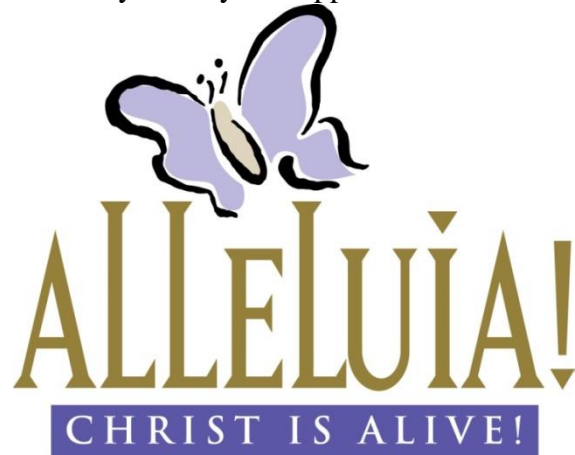


CWL NEWS: 1) **Gently Used Religious Items Sale.** Consider donating them to the Catholic Women's League (CWL) for our upcoming sale. Collecting these items the weekends of April 6/7 and 13/14 at the Information Desk. Thank you.

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.



Welcome Abi Vilio, Stephanie Robertson, Lisa Van Hees, Kate Lee, Renen Adoca who were baptized and Ian Creighton, Adam Gjesdal, David Jerome, Chaeyun (Alisa) Kim, who were received into the Catholic Church at the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil. Please continue to keep them in your prayers.

Easter Monday Morning Mass 9 am.



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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 31, 2024

The Lord is Truly Risen! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

“The Lord Has Risen Indeed!” Lk.24:34

It was a long and difficult road from their Passover Meal to the full realization on Easter evening, that the Lord has risen from the dead. So much had happened; from the washing of the disciples feet, the institution of the Eucharist, the Agony in the Garden, Judas' betrayal and the arrest causes the disciples to scatter, the ordeal at the High Priest's house and Peter's denial, the handing over to Pilate, the rejection by the crowd, the flogging, the crown of thorns and the mocking he received, and ultimately the crucifixion, death and burial. Despite all this Jesus is victorious!

Just as we all have a share in his sufferings we all have a share in his victory. Identified with Isaiah's Suffering servant, Jesus has taken our sins on himself, but he is also our great high priest, who has offered himself for these same sins so that we may have a share in his life in heaven.

It is easy to blame Jesus death on others, whether it be the Jews, or Judas or Pilate or the Roman soldiers. The point is that he died for our sins and we are called to respond. To

allow him to work in our lives that we can realize all he has come to offer us. That his grace may well up in us to eternal life

Although his passion and death look like a disaster, Jesus was in control. He made sure that before he was betrayed, that he would share the Passover meal with his disciples, giving them an example of love and service in the washing of the feet. More importantly he gave them himself in the bread and wine. They probably didn't fully appreciate it at the time, but that his presence to the church would be essential to their ability to build the church and allow it to flourish through the centuries. No human institution has endured two thousand years except the church which Jesus founded in himself.

John's account of the passion is difficult to read. It was heavy on my heart, yet we interpret it in light of the resurrection. Jesus was experiencing this suffering for us, that we should be prepared to suffer for others, that sharing in Jesus suffering is not wasted because it leads to salvation. This is not how the world sees it, but we know that we cannot just be caught up in a worldly view, if we are to share in all that Christ wants to give us. "We are called by the author of Hebrews to approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and to find grace to help us in time of need."

St. Paul reminds us that all who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death that just as we have died with him we will also have a share in his resurrection through the glory of the Father. That our old self with its sin crucified with him might be destroyed and that we may be freed from sin. Having died with him, "we believe that we will also live with him."

All the disciples has a hard time accepting the resurrection as it was something beyond their experience. Although Jesus stated it quite openly the disciples didn't understand. Mary Magdalene is said to be the apostle to the Apostles. She was the first to experience the empty tomb and to alert the Apostles, to see Jesus resurrected, although she at first thought he was the gardener. Peter and John for their part has a sense of believing, but at the same time they were confused. The disciples who met Jesus on the road to Emmaus only recognized Jesus in the breaking of the bread. All these experiences helped the church to grow in its realization that Jesus had indeed risen.

The question is how do we experience the risen Jesus? As we reflect on the resurrection to realize, that just as the risen Jesus came to the disciples where they were, he wants to come to us. That we may come to a deeper faith in the joy of Christ Jesus in our time.

Fr. Patrick.

Welcome to the Parish: Jack & Aleen Zaro, Linda Guerin, Claudia & Steve Badry.

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

St. Joe's Young Adult s 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

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

RESTORE: A women's evening of worship and Eucharistic Adoration. Next date: Monday, April 22 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

Senior's Luncheon: Hosted by the K of C & CWL: Wednesday, April 17- 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.

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. Register at www.formed.org then look up by parish postal code V3A 4G5. For further questions contact the parish office.



St. Catherine's School- Walkathon: Please help support this fundraiser. Students will be walking 5/10km on Friday April 19 to support their school and will be collecting pledges following the weekend masses April 6/7 & 13/14. Thank you

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