

SCHOOL NEWS

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 1.**

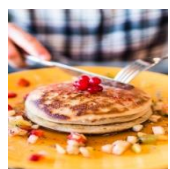
St. Catherine's Elementary School is now accepting Kindergarten Applications for the 2024-2025 school year. Students must be 5 years of age by Dec 31, 2024 to apply. Application **deadline January 31.** Please visit our website for information and Application Form: www.stcatherines.ca

St. Joseph's Church Preschool will begin Preschool registration for the 2024/2025 school year on **Thursday February 1.** If you are interested in enrolling your child, or would like information about our programs, you can check out our website at www.stjosephschurchpreschool.com

Registration forms with updated pricing for the 2024/2025 school year will be available to download off the website on Tuesday January 30. . If you have any further questions, please contact Angela at 604-530-4288

There will be a **Vocation Live-In on the weekend of February 10 -11** at the Seminary of Christ the King in Mission, BC. Anyone wishing to enter the Seminary in the next couple of years is welcome. For more information phone 604-826-8975 or email rector.minors@sck.ca

PREP is in urgent need of a Volunteer Grade 6 Teacher for Thursday evenings 6:30 – 7:45 pm. Please contact Kris prep.stj@gmail.com if you are interested



The Knights of Columbus are once again hosting **pancake breakfast** on Sunday Feb 11 following the 9:00am and 11:00am Mass The benefactor for this fundraiser is Mama Cleos Boys home in Chapala Mexico. It is a home for boys in the area who have been abandoned or abused and need a safe place to live <https://www.mamacleosboys.org>

One of our Brother Knights from Langley is retired in the area and he is involved with fundraising and volunteering to help make a better life for these boys



Calling All Palms: Please bring back blessed palms on or before Sunday February 11 to be burned into ashes for use on Ash Wednesday, February 14



St. Joseph's Catholic Church

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Office Hours: 9:00 am. – 5:00 pm. Mon – Fri
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 28, 2024

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings Deuteronomy 18: 15-20; Psalm 95; 1 Corinthians 7: 32-35; Mark 1: 21 - 28.

Jesus Speaks with Authority and Acts with Power.

In our first reading today the Israelites show fear of the Lord. They do not want him to speak directly to them because he is awesome and powerful. How then will they discern the will of God? The answer is that God will raise up for them a prophet to replace Moses, who will speak in God's name. The prophet's authority would come not from himself or his position. It would be in his ability to speak the word of God. The prophet had to be tested., St. Stephen uses this passage (Dt.18:15) to support his claim that Jesus was the Messiah (Acts 7:37) the new Moses raised up by God.

After Jesus calls his first disciples he finds himself in the synagogue at Capernaum. The people were astounded at his teachings, unlike the scribes he taught with authority. As he teaches he is confronted by a man with an unclean spirit that realizes that Jesus has come to expose and destroy sin and evil. The spirit attempts to control Jesus by calling him by name and recognizing him as "the Holy One of God." Jesus for his part rebukes the spirit and it comes out of the man.

Unclean spirits are evil and mysterious powers hostile to God and they were prevalent in Jesus time. Today we might dismiss them as mental illness, but they were more than that. Yes some people who were seen to have evil spirits were misdiagnosed. The people, however, saw what Jesus was doing and recognized it as a work of power, “He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.”

Making this the first miracle in the Gospel of Mark shows his faith and confidence in Jesus as a teacher and a healer. It is ironic that the response of the ordinary people was very positive, the response of Herod, the scribes and the chief priests would ultimately lead to opposition and the cross. As followers of Jesus we have to realize that our response of the good news was not always as complete as it should be.

Some think that St. Paul has a bad attitude towards sex. This is not true. Paul wanted sex to be in its proper context. What Paul does have is a belief that Jesus’ second coming was imminent. Therefore he has a radically different time line than we do. He was preparing for the end times and the importance of not being caught up in the world. He recognized that marriage was the chosen lifestyle of the majority, but it has obligations inherent in it. Of course husband and wife should be considering the needs of the other along with those of the family. In Paul’s mind to be single is less complicated and can allow one to more fully focus on the demands of the kingdom. Keep in mind that Paul was answering the questions of the Corinthians and would have a slightly different message to us today.

The question we should ask ourselves is do we recognize Jesus as “the Holy One of God” in our own lives and are we prepared to allow him to deal with evil and its intrinsic effects in our own lives and in the world around us? Are we prepared to follow where Jesus leads as he reveals God’s will for us, recognizing his authority and power to bring us to salvation. Paul’s teaching may seem a bit strange to us today, but it’s about radically organizing our lives so that we will have a share in Jesus’ life for all eternity.

Fr. Patrick.



Blessing of Throats: Feast of St. Blaise on Saturday, February 3 following the 9 am Mass

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: Sabina Placewicz, Rhea J. & Randy Marcelino, Ervin & Erika Sermonia, Ginalyn & Bong Agbayani, Tessie & Nemesio Neyra, Rosemary & Luis Macedo

R.I.P.: Please pray for the repose of the souls of Jeanne Powers, Wynn Mahoney, Giovanni Ciulla.

Baptism Preparation Class: Tuesday January 30, 7 pm for parents wanting their babies baptized. Call the parish to register. 604-534-3303

Youth Ministry : Lifeteen- and Edge For more information please contact Analiza:
youth@stjosephlangley.com

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

Women’s Evening of Worship and Eucharistic Adoration: “Restore” starting back Monthly Gatherings, Monday, February 26. 7 pm in the Church. Open to women of all ages and stages!! For more information or to volunteer please contact Tiffany 604-209-8269 or tiffany.valle.anaya@gmail.com

FORMED.ORG: The Catholic Faith On Demand. Free videos, Movies, Audio Book and eBooks streamed right to your electronic devices. Inspirational, Educational, and Entertaining for all ages. **Movie of the week “ Saint John Bosco: Mission to Love”** Register at www.formed.org For further questions contact the parish office.

Employment Opportunity: Advocate Life & Education Services Society, is searching for an experienced and compassionate individual for the Director of Pregnancy Care Services position, working out of their head office in Abbotsford, B.C. Starting Date: Early April 2024 (with possible training earlier) Hours: Full-Time, 30-40 hours per week Salary: \$70,000 - \$85,000 (Commensurate with experience) Status: Full Time Management Employee. If interested send resume and cover letter to marie@advokate.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.