

SCHOOL NEWS

St. Joseph's Church Preschool will begin Preschool registration for the 2024/2025 school year on **Thursday February 1**. 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 will be available to download off the website on Tuesday January 30. If you have any further questions, please contact Angela at 604-530-4288

There will be a **Vocation Live-In on the weekend of February 10 -11** at the Seminary of Christ the King in Mission, BC. Anyone wishing to enter the Seminary in the next couple of years is welcome. For more information phone 604-826-8975 or email rector.minors@scck.ca



The Knights of Columbus are once again hosting **pancake breakfast** on Sunday Feb 11 following the 9:00am and 11:00am Mass The benefactor for this fundraiser is Mama Cleos Boys home in Chapala Mexico. It is a home for boys in the area who have been abandoned or abused and need a safe place to live <https://www.mamacleosboys.org>

One of our Brother Knights from Langley is retired in the area and he is involved with fundraising and volunteering to help make a better life for these boys



Calling All Palms: Please bring back blessed palms on or before Sunday February 11 to be burned into ashes for use on Ash Wednesday, February 14

World Day of the Sick 2024

Archbishop Miller, CSB will celebrate a Mass for World Day of the Sick on Saturday, February 10, 2024 at 11 a.m. at Our Lady of Sorrows Parish. All are invited to attend.

Volunteering Opportunities - Sancta Maria House & Agape Street Ministry

Sancta Maria House a Healing/Recovery Home for women is inviting female volunteers to consider joining our team. We need assistance with household management, arts and crafts, social activities and gardening. Please consider sharing your gifts and talents. (email - sanctamariahhouse@agapestreetministry.org)

Agape Street Ministry is calling on compassionate individuals like you to join our dedicated team of volunteers! Together, let's make a difference in the lives of the working women on the streets by telling them "Jesus loves them". (Email to info@agapestreetministry.org)



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.

February 4, 2024

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings Job 7:1-4, 6-7; Psalm 147; 1 Corinthians 9:16-19,22-23; Mark 1: 29-39.

He Came and Took Her by the Hand and Lifted Her Up..

Jesus moves from one powerful miracle to another. First he expels the evil spirit with words. He then uses his touch to cure Simon Peter's Mother-in-law. This is the same action that he took to raise the little girl to life. Wholeness is present in the person of Jesus and he uses it to bring healing, releasing the sick persons from the kingdom of darkness.

In this passage Mark introduces what is known as the messianic secret. "He would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him." This seems strange to us, why not let them speak to proclaim that Jesus is the Holy One of God. The point is that Jesus wants us to accept his identity based on his own terms and in his own time. It is only when we can accept the suffering of the cross that we can come to understand and accept who Jesus really is.

Jesus takes time to pray, or should I say, makes time for prayer. Jesus' life is becoming very hectic, very quickly. He demonstrates to his disciples and to us that prayer is essential to his mission in the world and to ours. To take the time to be one with the Father, to do his will and not have our agenda pushed around by the chaotic worldly power.

Jesus has quickly become known as a powerful healer – “the whole city was gathered around the door.” The problem for Jesus is that he is more than a powerful healer, he is proclaiming the Good News of Salvation, more than just physical and emotional healing he is proclaiming the forgiveness of sins and release from the kingdom of darkness and all that prevents us from being all that God has made us to be.

In our First Reading Job finds himself in a hopeless situation. His friend Eliphaz who had come to comfort him in his misfortune has forced him to accept his dismal situation. Life is drudgery, humans are all slaves. The night drags on while the day flies by like the wind or the weaver’s shuttle. Job will soon be gone, descend into the netherworld with no hope of resurrection or an afterlife. Alone in the realm of the dead.

Paul has a strikingly different attitude to life because of the Gospel. It gives him hope to the point that he is ready to give up his freedom to proclaim it – that others can be saved. Paul lives by his conviction and sees an obligation to proclaim the Gospel – Christ has grasped him and as a result Paul accepts the commission, becomes free for the service of all that he may share in its blessings. To become all things to all people, that he may by all means save some.

To have faith in God, recognizing him working in our lives. Our psalmist calls on us to praise and acclaim God who has brought the exiles back from Babylon and rebuilt Jerusalem. Nothing could hinder God’s plan for the return. In our own time God wants to work in our lives. He wants to draw us ever closer to himself. It’s easy at times to assume a less than positive attitude. But to always recognize that God has plans for us, for our good. Job feels hopeless, but in the end God pours blessings upon him. St. Paul has his head cut off, but has eternal life in Jesus Christ. Don’t get caught up in your own plans. Look to God and his love for us.

Fr. Patrick.



Confirmation Preparation Process for Adults

A 12-week online process, starting Tuesday, February 20th, 7:00 pm .To register or for more information, please contact Adrian Fengler at faithjourney.saintjosephs@gmail.com

Note, this process is for baptized Catholic adults.

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

Welcome to the Parish: Irene & Miguel Dela Rosa, Gioca & George Wartak

R.I.P.: Please pray for the repose of the souls of Jeanne Powers, Wynn Mahoney, Giovanni Ciulla.

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

Verso L’Alto Young Adults : Interested !!! please email
youngadults@stjosephlangley.com

Women’s Evening of Worship and Eucharistic Adoration: “Restore” starting back Monthly Gatherings, Monday, February 26. 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. **Movie of the week “ Bakhita: From Slave to Saint”** Register at www.formed.org For further questions contact the parish office.

Employment Opportunity: Advokate Life & Education Services Society, is searching for an experienced and compassionate individual for the Director of Pregnancy Care Services position, working out of their head office in Abbotsford, B.C. Starting Date: Early April 2024 (with possible training earlier) Hours: Full-Time, 30-40 hours per week Salary: \$70,000 - \$85, 000 (Commensurate with experience) Status: Full Time Management Employee. If interested send resume and cover letter to marie@advokate.ca

2024 Contribution Envelopes: Please collect your envelopes from the back of the church. They are in alphabetical order. Check your address to ensure it is correct. If your envelopes are missing, contact the parish office. **If you could please write your name and address on the first few envelopes you use for this year, that would be helpful.**