

Saint Joseph's Catholic Church

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2nd Sunday of Easter: Divine Mercy Sunday

I do not seek the death of the sinner, but their salvation (Ez. 18:23). I did not come into the world to condemn the world, but to save it (Jn. 3:17). "I came to seek and save what was lost (Lk 19:10).

I do not seek the death of the sinner, but their salvation (Ez. 18:23). How many of us could really say this? How many of us have recently prayed this prayer: "Heavenly Father, I want you to bless my enemy with strength. I want to see him/her healed, cured, loved, changed and made whole again." The Lord prayed it! And He prayed this for me! At times I forget this truth. If I am a better man today, it is because of the Lord, and because of the many earthly souls that are praying for me. I know it. But how many of us are praying for the one who has hurt us? Or are we doing everything in our power for their destruction? Do we make sarcastic comments and send them hurtful e-mails and spiteful letters? Do we spread vicious rumors about them because we love to hurt? Oh, the irony! Can we not leave them alone for good; to do good? Must we constantly stab them in their back by perpetuating the negative? Do we realize the pain we have caused our Lord and them? Hardly. We only use our eyes to look out, and never to look in.

Today is Divine Mercy Sunday. Today is the day the Father has made to forgive, and for us as well.

I did not come into the world to condemn the world, but to save it (Jn. 3:17 in the words of Pope Francis, "...humanity is wounded, deeply wounded. Either it does not know how to cure its wounds or it believes it's not possible to cure them... Humanity needs mercy and compassion. (The Name of God is mercy, p 13-14)

Thomas, one of the Twelve, had been absent when the Lord first appeared to the Apostles. He felt left out. And he had every good reason to feel this way. Does the Lord not know everything? Did He not know that Thomas was missing? Does the Lord not have better timing? Could he have not appeared at a better moment, let's say, when all the Apostles were gathered together? Why did the Lord put Thomas to the test? St. Peter reminds us of the answer, "*We rejoice, but for a little while you may have to suffer through various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith may prove to be for praise, glory, and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.*" (1Pt 1:3-9)

Thomas suffered greatly from the Lord's absence. But only momentarily, for the Lord appeared to Thomas and just *for him*. His words are a reminder of how we should always live our lives: "*Peace be with you.*" Yes, Peace be in your heart; peace be on your mind; peace with your neighbor; and peace between *you* and our Heavenly Father. The Lord did not have to explain himself. He simply appeared. He didn't have to, but he did. The Lord's appearance (in our lives) is synonymous to his Divine Mercy.

We celebrate today the 2nd Sunday of Easter. You will find the readings for the mass on page 350 in the Blue missal in the pews.

Pastor:	Fr. Lawrence Donnelly	Secretary:	Pat Wright
Assistant Pastor:	Fr. Jude Onwana	Bookkeeper:	Trina Tang
Deacon:	Dan Ritchie	Catechism Coordinator:	Kris Blair
Music Coordinator:	Arthur Medina	Youth Coordinator:	Daniel Wack

Office Hours: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Mon – Fri Closed for Lunch: 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.

SACRAMENTS

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 8:00 p.m.
Spanish Mass (1st Sunday of the Month) 5:30 p.m.
Children's Liturgy of the Word during the 11:00 a.m. Mass

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday to Friday: 8:00 a.m.
Friday Evening 7:00 p.m.
Saturday and Holidays 9:00 a.m.

CONFESSIONS

30 MINUTES PRIOR to Sunday Mass:
8:30 AM, 10:30 AM and 7:30 PM.
Saturday 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. and 30 minutes before the weekday Masses.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Fridays 8:45 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Mon – Thurs. 8:45 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
Saturday 9:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

MARRIAGES

Six months' notice is normally required. Archdiocesan marriage preparation is mandatory.

BAPTISMS

Must attend the monthly Baptism Preparation Class. Call Parish office to register

WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH.

Contact: Adrian Fengler: faithjourney.saintjosephs@gmail.com

SCHOOLS:

ST. CATHERINE'S ELEMENTARY

20244 – 32nd Avenue
Langley, BC V2Z 2E1
Phone: 604-534-6564
School Fax: 604-534-4871
Principal: Jeff Brophy
www.stcatherines.ca modonnell@stcatherines.ca

ST. JOSEPH'S PRESCHOOL

20244 – 32nd Avenue
Langley, BC V2Z 2E1
Phone: 604-530-4288
www.stjosephschurchpreschool.com

ST. JOHN BREBEUF REGIONAL SECONDARY

2747 Townline Road, Abbotsford, BC V2T 5E1
1-604-855-0571 www.stjohnbrebeuf.ca
Principal: Mr. Gianni Bittante

HOLY CROSS REGIONAL SECONDARY

16193 – 88th Avenue, Surrey, BC V4N 1G3
604-581-3023 www.holycross.bc.ca
Principal: Mr. Chris Blesch

ST. JOSEPH'S HOMESCHOOLERS' CHOIR

Contact: 778-233-4049

MASS ANTIPHONS FOR DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Isaiah 58.9 Psalm 98



RESPONSORIAL PSALM ANTIPHON Psalm 118



COMMUNION ANTIPHON Psalm 16



April 8, 2018

WELCOME TO ST. JOSEPH'S

Join us for Pancake Breakfast in the Parish hall after the 9 a.m. & 11 a.m. masses By Donation. Hosted by our Youth Ministry

Spanish Mass : 5:30 p.m. April 8

CWL Meeting: Tuesday April 10., 7 p.m. Guest Speaker, Paul Vance, Pharmacist, will speak on Pharmaceuticals. All ladies of the parish welcome.

Knights of Columbus General Meeting: Tuesday April 10, 7 p.m.

Baptism Preparation Class: 7:00 pm April 10 for parents wanting their babies baptized. Call the parish office to register.

The Couples for Christ (CFC) Christian Life Program, (Saturdays) from 1:30 - 4:00pm. In the parish hall. Information contact Romano 778-800-0142

PARISH NEWS

Recently Baptized: Maddie Alviar, Autumn Cheng, Johnbriex Sy.

Faith & Light Group (Support for people who are intellectually or physically challenged and their families) Monthly meeting 2 - 4 p.m. Saturday April 14 in the Church lounge.

St. Elizabeth Group: (for widow/widowers) next meeting Saturday April 14, 2 p.m. in the parish hall. All widow/widowers of our parish are invited. Please contact Moe Tremblay 604-530-3803 or just attend.

Second Quarter, a group for those in their "second quarter" (after undergraduate, before middle age!). For more info, email David at sj2ndquarter@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.

For further questions contact the parish office at: parish.ajl@rcav.org

Estate & Memorial Planning Workshop:

Presentation by the Archdiocese of Vancouver Catholic Cemeteries. Tuesday April 17, 7:00 pm in the parish hall. Let us help you deal with matters you may not have thought about before; gather your thoughts before you write your Will or prepare to update your Will. Learn about how to donate to the Church in your Will. Learn about the beauty of the funeral rites and how to formulate Pre-Need arrangements. There will be FREE guides and loads of practical advice. No investment services or insurance promoted or sold. Please register at rcav.org/events so that we know how many kits we need to prepare.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE INFO NIGHT: Meet the tour director and hear about the upcoming January 2019 "Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus" Holy Land Pilgrimage with Fr. Lawrence Donnelly and St. Joseph's Parish in Langley. **There will be a short presentation with Q & A. Join us** in the parish hall after the 5 pm Mass at **St. Joseph's on Saturday, April 21.** Questions please contact: John or Natalie/www.oc-travel.com/info@oc-travel.com/ 1-800-675-9088.

Volunteer Administrative Assistant: The **Prison Ministry** requires an administration support person who will assist in promotional events, screening of persons interested in volunteering for prison work, scheduling of volunteers and other administrative duties. This does not involve going into the prisons. Please contact Don Adams at adamsmgmt@shaw.ca or at 604 534-6060.

YOUTH EVENTS

Edge: Wood - Gr 6/7

Edge returns Friday, April 20th! Come out for an evening of games, snacks, and Jesus!!! Also bring a friend! It'll be at the Parish Hall from 7 - 9 pm!!

Life Teen: Spring Retreat - Gr 8-12

Life Teen is having our weekend retreat April 27th-29th at the parish! It's going to be a fantastic weekend! For more details or to register, please email saintjosephs.youthmin@gmail.com

Life Teen: Easter Dance - Gr 8-12

Come celebrate the Resurrection with our Easter Dance!!! This year the Easter Dance is taking place Apr. 22nd in the parish hall from 7 - 9:30! So be sure to save the date!!!

Revival

Apr 15th all are welcome to come and spend an hour with Jesus in Adoration from 6.45 - 7.45! There will also be an opportunity for Confession!! We'd love to see you!

Learn more and sign up for updates tjlangley.rcav.org/youth

SCHOOLS

St. Catherine's School- Walkathon:

Students will be collecting pledges after masses April 14/15. Please help support this fundraiser. Students will be walking 5/10km on April 20 to support their school. Thank you

St. James and St. Ann's School would like to invite you to their upcoming performance of **Beauty and the Beast.**

Wednesday Afternoon, April 18th at 12:30 pm. Grandparents are invited to attend a tea that will begin at 11:45 am on Wednesday RSVP for the Grandparents Tea at office@stjameselementary.ca and Thursday Evening April 19th @ 7pm. Tickets are by donation and can be picked up at the school office or at the door, however seating is limited. All of the proceeds will go to support future musicals in our school. We look forward to see you there.

St. John Brebeuf High School:

You are invited to the 25th Anniversary Gala Dinner for St. John Brebeuf High School. Saturday, April 28 at 6:00pm. There will be a fabulous dinner, live band, live and silent auction and more! Come and celebrate with us. \$40/person or \$20/alumni or former staff members. Tickets are available on line at www.stjohnbrebeuf.ca/store or call 604-855-0571.

SJB Players present Cyrano de Bergerac! Come and watch St. John Brebeuf High School's full dramatic production of this famous play featuring the Parisian

poet and swashbuckler with a large nose and an even larger heart. Three shows: Thursday, May 3 at 11:00am and 7:00pm and Friday, May 4 at 7:00pm. Tickets are available on line at www.stjohnbrebeuf.ca/store or at the school office at 604-855-0571.

St. John Paul II Academy is happy to announce they are continuing to accept applicants for Gr. 8 for the 2018-19 school year. As there are a limited number of spaces available, all student applications must be completed and returned to Mr. Michel DesLauriers, Principal, 4885 St. John Paul II Way, Vancouver, BC, V5Z 0G3. You can find the Application Form and more information about tuition and financial assistance on the school website: www.sjp2academy.com/admissions/ T: 604. 683. 9331 E: mdeslauriers@cisva.bc.ca

St. Mary's School (Chilliwack)

cordially invites former students, staff, priests and families to attend our 70th Anniversary celebration May 19th and 20th, 2018 Contact Pat Symes @ 604-792-7715 or email: psymes@stmaryschoolchwk.com for more information

OTHER NEWS

NET Canada a Catholic missionary organization that "Challenges young Catholics to love Christ and embrace the life of the Church." We are currently looking for generous people to take 2-4 of the missionaries into their home for a period of 1-2 weeks until the end of May. Please contact Mickenzie Kinahan if you would like to host or if you have any questions at (403)715-7983. Or Mickenzie@netcanada.ca

Maintenance & Ground Worker (Casual – Part-Time) The Archdiocese of Vancouver is looking for a Maintenance & Ground worker to provide casual part-time labour on a property in the Bradner area of Abbotsford. Duties will include light maintenance work such as: mowing; weeding; fence repairs; machine service; minor mechanical maintenance. The ideal candidate will have previous experience in maintaining an agricultural facility and has a flexible schedule. Please submit resume and covering letter (outlining availability) with "Maintenance & Grounds Worker Application" in the subject line to: Human Resources Office, RomanCatholic Archdiocese of Vancouver email: humanresources@rcav.org

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend April 28-29, JPPII Pastoral Centre (Non-residential) Marriage Encounter is designed to deepen and enrich the joys a couple shares together whether they have been married a short time or many years. For more information or to register, contact; Steve & Mary Bohnen – 604 876-7298 or www.vancouverbc@gmail.com or wwme.org