

ST. JOSEPH'S PENITENTIAL SERVICE

7:00 PM Thursday March 21

with several priests to hear confessions. This is your best opportunity to receive the sacrament of reconciliation

Extra Confession Times during Lent –

Friday, March 22, 5:00 pm – 6:15 pm, Good Friday March 29
9:00 am – 11:00 am; Holy Saturday, March 30 10 am – noon.

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

40 DAYS FOR LIFE 2024 CAMPAIGN: PRAY FOR REVERENCE FOR LIFE!

Nightly Zoom Rosary – Register through Behold <https://beholdvancouver.org/events/vancouver-life-soldiers-friday-night-zoom-rosary-2>

The Knights of Columbus hosting **Pancake Breakfast** on Palm Sunday March 24 following the 9:00am and 11:00am Mass

CWL NEWS: 1) If you are starting your spring cleaning and come across and Gently Used Religious Items consider donating them to the Catholic Women's League (CWL) for our upcoming sale. We will be collecting these items the weekends of April 6/7 and 13/14 at the Information Desk. Thank you. 2) **It's Bursary Time:** Please see the Bursary's available for your children to apply for. St. Joseph's CWL offers a \$2,000. bursary for a girl in grade 7 furthering her education and another \$2,000.00 for a student entering post secondary school. The Vancouver Diocese also offers a \$1,000 bursary to a boy or girl. Hard copies are available on our CWL bulletin board.

SJB Early Bird Registration OPEN for New Families St John Brebeuf registrations for the 2024/25 school year OPEN to new families 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

Holy Cross Junior Crusaders Volleyball Camp:for Girls Grades 4 & 5, April 13-June 1

Saturdays @ 9:30-11:00 at Holy Cross High School Cost: \$130

Email jrcrusadervolleyball@gmail.com to secure a spot by April 1.

Registration form [here](#) Any questions, please contact Bree Grandia (Program director/teacher) bgrandia@holycross.bc.ca or jrcrusadervolleyball@gmail.com



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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.

March 17, 2024

Share Lent - this Sunday's second collection will be taken up for Development & Peace. "Reaping our Rights – Create Hope"

5th Sunday in Lent

Readings Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 51 Hebrews 5: 7-9; and John 12:20-33.

Jesus' Hour Has Come

The concept of the hour is central to John's Gospel. This is the hinge which brings everything into action and God's glory is revealed in Jesus Christ. The next two Sundays are the heart of our Lenten exercise, when we are put in touch with the saving mysteries. Jesus, that single grain of wheat, dies, is put into the ground and bears much fruit. Here is the paradoxical logic of eternal life.

In the prophet Jeremiah we read of God's desire to make a new covenant with humanity. The old covenant made at Mt. Sinai has been broken by the people. This time God intends to write it on their hearts, as opposed to writing on stone tablets. He will be their God and they will be his people. All will know him the least to the greatest and he will forgive their iniquity and remember their sins no more.

The new covenant will be successful because of God alone. By putting it into our hearts he gives us the power to respond in his love based on grace. The forgiveness of sin through faith in Jesus who died for love of us is central to the New Testament. The Psalmist seeks mercy according to God's steadfast love. To be cleansed from sin, to be given a clean heart relies on God's gracious fidelity.

The author of Hebrews pictures Jesus as the High Priest according to the Order of Melchizedek. His loud cries and tears for us are heard because of his reverent submission. Jesus obeying freely and obeying perfectly is able to offer eternal salvation to others. It is said that he learned obedience through suffering and having been made perfect, in a human sense he is able to offer salvation to all who obey him. This is our challenge to be able to obey even in suffering and to pursue the good of others even at a personal cost. This is the self-sacrificing love that Jesus is showing us.

Unlike the synoptic gospels, the Gospel of John does not have a scene in the Garden of Gethsemane. The realization of “the hour” comes in a very public setting. A group of Greeks wish to see Jesus. The world is now coming to him. It is now time to be glorified – everything is coming together and the hour is now.

Jesus points out that “the grain must fall into the earth and die”, before it can bear much fruit. Love of life does not bring success, as we usually think, but rather hatred of life. Not that we actually hate our lives, but that we are fully committed to living our lives in Christ as opposed to the world. Seed images are common in Jesus’ teaching. They reflect self-sacrifice and a dying to self-centeredness which seems to be our natural fall back.

Jesus’ message is reinforced by the Father whose voice is mistaken by some to be thunder. God has glorified Jesus in his signs, but now will even glorify him further through his resurrection. God’s loving presence at the moment of crucifixion demands a response. Our reaction will determine individual judgement. What we always have to remember is that divine glory is an infinite exchange of love and of course by its nature is eternal. As we journey through these last weeks of Lent be open to God and his love and be prepared to respond as best we can in the moment, knowing that God can magnify our efforts in his love.

Fr. Patrick.

This past Sunday we celebrated the 2nd Scrutiny for our elect, those chosen by the Church, through the Rite of Election, celebrated by Archbishop Michael, to receive the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil. Please pray for; **Abi Vilio, Stephanie Robertson, Lisa Van Hees, Kate Lee, Renen Adoca.** 3rd Scrutiny Mass Mar 16, 5pm anticipatory Mass

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: Shareen Cahiles, Jaycel Maiso

R.I.P.: Please pray for the repose of the souls of Debbie Dowbiggin, Isabel Reinhart, Tony Mate.

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

Senior’s Luncheon: Hosted by the K of C & CWL: Wednesday, March 20,- 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.

Youth Ministry : : Lifeteen- and Edge For more information please contact Analiza: youth@stjosephlangley.com Parishioners can support our youth ministry by volunteering to provide dinner for the core team on youth nights. Upcoming nights , March P 17 and 22 Email Analiza at youth@stjosephlangley.com to volunteer.

***Thinkfast Retreat: Grades 8-12’s in good health. (24 Hour Fast Holy Thursday to Good Friday):** Register now for Thinkfast! We’d love for you to come join us for our annual retreat where we fast, play games, pray, and more! Email youth@stjosephlangley.com to sign-up

St. Joe’s Young Adult s Sports Night!! Join us Wednesday nights! , 7-9pm for volleyball or basketball for those 16 and up! It will be every week alternating which sport **at St.Catherine’s elementary school!** Any child under 18 must have a parent or guardian attend and they are free to participate as well. All are welcome for an evening of fun and fellowship! Cost: Free. Any questions feel free to contact Maria Van Vugt at thesaint900@gmail

RESTORE: A women’s evening of worship and Eucharistic Adoration. Next date: Monday, March 25 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

Salubong:Filipino Celebration of the Risen Lord: St. Joseph’s will have the Salubong on Easter Sunday March 31, before the 9:00 am. Mass.

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

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Talk of the week “ Week Five/Return: Lent with Fr. John Burns” Register at www.formed.org then look up by parish postal code V3A 4G5. For further questions contact the parish office.