

## THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	<b>Sept 8</b>	<b>Nativity Of The Blessed Virgin Mary</b>	9:00 am Thanksgiving to our Blessed Mother Mary
Tuesday	<b>Sept 9</b>	<b>St. Peter Claver</b>	7:00 pm INT: Sarah Patten
Wed.	<b>Sept 10</b>	<b>Ordinary Time</b>	8:00 am RIP: Eleonor Uy
Thursday	<b>Sept 11</b>	<b>Ordinary Time</b>	8:00 am Thanksgiving to St. Anthony
Friday	<b>Sept 12</b>	<b>The Most Holy Name of Mary</b>	9:00 am RIP: Floyd Morin
Saturday	<b>Sept 13</b>	<b>St. John Chrysostom</b>	5:30 pm Mr. & Mrs M. Tang Ying Yuer

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

## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please pray for the sick of our Parish particularly: 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 Gielty, Wendy Castro, Chloe Castro and Liam Weeks. *For prayer request and updates please call the parish office. Names will be listed for three months unless notified.*



## 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 Rochard	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 **206** families in our parish that have participated in Project Advance. We have now surpassed our \$27,000 diocesan goal!!! Gifts to date total **\$37,123**. 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](http://www.rcav.org/giving). Please consider prayerfully how you will participate in Project Advance



## WORLD YOUTH DAY BOTTLE DRIVE!

St. Joseph's WYD group is continuing their fundraising efforts with a bottle drive. Please support them by dropping off your bagged **Redeemable Bottles and Cans** at the side door of the rectory when you come to Mass. THANKS!

## Backtalk from the mirror

Much has been said over the centuries about "the cost of discipleship." It's not easy being a follower of Jesus Christ. It doesn't come "cheap." Sometimes the hardest task Jesus calls us to is looking in the mirror of our souls. We may not always like what we hear back from the mirror of our faith. Often, we need to be forced to look at ourselves, to take stock of where we are, and who we are. Questioning our commitment may cost tears of pain, humiliation and remorse. But when we willingly pay this "price", we are strengthened in our witness and we learn again that Christ is with us no matter what we have to face.



## September 12~ 9am Mass The Most Holy Name of Mary

On this day dedicated to the Holy Name of Mary let us repeat that wonderful prayer of Saint Bernard, responding to Pope Benedict XVI's invitation to "invite everyone to become a trusting child before Mary, even as the Son of God did. Saint Bernard says, and we say with him: 'Look to the star of the sea, call upon Mary ... in danger, in distress, in doubt, think of Mary, call upon Mary. May her name never be far from your lips, or far from your heart ... If you follow her, you will not stray; if you pray to her, you will not despair; if you turn your thoughts to her, you will not err. If she holds you, you will not fall; if she protects you, you need not fear; if she is your guide, you will not tire; if she is gracious to you, you will surely reach your destination'"



**St. Joseph's Annual Parish Picnic**  
at Rocky Point Park is **TODAY**  
Sunday, Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> 12 noon- 4 pm

## 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.

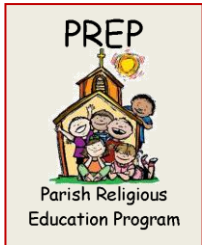


## Praying for peace in the Holy Land



Thank you for your generous donations for the Christians in the Holy Land due to the current conflict. To date, our parish will be sending over three thousand directly to the Patriarch of Jerusalem. There is still time if you missed the Second Collection on August 17<sup>th</sup> just drop by the office this week with your donation.

A special **thank you** to **Helen Tam** for hosting the Origami Workshop last Saturday morning for our parish. The class was full and flowers were flourishing. Check out the event pictures on St. Joseph's website.



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

\* New and returning registrations will be accepted again on Saturday Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-3:30pm in the PREP office.

\* Mandatory parent meeting on Wednesday September 10<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the church.

\* PREP Teachers Meeting on Monday September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm in the upper room of the church.

### (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)



The program takes place every **Tuesday at 7:30pm starting September 23<sup>rd</sup>**. 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 604 461-1369.

### SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

In today's Gospel Jesus says: "where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." If there is a family you know who needs assistance, please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we help them to know that indeed "God is in the midst of them."

This is the last week for the collection of used eye glasses for distribution to the Third World Eye Care Society. Any used eye glasses you, your family, friends or neighbors have to donate will be greatly appreciated. There is a drop off container in the vestibule. Thank you for your donations.

**Starting next week we will be collecting non perishable food items** to be distributed to needy families for Thanksgiving. Please leave your donations in the vestibule. Thank you and God bless you all.

Next Meeting: **Thursday September 11, 2014 at 7pm.**

**REMINDER** On September 14, there is a second collection 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.

### RAFFLE TICKET SALES

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul will be selling raffle tickets after today's Masses. Tickets are \$2.00 each or \$20.00 for a book of 10. Grand Prize: **\$1000**. two (2) Consolation Prizes of **\$100**. each. Draw date is Saturday, September 27, 2014. All funds go to the SSVp Outreach Program to assist the poor. Please help us raise funds to continue our Outreach Program and fulfill the **Corporal Works of Mercy:**

- \* To feed the hungry; To give drink to the thirsty;
- \* To clothe the naked; etc. Thank You For Your Generosity

### ED ROBLES: Choir Director for Sunday's Twelve 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.

### ARCHBISHOP CARNEY GARAGE SALE

The October 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> 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 13 and October 18 from 9:30 to 1:30pm**. For furniture pick-ups, contact [ppgaragesale@acrss.org](mailto: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).



### ANNUAL CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC CONFERENCE

**'BE HEALED'** with Father Richard McAlear, OMI, and Archbishop J. Michael Miller, CSB. Fr 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 & Saturday, Sept. 20, from 10am-8:30pm, St. Matthew's Church, Surrey. Concluding Mass on Saturday at 7pm. Tickets \$10. [www.vccrs.ca](http://www.vccrs.ca) Lennie 604-597-8227 or call the parish office.

**Would You Like To Donate Towards Something Beautiful For The House Of God?** St. Joseph's is accepting donations for two new large wooden statues; the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Joseph for our sanctuary to bring the sacral nature of the Divine Mysteries that we are celebrating at every Holy Mass. Should you be interested in donating toward this cause, please contact the parish office. Thank you so much in advance.