

**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!!**

**Mens Fellowship Evening:** Men, you are invited to join us for an evening of prayer, fellowship and good conversation. Bring your rosary as we will pray, walk, talk and conclude with a meal or pub night. Join us on the lawn in front of the Church at 6:30pm Wednesday July 22. We are inviting all Men 18+ to join us, you do not have to be a parishioner, please invite a friend. St. Joseph's Men's Fellowship, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council 2552

**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 – 26<sup>th</sup> at TWU here in Langley. Emmanuel Peeyush will speak after all the masses this weekend.

**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](http://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](http://devp.org/en/make-a-donation/?tfa_1953)

**NOTE: This is the last bulletin before summer. Bulletins will resume August 23**

**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 (2<sup>nd</sup> 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 12, 2026

**15<sup>h</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time.**

Readings: *Isaiah 55: 10-11; Psalm 65; Romans 8: 18-23; and Matthew 13: 1-23*

Today Jesus asks us to reflect on the parable of the Sower. This is the first parable Jesus uses. A parable is designed to take something that is familiar and compare it to something that is unfamiliar in order to discover a truth. It is about honestly searching and openness to truth. We shouldn't read too much into the parable remembering that a parable only has one meaning unless otherwise specified by Jesus. The importance of the sincerity and openness of the listener is of utmost importance. As Jesus says, "Let anyone with ears listen."

The Sower sows, the seeds fall on hard soil – the path, on rocky ground and among thorns. Then it falls on good soil where an abundant crop springs up. Some would say that it was about good seed vs bad, but as the prophet notes the Word of God is effective, it does not return to God empty. It accomplishes that for which He proposes and succeeds in the thing for which He sent it

This parable explains why Jesus' preaching of the Kingdom of God has not been universally accepted and encourages those who have accepted it to allow it to keep bearing fruit. The Word growing in good soil will produce enormous results.

We often pass by the crowd very quickly. This mass of people are the object of Jesus' mission. They unlike the Scribes and the Pharisees, are still open to the message. It is

important to recognize that we are part of the crowd. Although we are not standing at Capernaum on the shore of the Sea of Galilee Jesus is speaking to us. He wants the seed of faith which he has planted in our hearts to continue to grow and bear fruit.

It is important that we are active listeners taking in His words and building our life on them. Making our lives more receptive to Him. Taking the “hard paths” of our lives and the “rocky ground” and making it good soil where the seeds of truth can germinate and grow. Where the promises of this passing world are not allowed to choke off our faith. Isaiah knew that often times the central conflict in our life is God’s purpose vs ours, Jesus wants us to know the Father’s abundant generosity that we may be grateful to God and generous to others.

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](http://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](mailto: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.  
**“PARISH FRIENDS” OVER SUMMER SOME MINISTRIES ARE NOT AVAILABLE TO DO SUNDAY COFFEE SERVICE. ANYONE WHO CAN HELP OUT THIS SUNDAY, JULY 12 FOR ONE HOUR AFTER EITHER MASS (9AM OR 11AM) PLEASE EMAIL: [IRISSRAMSDALE@GMAIL.COM](mailto:IRISSRAMSDALE@GMAIL.COM)**

**Recently Baptized:** Summer De Luna, Liliana Garcia, Eidos Sioson.

**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](mailto:prep.stj@gmail.com).

**Operation Baby Bottle Campaign:** Thank you to everyone who has returned their baby bottles for this years Hope for Women Baby Bottle Campaign. If you were unable to return it to the church, **please drop it off at Hope for Women’s Office (20611 Fraser Hwy - St. Andrews Plaza)**

**St. Joseph’s Parish Bereavement Outreach offers ;**

1) - one-on-one Accompaniment for Suicide or M.A.i.D Loss. 2) - Bereavement Support Group Structured Program for recent or Long-term Loss. Dates for the next group of 8 consecutive weeks beginning Thurs. Oct. 1, through to Nov. 19th from 9:15 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.. Registration 5 people. Contact Carla Vangool - Former PRH Educator and Counsellor 604-308-0050 [carlavan@shaw.ca](mailto:carlavan@shaw.ca)

**St. Joseph's Church Preschool** open registration for the 2026–2027 school year. Families interested in enrolling their child or learning more about our programs are encouraged to visit our website at [www.stjosephschurchpreschool.com](http://www.stjosephschurchpreschool.com). For additional information or questions, please contact Angela at 604-530-4288

**FORMED.ORG:** This weeks talk “**The Pope Versus Technology**”. Register at [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org) , look up by parish postal code V3A 4G5. Further questions contact the parish office.

**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](mailto:garisto@colchar.org)

### **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. Learn more and apply at [rcav.org/careers](http://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. Learn more and apply at [rcav.org/careers](http://rcav.org/careers).