

Welcome to our Summer Replacement Assistant Priest

“My name is Peter MOPAWILL, a priest from Cameroon. I am currently pursuing studies in Leadership and Management in Rome, Italy. It is a great joy and blessing to be with you this summer as your assisting Priest. In Praying, administering and celebrating the sacraments, I look forward growing together with you in faith as one family in Christ Jesus. Feel free to reach out to the Parish Office for any Pastoral needs. In Christ Fr. Peter”
FR. PETER NEEDS A CAR FOR TWO MONTHS SO HE CAN MINISTER TO OUR PARISHIONERS. PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE IF YOU CAN ASSIST HIM. 604-534-3303

St. Joseph’s Parish Picnic on July 19th 12:30 to 5 pm at St. Catherine’s School Grounds, and we’d love you to come! Food trucks, special entertainment, bake off, and loads of fun. **Check out details on Notice Board Posters and QR Code for Food Truck orders!!**

Annual Marian Pilgrimage to Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes (Fraser River Heritage Park, Mission BC) : Saturday Aug. 15, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Confessions begin at 10 a.m. celebration of the Eucharist 1 p.m. Main celebrant Most Rev. Richard W. Smith, Archbishop of Vancouver. After Mass, Procession, Rosary & Benediction at Grotto. Please bring picnic baskets and chairs. www.MissionGrotto.com Check out the poster for more details.

Venezuela Earthquakes - Donations matched until July 14

Following the devastating earthquakes in Venezuela, please consider donating to Development and Peace — Caritas Canada, the official international solidarity organization of the Catholic Church in Canada. Donations will support its local partner, Caritas Venezuela, in providing urgent help to affected communities, including food, water, shelter, clothing, hygiene supplies, medication, and other emergency assistance. Every dollar donated for Venezuela until July 14 will be matched by the Government of Canada, doubling the impact of your gift. Please give generously online at devp.org/en/make-a-donation/?tfa_1953

FAREWELL!! I extend my sincere gratitude to each of you that constitutes this St. Joseph's Parish family—and it is truly a family—for taking an active role in the shaping of this young priest's vocation. Under the gentle guidance of our pastor, Fr. Patrick, you have shared with me your lives, aspirations, sorrows, and joys; likewise, it has been my great honour to have had this "front-row seat" to the working of God's Providence in your lives. I look forward to one day reconnecting with you in turn. My particular thanks to the many well-wishes, prayers, cards, gifts, and food you have shared with me in these last twelve months. I thank with a special warmth beyond words Fr. Patrick, Deacon Don, our parish staff, and all you volunteers who make St. Joseph's worthy of its reputation. *Ite ad Joseph!*

CHANGED ADDRESS? Please write on your Sunday Envelope “NEW ADDRESS” or let the parish office know there has been a change.



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: Rev. Mr. Don Guilles

Assistant Pastor: Fr. Peter Mopawill

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 8:45am to 6:45 pm

Confessions: **Fridays** 6 pm to 6:45 pm & **Saturdays** between 10 am and noon.

Inquiries for Baptisms, Funerals or Weddings please contact the Parish Office.

July 5, 2026

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Readings: *Zechariah 9: 9-10; Psalm 145: 1-2, 8-9, 10-11. 13cd - 14; Romans 8,9,11-13; and Matthew 11:25-30*

Today’s readings tell us about the humility of God and our need to respond to him in humility. We don’t think of God as humble after all, he is the all powerful. God is humble because he knows the reality of who he is and yet does not force himself on us. Rather He invites us to come to him. He reveals himself to all people, yet it is not the wise and intelligent that responds to Him so much as the young and the innocent. I am quite often amazed when I go into St. Catherine’s and talk to the children about God, at their response and openness to him.

In our reading from Second Zechariah the prophet has a vision, “Lo your King comes to you humble and riding on a donkey.” Although he is humble, he is also triumphant and victorious. He is Messianic, he will unite Israel and Judah and will command peace to the nations. His victory will extend to the ends of the earth. Of course we see this King as Jesus Christ

In Psalm 145 the author blesses God’s name forever recognizing his graciousness and mercy. How God “Upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.” The author invites God’s activity in the world. He is open to God working in his life.

What assures our salvation? Paul tells us that it is the Holy Spirit, “We have been reconciled by the Holy Spirit.” It is God dwelling in us. Our present mortal condition is not permanent;

we look forward to the resurrection. In the Nicene Creed we profess faith in the Holy Spirit as the Lord and giver of life. The challenge is that even though we are in the Spirit we can live in the “flesh”, but we have the ability in God to overcome the world.

Matthew’s Gospel reading is a collection of traditional sayings. It sees Jesus as the wisdom of God and can be broken into three parts; praise of the Father, the identity of Jesus and an invitation to come. Jesus praises the Father for revealing himself to mere infants. The reality is that the Scribes and the Pharisees were at the heart of the lived Jewish faith in Jesus’ time. They were looked to for their learning and their ability to live the faith. The problem was that they were arrogant and they had difficulty in accepting Jesus’ teachings and to recognize his authority.

Jesus knows the Father and wants to share him with us. We can have real knowledge of the Father in him. Jesus doesn’t want our faith to be a burden to us. He is inviting us to himself where he will give us rest because his is, “Gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.” He asks us to yoke ourselves to him that he can help us carry our burdens.

It is always important to be aware of our own arrogance; it can block us from experiencing God’s love. Monday, July 6, is the optional memorial of St. Maria Goretti. Unfortunately, she was not a popular saint among many seminarians. She was “just” a young farm girl. It was also thought that her canonization was political, intended to stem the growth of the Communist Party in Italy. The basic message of St. Maria was to do God’s will even if it would cost her life. A young man threatened to kill her if she didn’t have sex with him. She refused and he killed her, but before she died, she forgave him and a violent young man was transformed. Maria shared God’s love in a simple but elegant way. Sometimes we can get caught up in our learning and miss what is at the heart of true Christianity.

Fr. Patrick

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St. John Brebeuf Regional Secondary School

Registration: apply today for Fall 2026! Visit us at: stjohnbrebeuf.ca/about-sjb

St. John Brebeuf High School is excited to introduce a new **Textiles program** for our students for the 2026-2027 school year, and we need your help to bring it to life!

If you have any sewing or textile supplies gathering dust in your basement, spare room or garage, we would happily take it off your hands and find it a new home at our school. We are currently looking for items such as: Sewing machines; Sergers; Thread; Fabric; Knitting needles; Other textile and sewing supplies. For more information, please contact Anne Fronteddu at: afronteddu@stjohnbrebeuf.ca. Thank you for helping us create this exciting hands-on learning opportunity for our students. Your generosity will inspire creativity and help equip the next generation with valuable lifelong skills

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 irisramsdales@gmail.com

Recently Baptized: Kyson Villacorte.

R.I.P.: Please pray for the repose of the souls of Leo Hurtubise.

Baptism Preparation Class: Tuesday, July 21 , 7 pm for parents wanting their babies baptized. Call the parish to register. 604-534-3303

P.R.E.P (Parish Religious Education Program – Catechism) Registrations: now open for 2026 – 2027, Grades 1 to 7, Wednesday or Thursday evenings 6:30 – 7:45 pm. register on the parish website [.PREP Volunteer Teachers Needed this Fall:](#) Thursday evenings for Grades 3,4,5, and 6. Contact Kris prep.stj@gmail.com.

BOTTLE RETURN REMINDER: Operation Baby Bottle Campaign If you haven’t done so yet please return your filled bottles to the parish office during office hours. Thanks!!!

Columbus Homes Class 4 Bus Driver Wanted Are you outgoing and have a love for seniors? We have a part-time position based in the Cloverdale area serving two seniors’ homes. Averaging approximately 10 hours a week with a flexible, fixed schedule of three trips every two weeks, with additional excursions fitted in when available. A first-aid ticket would be an asset. A Criminal Record and Vulnerable Persons Check required. Hourly rate of \$27.00, plus an hourly flex plan contribution. Email garisto@colchar.org

IMAGO is a Conference for Young Adults ages 18 – 25 focused on helping youth to grow in their faith and discover their identity in Christ. The conference will be held July 24 – 26th at TWU here in Langley. Emmanuel Peeyush will speak after all the masses this weekend.

Administrative Assistant, Archbishop's Office

The Archdiocese of Vancouver is hiring an Administrative Assistant to support the day-to-day workflow of the Archbishop’s Office. This includes sorting incoming correspondence, responding to inquiries, liaising with parishes, coordinating the Archbishop’s travel arrangements, and other related duties and projects. Learn more and apply at rcav.org/careers.

Manager of Family Services, Gardens of Gethsemani

Gardens of Gethsemani Catholic Cemetery is hiring a Manager of Family Services to provide strategic and pastoral leadership to their advisors, ensuring families receive attentive, respectful, and high quality service during times of need. Through mentorship, collaboration, and a strong ministry mindset, the Manager will help foster meaningful relationships with families, parishes, and the broader community. Learn more and apply at rcav.org/careers. Learn more and apply at rcav.org/careers.