

## CWL NEWS:

On behalf of St Joseph's CWL we would like to thank all of the parishioners who contributed with donations to our Religious Goods Sale with a donation of items or purchased an item this past Sunday. Through your generous contributions we were able to collect \$927.59 to go towards our comic book promotion. Blessings on behalf of the Executive Council.

**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 orders** from the CWL Mother's Day plant sale are to be picked up from the Parish Hall on either Saturday, May 4th after the 5:00pm Mass, or on Sunday, May 5th after the 9:00 & 11:00 am Masses.

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

**SJB's 3rd Annual Bear Brawl Obstacle Course Fundraiser**, presented by Topline Electric Motors, is **happening Friday, May 3rd on the SJB campus**. This unique community-building event transforms the school field into a 12 station obstacle course and brings students, staff, and parents together to show school spirit while competing for all the glory! This is our only fundraising event of the year, and students are each collecting pledges in hopes of raising \$25,000. In addition to supplementing the school's operating budget, the money raised will go towards our school-wide goal of an Outdoor Student Courtyard. Help support SJB and Catholic education by pledging a student now at [www.stjohnbrebeuf.ca/bear-brawl](http://www.stjohnbrebeuf.ca/bear-brawl). Parishioners without family members at SJB can donate directly at <https://stjohnbrebeuf.ca/support-sjb>

**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**



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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 28, 2024

### 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

*Readings: Acts 9: 26-31; Psalm 22: 25b - 31; 1John 3:18-24; John 15: 1-8.*

The word that stands out to me in today's readings is "abide." To abide is defined as; dwell, remain, last and endure. God is not asking for a superficial commitment on our part, we must be prepared to abide in him. In the first reading Paul appears in Jerusalem as a convert to Christ, ready to do battle for him. He is definitely committed, but he is in need of further pruning by the Father. In the second reading St. John calls on us not just to live in word and speech, but in truth and action. We are opened to truth when we obey God's commandments and abide in him. Finally Jesus identifies himself as the true vine. We can only produce the fruit of the kingdom if we abide in Him and He in us.

In the scenario of the vine we are the branches and God is the vine grower. Israel is often identified as the vineyard. Isaiah points out that, "The vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel." As the vine grower God demonstrates personal care for his people as he prunes the fruitful branches that they can bear even more fruit. If we are to bear fruit it is essential that we are firmly united to Jesus and his life giving word. Jesus reminds us that apart from him we can "do" nothing.

But, "If you abide in me, and my words abide in you. Ask whatever you wish and it will be done for you". This is not about a name it and claim it approach to faith, it is not about making glib requests of the Lord. It's about being so close to him that we have a share in

God's life and are able to bear the fruit that glorifies the Father and allows us to be true disciples of Jesus.

For St. John being faithful means obeying God's commands. By obeying the commands we are able to abide in God and do what is pleasing to him. That is believing in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and loving one another. St. John points out that God is greater than our hearts, he who knows everything can certainly expand our ability to share in his life and pattern our lives after that of Christ, uniting ourselves more firmly to him. If our conscience is clear we can come to God without fear and our requests will be heard.

In the Acts of the Apostles Paul appears in Jerusalem ready to proclaim Jesus Christ risen from the dead. The problem is that the community is suspicious of him, given his former persecution of the Church. Fortunately Barnabas is able to explain his conversion on the road to Damascus. Still Paul has problems proclaiming the word. His aggressive witness and arguing were problematic. He was willing and able, but still needed God's pruning before he could be the apostle God was calling him to be. The believers were able to intervene, bringing him to Caesarea and sending him home to Tarsus, where he was able to focus his efforts and to abide in Jesus.

Paul himself witnesses to this in 1 Timothy 1:12-13 where he says, "I am grateful to Jesus Christ our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor and a man of violence."

Many try to be good and honest people, but if you are not abiding in Jesus, you are missing the special gift he has for you. God is glorified when people come into a right relationship with him and bear much fruit. Our faith is not just important for us, it is important for the world and for a people yet unborn.

"Lord, from you comes my praise in the great congregation. All families and nations shall worship before him" Ps.22

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)

**CONGRATULATIONS to the nineteen "Older Students" who received their First Holy Communion this past weekend. First Communion Sunday for the PREP & St. Catherine's Students will be 2 pm, Sunday May 5. Please keep these children in your prayers.**

**Welcome to the parish:** Margaret Basic, Cristina & Rafael Heinzen Schreiber, Cyanna & Paul Labik, Desiree & Edmund Paiva, Lerio & Manuel Sarmiento.

**Youth Ministry** : : Lifeteen- and Edge For more information please contact Analiza:  
[youth@stjosephlangley.com](mailto:youth@stjosephlangley.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, May 27 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)

**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 Eucharist –What Catholics Believe."** 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.

Join us for our **Knights of Columbus Fraternal Benefit Event** May 11 6:00pm to 7:30pm  
Our Field agent Andrew Godbout will be in Langley to host. If you have heard of the Knights of Columbus and are interested in learning more about this fraternal organization or if you are presently a Knights of Columbus member and want to hear about programs and insurance benefits available then this event is for you

**Please join us in the Church Hall following the 5:00pm Mass Saturday May 11th**  
Bring your spouse and children, we will provide some snacks, refreshments and childcare  
Thank you Stu Blair Grand Knight Fraser Valley Knights of Columbus Council 2552  
Langley BC