) and Ian Creighton, Adam Gjesdal, David Jerome, Alisa Kim (Reception)

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

Welcome to the Parish: Marie & Jad Eid, Eileen & Radin Alcira, Sandra & Princem Dbritto, May Ann & Terry Bayda.

Youth Ministry : : Lifeteen- and Edge For more information please contact Analiza:
youth@stjosephlangley.com

St. Joe’s Young Adult s Sports Night!! Join us Wednesday nights! , 7-9pm for volleyball or basketball for those 16 and up **at St. Catherine’s elementary school!** Any child under 18 must have a parent or guardian attend and they are free to participate as well. Cost: Free. Any questions! Contact Maria Van Vugt at thesaint900@gmail.com

St. Joseph’s Bereavement Support: a 9-week structured support group. Beginning Thursday April 4, 9:00 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 Vangoool 604-308-0050 or carlavan@shaw.ca

RESTORE: A women’s evening of worship and Eucharistic Adoration. Next date: Monday, April 22 at 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



Senior’s Luncheon: Hosted by the K of C & CWL: Wednesday, April 17- 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.

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.
Talk of the Week: “The Resurrection / What Catholics Believe.” Register at www.formed.org then look up by parish postal code V3A 4G5. For further questions contact the parish office.

Do you want to explore more on **Theology of the Body**, led by local experts? Then this four-part course **led by professors from Catholic Pacific College** is for you! CPC joins with Our Lady of the Assumption Parish for 4 evening classes on St. John Paul II’s “Theology of the Body,” Tuesdays from April 23 to May 14 at 7pm at Our Lady of the Assumption Parish Hall. Only \$100 for all four sessions. Register at catholicpacific.ca/tob

SAVE THE DATE for the upcoming MARCH4LIFE IN VICTORIA, BC ON THURSDAY, MAY 9TH. beginning with Mass at Sacred Heart Parish, Delta (3900 Arthur Drive, Delta) at 9:15 am- Archbishop Miller presiding. From there, we will catch the 11:00 am ferry to Victoria, where we will participate in the March and return on the 5:00 pm ferry. We have buses leaving from some parishes, and other bus transportation being arranged - The deadline to register for bus transportation is April 25th. If you have any questions about bus transportation, please contact Jim Canil at 604-946-0808.