

Feast of All Souls – November 2: November is a month that the church sets aside to pray for the Faithful Departed. All Souls Day Envelopes are available at the back of the church. Envelopes should be filled in and deposited in the collection basket or returned to the office. A mass will be said for each envelope received. Suggested stipend is \$10 per mass, NO CHEQUES as the stipend goes to the priest celebrating the mass.

Youth Ministry : Edge for students Grades 6&7 Fridays; 7 – 9 pm; & Lifteen for students Grades 8 - 12 -Sundays, 6 – 8 pm. . For more information please contact Analiza: youth@stjosephlangley.com

RCIA(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) For adults who are, unbaptized, baptized Christians or Catholics in need of Confirmation, First Holy Communion, First Confession. Registration/information: Adrian, 778 870 5288, faithjourney.saintjosephs@gmail.com

Our Parish Education Committee (PEC) for St. Catherine's School is seeking to fill a Treasurer position. The current treasurer will be fulfilling her 8 - year term at the end of this school year. This position requires a very specialized skill set of a *Chartered Professional Accountant*. We would like the new person to begin ASAP so training can happen this year to help ensure a smooth transition. If you are interested in this volunteer position and have the proper credentials, please contact Jeff Brophy jbrophy@stcatherines.ca at your convenience.

Are you considering Catholic high school education for your child? Jennifer Friesen from St. Jean Brebeuf Regional Secondary School will host information sessions on Wednesday, October 16th and Thursday October 17th at 6:45 in the church. All parents are welcome to attend. Please come and learn more about St. John Brebeuf and all it has to offer

St. Catherine's School Fall Fundraiser: "Disco Fever." *Adult Only* Dinner, Live Music, Full Bar, Games, Live / Silent Action. Saturday November 16. Tickets \$60. Each. Tickets on sale now!! @St. Catherine's before & after school. Online tickets sales available www.stcatherines.ca If you cannot attend but would still like to help us reach our goal, please feel free to contact donations@stcatherines.ca. All donations big and small help us reach our goal! Thank you!

There will be a **Vocation Live-In on the weekend of November 2-3** 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

Thank you so much to Fr. Patrick and the St. Joseph Church community for the incredible support of the priests from Bukidnon during the recent concert. Your generosity and kindness will go a long way in helping them to raise funds for the building of a much-needed medical clinic and providing essential health care for their elderly priests. We are deeply grateful for your continued love and solidarity. The parish community raised \$11,434 in ticket sales. Maraming salamat po!

It's time to begin planning St. Joseph's Community Christmas Dinner. We are looking for a committee of volunteers to begin organizing this event. First meeting date October 28, 7pm-9pm in the parish hall. Please contact Marg 604-551-3763



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Closed for Lunch: 12:30 – 1:30 pm.

Pastor: Fr. Patrick Chisholm

Deacon: Don Guilles

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.

October 20, 2024

The 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time:

Isaiah 53:10-11; Psalm 33: 4-5, 18-22; Hebrews 4: 14- 16; Mark 10: 35-45.

This weekend we are called to reflect on sacrifice. In particular the sacrifice of Jesus for the salvation of the world. Isaiah gives us the image of the suffering servant, the righteous one who makes others righteous as he bears their iniquities. The prophet is using the analogy of sacrifice in the temple which brings a person into a right relationship with God. He is particularly looking at the concept of the scapegoat who carries the sins of the people into the desert where it dies. Although it is largely a symbolic act, it had a powerful effect on the people. It caused them to reflect on their own situation and to realize that they were deserving of punishment.

Isaiah saw that suffering expiated sin and that all suffering has a purpose with regard to sin. For the prophet the Exile was ultimately going to bring about the conversion of the gentiles. It didn't work out as the prophet had envisioned it, but in Jesus Christ, his suffering and death, his sacrifice of himself for the sins of others brings about the conversion of the gentiles.

The psalmist reflects on our praise of God who is our hope. Our praise links us to God and gives us a share in his righteousness and protection. The just are called to praise God, the One who makes the people great.

The author of the Letter to the Hebrews reflects on Jesus' sacrifice. He is our great High Priest who is able to sympathize with our weakness because in his humanity he endured every test that we have, yet without sin. We can therefore, "Approach the throne of grace with boldness."

That we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Our hope is in the unique sacrifice of Jesus which inaugurates the new covenant and replaces all the sacrifices of the Old Testament.

In the Gospel of Matthew, James and John's mother asks for power and prestige of Jesus for her sons in his coming glory. Mark isn't so accommodating of these two apostles, they ask for themselves to sit one of his left and one of his right in his glory. Jesus knows they don't know what they are talking about, but he doesn't deny their request. Instead he asks them, are they able to drink the cup that he will drink. A cup was seen as a symbol of what God has in store for a person. It could be a cup of blessings or it could be a cup of wrath. The apostles say they are ready and Jesus knows that they will, but as to who will have the seats of honour in the kingdom, those are only given by the Father for whom he has prepared them.

The other ten are upset with James and John. In the world one person's receiving of an honour precludes the others. They all wanted to be the greatest. This is the next to last scene in the gospel before Jesus arrives in Jerusalem. He has to explain to them that "The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many." He is warning his disciples and us to take very seriously what it means to follow him to glory. To be a servant as Jesus was. To serve the needs of all. This is particularly relevant to anyone who holds a position of leadership in the Church today. It's not about worldly honour, it's about being made righteous in the sacrifice of Jesus and sharing his life now and forever.

Fr. Patrick.

PROJECT Building Our Parish ADVANCE 2024 Community

This year our parish goal is \$170,000. The first \$65,100 will go towards the Archdiocese campaign with the remainder coming back to our parish for our own projects. **To Date** we have collected **\$30,000.00 = 32 gifts, which brings us to 46%** of our diocesan goal (\$65,100.00)

Please visit the **Parish Website** to learn more about the Archdiocese Projects and to give online.

Thank you to those who regularly and faithfully give.

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 irissramsdales@gmail.com

Welcome to the Parish: Cherrie & Kristoff Tiangson, Nhorimay & Adrian Morelos

Recently Baptized: Kove Van.

Baptism Preparation Class: Tuesday October 29, 7 pm for parents wanting their babies baptized. Call the parish to register. 604-534-3303

Continuing Studying and Praying with the Gospel of Mark: Wednesday mornings 9:15 – 10:15 at the back of the Church, starting Wednesday October 23. All Welcome !!

Senior's Luncheon: Hosted by the K of C & CWL: October 23,- Doors open 11:00 am. Meal by Chef Kees, after meal join us for BINGO (\$1.00 per card). Cost for the meal is \$10.00 Come, join us in the parish hall for friendship, a few laughs. and a great meal.

The CWL (Catholic Women's League) is having their **annual Membership Drive** the weekends of October 26 & 27 and November 2 & 3. All the ladies of the parish, ages 16 and up, are encouraged to join or renew their membership! Cost is \$45.

Come and see us at our table at the Ministry Fair and see what we are all about! We will be accepting memberships there as well.

Knights of Columbus, Fraser Valley Council 2552 - This is the last week to purchase tickets to our **100 Year Anniversary Dinner Dance, tickets must be purchased by October 20th** - There will be no tickets sold at the door. You can buy tickets at our table at the Parish Fair this weekend or by contacting Stu Blair ksblair@shaw.ca 604 308-1343

Our next **General Council Meeting** is 4th Tuesday of month, **October 22**, Holy Rosary 6:30 pm, Meeting 7 pm. Contact Stu Blair if you have any questions ksblair@shaw.ca
63rd Annual Knights of Columbus Charity Appeal Lottery: Tickets on sale now until December 14th – click on poster icon to purchase tickets. Knights will also be selling after weekend Masses. Please support this fundraiser that benefits the Knights of Columbus Charity Foundation

FORMED.ORG: Documentary of the week –“**John Paul 11 is Alive : Miracles of the 21st Century**” Register at www.formed.org then look up by parish postal code V3A 4G5. For further questions contact the parish office.

All are invited to the 3rd **North American Congress on Mercy**, to be held November 15-17 at Good Shepherd Church in Surrey. The Congress brings together world-renowned speakers on the theme, "Divine Mercy and Mary: Our Hope," including Archbishop J. Michael Miller, Fr. Chris Alar, MIC, and Fr. Donald Calloway, MIC. **Registration required.** Please visit MercyCongress.org to register and for more information