

lying in a manger” and “they made known what had been told them about the child. Mary for her part treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart while “the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all that they has heard and seen, as it had been told the.”

As Isaiah says, “The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light, those who lived in a land of great darkness – on them light has shone.” St. Luke speaks of Jesus as the Light of the Human Race, he notes that he came to his own, and his own people did not accept him, but to all who do he gives the power to become children of God. The ability to have a share in his eternal life.

As we celebrate the birth of the Messiah – God’s entry into history – it is important for us to be humble before him that his life can live in us. That we can have a share in the victory he has come to give us. To make the time to be with the baby Jesus and his mother. To make room for him in our hearts and in our lives, that the love he wants to share with us may be ours. As Mary pondered all that happened in her heart let us join with her in pondering her son.

As a parish community it means dusting off our traditions, but also looking to begin others. Making Jesus present to ourselves and others.

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of myself, Fr. Nevin, Deacon Dan and the parish staff to wish you and your family a blessed Christmas Season and a Happy New Year. May Jesus Christ always be at the heart of who we are and what we do.

Fr. Patrick

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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
irissramsdales@gmail.com

Men’s Mini Retreat: with Fr. Nevin Saturday January 13. Theme : “How to speak with Jesus – A Personal Prayer”. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. For all the men of the parish. Cost \$10. Incl. Coffee, Water, Muffin.ts, payable at the door. If you require more information contact Bob Latta 604-760-5500

Verso L’Alto Young Adults Team: for more information and check out events email:
youngadults@stjosephlangley.com

St. John Brebeuf Regional High School Applications for new students for the 2024-2025 school year are available at the school or parish office, and on our website (www.stjohnbrebeuf.ca). Completed applications for new students are due February 1st, 2024.

St. Catherine’s Elementary School is now accepting Kindergarten Applications for the 2024-2025 school year. Students must be 5 years of age by Dec 31, 2024 to apply. Application deadline Jan 31st, 2024. Please visit our website for information and Application Form:www.stcatherines.ca

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