



Taking Down Church Decorations : Following Sunday 11 am Mass this coming Sunday January 8. - Your help is appreciated again. It would be helpful to know who we can expect to attend therefore please contact Dorothy Miller @ 604 833 1754

Men’s Mini Retreat: with Fr. Nevin Saturday January 13. (following 9 am mass to 12 noon) 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, Muffins, Payable at the door. B.Y.O. Pen and Paper for notes. If you require more information contact Bob Latta 604-760-5500

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

2024 Contribution Envelopes: Please collect your envelopes from the back of the church. They are in alphabetical order. Check your address to ensure it is correct. If your envelopes are missing, contact the parish office.



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Closed for Lunch: 12:30 – 1:30 pm.

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.

January 7, 2024

Feast of the Epiphany

Readings: Isaiah 60:1-6, Psalm 72: 1-2,7-8.10-11, 12-13, Ephesians 3: 2a-3, 5-6 and Matthew 2: 1-12

An epiphany is a manifestation, an experience that puts things in a new light, that gives understanding. If I have an experience that changes my understanding so as to see things differently, it might be said that I have had an epiphany. In the context of the Epiphany of the Lord, Jesus is manifested to the nations. The star signifies that an important person has been born and it draws the wise men from afar to pay him homage.

In our readings from Isaiah the prophet says, “Nations shall come to your light and kings to the brightness of your drawn.” We believe that he is speaking of the restoration of Zion. Recalling the glory of King Solomon he envisions Jerusalem as the focal point of the nations. As Christians we see the vision of a new Jerusalem as the focal point of salvation and the coming of the Messiah as the beginning. Jesus is the light of the world.

Psalm 72 is called a royal psalm. The king is seen as the vicar of God, through him is the promise of justice and peace. It is about divine judgement.

Matthew uses the story of the three wise men to tell us who Jesus is. Born in Bethlehem, the City of David, Jesus hometown is Nazareth making him a Galilean. All the events are guided by the will of God. Matthew places Jesus birth in the time of the reign of Herod the Great (37-4 BC). Wise men from the east who possess astronomical and astrological knowledge. Sometimes they are referred to as kings, but they are of a priestly cast who would have advised kings and interpreted dreams. Their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh were intended for a king.

The star could have been a reference to Haley's Comet that has passed by a few years earlier or a conjunction of Jupiter and Saturn that occurred at that time. Three times Matthew states that the wise men wanted to do this child homage, they weren't just coming to see him. The revelation of the star was imperfect and has to be assisted by biblical knowledge. It is pointed out that a star would not lead them to the child. They had to be assisted by God. The faith of the gentile wise men is contrasted to the cynical cunning of Herod who wanted to destroy Jesus. When they saw the humble conditions of the Holy Family they were overwhelmed and kneeling paid him homage. Then opening their treasure chest they offered their gifts.

In his letter to the Ephesians Paul holds himself out as a steward of God's hidden grace. "The mystery made known to him by revelation." A secret revealed by God to his holy apostles and prophets. Paul is not considering himself holier than others, rather he considers all members of the church to be holy due to a close relationship with God. His more important point is that in Jesus Christ the gentiles have been brought into God's promises to Israel and have the ability to share in the blessings through union with the Messiah.

In the Feast of the Epiphany we celebrate a God who has revealed himself to all people and who is here for all who seek him in faith

Fr. Patrick

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
irisramsdales@gmail.com

Welcome to the Parish: Virginia Namoro, Eileen Namoro, Emi Reen Nmoro, Myriam Pilar Roa, Flavia & Johnson R. Dsouza

R.I.P.: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Rita Humber.

CWL Annual General Meeting: Tuesday January 9 at 7:00 pm.

Happy New Year!

All members of the Catholic Women's League of St. Joseph's Parish are encouraged to come and participate in the upcoming Election of new officers of your Executive Council and Board of Directors. We will also be passing our proposed budget for 2024. Hope to see you all there. Blessings, Marg Rodrigues, President.

Senior's Luncheon: Hosted by the K of C & CWL: Wednesday, January 17.- Doors open 11:00 am. Meal by Chef Kees, after meal join us for BINGO (\$1.00 per card). Cost for the meal is \$10.

Verso L'Alto Young Adults : Interested !!! please email
youngadults@stjosephlangley.com

PREP: START –BACK: Wednesday January 17 and Thursday January 18 6:30 to 7:45 pm. Information contact Kris email prep.stj@gmail.com.

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