

**Peter's Pence this week's second collection** is a gesture of solidarity through which every member of the faithful can participate in the activity of the Pope as Pastor of the universal Church. The faithful's offerings to the Holy Father through the Peter's Pence Collection are destined to Church needs, to humanitarian initiatives and social promotion projects, as well as to the support of the Holy See

Please join **SJB in commemorating Remembrance Day** at school Assembly Thursday, November 7 in the gym at 10:45am. Afterwards, grandparents and senior citizens of the community are invited for a special lunch prepared by our Food Studies students in our new Student Learning Area. As space for the lunch is limited, please RSVP, to reserve your place, call the school office at 604-855-0571 or email Anne Fronteddu at [afronteddu@stjohnbrebeuf.ca](mailto:afronteddu@stjohnbrebeuf.ca)

**Priests Study Week: November 11 - 15** –Mass will be celebrated Monday November 11 at 9:00 a.m. and Friday November 17 at 7:00 p.m.  
**Communion Services:** Tues. to Friday, Nov. 12 - 15 at 8:00 a.m. While the priests will be away at their Study, Deacon Don Guilles, will preside.



**Remembrance Day Monday November 11, Morning Mass at 9 am - Stat  
Holiday Office closed**

**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](mailto:jbrophy@stcatherines.ca) at your convenience.

**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](http://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](mailto:donations@stcatherines.ca). All donations big and small help us reach our goal! Thank you!

#### **CWL POINSETTIA PLANT SALE**



Orders can be placed in the church lobby on Sat. Nov. 9 & 16 after the 5:00pm Mass and Sunday, November 10 & 17 after the 9:00 & 11:00 am Masses or you can place your order online at anytime using the link <https://sjcwl.growingsmilesfundraising.com/home>. Feel free to visit the website to view the products that we will be selling. Plant orders are to be picked up from the parish hall. Saturday, December 7th after the 5:00pm Mass or Sunday, December 8th after the 9:00am & 11:00am Masses. Thank you for your support.

**FLU CLINIC at St. Joseph's.** St. Raphael Pharmacy is offers a flu clinic for parishioners wanting to get their flu shot, following Masses -Friday Nov15, 8am; Saturday, Nov. 16, 9 am and Sunday Nov. 17 9 am and 11 am. in the parish hall Board Room.



## **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 **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 (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.

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#### **The 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time:**

*Deuteronomy 6: 2-6; Psalm 18: 1-2, 3+6b,46+50ab; Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 12: 28-34.*

Our first reading from the Book of Deuteronomy points out that importance of loving God all the days of your life. By keeping his decrees and commandments God gives us long life. In observing them diligently things will go well with us.

*"Hear, O Israel*

*The Lord is your God, the Lord alone.*

*You shall love the Lord your God with your heart  
and all your soul, and all your might*

*Keep these words that I am commanding today*

*In your hearts.*

A devote Jew was to teach this prayer to their children and speak of it at home and abroad, whether you are busy or at rest. Love of God cannot be neglected or overshadowed, it must be central to your being. It is in this way that they could live in the land God had given them, "A land flowing with milk and honey." As was promised them by God himself.

In today's Gospel a scribe approaches Jesus and asks him, "Which commandment is the first of all." This would have been a fairly common question to ask a rabbi. It allows the teacher to show his knowledge of the Law and how it affects his life and the lives of his listeners. Jesus' answer is a prayer from the Book of Deuteronomy expressing total love for God. It's known as the Chema and

was prayed by devote Jews on a daily basis. What is interesting about Jesus' response is that he links so closely with the second commandment, "You shall love your neighbour as yourself."

I think that we can all see the wisdom of loving God. In knowing and loving God we are able to better grasp his creation and live in it with a sense of purpose and gratitude and using it in the way he intended. But loving our neighbor? This is more challenging especially when we're not "feeling the love." By placing these two commandments side by side Jesus is saying that one is the natural extension of the other. We can't truly love God without loving our neighbor. So as we're struggling to love our neighbour to seek God's help, that we may love him more fully, and that by sharing in his love we may reach out to our neighbour

The wisdom of this commandment to love was not lost on his listeners. The critics were hushed and the scribe recognized that Jesus was right. That this commandment to love was much more important than the whole burnt offerings and sacrifices. Jesus saw the scribe answered wisely and said to him, "You are not far from the Kingdom of God."

This episode is different from many found in the Gospel where Jesus is in conflict with the Scribes and the Pharisees. Here Jesus is listened to and his wisdom shared. When we struggle with God's teachings we are harming ourselves. How important it is to be open to God and allow him to draw us to himself and envelope us with his saving love.

To appreciate what God has done for us in Jesus Christ. The author of the Hebrews identifies Jesus as the high priest. Unlike mortal men he doesn't first have to offer sacrifice for his own sins. His sacrifice is himself once for all, that salvation may be open to us. As we pray today take the time to reflect on all that God has done for us and the life he truly holds out to us.

Fr. Patrick

## PROJECT ADVANCE 2024

## Building Our Parish 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 **\$56,920.00 = 71 gifts, which brings us to 87%** of our diocesan goal (\$65,100.00) and **31%** of our parish goal. We have **1331** families but only **5%** participation.

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](mailto:irissramsdales@gmail.com)

**Welcome to the Parish:** Lucila & Bernardo Rodriguez Munaretto, Angelica & Henry Tsang, Mary Grace Yi.

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

**63<sup>rd</sup> 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: Video of the week –“Restored: Stories of Encounter”** 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.

All are invited to the **3<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://MercyCongress.org) to register and for more information

### Annual Mass for Deceased Bishops, Clergy, and Consecrated Men and Women

All parishioners are welcome to attend this special Liturgy concelebrated by the priests of the Archdiocese. Remember kindly in your prayers during the month of November those who have laboured for the Church in Vancouver and pray that the Lord will send more dedicated men and women to continue their ministry. Wednesday, November 6 at 12:10 p.m. at Holy Rosary Cathedral. Learn more at [beholdvancouver.org/events](http://beholdvancouver.org/events)



**REMINDER 2:00 am, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3  
CLOCK'S GO BACK ONE HOUR.**

**Congratulations** to our scavenger/treasure hunt winners at this years "Ministry Fair 2024"! Eleena and Sebastian each won 4 tickets to the movies!! Have fun using your winning tickets with family or friends!! And thanks to the 54 other individuals and teams who went hunting. Hope you all had fun! See you at another event! Carl and Louise and the greeting team at the fair