

# St. Stephen's Parish

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## INTENTIONS FOR HOLY MASS DURING THIS WEEK

Sun.	(Sept. 8)	8:30 am 10:30 am 6:30 pm	For ALL THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
Mon.	(Sept. 9)	8:30 am	For CECILIA LAM
Tues.	(Sept. 10)	8:30 am	+ PHYLLIS & TONY RODRIGUES
Wed.	(Sept. 11)	8:30 am	+ LORENZO DI FRANCESCO
Thurs.	(Sept. 12)	8:30 am	+ ELDA DOZ
Fri.	(Sept. 13)	8:30 am	+ JOSEPH, JOHN & LUCIA HO
Sat.	(Sept. 14)	9:00 am 4:30 pm	+ ANNE & JAMES PAU
Sun.	(Sept. 15)	8:30 am 10:30 am 6:30 pm	For ALL THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

<u>Privileged to serve</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Altar servers</u>
Sat. Sept. 14	4:30 pm	Janine Harland	Maya & Kira Lorezca, Abigail & Eliza Somera
Sun. Sept. 15	8:30 am 10:30 am 6:30 pm	Gloria Yasayko David Robitaille Janelle Cabahug	Joel & Karalin Ceholski Renay & Tyler Scalabrino Lucia Oluic Samuel & Layne Rausch, John Hoh

**Open House at Gardens of Gethsemani** - Come and explore. There will be guided and self guided tours available. Light refreshments. **9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 27 and Saturday Sept. 28.** 10% discount off pre-arrangement burial spaces valid during event only. Please bring this ad to receive discount. Does not apply to services or memorial markers.

**SEPTEMBER 8, 2019 – TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**WELCOME TO ST. STEPHEN'S PARISH: Office : Mon to Fri. 9 am to 4 pm**

**Our Mass times and Sacrament of Reconciliation times are as follows:**

**Mass Schedule:** Weekdays: Monday to Friday & holidays: 8:30 a.m.  
Saturday: 9 a.m.  
Sunday Liturgy: Saturday evening: 4:30 p.m.

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

Sunday: 8:30 a.m.; 10:30 a.m.; 6:30 p.m.  
Monday to Saturday : 8:00 - 8:20 a.m.  
Saturday: 3:00 - 4:15 p.m.  
Sunday: 30 mins before Masses  
(Or at any time - Please call the Rectory)

**Sacrament of Baptism:** Please contact the Rectory.

**Sacrament of Marriage:** Please contact the Rectory 4-6 months in advance.

**Holy Orders:** Fr. Paul Chu - 604-683-0281(Vocations Office)

**Anointing of the Sick:** Please contact the Rectory

Welcome to any new parishioners to St. Stephen's. If you would like to register or get envelopes please contact the parish office on weekdays.

**Your prayers are requested for** Jim Alden, John Barry, Virgil Billesberger, Jennifer Blore, Meliton Carolino, Steve Cervenko, Angela Ciprian, Thelma Fairleigh, Mark Hamilton, Frank Kilian, Cecilia Lam, John Magee, Ariel Nonan, Diego Nunez, Philip Sakhrani, Desi Santos, Henry Thalheimer, John Toljanich and Jarrod Wiesner.

**Stewardship Reflection – September 8, 2019 - 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

“Everyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple.” (Luke 14:33).

When we first hear this statement, it seems that Jesus is making an unrealistic demand upon us. How can we renounce all of our possessions? We need them to live. However, what we must renounce is the belief that they belong to us. Everything that we have belongs to God alone. All of our resources are entrusted to us not only for our own use, but also so that we can help others. Once we renounce the idea that we possess or are entitled to anything, it is much easier to share the many gifts that God has given us. Then we truly are His Disciples.

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST - Sunday, September 8th after the 2 morning Masses.** All are welcome! Come support the Knights of Columbus in their fundraising efforts.

**PRAYER GROUP – We will meet on Thursday, September 12th at 7:30 pm** in the Upper room, followed by a social. Prayer teams available for those in need. For more info, contact Ted: 604-924-0573 or Alfred: hoathome@shaw.ca

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS -Our first Council meeting of the year will be held Tuesday, September 10th at 7 pm in Holy Trinity parish hall.** All members should make every effort to attend. We will be discussing this year’s events and goals. We are better with you than without you!

**PREP NEWS – Classes resume on Tuesday, September 17th.** Please go to [www.ststephensnv.com](http://www.ststephensnv.com) to register & print/return the form by September 13<sup>th</sup> to the parish office with your payment envelope (available at the back of the church).

**PARISH PICNIC** – We are looking for volunteers to form a committee to help plan the Parish picnic on **Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup>**. Please call the parish office – 604-985-1962 if you are available.

**DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION** – Everyday at 3 pm in the church. All are welcome.

**LEGION OF MARY** – The statue is at the home of Monica Pereira from September 7<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup>. Please keep them in your prayers. Contact Jan –604- 985-1184 to book the statue.

**CHILDREN’S LITURGY OF THE WORD - Starting September 22nd at the 10:30**

**Mass.** It is very important for your child to attend this program. All children, ages 3-6, are welcome as it is the beginning of their faith formation. There is no cost to you. A good start for your child’s religious education so please support the parish’s efforts to make it worthwhile.

**KEEP WELL FITNESS PROGRAM** – This is a community-based, non-profit program for seniors to connect with other seniors in a safe and friendly environment to enjoy benefits such as mild exercises, blood pressure monitoring, shoulder and hand massage, nutritional information etc. Participation is free but donations are gladly accepted. Official tax receipts are issued by the society for donations of \$10 or more. It has been formed and run by health providers for the physical, social & mental well- being of seniors. **We will begin classes in October, every Friday morning, from 9:00 am to 11:00 am, at St. Stephen’s Parish hall.** For more details visit [www.keepwellsociety.ca](http://www.keepwellsociety.ca)

**LECTORS NEEDED** – We are still in need of readers to help on Sunday at the 8:30am & 6:30 pm Masses. If you are interested please call Anne – 604 988 6302.

**ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS - The Catholic Health Association of BC - 79th Annual Conference- Thursday, September 19, 2019 at the Executive Plaza Hotel,** 405 North Road, Coquitlam. Addictions and Mental Health, Caring for Ourselves and Others. **Begins with Mass at 9:30 am.** Registration Cost (includes lunch) \$ 150. Please include your cheque with your registration, payable to “CHABC” and mail to: Catholic Health Association of BC, 9387 Holmes Street, Burnaby, BC V3N 4C3. **Conference registration deadline: September 14<sup>th</sup>.** Forms available at the parish office.

**Fr. Jim Nisbet - Catholic Bible Seminar** - Fr. Jim Nisbet, the renowned Bible scholar will present in person the Gospel of Matthew (Part 3) and the Gospel of Mark (Part 1) in his Catholic Bible Seminar Series, this fall at St. Luke’s Parish Family Centre in Maple Ridge. Friday, Sept. 13, to Sunday Sept. 15. Holy Mass on Sunday. Cost for all three days is: \$70 (single) or \$130 (married couples); student and day rates available. Please pre-register. For more information, call Adrian (604-380-2575) or send an email to [biblestudies@shaw.ca](mailto:biblestudies@shaw.ca)

**The Vancouver Magnificat Chapter breakfast will be Saturday, October 5- 9:30-12:30 pm.** John Paul II Pastoral Center West 33<sup>rd</sup>, Vancouver. Speaker :Heather Khym. Cost \$25 (non-refundable). Call 604-946-0099 or email [magnificatvancouver@telus.net](mailto:magnificatvancouver@telus.net). All women are invited.

**INTERNATIONAL NIGHT FOOD FESTIVAL – Saturday, October 05/2019 at 6:00 pm.** St. Edmund’s Parish gym. 535 Mahon Avenue. Entry tickets: \$5.00/person. Children under 12 - \$2.00. Food tickets - \$2.00. All are welcome. Look forward to seeing you there!