



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.



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.



Crowning of Mary & Rosary Procession, Saturday May 25 4 pm followed by 5 pm Mass and 6 pm Light Refreshments in the Hall. Bring flowers for Our Lady. Everyone is invited.

Ordinations of Permanent Deacons

The Archdiocese of Vancouver will be celebrating the Ordinations to the Sacred Order of Deacons to the Permanent Diaconate through the imposition of the hands by Archbishop J. Michael Miller, CSB, on Saturday, June 1, 10:00 a.m. at Holy Rosary Cathedral in Vancouver. All are welcome to attend this joyous occasion!

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.

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



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 **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 12, 2024

The Ascension of the Lord:

Readings: Acts 1: 1 – 11; Psalm 47:1-2,5-6,7-8; Ephesians 1: 17-23; Mark 16:15-20.

“Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to all the creation” Mk 16:15

Jesus has big plans for his disciples. They were to bring many throughout the world to salvation by the proclamation of the word and by baptism. The Ascension is the realization of the completion of Jesus' work in the world. The disciples would have been happy just to follow Jesus around Palestine, listening to his words and witnessing to his miracles, but Jesus was establishing his church for the salvation of the world.

Far, far away and many years ago when I was the Pastor of another St. Joseph's Parish our grade two teacher retired. What were we to do? It was decided that the grade one teacher, who was very active in the parish, would be the best candidate to teach a sacramental year. About December I asked her how the year was going. She said that the challenge was to bring the children forward into grade two. They had been very happy in grade one and enjoyed singing the old songs that they knew so well

As Jesus appeared to the Apostles after his resurrection, he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs. For 40 days he continued to speak about the kingdom of God and commanding them to remain in Jerusalem for the baptism of the Spirit and putting their faith in the Father. This is not a winding up, but a building up for things to come

It's easy to get comfortable where we are, but God has even bigger plans for us. The Ascension at once marks the end of Jesus' work on earth, as well as a new scope to the Church's mission. As St. Paul points out God has raised him from the dead and placed him at his right hand in heaven. Jesus' victory is over all rule and authority and dominion in his own age and to the age to come. Jesus did not just win the victory for himself, but for us- "He is head over all things for the Church," and wants to share the victory with all who will come to him in Faith.

We are all called to grow in our ability to live in Faith. Like that grade two class we are challenged to move forward. Paul's prayer for the Ephesians and for us is that we may come to know God more fully through the Spirit. That the eyes of our hearts may be enlightened and that we may come to know glorious inheritance among the saints by the immeasurable greatness of Christ's power working in those who believe. The old life was good, but the life we are called to is by far superior and is available from Jesus through his Church.

"This Jesus will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." Acts 1:11

The Ascension is not the end, Jesus will return again to take us to himself. The reality is that Jesus did not leave the Church, but at the right hand of God, he is even more active in the Church. Rather than distancing himself from us, he constantly is drawing those who live in faith ever more closely to himself.

Please make an effort to prepare for the celebration of Pentecost over the next week that we can come to more fully realize the outpouring of the Spirit in our own lives and in the parish community.

This year we share Mother's Day with the Ascension. Best wishes to all our Mother's – you are so important to our parish community. With the Blessed Virgin Mary your love is at the heart of what we are about as Christians.

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: Fabiola Canudas, S.Georgia Hung, Alannah & Hayden McIntee, Nicole & Patrick Hernandez. Arlene Lampa.

R.I.P. Please remember in your prayers, Dora Jean Henry and Maria Schwarz

Baptism Preparation Class: Tuesday June 4, 7 pm for parents wanting their babies baptized. Call the parish to register. 604-534-3303

PREP Registrations: now open for 2024 – 2025, Grades 1 to 7, Wednesday or Thursday evenings 6:30 – 7:45 pm. register on the parish website.

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.

Talk of the Week: "The Pope – What Catholics Believe" Register at www.formed.org then look up by parish postal code V3A 4G5. For further questions contact the parish office.



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.

Mediatrix Conferences Presents: Countdown To The Kingdom Conference

Join Mark Mallet, Christine Watkins, and Fr. Daniel-Maria Klimek, TOR as they speak on prophecy - a gift from the Holy Spirit, private revelation, the Miraculous Medal, the Warning, Rediscovering the Supernatural, Saturday, May 25, at Holy Cross Parish ,1450 Delta Ave. Burnaby, 10:00am-4:00pm and 6:30-8:30pm. Tickets \$70 advance purchase \$80 at the door Info: Ethelyn David (mediatrixconferences@gmail.com) (604) 889-3842