

**MASS TIMES FOR
HOLY WEEK and EASTER**

HOLY THURSDAY March 28

7:00 pm. MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

ADORATION UNTIL MIDNIGHT



GOOD FRIDAY March 29

11:00 am. STATION OF THE CROSS FOR CHILDREN

3:00 pm. LITURGY OF THE PASSION

*** With veneration of the Cross

5:00 pm. LITURGY OF THE PASSION

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HOLY SATURDAY March 30

12 Noon. BLESSING OF EASTER FOOD

CONFESSIONS

Good Friday 9 am – 11 am

Holy Saturday 10 am – 12 noon

9:00 pm. EASTER VIGIL March 30

(This is the most solemn of all liturgies in the church year.

Eight people will be joining the Catholic Church at this mass.)

EVERYONE INVITED TO RECEPTION IN THE HALL FOLLOWING MASS

EASTER SUNDAY March 31

9:00 am. MASS, SALUBONG

11:00 a.m. & 1:00 pm MASS

(NO 8:00 pm Mass)

RCIA - Welcoming Celebration Potluck March 30th.

All are invited to help celebrate and welcome our newest members of the Church at a reception following the Easter Vigil Mass, March 30, 2024.

This treasured tradition is made possible by donations of prepared food. Parishioners who wish to donate finger foods for the reception, please call or text Iris Ramsdale at (604) 306-5909.



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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 24, 2024

Passion (Palm) Sunday

Readings Mark 11: 1-10; Isaiah 50: 4-7; Psalm 22: 7-23; Philippians 2:6-11 and Mark 14:1- 15:47.

We begin our reading with Mark's account of Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem. He appears to have everything under control, directing his disciples. The crowd is ecstatic. "Hosanna"! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest heaven! This must be the entry of the Prophet-Saviour into his city and temple.

Then it all seems to crash. It comes and goes quickly. If we compare Mark's account to that of Matthew we realize that it is not as exuberant. For Mark it is similar to the Transfiguration, it is an exhilarating moment in an otherwise long and arduous journey. It's all part of the Saving Passion of Christ.

Jesus has not lost control, he is identifying with Isaiah's suffering servant in his mission to Israel. He cannot be overcome with discouragement. He sets his face towards his passion realizing that it is the Father who helps him; "therefore he will not be disgraced." Confident that he shall not be put to shame, but that he will ultimately achieve what he has come to accomplish. Mark does not want us to be distracted by the glory. He wants Christians to remain focused on the task at hand. We are called to have a share in Jesus' ministry by taking up our crosses and following Christ. If we get caught up in a Gospel of merit and acquisition we will lose our enthusiasm to truly follow Christ. This may at times seem depressing, but we have to always understand the Passion in the light of the Resurrection.

Our psalm is an exceptionally powerful lament. "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" Some say this points to Jesus' thinking that the Father had deserted him. Nothing could be farther from the truth. As Jesus prayed this psalm on the cross he recognizes that "God is his help" and He will glorify

him. Jesus realizes that God's concern for us begins long before our birth, beyond our earthly existence, and reaches past our death. It is eternal.

St. Paul knew that Jesus did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited. Paul is quoting an early Christian hymn to the Philippians about who Jesus is. In contrast to Adam, who sought to be like God, Jesus does not cling to an exalted position, but takes a position of selfless humility. Therefore his victory is in the Father who, "Highly exalted him," and Jesus is able to share in the Father's glory.

The Passion is the climax of Mark's Gospel. It is about the disciples continuing inability to stand with Jesus. Instead they scatter in the Garden of Gethsemane. He is betrayed with a kiss. At the same time Jesus institutes The Eucharist. Jesus identification remains with the suffering Son of Man at the cross.

As Jesus moves through the plotting, the betrayals, the denials and the mock trials Jesus is always focused on the Salvation of the world. One of the things that bothers some Christians is Jesus' Agony in the Garden of Gethsemane. If Jesus recognized that the Father would save him, should he not be less upset. What we have to realize is that his agony is not just about his death or dread of suffering, it is about the weight of human sin and its consequences. The separation of humanity from God and the suffering it causes. While Jesus' actions will ultimately save us much damage was done and it continuing to be done by sin.

In the Passion Jesus puts everything in place for Salvation. While he looks to have been defeated his victory is complete. He will rise in glory!

Fr. Patrick.

The Knights of Columbus hosting Pancake Breakfast TODAY Palm Sunday following the 9:00am and 11:00am Masses We are raising funds for Charity " Coats for Kids" which is a Knights of Columbus Supreme council sponsored event for coats to be distributed to the children in need in their local communities

CWL NEWS: 1) **Gently Used Religious Items Sale.** Consider donating them to the Catholic Women's League (CWL) for our upcoming sale. 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. 3) **Plant Sale** The CWL will be once again having their annual Mother's Day plant sale. Orders will be taken in the church lobby on Saturday April, 6th & 13th after the 5:00pm mass and Sunday, April 7 & 14th after the 9:00am, 11:00am and 8:00pm masses or you can place your order online at: sjcwl.growingsmilesfundraising.com Feel free to visit the website to view the products that we will be selling. Plant orders are to be picked up on Saturday, May 5th after the 5:00pm mass and Sunday, May 6th after the 9:00 & 11:00am masses. Thank you for your support.



Thank you to all our lovely Parishioners who brought dozens of muffins into the hall March 17 to create a **muffin birthday cake for Father Patrick** and treat the many coffee lovers after both morning Masses.

Welcome to the Parish: Nila & Ferdinand Montemayor, Joanne Pasloski, Perla & Patrick Pond.

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

Youth Ministry : : Lifeteen- and Edge For more information please contact Analiza: youth@stjosephlangley.com ***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 Adults Sports Night!! Join us Wednesday nights!, 7-9pm for volleyball or basketball for those 16 and up 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. Cost: Free. Any questions! Contact Maria Van Vugt at thesaint900@gmail.com

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

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