



First Holy Communion Mass , 2 pm Sunday May 5: Please pray for the 71 PREP & St. Catherine's School students who will be receiving their First Holy Communion today.



Sacrament of Confirmation: Wednesday May 22, 7:00 pm
Archbishop J Michael Miller,CSB will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to sixty-six Grade Seven students. Please continue to pray for these young people that they will cooperate with the gifts of the Holy Spirit they will receive in confirmation.

Ordination to the Diaconate for Frater Athanasius Capko, OSB

All are cordially invited to attend the Ordination to the Diaconate of Frater Athanasius Capko, OSB,(**Stuart Capko**) to be conferred by His Excellency Most Reverend J. Michael Miller, CSB, on Friday, May 10, 10:00 a.m. at Westminster Abbey Church in Mission.



The Legion of Mary invites everyone to participate in the **2,000 Hail Mary's devotion** on Thursday, May 16, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. in St. Joseph Church chapel. Those interested in this devotion may sign up with Mamie Rodriguez, 778-881-3144.

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

Advocate: (formerly Langley Pro-Life) **Operation Baby Bottle Campaign Fund Raiser** will take place Mother's Day, May 12. at all the Masses. - Take home a bottle, fill it with change, cash or cheques, or online . Return your bottle on Sunday, Father's Day June 16. Following the Masses.

Annual March for Life in Victoria on May 9. The theme "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.

CFC Handmaiden of the Lord "Christian Life Program for Women"- Saturdays 10 am May 18 to June 29 in the parish hall. Info. Call 604-367 / 778-918-0917

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>

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 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



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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 (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.

May 5, 2024

6th Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; Psalm 98: 1-4; 1 John 4:7-10; John 15:9-17.

This Sunday our theme is love. A love that is based in God who St. John tells us is love. It is who God is. It's not just about words and action. It is about the essence of God. Everything about God is founded on Love.

All who love know God, he is the source of love. It therefore follows that those who don't love don't know God. It is necessary that God loves you in order for us to share in his love. For Christian love is not just a feeling. It is about choice and action and must flow through all we do. God's love is active in the world as he has sent his son as an atoning sacrifice for sins – our failure to love.

In today's Gospel Jesus reflects on love. "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love." Joy is the result of love and Jesus wants his joy to be in us and our joy to be complete. We achieve this by sharing in his love – his life, by keeping his commandments. "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you." And how does he love us? "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." My love can be limited, self-centered and at times down right selfish. For Jesus love is self-sacrificing. He is prepared to give his whole being to others.

Jesus calls us his friends because he has made known to us his Father's will. He reminds us that we did not choose him, rather he chose us to share in his life and his love. In doing so we are caught up in the life of the Father and are able to bear fruit that will last. Being caught up in the life of the Father and knowing his will our prayers become truly effective and result in our being able to love one another.

One of the greatest barriers to the spread of the Gospel was Jewish/Gentile conflict. Concepts of what is clean vs. unclean, the sacred vs. the profane. Jewish dietary laws made it impossible to dine with Gentiles. Jews could not enter the home of a Gentile without becoming unclean. That God could ask Peter to go to Cornelius' home, a Roman Centurion, in Caesarea was unthinkable to Peter as a Jew, but that is what God did. Peter had to get over the idea that nothing unclean has ever entered his body.

What God revealed to Peter is that he, "shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him." The God who is love, loves even the Gentiles who persecute his people. The Spirit fell on all who heard the word. "The gift of the Spirit has been poured out on the Gentiles," just as it had been poured on the disciples at Pentecost. Peter realized that he could not refuse baptism and ordered that they be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

We are all called to love as God loves us. At first this seems to be a tall order, but it is possible because of God's love itself. To be open to God and allow his love to flow through us. In doing so we make God present to the world and are able to share in the fullness of life. We have to avoid being caught up in our own little world where we only take care of those we deem to be our friends – that's not sharing God's love – who loves us, many times, in spite of our failure to love.

Fr. Patrick.

Chalice is coming to St. Joseph Parish! at the May 25-26 Masses, Canada's largest Catholic Child Sponsorship organization will provide you the opportunity to begin a relationship with a child in the developing world through the benefits of Child Sponsorship. It is a powerful way to reveal God's love for those most in need. Please visit chalice.ca for more information about Chalice and its mission.



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

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
irissramsda@gmail.com

Welcome to the parish: Laura Vautour

Recently Baptized: Maya Jajalla, Sofia Hamilton.

Youth Ministry : : Lifeteen- and Edge For more information please contact Analiza:
youth@stjosephlangley.com

St. Joseph's Bereavement Support: 9-week structured support programs- Mondays 12:30 – 3 pm
and Thursdays 9:00 am – 11:30 am. in the parish annex room. We work with a book "Grieving With the Help of Your Catholic Faith" by Lorene Duquin. Cost of materials and book \$35. **To register for future sessions and for information. Contact Carla Vangool 604-308-0050 or 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

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.
Series of the Week: "Metanoia: A Journey with Christ Into Conversion." Register at 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**
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



Senior's Luncheon: Hosted by the K of C & CWL: Wednesday, May 15- 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.

Marriage Anniversary Mass On Sunday, May 12, Archbishop Michael Miller, CSB will honour couples celebrating Milestone Marriage Anniversaries: five-year increments from 5 to 60 years, and every year beyond 60 years. The Marriage Anniversary Mass will be at Sour Lady of the Assumption Parish, Port Coquitlam at 1:30 p.m. Learn more and register at family.rcav.org/mam.