

THIS GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY, APRIL 21, THE SECOND COLLECTION WILL SUPPORT THE NEXT GENERATION OF PRIESTS IN OUR ARCHDIOCESE. IT FUNDS THE DISCERNMENT, FORMATION AND EDUCATION OF OUR SEMINARIANS, ENSURING THAT THEY RECEIVE THE PREPARATION NECESSARY FOR THEM TO BE GOOD SHEPHERDS WHO ARE EFFECTIVE IN THEIR PRIESTLY MINISTRY.

CWL NEWS: 1) **Gently Used Religious Items Sale – Sunday April 21 in the Parish Hall.**

Consider donating them to the Catholic Women’s League (CWL) for our upcoming sale.

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 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.

Knights of Columbus Membership Drive weekend April 20/21, in the church foyer.



SJB Early Bird Registration OPEN for New Families St John Brebeuf registrations for the 2024/25 school year with students entering Grades 8-12. For more information, visit <https://stjohnbrebeuf.ca/announcements/registration-open-for-new-families>

SJB’s 3rd Annual Bear Brawl Obstacle Course Fundraiser, presented by Topline Electric Motors, is happening Friday, May 3rd on the SJB campus. This unique community-building event transforms the school field into a 12 station obstacle course and brings students, staff, and parents together to show school spirit while competing for all the glory! This is our only fundraising event of the year, and students are each collecting pledges in hopes of raising \$25,000. In addition to supplementing the school’s operating budget, the money raised will go towards our school-wide goal of an Outdoor Student Courtyard. Help support SJB and Catholic education by pledging a student now at www.stjohnbrebeuf.ca/bear-brawl. Parishioners without family members at SJB can donate directly at <https://stjohnbrebeuf.ca/support-sjb>

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



CHECK OUT THE NEW STAINED GLASS WINDOW IN THE CHURCH, ST. JUDE, ONE OF THE 12 APOSTLES. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE ANOTHER APOSTLE WINDOW FOR THE WEST SIDE OF THE BALCONY CONTACT FR. PATRICK 604-534-3303



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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.

April 21, 2024

4th Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 4:7-12; Psalm 118: 1 & 8-9, 21-23, 26 & 28-29; 1John 3:1-2; John 10:11-18.

This Sunday is known as Good Shepherd Sunday, It is a time when we reflect on the meaning of God’s call and to pray for vocations. In our gospel Jesus identifies himself as the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd is committed to his flock and is prepared to lay down his life for them, that they may share his victory over death and sin. As the Good Shepherd, Jesus continues to lead his people through his Bishops, Priests and Deacons, and calls many to follow him in this way. Priestly, diaconal, and religious vocations should be a constant concern in the hearts of God’s people.

Today we take special care to pray for those God is calling. Those who perhaps have not yet heard the call, and those who are answering the call. St. Joseph’s has been blessed with men and women who have given themselves in service to God’s church as Dominicans, Jesuits, Benedictines and other orders, as well as those who serve in the Archdiocese. It is important that we pray in particular for our own seminarian, Peter Van Leeuwen, as he discerns his vocation.

Jesus identifies himself as the Good Shepherd. It is an “I am” statement, one of many in the Gospel of John, that reflect the nature of Jesus. Unlike the hired hand Jesus has a special relationship with the flock. He is prepared to lay down his life for the sheep while the hired hand runs away in the face of danger, exposing the sheep to the wolf who snatches and scatters the flock.

Jesus' relationship with the flock reflects his relationship with his Father. "I know my own and mine know me." The Father's love goes beyond the fact that Jesus will lay down his life for the salvation of the flock. It is about his self-giving love. He will lay down his life to take it up again. It is about the gift of love that has no end, that even if it was just for one of us Jesus would lay down his life.

St. John recognizes human dignity that we should be called sons and daughters, children of God. If we suffer in this world or are not understood this is natural. As John points out that the reason the world does not know us is because it did not know him. The beauty is that being his sons and daughters God reveals himself to us that when he is fully revealed, "We will be like him, because we will see him as he is." It is understood that we cannot see God and live unless God has drawn us to himself and we are saved.

In our reading from the Acts of the Apostles we witness the struggle between the old and the new. The old has forfeited their claim to authority by rejecting the Messiah. They are in effect disobeying God. Peter and the apostles know that they must obey God who is the ultimate authority. Peter is able to speak with boldness because of the power of the Holy Spirit. This man formerly crippled now stands before the elders and scribes in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth. Who was crucified and has been raised from the dead. He is the stone rejected by the builders, who has become the cornerstone. Peter proclaims that "There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among human beings by which we must be saved."

This thought is reflected in our responsorial psalm. We give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. He is our refuge. In him we can place our confidence because his steadfast love endures forever.

This week our second collection is taken up for Vocations, that we can continue to build a Church with Christ as our cornerstone.

Fr. Patrick.

Come celebrate Life by joining the annual March for Life in Victoria

on May 9. The theme is "I will never forget you". **Please register and pay online at "March for Life Victoria" website.** A bus will be leaving from St. Joseph's, Langley back parking lot. Details and costs of the event are stated in the "Bus Transportation" section of the website. The deadline to register for bus transportation is April 25th. If you have any questions about bus transportation, please contact Jim Canil at 604-946-0808.

Register early!

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
irisramsda@gmail.com

Welcome to the Parish: Heajin Shin & Woang Kim.;Nina Ariola,

Recently Baptized: Genesis Galzote, Amethyst Gozon, Joanna Nikolli, Aria Nikolli, Chloe Nikolli, Wonjun Cho, Yeonsoo Cho, Rily Ma, Ian Chavarria, Ellianna King, Benjamin Yun, Luna Yun,

R.I.P: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Joan Mary Harriott.

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

St. Joseph's Bereavement Support: (New Additional Program being offered Mondays 12:30 – 3 pm beginning April 29) 9-week structured support program- Registration limited to 5 persons. *****Thursday program continues 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

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. **Talk of the Week: "Dumb Sheep."** Register at www.formed.org then look up by parish postal code V3A 4G5. For further questions contact the parish office.

Last Chance to register before course begins! Do you want to explore more on **Theology of the Body**, led by local experts? Then this four-part course **led by professors from Catholic Pacific College** is for you! CPC joins with Our Lady of the Assumption Parish for 4 evening classes on St. John Paul II's "Theology of the Body," **Tuesdays from April 23 to May 14** at 7pm at Our Lady of the Assumption Parish Hall. Only \$100 for all four sessions. Register at catholicpacific.ca/tob