

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	Sept 15	Our Lady Of Sorrows
	9:00 am	INT: Rose Gielly
Tuesday	Sept 16	St. Cornelius & St. Cyprian
	7:00 pm	INT: Joseph Slacik
Wed.	Sept 17	St. Robert Bellamine
	8:00 am	RIP: Robert Foo
Thursday	Sept 18	Ordinary Time
	8:00 am	RIP: Dennis Parker
Friday	Sept 19	St. Januarius
	9:00 am	INT: John Rochar
Saturday	Sept 20	St. Andrew Kim Tae-Gon, Paul Chong Ha-Sang & Companions
	5:30 pm	Heinz Hauerland

The complete Mass time schedule is listed on the front page.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please pray for the sick of our Parish particularly: Maria Socorro Salgado, Don Rowe, Irene Munro, Joseph Slacik, Andrew Chew, Bill Van Eldik, Teresita Drexler, Suzanne Dubeau, Irene Hanson Monnie, Matt Essman, Carol Berry, Cecilia Obcena, Art Samson, Ed Chang Thomas Chlebak, Sarah Gielly, Wendy Castro, Chloe Castro and Liam Weeks.



ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH GROUPS

Altar Servers:	Parish Office	604 461-1369
Abp. Carney School Rep:	Mark Pan	604 460-6009
Bible/Prayer Group:	Jocelyn Rochar	604 469-0713
Choirs: Youth/10 am:	Jeff Cabralda	604 812-3178
Saturday Evening:	Kathlyn Gan	604 461-1369
Sunday 12 noon:	Ed Robles	604 838-3628
CWL:	Louanne Richards	778-712-0890
Fundraising Committee:	Erica Penner	604-722-3604
Knights of Columbus:	Mark Pan	604-782-9612
Lectors:	Erica Penner	604-722-3604
Legion Of Mary:	Norma Reyes	778 285-8721
Pro-Life:	Terry O'Neill	604 464-5679
RCIA /SSVP & Youth Group	Parish Office	604 461-1369

PROJECT ADVANCE 2014

Thank you to the **210** families in our parish that have participated in Project Advance. We have now surpassed our \$27,000 diocesan goal!!! Gifts to date total **\$38,623**. Funds received, from now on will be returned to the parish and used for our future building project. **Your participation and support counts and all gifts matter.** Brochure / pledge forms can be found in the church vestibule. You can either submit your pledge card in the collection, mail to the parish office or give online at www.rcav.org/giving. Please consider prayerfully how you will participate in Project Advance.



PREP Classes begin Tuesday, September 16 at 3:45pm & Wednesday, September 17 at 3:45pm and 6:45pm.

'Children Liturgy of the Word' Resumes

For children ages 4 - 9 every Sunday at the 10am Mass

INTRODUCTION TO THE FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS:

The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross celebrates three historical events: the finding of the True Cross by Saint Helena, the mother of the emperor Constantine; the dedication of churches built by Constantine on the site of the Holy Sepulchre and Mount Calvary; and the restoration of the True Cross to Jerusalem by the emperor Heraclius II. But in a deeper sense, the feast also celebrates the Holy Cross as the instrument of our salvation. This instrument of torture, designed to degrade the worst of criminals, became the life-giving tree that reversed Adam's Original Sin when he ate from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil in the Garden of Eden.



SIGN OF THE CROSS

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Since we make the Sign of the Cross before and after our prayers, many Catholics don't realize that the Sign of the Cross is a prayer itself. It should be said with reverence; we shouldn't rush through it on the way to the next prayer.

Using your right hand, you should touch your forehead at the mention of the Father; the lower middle of your chest at the mention of the Son; and the left shoulder on the word "Holy" and the right shoulder on the word "Spirit."

PARISH ANNUAL PICNIC

Once again our annual parish picnic was a very successful event. Many thanks to all the parishioners that helped to organize the food, equipment set up and many other things to make last Sunday's picnic so much fun.

Notable help came from members of the Knights of Columbus and the CWL. Our parish solidarity as a community of faith at St. Joseph's is always evident at events like the picnic last Sunday.



The evening of Monday, November 10, 2014

A very exciting event and celebration is being planned within our Parishes. Stay tuned for further announcements and details of this very special event.

(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)



The program takes place every **Tuesday at 7:00pm starting September 23rd**. Primarily RCIA is for those seeking to become Catholic, or those seeking full communion with the Catholic Church. Also, it is for the adult Catholics who are not yet confirmed.

In general, the Church asks that those seeking the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony be confirmed first. The invitation is also extended to all who would like to deepen their understanding of their Faith; who would like to refresh their knowledge of the Church. For more information please call the parish office.

CANTONESE BIBLE STUDIES

Starting September 24 until October 30 for six Thursday evening, Fr. Au will be leading a Cantonese speaking Bible Studies at the parish starting at 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. Please let others know of this unique opportunity.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



In today's Gospel, Jesus, referring to himself, says that God did not send His Son to condemn the world, but to save it. If we believe in Jesus Christ and what He did for us by dying on the cross we may have eternal life.

Next Meeting: October meeting date changed to Friday, October 10 at 12 Noon.

THANKSGIVING FOOD HAMPERS

On October 11th we will deliver approximately 25 food hampers to our needy neighbors. Please help us do God's work by donating much needed non-perishable food items for our hampers. Donations can be left in the vestibule of the church. Suggestions: Canned Foods, Pasta, Pasta Sauce, 1L Tetra Pk Juice, Cereal, Pancake Mix, Jam, Peanut Butter, Tea, Coffee, Cookies, Crackers or any other non-perishables you wish to donate will be appreciated. Thank you.

REMINDER: There is a second collection today for the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul. Thank you in advance for your donation. We ask that you please make your **cheque payable to the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul or SSVP**. We now have a Revenue Canada Taxation Charity Number and will issue you a receipt in March 2015 for the 2014 taxation year.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

ALL LADIES IN THE PARISH! Please mark your calendar:



September 23, 7pm in the portable. General meeting: new plans for the New Year, new ideas for entertainment and fun. We need everybody's help. See you there, and you can bring a friend.

CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAM (CLP)

The Couples for Christ - Handmaids of the Lord will host a Christian Life Program (CLP) at St. Joseph parish portable starting on **Sept. 19, Friday at 6:30 pm** The program is a series of sessions about Basic Christianity, the Authentic Christian Life, and Living a Spirit- Filled Christian Life. The program is FREE and open to all mature women. For details, pls. contact Myrna Chua 778-772-7268 or Vilma Lacasandile 778-867-7618.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC CONFERENCE

'BE HEALED 'with Father Richard McAlear, OMI, and Archbishop J. Michael Miller, CSB. Father McAlear, a long-time member of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal, has been in the healing ministry since 1976. Friday, Sept. 19, from 7-9:30pm and Saturday, Sept. 20, from 10am-8:30pm, St. Matthew's Church, Surrey. Concluding Mass on Saturday at 7pm. Tickets \$10. Contact Lennie at 604-597-8227 or www.vccrs.ca or parish office.



ARCHBISHOP CARNEY GARAGE SALE

The October 25th & 26th sale is one of Tri-Cities largest, featuring great bargains, bake sale, silent auction and great food. We need your help! We need your gently loved items to support one of the school's most vital fundraising community events. Drop off your items at the school on **Saturdays** between **September 13th and October 18th from 9:30 to 1:30pm**. For furniture pick-ups, contact ppgaragesale@acrss.org. Please spread the word. We welcome household items, tools, books, infant and child items, clothing, sports and recreational items, entertainment, decorations, and furniture. Sorry, no mattresses, sofa-beds, old TVs, CRT monitors, printers, fax machines, VCRs or computers (flat screen welcome).



Revisiting RCIA –

Spiritual and Moral Formation of a Catholic soul

Starting Wednesday September 24 and most Wednesdays afterward, Fr. Au will share with the faithful a series of Catholic topics, e.g., God's Identity, true liturgical worship, spiritual perfection, moral dilemma, bioethics, virtues and vices, Marian devotions, etc. The range of topics are modelled after the RCIA. Therefore, it is especially ideal for those who had already gone through RCIA and had been baptized, or those who are knowledgeable about the faith and want to explore deeper elements of the Catholic faith. The meeting will be at the Rectory. All are welcome.

Family Bible Sharing

Starting Sunday, September 21 on the Feast of St. Matthew until October 26, Fr. Au will be starting an English speaking Bible Studies every Sunday at a parishioner's home. This is an introductory course on understanding the Sacred Scriptures. Therefore, we will cover the Divine Inspiration with the sacred writer, the inerrancy of the Word of God, how we get the four Gospels, etc. Coming to know the Word of God is made easier by dropping in a family home. "Drop In" is taken to another level! Please contact the parish for the exact location. We will meet at 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

World Youth Day General Meeting

Every Third Saturday of the month, the young people who are going to World Youth Day or any young people (15 - 30) of the parish are welcome to join us to pray and meet at the parish Church and hall after the Saturday's Anticipated Holy Mass, i.e., around 7 p.m. Even if you are not going to the World Youth Day in Krakow 2016, you are still welcome to drop in for fellowship and spiritual formation.

ED ROBLES: Choir Director for Sunday's 12 Noon Mass



It was in 1997 when I and my family joined St. Joseph's Parish. Not long thereafter, I was asked to form a choir for the Sunday Noon Mass. To enhance my self-learned guitar playing and knowledge in music, I joined the Saturday choir.

In the process, we forged friendship with the choir members and our kids, Miguel, Rowell and Camille too, with their children. Such friendships are gifts that last to this date.

Eventually, the Sunday noon choir was formed with members from our household with Couples for Christ. Some members of the Saturday choir assisted and joined us in the first few months to give us the much needed support. Since then, members have come and gone and new ones joined.

In 2003, my family and I left for the Philippines. In 2011, we re-joined the choir after being away for a few years. The call to serve in the choir has always been a part of me. Returning to the Philippines in 2003, Beth and I found ourselves in a choir serving at St. Peregrine Chapel for its Saturday Mass. Incidentally, it was through music that I met my wife, Beth, as both of us were members of the Campus Ministry at De La Salle University (DLSU) in Manila. Part of our ministry was to assist in the Mass where I played the guitar. I finished Business Management and earned my Master of Business Administration degree from DLSU.

I've been in the banking industry for most of my professional life, both in the Philippines and here in Canada where I also had a chance to work with Canada Trust and Westminster Savings. Currently, I am once again in the financial services industry as Branch Manager of CS Financial.

I believe that singing is twice praying so I invite everyone to join us. It's a small way of thanking God for His many wonderful blessings.