

ANNOUNCEMENTS 2017



As you have noticed, we have been late in getting youth ministry rolling this September. This is because there have been lots of “behind the scenes” plans coming to life, and we are so excited to finally share what will be happening this year. As a result, we apologize for the late start!

BIG NEWS! LIFE NIGHTS WILL BE EVERY OTHER SATURDAY NIGHT FROM 5:30-7:30 PM.

We have changed our existing schedule of Life Teen from every Sunday night to Saturday evenings. This has been decided in order to:

- (1) be able to have longer life nights as a group without going too late on a school night,
- (2) have every other weekend free of commitments,
- (3) leave Sundays for family days and advocate attending mass together.

One thing we have also noticed is that our youth like attending the St. Joseph’s youth group in Langley, and theirs to ours sometimes as. We really want to encourage these friendships and bonding across the valley! Therefore, we have designed the schedule so that it lands on opposite weekends as St. Joseph's, and our youth can attend youth nights every weekend if desired!

2017 CALENDAR

October 14th: NET TEAM INTRODUCTIONS AT MASS

October 28th: KICK OFF!

November 11th: YOUTH NIGHT

November 25th: YOUTH NIGHT

December 9th: YOUTH NIGHT

OUR SECOND BIG ANNOUNCEMENT IS THAT ST JAMES LIFE TEEN WILL BE RUN BY THE VANCOUVER ARCHDIOCESE NET TEAM!

We have been blessed with an amazing opportunity this year. Because of the desire for change and big dreams for our wonderful youth group, the Vancouver National Evangelization Team (NET) will be running our Life Nights this year!

I (Mary) will still be assisting in the coordination of details and dates, but the team will be leading the majority of our youth events this year. This will be an excellent experience for our youth to gain amazing relationships with these young adults, and to be exposed to the adventurous lifestyle of Catholic missionaries and evangelizers.

There will be some exciting changes of a different schedule, new youth minister eventually transitioning in, and the arrival of more great leaders in our parish. Our existing CORE team will be involved as well, so we will have some familiar faces around still. I have been praying about my own career path and calling, and this will be very helpful for me to be able to pass on the position to whoever the Lord calls next to guide St. James youth ministry.

The NET team will also be involved at SJB and hopefully St. James elementary this year. They are very much about school board ministry, and they see St. James youth ministry as a great opportunity to connect with the Catholic community in the Fraser Valley.

Thank you so much for your patience and support! Please help me in welcoming the NET team to our parish community and youth group. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at youthministry.stjames@gmail.com, or my cell # 604-614-9937.

God bless, Mary Bouwman

