

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH

98 YEARS OF WITNESSING AND SHARING THE CATHOLIC FAITH

December 3rd, 2023



A PRAYER FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

God of light and life, give us hope as we wait for your coming again. When we are tempted to be grateful to have found you while others are lost, send us out into the darkness in search of those who need you the most.

Amen

The first who needs to be evangelized are us: we Christians. And this is very important. Immersed in today's fast-pace and confused environment, we too indeed may find ourselves living our faith with a subtle sense of renunciation, persuaded that the Gospel is no longer heard and no longer worth striving to proclaim. We might even be tempted by the idea of letting "others" go their own way."

- Pope Francis

Sunday Mass Schedules

SATURDAY | 5:30 PM (ANTICIPATED MASS)

SUNDAY | 9:30 AM

Daily Masses

MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY,
FRIDAY & SATURDAY | 9:30 AM

WEDNESDAY | 7:00 PM

Pastor:

Rev. Fr. Nicolas Tumbelaka

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604.390.4139 or 604.323.6421

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<https://stjosephsquamish.com>

Facebook Account:

St. Joseph's Parish
Garibaldi Highlands

Holy Rosary: 30 minutes before each Mass, except on Wednesday at 6:00 pm (*St. Joseph's Rosary*), 6:30 pm (*Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help*), 7:00 pm (*Mass*)

Eucharistic Adoration: Friday from 10:00am to 11:00am

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 6 months prior to your desire date

Anointing of the Sick: Please contact the office at 604.390.4139 or 604.323.6421

Funerals: To make funeral arrangements, kindly call the parish office at 604.390.4139 or 604.323.6421

Mass Intentions / Blessings of Car, House, etc. : For appointments & more information please call the parish office at 604.390.4139 or 604.323.6421

PARISH UPDATES

November 26th

Total Collection : \$2,170

Ordinary Collection: \$1,500

Offering for Christmas Flowers: \$640

Home Missions: \$30

Project Advance 2023

Parish Goal: \$20,000

Archdiocesan Goal: \$10,200

Actual Collection: \$12,018.11

To make giving more convenient, we have set up an online platform:

<https://support.rcav.org/project-advance-2023/>

choose ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH SQUAMISH to donate online.

LIGHT UP FOR CHRIST DINNER

St. Joseph's Parish

2449 The Boulevard, Garibaldi Highlands

Sunday
December 10th
6 in the evening



tickets:
\$25 / adult
\$60 / for a family
of 3 or more



ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH IS IN NEED OF VOLUNTEER SALESPERSONS AT OUR BUSY, CASH ONLY THRIFT STORE.

Hours: 10am - 3pm (or longer if you wish)

You will meet people from all over the world from all walks of life. Visit the store if you're interested or call Vivianne at 604.892.5093 for more information.

HOW CAN YOU HELP THE CHURCH FINANCIALLY?

Bring your refundable beverage containers to the Squamish Bottle Depot at 38927 Queens Way.

Ask them to credit to account number 356, St. Joseph Catholic Church. They will give you a receipt which you'll bring to church when convenient.



REMINDER

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession), in anticipation of Christmas, will be held on Monday, the 11th of December 2023 at 6:30 in the evening.

All parishioners are encouraged to come.

Thank you



"Thank you to all of those who made this year's CWL Christmas Bazaar a resounding success."

"As a result of your support we have raised almost \$3000 that we will give back to our parish and local community. Special thanks to the Knights of Columbus for help with set up and take down, everyone who baked, donated items or contributed to our games, our media ministry for helping with advertising and coverage of the event, and all the CWL members for volunteering their time. A "HO HO HO" shout out to Santa and Mrs. Claus for coming to visit as well! See you all next year."

—Brenda Chelswick



"A huge thank you for the great turnout of support for the pancake breakfast."

"We are looking forward to our next pancake breakfast in January."

—James Ellis



*Hungry for a healthy meal
in Squamish?*

Visit Naked Lunch Express at 1113 Industrial Way. Open Monday to Friday, 7:00am - 2:00pm. Fresh ingredients, sandwiches wraps and soups. Call 604.815.0731 or email nakedlunchexpress@gmail.com to order. Follow us on Instagram @nakedlunchexpress_ for updates. Join us for a delicious and nutritious meal!



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Capture the Magic of the Season in Your Own Home

Are you ready to decorate your house for the Christmas and holiday season? Don't miss the chance to create lasting memories with your loved ones in the comfort and warmth of your own home. Whether it's next to the majestic Christmas tree or in front of the cozy fireplace, we will ensure every shot reflects the magic of the season



During a one-hour session, you can have 10 stunning photos taken for only \$150.00! The first 5 will be offered a 20% discount. Book your session now and let us bring out the best in you and your family during this joyous time of the year. Text 705-977-2526 or email at ujwaljohnsonphotography@gmail.com to book a photo session or for more details.



Haru Fusion Cuisine

Give the Gift of Culinary Joy this Christmas!

This holiday season, spread love and deliciousness with a Haru Fusion Gift Card. Surprise your loved ones with an exquisite journey of flavors that will warm their hearts. Available now for a festive touch to your gift-giving! Visit us at 40022 Government Rd, Squamish or call us at (604) 567 7774.

ADVERTISE WITH US!

Support St. Joseph's Parish and promote your business for a minimum monthly donation of \$25.

Contact the parish office or email parish.sjs@rcav.org.

Thank you for your support!



WOULD YOU LIKE TO SERVE IN OUR PARISH?

You are welcome to join!
If interested, contact the names below:

Knights of Columbus

James Ellis at 604.349.7513

Legion of Mary / RCIA

Vida Giroux at 604.898.3537

Family Life Apostolate

Myrna & Alex Daquiaog at 604.489.9523

Ushers and Lectors

Sheila Hart at 250.945.9731

Catholic Women's League

Brenda Chelswick at 604.838.3557

Altar Server Ministry

Robert Suarez at 236.412.1736

Music Ministry

Rosalie Manapat (Saturday) at 604.567.6702

Margie Salmo (Sunday) at 604.849.0933

Project Advance

Vicky Gaces at 778.970.0097

Media Ministry

Doris Suarez at 236.412.1763



PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THE SICK ESPECIALLY:

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| Cauyong, Fernando | Razzano, Rosa |
| Cauyong, Nita | Splinter, Bob |
| Durig, Fred | Tacugue, Nieves |
| Milia, Domenico | Vanderhor, Bill |
| Milia, Maria | Van Loon, Nell |
| Milia, Rita | Williams, Dinah |
| Nyland, John | Wippich, Joan |

...and all our sick parishioners, benefactors, family members and friends.



ARCHBISHOP MICHAEL MILLER'S MESSAGE FOR ADVENT:



A fellow priest with whom I lived and taught for many years always used to remind us at the beginning of Advent that Christmas “comes at the worst time of year.” We have shopping, writing Christmas greetings, putting up decorations, and endless social gatherings. Although it is supposed to be the season of “waiting” and “preparation,” we are mostly spinning our wheels frantically just trying to keep afloat.

We usually slide by the season and make it into a mini-Christmas. Indeed, Christmas carols have already been serenading us for weeks. The time before Christmas that the Church so carefully puts aside as a special liturgical season is absorbed into the feast that follows.

Even if we lament the so-called “over-commercialization” of Christmas, a point fairly taken, we can still look at Advent as a great blessing for us and even for a seemingly indifferent world. Despite its being ignored or absorbed by Christmas, Advent is still a time when forces of kindness and generosity are mobilized, and we should rejoice at that.

The very fact that people feel something different or special at this time of year is a cause for rejoicing. In the words of then-Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, “Advent’s intention is to awaken the most profound and basic emotional hope within us, namely, the memory of the God who became a child. This is a healing memory; it brings hope. It is the beautiful task of Advent to awaken in all of us memories of goodness and thus to open doors to hope.”

But how should we celebrate Advent? We do so as a four-week preparation for the coming of the Lord. First, at his Second Coming, which is emphasized in the early weeks. Originally, in fact, Advent was held to be primarily a period of getting ready to greet the Lord when he comes in glory at the end of the ages. Second, of course, and what is more to the forefront, is Advent as a preparation for our celebration of the Lord’s Birth at Christmas.

In the fifth century, St. Cyril of Alexandria distinguished the two “comings” of Jesus in this way: In his first coming he was wrapped in swaddling clothes in the manger. In his second coming he is clothed with light as with a garment. In his first coming he bore the cross, despising its shame; he will come a second time in glory accompanied by the hosts of angels. It is not enough for us, then, to be content with his first coming; we must wait in hope of his Second Coming. Dear friends: May this Advent draw you ever closer to the Lord Jesus Christ, anticipating with hope his coming at the close of the ages, and celebrating with joy the staggering and wondrous mystery that the Word was made flesh and was born of the Virgin Mary in Bethlehem.

+ J. Michael Miller, CSB Archbishop of Vancouver

Annual Charity Appeal

Join us for the 62nd Annual Knights of Columbus (BC) Charity Foundation Charity Appeal and stand a chance to win incredible prizes, including a 2023 Toyota RAV4 Hybrid, \$30,000, \$10,000, \$5,000, and \$1,000 in our early bird draws!

Don't miss out—tickets are limited, so secure yours today at KofCCharity.ca. Sales will conclude on December 16th at 8:00 pm

This cherished annual event is more than just a chance to win big; it's an opportunity for our community to come together and make a positive impact.

Your support helps us give back to various beneficiaries, including Hospital Foundations, School PACs, Community Food Banks, Scholarships/Bursaries, Special Olympics, Dioceses in BC for outreach programs, Men's/Women's Shelters, and many others.

HAPPINESS IS



...singing in a choir.

**HOW WOULD YOU LIKE
TO SING IN THE CHOIR
AND SHARE YOUR
TALENT IN THE PARISH?**

Come, you are welcome to join the Music Ministry.