



I Jesus
X Christ
Θ God
Y Son
Σ Saviour



ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH
Vanderhoof, BC

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Year A
 January 25, 2026

"O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place."



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EUCHARIST

Saturday St. Joseph.....5:00 p.m.
 Sunday St. Joseph.....9:30 a.m.
 Sunday Holy Trinity.....12:00 noon
 Tues & Thurs.....6:30 p.m.
 Wed & Fri.....9:00 a.m.

RECONCILIATION

By appointment.

BAPTISM

Contact Father Pier for more information.

MATRIMONY

Please contact Father Pier for an appointment at least six months

PRAYER REQUESTS: For Brenda Antoine, Jason Aritolla, Mackie Basil, Julio Bonilla jr., Cooper Cursley, Evelyn Embree, Ronald Gilmore, Brent Gray, Ellen Haynes, Patrick Irving, Halli & Hunter Krawczyk, George LaBrash, Jennifer Lock, Wanda Miller, Della Morin, Eunice Nash, Virginia Power, Dorothy Ranck, Ian Scott, Madeline Scott, Vanessa Stewart, Gerry Theissen, Mike VanDusen, and for all who are ill or in need of God's healing grace.

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Repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand’. This proclamation from the Gospel defines the focus for the preaching of Jesus (repent) and the source of his power (kingdom of heaven). This is the fulfillment of the prophecy by Isaiah in the first reading, ‘The people who sit in darkness have seen a new light.’ This prophecy was a word of defiance at the time when the Assyrian army had conquered Israel in 733BCE – it is a prophecy that says evil does not have the last word. Filled with this hope, we can commit ourselves to conquering evil and building the kingdom of God, and this task will include praying for unity among the various Christian divisions (as we end Week of Prayer for Christian Unity) and include praying for understanding of the Sanctity of Life. To repent in the Greek text means to look with a new perspective. To repent in the Latin text means to feel sorrow. **Homework:** Prayer the Glory be with a desire to look with new perspective on Christian Unity and Sanctity of Life.

Sanctity of Life Sunday (3rd Sunday January): the American Supreme Court decision on January 22, 1973 (but recently overturned, June 2022) legislated that women be given unfettered access to abortion and the Canadian Supreme Court decision on January 28, 1988 striking down the criminal code law regarding abortion, and the more current Canadian legislation around Medical Assistance in Dying (MAID), illustrate the need for a fruitful discussion on human life. In January we are encouraged to reflect on the sanctity of life from the moment of natural conception to the moment of natural death. Become more informed.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: Jan 18-25: thank you for everyone who prayed or attended one of the scheduled prayer meetings.

ALPHA Advertisement: start inviting people for our mid-February course.

LHC Life Healing Choices: next offering of the course is October 2026; pray always for those with addictions.

Transformed lives, transforming community: mission statement for evangelization;
Intimate encounter with God through an open heart: mission statement for prayer;

PARISH ACTIVITIES: **Jan 25 Parish Brunch after 9:30am**

PARISH ACTIVITIES: **Jan 27 7pm Parish Pastoral Council -**

PARISH ACTIVITIES: **Jan 31 Men’s Breakfast, 7pm**

QUIET PARISH HEROS : those who volunteer in cleaning our facility



2025 DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL – CALLED TOGETHER

Parish Goal: \$13,952

Actual to Date: \$15,480

The President of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, Most Rev. Pierre Goudreault, has written to Prime Minister Mark Carney and other members of government concerning an amendment to Canada’s hate speech legislation.

The Liberal Party has made an agreement with the Bloc Québécois. In exchange for the BQ’s support of Bill C-9, the Liberals will amend Section 319 (3) (b) of the *Criminal Code* to remove the religious exemption clause, which provides an exemption against prosecution for hate speech “if, in good faith, the person expressed or attempted to establish by an argument an opinion on a religious subject or an opinion based on a belief in a religious text.”

The full news release from the CCCB and Most Rev. Pierre Goudreault’s letter can be read here:
<https://www.cccb.ca/media-release/proposed-restrictions-on-religious-freedom-bill-c-9/>

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www.rachelsvineyardpg.ca

SPRING WEEKEND RETREAT FOR 2026:

May 22 – 24, registrations now being accepted. For Further information on this Healing Ministry, please refer to our website.

Confidentiality Assured.

THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE IN OUR DIOCESE WHO HAVE SUPPORTED OUR WORK IN 2025!