



ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH - SQUAMISH

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH BULLETIN

98 Years of Witnessing and Sharing the Catholic Faith

20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - August 20, 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, 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: Myrna 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 Advance 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

IS 56:1, 6-7; PS 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8;
ROM 11:13-15, 29-32; MT 15:21-28



"He said, 'For the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable.'" Romans 11:29

God has a special mission in mind for each of us. He has given us the gifts we need to accomplish that mission. We are called to be good stewards by using those gifts to do the work that He has planned for each of us. If we deny our gifts or fail to use them as God calls us to use them, then some part of His work will be left undone. Each of us has a part in God's salvation plan.

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Today's Gospel reminds us to trust God even when it feels like our prayers go unanswered. God aims to guide us to eternal joy in heaven. To achieve this, we must have strong faith, live in love and gratitude, and let God shape us into saints. This aligns with the stewardship way of life, which can be challenging but leads to deep joy and rewards. Just as Jesus challenged the Canaanite woman's faith, our challenges refine us. Embracing the stewardship way means releasing control over our resources, making life an adventure rooted in a caring God.



POPE FRANCIS TWEETS

To be children of the Father and to build a fraternal world, the real challenge is to learn how to love everyone, even our enemies. Concretely, this means choosing not to have enemies, seeing in others not an obstacle to be overcome, but a brother or sister to be loved.

Those who love do not stand around doing nothing. Those who love serve. They hurry to reach others to serve in the name of Jesus. We love through our deeds and love makes us happy!

How good it is to live in gratitude and blessing instead of regrets and complaints, to raise our gaze upwards instead of wearing a long face! May our Mother, assumed into Heaven, help us to climb higher each day through service and praise.

Love alone extinguishes hatred. Love alone ultimately triumphs over injustice. Love alone makes room for others. Love alone is the path towards full communion among us.

The Lord knows that the boat of our life is threatened by headwinds, and that the sea on which we sail is often turbulent. He does not spare us the hard work of sailing, but invites us to face difficulties so they too might become opportunities to meet Him.

What should we do when we're afraid, and see only darkness and feel we're going under? Like Peter, we too can ask: Lord, save me! Today, Christ repeats to all of us, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid!" You are no longer alone on the turbulent waters of life.

Dear young people, never lose your courage to dream big and to live life completely! Adopt the culture of care and spread it. Become champions of fraternity. Face life's challenges by letting yourselves be guided by God and by good counsellors.

PARISH UPDATES AND CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

† PARISH TOTAL COLLECTION: \$ 3,075

August 13 - \$ 3,075.00

- ♥ Ordinary Collection \$1,513.00
- ♥ For the Sisters \$ 105.00
- ♥ Building Fund \$ 420.00
- ♥ Indonesian Mass \$ 1,037

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
Empowering our Parish Vision

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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 REFUNDABLE FUNDRAISER!



Make a meaningful impact on both our parish and the planet by participating in our refundable 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 refundable.

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 604-892-5093. We sincerely appreciate your support!

EVENTS IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF VANCOUVER



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.

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 as we continue celebrating the First Anniversary of the opening and dedication of the Shrine at St. Anthony of Padua Parish in Agassiz, BC:

Rosary, Novena and Mass: Daily until Friday, August 25, at 5:15 p.m.

Dedication Anniversary Mass (with Cebu, Philippines Archbishop Jose Palma): Wednesday, August 26, at 4:00 p.m.

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

TAIZÉ ADORATION NIGHT FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Come and join us for a Taizé Holy Hour, a form of Christian meditative music and prayer that draws us into awareness of God's presence in and around us. The simple yet beautiful melodies and Scripture-based lyrics will be accompanied by harmonizing instruments, inviting all to join in song and Adoration. On Saturday, August 26, 7 p.m. at St. Peter's Parish in New Westminster. The Holy Hour will be followed by refreshments and fellowship at the parish hall. Learn more and register at beholdvancouver.org/events.

MONTHLY PRO-LIFE MASS AND PRAYER VIGIL

Join the Catholic faithful for the monthly Mass and vigil to pray for respect for all human life, from conception to its natural end. The next Mass will be on Saturday, September 2, at 9:00 a.m. at St. Andrew Kim Parish in Surrey. To learn more, please visit beholdvancouver.org/events.

ESTATE AND MEMORIAL PLANNING WEBINAR

This free online presentation provides general information for preparing or updating your will, learning about the beauty of the funeral rite, and formulating pre-need arrangements. You'll be pointed to complementary guides, tools and practical resources. The event is sponsored and presented by the Gardens of Gethsemani cemetery, a ministry of the Archdiocese of Vancouver. Next session is on Thursday, September 7, at 11:00 a.m. via Zoom. Learn more and register at rccav.org/events.

THE WAY OF BEAUTY: ENCOUNTERING JESUS IN SCRIPTURE AND THE ARTS

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCCB) invites leaders of catechesis and evangelization to The Way of Beauty, a webinar series that reflects on beauty and its powerful witness in the life of the Church.

THE THREE SESSIONS OF THE WAY OF BEAUTY WEBINAR SERIES ARE:

Beauty and Catechesis: Thursday, September 7, 10 a.m. (Speaker: Dr. Jem Sullivan)

Beauty and Evangelization: Thursday, September 14, 10 a.m. (Speaker: Mr. David Dayler)

Beauty and Liturgy: Thursday, September 21, 10 a.m. (Speaker: Fr. Paul Massel)

All sessions will be held via Zoom, and will be recorded and packaged with a reflection guide for later release.

Learn more and register at beholdvancouver.org/events.

UPPER ROOM CONFERENCE 2023: REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

Proclaim's Upper Room conference connects hundreds of Catholics in pursuit of transforming their parishes into missionary outposts. Be inspired by our roster of engaging speakers, make meaningful connections, and discover strategies and tools to equip you for mission! Join us on Saturday, September 23, from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Pacific Academy in Surrey. Cost is \$75, inclusive of food and two breakout sessions. Parking is free. To qualify for a \$10-discount, simply gather a group of 8 or more people and register together with a parish coupon code. Learn more and register at upperroomvancouver.com.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS: UPPER ROOM 2023

If you've attended Upper Room before, you know that it can be a powerful momentum moment for those attending. Volunteering can be a way to be part of our mission. To volunteer, please sign up at rcav.regfox.com.

THE MEN'S RETREAT 2023: YESHUA

Are you yearning to know the real Jesus? The Men's Retreat: Yeshua delves deep into the heart of Christ. Join Jake Khym and Peter White for transformative talks, the Holy Mass, and space of adventure in the outdoors of Rock Ridge Canyon. Rediscover. Reconnect. Recommit. From Friday, September 29, to Sunday, October 1, at Rock Ridge Canyon in Princeton, BC. Cost is \$275+, which includes the retreat experience, accommodations, activities and food. Bursaries available. Learn more and register at liferestoration.ca/mensretreat.

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!

The Pope and the Abortionist

On the morning of April 11, 2014, the Holy Father Pope Francis spoke to the Italian Movement for Life. Here is an excerpt of his address: "HUMAN LIFE IS SACRED AND INVOLABLE.... Every civil right is based on the recognition of the first, fundamental right, the right to life, which is not subject to any condition, of a qualitative, economic and certainly not of an ideological nature. ... Therefore it is necessary to reaffirm our solid opposition to any direct offence against life, especially when innocent and defenseless, and the unborn child in its mother's womb is the quintessence of innocence. Let us remember the words of Vatican Council II: 'Therefore from the moment of its conception life must be guarded with the greatest care while abortion and infanticide are unspeakable crimes'. ... I remember once, a long time ago, I participated in a conference with doctors. After the conference I greeted them and while I spoke to them, one of them called me to one side. He had a package and he said to me, 'Father, I want to leave this with you. These are the instruments I have used to carry out abortions. I have encountered the Lord and repented, and now I fight for life'. He gave me all those instruments. Let us pray for this good man".

Thoughts on Aging



Maybe you've heard the saying: "Old age never comes alone; it brings all kinds of buddies with it." And we know those "buddies," don't we? Our bodies age, we have a lower energy level, perhaps poor health, maybe needing help of some kind—the list goes on and on. Scripture reminds us that the fool looks for his contentment in worldly pleasure, but the wise man looks for his peace, even in the midst of all those changes, in God who is always there; so the wise man is at peace.

In so many ways, Jesus brings us "abundant life" as we age, but certainly by His living Word in the Sacred Scriptures, by His Sacraments, especially the Eucharist, and by the people He sends into our lives, living icons of His goodness to us.

Old age is the summit of life. It is the ultimate crown of life. It is a gift from God. Pope Francis said old age is not a disease, it's a privilege.

I love the example of Pope Benedict XVI, who chooses to spend the final days of his life in prayer and union with God. What an example for all of us.

Pope Francis reminds everyone of Olivier Clément, an author in the Orthodox faith, who said, "A civilization that has no place for prayer is a civilization in which old age has lost all meaning. And this is terrifying. For, above all, we need old people who pray; prayer is the purpose of old age" (General Audience, March 11, 2015, The family – 7. The grandparents).

There are some very specific and unique areas of gratitude in old age. Gratitude for the years we have been given, for the service our body has given us over those many years; gratitude we can still walk (even if at a slower pace); gratitude for medical advances that help our eyesight and hearing and so much more. Old age offers us many opportunities to be filled with gratitude.

Old age brings with it a certain serenity. It seems the ups and downs of earlier life are lessened. Our experience graces us with steadiness—serenity is not a flashy virtue but a delight nonetheless. AUGUST—THOUGHTS ON AGING—MY CATHOLIC LIFE!

DAILY REFLECTIONS ON DIVINE MERCY 365 Days with Saint Faustina



The Unfailing Presence of God: Is God alive in your life? Does He live within you? Is He present to you in the inner depths of your heart day and night? There is only one thing that would ever cause God to leave you and that is mortal sin...

The Good Fruit of Mercy: Our Lord had a Heart of perfect Mercy for others. It's important to note that His Mercy is not only a general concept; rather, it is lived out in concrete action...

Spiritual Friendship Through Prayer: One powerful channel of the Mercy of God is friendship with another. But friendship can be lived on various levels. Sometimes this bond is based on superficial and unimportant things, and at other times it's deeply grounded in our Lord...

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