

**CWL NEWS: 1) Gently Used Religious Items Sale – Sunday April 21 in the Parish Hall.**

Consider donating them to the Catholic Women’s League (CWL) for our upcoming sale. Collecting these items the weekend of 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](http://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 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](mailto: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](http://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



**CHECK OUT THE NEW STAINED GLASS WINDOW IN THE CHURCH, ST. JUDE, ONE OF THE 12 APOSTLES. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE ANOTHER APOSTLE WINDOW FOR THE WEST SIDE OF THE BALCONY CONTACT FR. PATRICK 604-534-3303**

**INTERNATIONAL FÁTIMA STATUE:** Visit of the Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Fátima blessed by Pope Pius XII to St. James Parish, 2777 Townline Rd, Abbotsford, BC **MONDAY 15 April**, → 9 a.m. Mass.7 p.m. **HOLY HOUR.** → 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. VISITS may be made all day. All are welcome



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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.

April 14, 2024

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

*Readings: Acts 3:13-15,17-19; Psalm 4:1,3,6 & 8; 1John 2:1-5; Luke 24: 35-48.*

Repentance Leads to Forgiveness.

We read a lot these days of the Cancel Culture. A way of approaching people who make a mistake where their transgression cuts them off from society, where there is no forgiveness. The foibles of youth stick with you for the rest of your life.

In our scripture readings this Sunday we hear of repentance and forgiveness. The Apostles lay a pretty heavy charge against the Jewish leaders. “You killed the author of Life.” You chose a criminal over the Son of God. God’s Christ would suffer, this has been predicted. It is God who fulfills the Law and the Prophets. These charges are laid not to condemn the Jewish authorities, but to allow them to repent. To return to God that their sins may be “wiped away.”

It is easy to be caught up in the mistakes of others and to use them as a weapon against them. What God seeks is healing. This healing becomes a prayer. The one who seeks healing does not seek control, but hands it over to God. The Apostles are able to distinguish between the wrongs done to Jesus during his lifetime and the rejection of the risen Christ. The wrongs done to Jesus are forgivable, while the rejection of the risen Christ cuts one off from the one who forgives and excludes them from his life.

As Christians we are called to have confidence in the Lord’s protection. As the psalmist states, “for you alone, O Lord, make me lie down in safety.” We are called to live our lives in him. St. John

reflects on this in our second reading from his first letter,. “ How can we know that we are living in God?”

John writes his letter so that we may not sin, but he is quick to point out that if we do sin we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ who has offered the righteous and atoning sacrifice for our sins and not just our sins, but the sins of the whole world. We can be sure that we know him by obeying his commandments. It is in obeying his word that God’s love is able to reach purification in us.

Our Gospel reflects on the reality of the resurrection. The experience of the disciples on the road to Emmaus shows the spiritual side of the resurrection where Jesus is revealed in the breaking of the bread. The Apostles are thrown into turmoil as they physically encounter with the risen Christ. While he offers them his peace. They are startled and terrified, thinking that they may be seeing a ghost.

Jesus assures them that he is real pointing out that he has flesh and bones. We are told, “while in their joy, they were disbelieving.” This was too fantastic! This is too good to be true! Jesus eats a piece of fish to reassure them of the reality.

Jesus calls them back to scripture, that everything written about him in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms (the Old Testament) must be fulfilled. In opening their minds to understand the scriptures, that he was to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day. “This has a purpose and that is that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all the nations beginning in Jerusalem –“you are the witnesses of these things.”

The experience of the risen Lord cannot be held in or sat on – it has to be proclaimed. The physical reality of the resurrection has power. It’s easy to be caught up in Docetism, a heresy that emphasizes Jesus as God behind the veneer of humanity, that his suffering is merely play acting and that the resurrection is only spiritual.

Jesus wants his resurrection to be a difference maker in our lives and the lives of those around us. He wants each one of us to live in the reality of it, that we may be his witnesses like the Apostles before us.

Fr. Patrick.

### **Come celebrate Life by joining the annual March for Life in Victoria**

**on May 9.** The theme is "I will never forget you". **Please register and pay online at "March for Life Victoria" website.** A bus will be leaving from St. Joseph's, Langley back parking lot. Details and costs of the event are stated in the "Bus Transportation" section of the website. 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. **Register early!**

### **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  
[irisramsda@gmail.com](mailto:irisramsda@gmail.com)

**Welcome to the Parish:** Lambert & Hee Ma, Richard Rudolf Aidoo.

**Recently Baptized:** Mateo Martinjak, Elijah Kaulius, Lucas Yelland, Knox Yelland, Madelynn Yelland, Tanner Yelland, Michael Mason. Peter Charles Bradley.

**R.I.P:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Joan Mary Harriott.

**Youth Ministry** : : Lifeteen- and Edge For more information please contact Analiza:  
[youth@stjosephlangley.com](mailto: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](mailto:thesaint900@gmail.com)

**St. Joseph’s Bereavement Support: ( New Additional Program being offered Mondays 12:30 – 3 pm beginning April 29)** 9-week structured support program- Registration limited to 5 persons. **\*\*\*Thursday program continues 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 Vangool 604-308-0050 or [carlavan@shaw.ca](mailto: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](mailto: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. **Movie of the Week:** “Alive- The Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.” Register at [www.formed.org](http://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](http://catholicpacific.ca/tob)