



ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH - SQUAMISH

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH BULLETIN

98 Years of Witnessing and Sharing the Catholic Faith

19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - August 13, 2023 [Year A]

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WEEKEND MASSES
SATURDAY 9:30 AM & 5:30 PM
SUNDAY 9:30 AM ONLY

WEEKDAY MASSES
MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY, 9:30 AM
WEDNESDAY 7:00 PM,

Holy Rosary: 30 minutes prior to each Mass, except on Wednesday when the St. Joseph Rosary starts at 6:00 PM.

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help: Wednesday at 6:30 PM.

Eucharistic Adoration: Friday from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM.

Confessions: Available 30 minutes before each Mass.

Baptism: Please call the parish office for arrangements.

Marriage: To schedule a marriage, please contact the office at least six months prior to your desired date.

Anointing of the Sick: Please contact the office at (604) 390-4139 or (604) 3236421.

Funerals: To make funeral arrangements, kindly call the parish office at (604) 390-4139 or (604) 3236421.

Mass Intentions/Blessings of house, car, etc.: For appointments and more information, please call the parish office at (604) 390-4139 or (604) 3236421.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THE SICK

ESPECIALLY: Bob Splinter, Bill Vanderhor, Fred Durig, Rita Milia, Dinah Williams, Domenico Milia, Nell Van Loon, John Nyland, Maria Milia, Glenn Rudkin, Peter Hart, Joan Wippich, Nita & Fernando Cauyong, Rosa Razzano, Theresa Brock, Teresa Pacuzzi, Stefan Hedjuk, Nieves Tacugue, and all our sick parishioners, benefactors, family members and friends.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SERVE OUR PARISH?

YOU ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US! IF INTERESTED, PLEASE CONTACT:

Knights of Columbus: James Ellis at 6043497513

Legion of Mary: Vida Giroux at 6048983537

CFC/Parish Couples: Myma Daquiaog at 6043899523

Ushers and Lectors: Sheila Hart at 2509459731

Catholic Women's League: Brenda C. at 604838 3557

Altar Server: Please talk to Gary Giroux or Robert Suarez

Our parish is actively seeking volunteers to fill various roles including Florist, Parish Secretary, RCIA Coordinator, OIC Church Maintenance, OIC Parish Events, OIC Parish Website, PREP Coordinator, Choir Director and Migrants Coordinator, Project dvance Coordinator, and etc.. If you're interested, please reach out to Sr. Izah, or Fr. Nick. Your willingness to contribute is greatly appreciated. Thank you!

SUNDAY READINGS REFLECTION
IKings 19:9A, 11-13A; Psalm 85:9-14;
Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:22-23



"He said, 'Come.' Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus."
Matthew 14:25

When you hear Jesus calling, do you respond immediately and trust that He knows what He's doing? If so, you are walking on water! When we say "yes" to Jesus, we feel the power of His presence in our lives. We can feel the freedom it gives us! Listen how Jesus is calling you to live the extraordinary life He has intended for you.

Stewardship spirituality urges us to surrender control to God, acknowledging His gifts. Today's readings highlight the transformative power of letting God guide us, embracing stewardship. In the First Reading from 1 Kings, Elijah experiences God's presence in a whisper, not grand phenomena. Our mysterious God often surprises us. Are we attentive to His subtle gifts and guidance? Recognizing His presence can be challenging. Paul, in the Second Reading to the Romans, laments how some overlook the gift of Christ. Let's not take God's blessings for granted.



POPE FRANCIS TWEETS #WYD 2023

Let us remain with Christ. Let us always try to be one with Him. Let us follow Him. Let us imitate Him in his movement of love, in how He goes out to encounter others. Let us go forth. Let us have the audacity to trace new paths for proclaiming the Gospel.

While in Ukraine and other places in the world there is fighting, WYD showed everyone that another world is possible, a world of brothers and sisters, where the flags of all peoples fly together, without hatred, without fear, without closure, without weapons!

WYD in Lisbon was considered by all to be a gift of God, who once again set in motion the hearts and the steps of the young people to go to meet other young people and to encounter Jesus.

Our outlook changes when we place Jesus at the centre of our lives. And despite all our struggles and difficulties, we feel wrapped in His light, comforted by His Spirit, encouraged by His Word and sustained by His love.

Dear young people, God sees how good you are. He knows what he has sown in your hearts. Let it grow. Treasure it with care so that when the inevitable moment of fatigue comes, you can revive the graces of these days.

Don't deceive yourself, my friends. You will become light when you do acts of love. But when, instead of doing acts of love, going out of yourself, you look at yourself like an egotist, then your light will be dimmed.

When we don't waste time complaining about things, but are concerned about meeting people's real needs, doing so joyfully and trusting in God's providence, then wonderful things happen.

PARISH UPDATES AND CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

† PARISH TOTAL COLLECTION: \$ 4,200.00

July 30 - \$ 1,366.00

- ♥ Ordinary Collection \$ 1,061.00
- ♥ For the Sisters \$ 305.00

August 6 - \$ 2,834.00

- ♥ Ordinary Collection \$1,595
- ♥ For the Sisters \$ 395.00
- ♥ Candles - Votives \$ 422.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR WEEKLY OFFERINGS AT ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH. To make giving more convenient, we have set up an online platform. Visit: <https://support.rcav.org/parishes/parish-offertory/sunday-offering/> and choose St. Joseph's Parish- Squamish to give online.



† PROJECT ADVANCE 2023

Parish Goal: \$ 20,000.00

Archdiocesan Goal \$ 10,200.00

Actual Collection: \$1,245

We humbly seek your assistance in advancing our project for the year 2023. Our parish has set a goal of \$20,000, with \$10,200 earmarked for the Archdiocesan goal, which supports various charitable programs within the Archdiocese. The remaining funds will be allocated towards acquiring a fireproof filing cabinet for our parish. As of August 13, 2023, out of the 122 active members in our parish, 4 households have graciously contributed a total of \$1,245. Let us join our efforts, striving to achieve this goal and fortify our parish project. For online contributions, please visit: <https://support.rcav.org/project-advance-2023>. Your unwavering support holds immense value and is deeply appreciated.

BE CATECHIST OR CATECHIST HELPER

St. Joseph Parish needs dedicated Catholics to teach faith to children in Grades 4, 5, and 6 every Thursday from 6:00 pm to 7:15 pm. You can guide our youth on their spiritual journey and make a lasting impact. Classes for Grade 1, Grade 2 (preparing for First Holy Communion), and Grade 7 (preparing for Confirmation) will be held every Sunday after the 9:30 AM Mass starting on September 24, 2023. Additionally, Grades 3, 4, 5, and 6 will have Thursday classes from 6:00 PM to 7:15 PM, starting on September 21, 2023. No matter your background or experience, we welcome you to join us. Your enthusiasm and commitment are what matter most. Let's strengthen our community through faith education together. To express your interest in becoming a Catechist, please contact Sr. Izah Aldover, OSA, at 604-389-8130 or speak to her in person. Your participation and dedication are highly valued. Thank you for considering this opportunity to make a difference in the lives of our children.

ENROLLMENT OPEN FOR PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM (PREP) 2023-2024

Catechism classes start on September 24, 2023, immediately after the 9:30 AM Mass for Grade 1, Grade 2, and Grade 7. For Grade 3, Grade 4, Grade 5, and Grade 6, classes begin on September 21, Thursday, from 6:00 PM to 7:15 PM. We encourage you to invite young children to enrol our PREP starting August 19th. Enrollment forms will be available in the church foyer. For further details, please contact Sr. Izah at 604-389-8130.



DIVINE MERCY HOME VISITATION: Join us in praying the Prayer of Mercy for nine days with the Image of the Divine Mercy visiting your home. On the first day, we will welcome the image, and on the ninth day, it will be enthroned in your house, where your family will be consecrated. This is a wonderful opportunity to strengthen your relationship with God and your family. Let us unite in prayer for peace and healing in our world. To welcome the Image of the Divine Mercy into your home, please contact Fr. Nicolas.



OUR BLESSED VIRGIN MARY HOME VISITATION Our brothers and sisters in the Legion of Mary are currently offering the opportunity to have the Statue of the Blessed Mother visit families in our parish for one or two weeks. If you would like to welcome Our Blessed Mother into your home, please contact Vida Giroux at 6048983537 to schedule a visit.

JOIN OUR PARISH RECYCLING FUNDRAISER!



Make a meaningful impact on both our parish and the planet by participating in our recycling initiative. Visit the Bottle Depot on Queens Way and contribute to St. Joseph Parish's efforts. Mention our ACCOUNT NAME: ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH and the ACCOUNT NUMBER: 356 when you drop off your recyclables.

Depot Hours: Tuesday to Sunday, 9 AM to 5 PM. Your support is greatly appreciated as we work together to make a positive difference. Thank you for being a part of our parish's fundraising efforts!

CAN YOU OFFER ASSISTANCE AT OUR ST. JOSEPH THRIFT STORE? Volunteer responsibilities at the store comprise replenishing and organizing inventory, cultivating a clean and inviting environment, and offering friendly customer service. If you are willing to dedicate your time, please get in touch with Vivian at 604-892-5003. We sincerely appreciate your support!

EVENTS IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF VANCOUVER



ARCHDIOCESAN SHRINE OF SANTO NIÑO DE CEBU: FIRST ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION:

The Archdiocesan Shrine of Santo Niño was built to create a permanent commemoration of the 500 Years of Christianity in the Philippines. Join us in celebrating the First Anniversary of the opening and dedication of the Shrine at St. Anthony of Padua Parish in Agassiz, BC.

Opening Salvo Mass with Archbishop J. Michael Miller, CSB

Sunday, August 16, at 6:00 p.m.

Rosary, Novena and Mass:

Thursday, August 17, to Friday, August 25, at 5:15 p.m.

Dedication Anniversary Mass with Cebu, Philippines Archbishop Jose Palma, D.D.

Wednesday, August 26, at 4:00 p.m.

For more information, please email stonino-agassiz@shaw.ca or visit stoninoshrine.ca.

FAMILY EUCHARISTIC SUMMIT

The Family Eucharistic Summit is a one-day event for families to enter into the wonder and awe of the Most Blessed Sacrament, with activities for children, youth and adults. It will be held at St. Francis de Sales Parish in Burnaby on Saturday, August 26, at 1:00 p.m. Learn more and register at beholdvancouver.org/events.

JOIN US FOR THE UPPER ROOM CONFERENCE 2023: REGISTER TODAY!

Connect with fellow Catholics at Proclaim's Upper Room conference, dedicated to turning your parishes into vibrant missionary hubs. Prepare to be inspired by our lineup of dynamic speakers, forge meaningful connections, and uncover effective strategies and tools to equip you for your mission! Date: Saturday, September 23 Time: 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Location: Pacific Academy, Surrey Cost: \$75 (Includes food and two breakout sessions) Free parking available. Gather a group of 8 or more and register with a parish coupon code to enjoy a \$10 discount. Don't miss this opportunity to grow and learn together. For more information and to register, visit upperroomvancouver.com.

JOIN US FOR THE ENLIGHTENING "WHO AM I?" WORKSHOP

Spanning two weekends, designed to empower you in various aspects of life. Throughout the workshop, you'll uncover the depth of your inner richness, enhance your connections with family, friends, and colleagues in your workplace ministry, amplify your productivity both in life and ministry, and find strengthened confidence in making decisions. Don't miss this opportunity for personal growth and development. The workshop will be hosted at the John Paul II Pastoral Centre in Vancouver on August 19, 20, 26, and 27.

For further details and registration, visit beholdvancouver.org.

SAVE THE DATE: THE MEN'S RETREAT 2023

Hosted by Life Restoration, this retreat offers something for every man: adventure, brotherhood, powerful keynotes, prayer, Sacraments, and the rugged outdoor beauty of Rockridge Canyon in Princeton, B.C. Save the Date: Friday, September 29, to Sunday, October 1.

HEALING THE WOUNDS OF ABUSE: GRIEF TO GRACE RETREAT

Grief to Grace helps those who have endured neglect, physical, emotional, sexual and/or spiritual abuse to find healing and begin their journey to wholeness. Abuse can be experienced in one's family of origin, community, workplace, or from their partner or spouse. The event will take place on Saturday, October 28, from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The location will be shared upon acceptance of applications. Learn more and register at beholdvancouver.org.

COUPLE RETREAT BY WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Vancouver is pleased to offer an in-person retreat from Friday, October 27, to Sunday, October 29 at the Carmel Hill Retreat Centre in Deroche. The retreat centre is located approximately one hour east of Vancouver. If you desire to restore communication and rekindle romance, this retreat is for you! Come learn how to become closer as a couple through a communication strategy that will deepen and strengthen your love, leading to a richer, more intimate and joyful life together! Let us help you live your best life in love. Learn more and register at beholdvancouver.org.

POPE FRANCIS: ABORTION IS NOT 'PROGRESSIVE'

In November of 2013, Pope Francis issued his Apostolic Exhortation called "The Joy of the Gospel." In it he says, "Among the vulnerable for whom the Church wishes to care with particular love and concern are unborn children, the most defenseless and innocent among us. Nowadays efforts are made to deny them their human dignity and to do with them whatever one pleases, taking their lives and passing laws preventing anyone from standing in the way of this... Human beings are ends in themselves and never a means of resolving other problems... Once this conviction disappears, so do solid and lasting foundations for the defense of human rights... It is not "progressive" to try to resolve problems by eliminating a human life." Together with Pope Francis, let us defend life!

STAY UPDATED on upcoming events in the Archdiocese of Vancouver! Visit rcav.org and beholdvancouver.org/events. Check our parish bulletin at stjosephsquamish.com and our St. Joseph's Parish Facebook page. Join us for exciting events and activities. Thank you!

THOUGHTS ON AGING



- ♥ In his 1999 Letter to the Elderly (#12), Saint John Paul II encouraged the young to remain close to the elderly. He said, “Older people can give you much more than you imagine. The Book of Sirach offers this advice: ‘Do not disregard what older people say, because they too have learned from their parents’ (8:9).”
- ♥ Francis Thompson wrote an incredible poem, “The Hound of Heaven.” In it, he compares God to a bloodhound who, no matter how hard we try, we can’t shake off our trail. Thanks be to God! How can you do an even better job at letting the Divine Bloodhound catch up with you?
- ♥ Saint John of the Cross said, “Where there is no love, put love, and then you will find love.” It’s true. Somebody has to initiate, to be the first one to love—a kind word, a generous gesture. Like the stone dropped in the middle of the pond, whose ripples go all the way to the shore, even so the love we bring to others multiplies far beyond ourselves.

- ♥ I love to think of my Mom and Dad and my aunts and uncles up in Heaven praying for me. Isn’t it wonderful, the Communion of Saints, all in Heaven and in Purgatory and on Earth, all united in prayer?!
- ♥ Do you think of the elderly as evangelizers? Saint John Paul II does. He explains that old age, with “its immense capacity for evangelization by word and example, and by activities eminently adapted to the talents of the elderly, is a force for the Church of God yet to be thoroughly understood or adequately utilized” (Address of John Paul II to the Participants in the International Forum on Active Aging, #5).
- ♥ The saints weren’t perfect. They had to work on it. Saint Paul persecuted Christians. Saint Peter denied Christ three times. Saint Jerome had a terrible anger problem. Saint Teresa of Avila began as a very mediocre nun and went through the motions with no heart. Many of the early Christians “lapsed” during times of persecution, then came back later. It’s the same for us. Keep on working on Holiness. We’re not yet a “finished product.” Rely on God’s grace and help—and maybe especially on the prayers of those saints who struggled.
- ♥ Nobody becomes a saint alone. It’s a Communion of Saints. We help each other out with our good example, our encouragement, our prayers. It’s a great family, the Communion of Saints. We never go to Heaven alone.
- ♥ There’s a special spiritual responsibility that comes with family. Husbands are especially charged with helping their wives get to Heaven, and wives have that same charge for their husbands. Parents have a great responsibility to pray for and give good example to their children. We can’t live loved ones’ lives for them, but our prayers for them are an important part of our vocation.
- ♥ We should, no doubt, speak more often of a common spiritual reality—that often in our spiritual life we may go through periods of dryness in prayer, where we pray but “feel” nothing. This was and is very common in the lives of the great saints and mystics of our faith. Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta went for years without any sense of the presence of Jesus in her times of prayer. God seems to “withdraw” so we’ll be faithful to Him and not just to feelings of closeness to Him. He’s taking us beyond the gifts to the Giver Himself.
- ♥ Saint Francis of Assisi is upbeat even about death. In “The Canticle of the Sun” he says, “Praised be my Lord for our sister, the bodily death, from which no living man can flee.” He praises God for death! He invites us to consider death as a beloved sister who helps us keep our right focus. Looked at that way, it makes sense to praise God for “Sister Death.”
- ♥ There is a beautiful hymn in the Liturgy of the Hours. It goes this way: Sin forgiving, fear dispelling, Stay with us, our hearts indwelling, This eventide. What a comfort to know that our God dwells within us always.
- ♥ You’ve probably heard the little story about the visitor to hell who found tables laden with food but everyone starving because they had such long forks and spoons attached to their wrists that they could not put the food into their mouths. The visitor found the same long forks and spoons on the wrists of those in Heaven, but they were well-fed and happy—they put the food on their utensils and fed their neighbors across the table. You get the point—we’re to learn now on Earth the virtues that will prepare us for Heaven.
- ♥ “Heaven is the ultimate end and fulfillment of the deepest human longings, the state of supreme, definitive happiness” (CCC #1024). There’s a lot to meditate on in those words.

SOURCE: AUGUST—THOUGHTS ON AGING — MY CATHOLIC LIFE!

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