

## SCHOOL NEWS

### SJB Early Bird Registration OPEN for New Families

On Monday, February 26th, St John Brebeuf will open registration for the 2024/25 school year to new families with students entering Grades 8-12. Families new to SJB can take advantage of our special Early Bird Registration Fee until March 8th. 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](http://www.stjosephschurchpreschool.com). Registration forms with updated pricing for the 2024/2025 school year are available to download off the website. If you have any further questions, please contact Angela at 604-530-4288

**Holy Cross High School -Junior Crusaders Basketball Spring Program March 11 – 15:** Session 1 -Boys & Girls grades 3 & 4, Everyday 9 am – 11am, and Session 2, Boys & Girls grades 5 -7, Everyday 11:30 am – 2:30 pm. Come improve overall Basketball skills, meet future classmates and have fun. to register: Download and fill out a registration form at [www.hcboysbasketball.com](http://www.hcboysbasketball.com) email Head Coach/Teacher Matthew LeChasseur [hcboysbasketball@gmail.com](mailto:hcboysbasketball@gmail.com) to confirm your child's spot in the camp. It is limited space and first come first serve. . Bring completed registration form and \$140.00 to the first day of camp. Cash or Cheque. Make cheques payable to Crusader Basketball Club

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**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](mailto:tiffany.valle.anaya@gmail.com)

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE 2024 CAMPAIGN: PRAY FOR REVERENCE FOR LIFE!**  
St. Joseph's Langley Parish On-site Silent Prayer Vigil outside the BC Women's Hospital  
Date: March 2, Saturday, Anytime between 7:00 am to 7:00 pm at St. Joseph Residence on Willow Street at 32<sup>nd</sup> Ave (by the fire hydrant).**Nightly Zoom Rosary** – join other pro-life people from the archdiocese to pray the Rosary for abortion and other life issues. Register through Behold: <https://beholdvancouver.org/events/vancouver-life-soldiers-friday-night-zoom-rosary-2>

**Stations of the Cross: Fridays 6:30 pm following all day Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - All Fridays' during lent.**



## 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 (2<sup>nd</sup> 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 25, 2024

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent

*Readings Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18; Psalm 116:10-15,16-17,18-19; Romans 8:31b-35, 37; Mark 9:2-10*

#### On the Mountaintop

In biblical times experiences of God came on the mountaintops. Both Moses and Elijah experienced God on the mountains. Today in our first reading Abraham has a profound experience of God. God tests Abraham to see whether he would sacrifice his only son Isaac. As we move through this episode with all its action and suspense we focus on Abraham's response and not on the horror of God's request.

What God was asking of Abraham went against all he knew of God. The reader would know that human sacrifice was forbidden under the law. Isaac was the child of the promise. Was God going to take everything away from Abraham? Poised knife ready to take his son's life, God calls the test off and provides a ram for sacrifice. The story of the sacrifice of Isaac demonstrates Abraham's faith and prefigures Christ's passion. God did not test Abraham to trip him up or watch him fall, but to deepen his capacity to obey God – God refines us through difficult circumstances and experiences. Obeying God can mean giving up what we really want. Abraham was asked to kill Isaac in his heart in order to grow in his ability to love God more.

As St. Paul writes to the Romans he wants them and us to know that “God is for us.” That our victory is guaranteed in Jesus Christ. God gave his only son up to death for our salvation. Will he withhold anything else? There are challenges in life, but suffering should not take us away from God. St. Paul mentioned seven; hardship, distress, persecution, famine, nakedness, peril and sword. In all these we are to be conquerors in Jesus who loves us.

The Transfiguration marks the beginning of the second half of the gospel, it is a bit of a conundrum, it seems to come out of nowhere. What we have to realize is that it comes on the heels of Peter’s profession of faith and Jesus’ prediction of his passion and death. Jesus takes his closest disciples, Peter, James and John up a high mountain and is transfigured before them. His clothing “became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them.” His divinity radiating through his humanity.

Elijah and Moses appeared and were talking to Jesus. Peter is awestruck, he would like to capture the moment by constructing three tents, but Mark does not allow us to linger.

All of a sudden they were overshadowed by a cloud and there came a voice, “This is my son, the beloved, listen to him!” Like the baptism, the transfiguration is an affair of the Trinity. The cloud is a visible sign of God’s presence and represents the Spirit, while the Father speaks to the disciples. Jesus is not just an equal to Moses and Elijah, he is the fulfilment of the Law and the Prophets – he is the Beloved.

Suddenly Jesus is alone. Moses and Elijah have gone, they have completed their roles. Jesus is left alone to complete his mission in his passion, death and resurrection – he is the fulfilment of the Old Testament.

Jesus orders the disciples, “to tell no one about what they have seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.” The disciples and Peter in particular are often depicted as guys that seem to be out of touch with Jesus. They are making mistakes and demonstrating their weakness all over the place. What Jesus knew and we have to understand is that they could not be powerful witnesses to God until they grasped the truth of the resurrection. As we complete the first week of Lent we may be dismayed by our own shortcomings and failures. We perhaps think that we should be doing more and having greater successes. We have to always remember that our success as disciples of Jesus depends on the fact that God is for us and that the victory is already won in Jesus and his love for us.

Fr. Patrick.

### **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](mailto:irisramsdales@gmail.com)

### **WELCOME TO ST. JOSEPH’S**

**Welcome to the Parish:** Mervilyn & Jay-ar Alibin, Filipina Bernal, Alyssa Lin,

**Recently Baptized:** Luca Lazo

**R.I.P.:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Frances Woskowsky

**Baptism Preparation Class:** Tuesday March 19, 7 pm for parents wanting their babies baptized. Call the parish to register. 604-534-3303

**Youth Ministry** : : Lifeteen- and Edge For more information please contact Analiza:  
[youth@stjosephlangley.com](mailto:youth@stjosephlangley.com) Parishioners can support our youth ministry by volunteering to provide dinner for the core team on youth nights. Upcoming nights are February 23, March 3, March 8, March 17, March 22 Email Analiza at [youth@stjosephlangley.com](mailto:youth@stjosephlangley.com) to volunteer

**Verso L’Alto Young Adults** : Interested !!! please email  
[youngadults@stjosephlangley.com](mailto:youngadults@stjosephlangley.com)

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**Talk of the week “ Week Two /Return: Lent with Fr. John Burns”** Register at  
[www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org) For further questions contact the parish office.

**2023 TAX RECEIPTS were mailed Friday February 9.** If you have not received yours, please ensure that the church has your up-to-date address.

#### **NOTE: 2023 TAX RECEIPTS FOR ONLINE DONATIONS**

If you gave online donations in 2023 through the parish website [www.stjosephlangley.com](http://www.stjosephlangley.com), or Project Advance online donations, Tax Receipts will be issued via email directly from the RCAFV office, and Project Advance office. Please check in your email. If you did not receive your tax receipt, please email [office.stjlangley@rcav.org](mailto:office.stjlangley@rcav.org)

**Employment Opportunity: Advokate Life & Education Services Society,** Looking to Hire 2 full-time positions: **Director of Finance and Director of Pregnancy Care Services**  
If interested send resume and cover letter to [marie@advokate.ca](mailto:marie@advokate.ca)

**St. Joseph’s Bereavement Support:** a 9-week structured support group. Beginning Thursday April 4, 9:00 am – 11:30 am. in the parish annex room. Registration limited to 8 people. We will work with a book “Grieving With the Help of Your Catholic Faith” by Lorene Duquin. Cost of materials and book \$35. To register and for information. Contact Carla Vangool 604-308-0050 or [carlavan@shaw.ca](mailto:carlavan@shaw.ca)