

Mass Intentions for This Week

- Sept. 11 **Monday** **Weekday in Ordinary Time**
9:00 am RIP: Fred Ransom
- Sept. 12 **Tuesday** **Most Holy Name of Mary**
7:00 pm RIP: Yolanda Nicasio
- Sept. 13 **Wed.** **St. John Chrysostom**
9:00 am RIP: Magdalene O'Reilly
- Sept. 14 **Thursday** **The Exaltation of the Holy Cross**
9:00 am RIP: Dian Peterson
- Sept. 15 **Friday** **Our Lady of Sorrows**
9:00 am RIP: Yolanda Nicasio
- Sept. 16 **Saturday** **St. Cornelius & St. Cyprian**
9:00 am INT: Fr. Joseph Lee
5:30 pm RIP: Suzanne Dubeau
- Sept. 17 **Sunday** **24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
9:00 am INT: Fr. Thomas Arackal, IMS
11:00 am INT: Bien & Francisca Suarez

The complete Mass time schedule is listed on the front page

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK



Please pray for the sick of our Parish particularly: Ed Arce, Jim O'Donnell, Victor Peterson, Sharon Chila, Helen Mair, Ester Hernandez, Paul Cummings, Els Roosen, Andrew Chew, Don Rowe, Vanessa Miller, Annie Hughes, Joseph Slacik, Art Samson, Teresita Drexler, Cecilia Obcena, Bill Van Eldik, Donna Hicks, Kristen Cummings, Cesar Castro, Wendy Castro, Marlene Brakel, Liam Week, Carol Berry, Sarah Gielty, Ann Lum Min, Ron & Louise Meranger, Mary Chandler, Brian Smith, Shirley Hutton & Gabriel Sanchez.

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH GROUPS

Abp. Carney School Rep:	Mark Pan	604-782-9612
Bible/Prayer Group:	Jocelyn Rochard	604 469-0713
Choirs	Jeff Cabralda	604 812-3178
CWL:	Valerie Lovato	778-984-6580
Knights of Columbus:	Ernie Alcalá	604-505-8785
Legion of Mary:	Tessi Magsisi	604 315-5625
Lectors:	Erica Penner	604-722-3604
Pro-Life:	Terry O'Neill	604 464-5679
RCIA:	Mark Norbury	604 695-7421
SSVP:	Parish Office	604 461-1369



Come and support the Rosary rally and show your love for Our Lady – a public witness to the Faith. Join us on **Saturday, September 16, from 10-11 am** at the Vancouver Art Gallery, South Plaza. For more information please contact David Pearce at davidnoelpearce@hotmail.com

The promised presence

Our Lord once said that where two or three gathered in his name, He would be present. That was Christ's unequivocal promise. Think, if you will, of the implications of that wonderful promise. When we gather for worship we can count on the fact that Christ is here and moving among us. It could well be true that if we acknowledge His blessed presence we could say with a saint of old, "I hear His whisper in my heart." Imagine the joy that would be ours, the soul satisfaction we would have, if we simply anticipated and accepted the presence of the Savior. Let us therefore expect Christ to be in our midst. And let this prayer be in our hearts:



O living Christ, make us conscious now of Thy healing nearness. Touch our eyes that we may see Thee; open our ears that we may hear Thy voice; enter our hearts that we may know Thy love. Amen.

Triumph of the Cross

Throughout the centuries, trees have been used as symbols for many things: stability, shelter, longevity, beauty, even faith! But the most enduring symbol the tree provides is now our Savior crucified! Thus a simple tree transformed to the Cross has become a symbol of Christianity. As believers and children of God, when we gaze upon the Cross, we are moved to joy; for we remember the love that it bore. We feel united with every other soul that gazes on the Holy Tree with devotion.



How fortunate then that today we find echoes of the cross at every step of our daily path. Consider that unavoidable invention: the telephone pole. Here another tree is formed into a cross. The many lines attached to it instantly connect all the peoples of this earth, just as Christ connects His family here on earth. How wonderful it is to be able to recognize Christ in such an ordinary object! Next time you walk along the street and look upon a telephone pole, think of the Cross of our Lord! Ponder His wondrous sacrifice and thank Him for your life, for His love, and for that most Holy Tree!

Parish Picnic
2:15 p.m. Sunday,
September 10, 2017

It's an International Day of JOY & FELLOWSHIP!
Best in National Costume 🎭
Parish Got Talent 🎭
International Food 🍴
Door Prizes 🎁 **Entertainment** 🎪

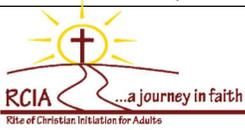
September 3 Weekly Collection	\$ 3,408.75
Building Fund Collection	860.00
Project Advance: We have received 97 gifts =	\$36,575.

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE



Join your sisters in Christ on Sunday **September 24th at 1:30 pm** for our monthly meeting of action, community and prayer. All women of the parish 16 and over are encouraged to attend. New members always welcome.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)



The program begins **October 31,** and takes place every **Tuesday at 7:40 pm.** 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 the Faith; who would like to refresh their knowledge of the Church. For more information please call the parish office.

PROJECT ADVANCE 2017 Live gratefully, give generously.

"You, son of man, I have appointed watchman for the house of Israel." - Ezekiel 33:7

Many of us are generous with our gifts. However, how often is our generosity at the minimum level required? We do just enough or give just enough. Remember, the Lord calls us to be generous with all the gifts he has given us, to grow them and return them with increase.

It's very simple to donate, just jump on line to submit your pledge or complete your forms and return them to the Parish. Forms are available at the entrance of the church.

A New Pentecost for a New Evangelization Conference.

An exciting Conference is coming up on **Sept. 22/23** with Bishop Peter Smith, Auxiliary Bishop of Portland, Oregon who has spoken at Conferences on spiritual warfare and Life Issue. And Dr. Mary Healy, Professor of Sacred Scripture at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit and an international speaker on topics related to Scripture, evangelization, healing, and the spiritual life. Where: The Broadway Church, 2700 E. Broadway, Van. Tickets are available from Jocelyn Rochard 604-469-0713 or email fireblade@telus.net. Visit www.vccrs.ca for details.

AN EVENING WITH ARCHBISHOP J. MICHAEL MILLER

Come join us in this inspiring annual event to celebrate our faith and community. The proceeds of this year's dinner will support post-seminary education and professional development of our priests. Wednesday, **November 1, 2017** Reception at 6 pm, dinner at 7 pm.



St. Joseph's Parish would like to get a table together for this exciting event. If you are interested in attending, please call Venita at 604 307-3337 to arrange for tickets.

PREP REGISTRATION 2017/18

The Religious Education Program for St. Joseph's Parish is now accepting registration for catechetical year 2017/18 for all levels. Classes are on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 3:45 – 5:00 pm.



We look forward to a blessed and fruitful year of religious instruction and formation for the students of PREP with the support and participation of parents.

Please pick up your registration forms at the entrance of the church or at St. Joseph's Parish website and submit it to the Parish office as soon as possible. For more information please contact **Ivy Barcelon**, St. Joseph's PREP coordinator, prepkids@stjpm.com or call 778-316-9967.

All PREP classes start on Wednesday September 20 with the celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 3:45 pm. Parishioners are welcome to join us!

Since 1882, Knights have been leaders in charity and fraternity. There is a place for every Catholic man and Knights of Columbus it is!

BE A ST JOSEPH KNIGHT!

NEXT FIRST DEGREE (ADMISSION) CEREMONY:
7:30 PM, WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH, 2017
Contact Ernie Alcala * Ph 604-505-8785
ernie.alcala@gmail.com * <http://koc9846.vcn.bc.ca>

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."

Next Meeting: Thurs. Sept 14, at 7pm in the upstairs room.

THANKSGIVING FOOD HAMPERS

On October 7th we will deliver food hampers to our needy neighbors. Please help us to 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 & Syrup, Jam, Peanut Butter, Tea, Coffee, Cookies, Crackers or any other non-perishables donations will be appreciated.

Please check the best before & expired dates. We cannot deliver food items that are out of date or expired. Thanks

COMPASSIONATE CARE FOR THE SICK & DYING

On **September 16**, Sr. Catherine Mary, FSE, will share personal anecdotes and real life experiences as she discusses ways of helping people deal with their emotional and spiritual needs especially when it comes to questions of assisted suicide and dying. This workshop, sponsored by the Ministries and Outreach Office and Catholic Cemeteries, will help parishioners and those working with the sick to answer questions about the Christian meaning of suffering, the request for assisted suicide and the dying process. Register at: <http://rcav.org/event/compassionate-care/>