

## Mass Intentions for This Week

Sept. 4	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Blessed Dina Belanger (Labour Day)</b> 9:00 am <u>INT: Marie Collison</u>
Sept. 5	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time</b> 7:00 pm <u>RIP: Janice Fric</u>
Sept. 6	<b>Wed.</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time</b> 9:00 am <u>INT: Gordon Joyce</u>
Sept. 7	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time</b> 9:00 am <u>INT: Sandra Trainor</u>
Sept. 8	<b>Friday</b>	<b>The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> 9:00 am <u>RIP: Corrine Ketelaar</u>
Sept. 9	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>St. Peter Claver, Our lady Saturday</b> 9:00 am <u>INT: Thanksgiving In Hour of Mary</u> 5:30 pm <u>RIP: Bridget Thommi</u>
Sept. 10	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 9:00 am 11:00 am <u>RIP: Myles Frechett</u>

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](mailto:davidnoelpearce@hotmail.com)

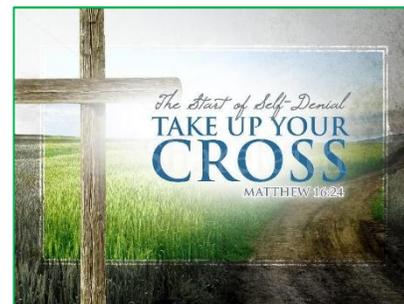
## Having doubts?

Following God's path can be a challenge. Sometimes the road looks horribly scary and it's only human nature to say, "NO! If things are that bad, it can't be God's will."

But before we make that judgment, we need to pause for a moment. While it is hard to see the good in trials that we face, today's gospel reminds us that we can only see from our small human perspective. God may have a entirely different view. And our doubt can be a obstacle to His work in our life, if we let our self-interest become more important than His will for us. Let's pray today for a little more trust and a little less doubt, welcoming both the good events in our lives and the more difficult. Sometimes the things that cost can bring immeasurable rewards.

"Whether good or evil befalls you, be confident that God will convert it all to your good."

Jane Frances de Chantal



## 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**

**Donations are most welcome!**

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## ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE



All women of the CWL are encouraged to attend St. Joseph's Parish Annual picnic on Sunday Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are needed to help set up and serve the food. Hope to see you there. Join your sisters in Christ on Sunday **September 24<sup>th</sup>** 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.

*"What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?" - Matthew 16:26*

St. Francis of Assisi once said, "Remember, you are what you are in the eyes of God, and nothing else." We often forget this stewardship wisdom when we spend all of our time, talent and treasure to gain more of the world's riches. We need to set our priorities based on God's values and not the values of the material world.

**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](mailto:fireblade@telus.net). Visit [www.vccrs.ca](http://www.vccrs.ca) for details.



## SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

In the Gospel today, we hear Jesus say to us, "For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." The challenge is to let go so God can lead us. Thank you for your donation of used eye glasses for the Third World Eye Care Society.

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

## THANKSGIVING FOOD HAMPERS

On October 7<sup>th</sup> 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 you wish to donate will be appreciated.

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

August 27 Weekly Collection	\$ 3,655.50
Building Fund Collection	385.00
Project Advance: We have received 96 gifts =	\$36,275.

## The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary September 8<sup>th</sup>

St. Augustine connects Mary's birth with Jesus' saving work. He tells the earth to rejoice and shine forth in the light of her birth. "She is the flower of the field from whom bloomed the precious lily of the valley. Through her birth the nature inherited from our first parents is changed."



**Come for Cake in celebration of our Blessed Mother's Birthday after Friday's 9 am Mass in the portable.**

## 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](mailto:prepkids@stjpm.com) or call 778-316-9967.

**PREP class start on September 19/20 with the celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 3:45 pm on Wed the 20<sup>th</sup>.** Parishioners are welcome to join us!

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

## BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Blessing of the animals at St. Clare of Assisi. Please mark your calendars as we will have our annual blessing of the animals on Sunday, Oct. 8 at 2 pm. Please bring all your animals (except snakes) to this special occasion. We will be accepting donations of pet food, towels, collars, leashes, cash etc. which will be given to a local animal shelter.

## FR. JIM NISBET SEMINAR:

The Gospel of John (Part 2) and The Gospel of Matthew Is being presented St. Luke's Parish Centre in Maple Ridge on September 8, 9 & 10. See poster in vestibule. Register at <http://biblestudies4.wixsite.com/biblecentre/registration> email: [biblestudies@shaw.ca](mailto:biblestudies@shaw.ca) or call (604) 380-2575.