



Forming Young Catholics

For a healthy and reverent perspective on End of Life/ Eternal Life



- Story and Why we Need to Form the Young
- Catholic Cemeteries Ministry
- Meaningful Funerals & Sacred Burial
- Resources today
- Resources you May Like tomorrow



A Catholic Cemetery Is A Place Of
Faith, Hope And Remembrance.

A mosaic of Saint Joseph of Arimathea, depicted as a bearded man in a blue and red robe, holding a wooden staff. The mosaic is set within an arched niche on a light-colored wall. The background of the mosaic is composed of various colored tiles and stones, creating a textured, sunburst-like effect behind the figure.

Our Patron, Saint Joseph of Arimathea



Positive Vision

A Catholic community following Christ's teaching living in hope for eternal life.

(and without anxiety and avoidance for earthly end-of-life).

Hope during Life

- *Jesus is our existential meaning*
- *Religion answers big questions*
- *Addressing death to liberate fear and embrace life fully.*

Hope during Aging and Dying

- *Sacraments of Anointing, Reconciliation, Eucharist, Eucharist as viaticum*
- *Tradition*
- *Community/ social support, counselling.*

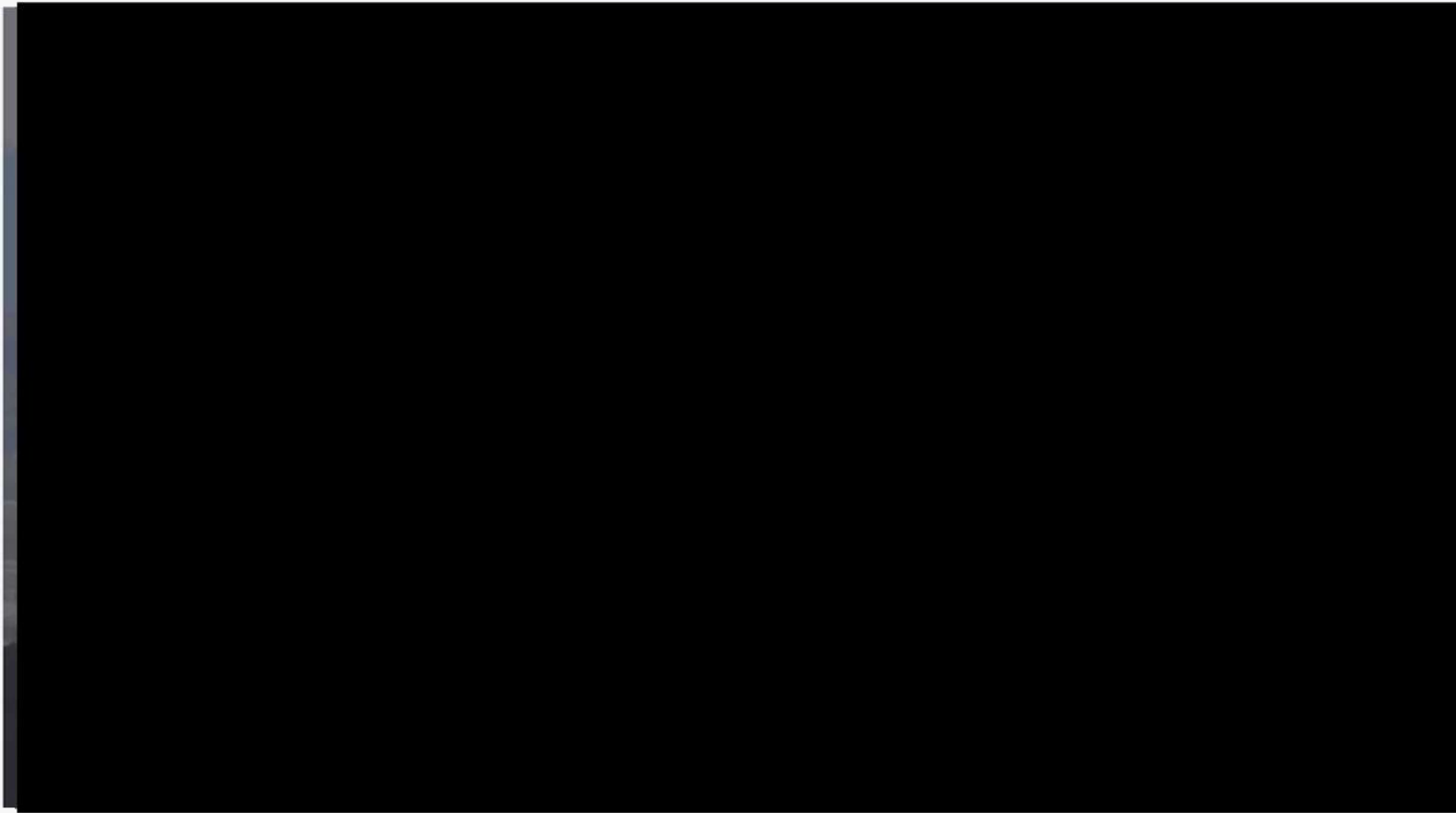
Hope in Death

- *Meaningful funerals*
- *Sacred burial*
- *Bereavement, aftercare, support.*



We believe in the resurrection
of the body, and life everlasting.

Anchor of Hope – The Resurrection





The body is a temple of the Holy Spirit.

Life in Christ, from Baptism to Eternal Life

The Sacraments are ever-living and life-giving (CCC 116)

Youth + Young Adult Life

*Confirmation, Faith Formation,
Vocation Discernment*

Conception to Early Life

*Baptism, Reconciliation, First
Communion, Religious Education*



Adult Life

*Marriage Preparation + Marriage
Encounter, Family Formation, Priesthood,
Religious Life, Diaconate, Stewardship,
Service, Evangelization*

Autumn of Life

*Sacrament of the Sick, End of Life
Preparation, Funeral Rite + Cemetery
Burial, Grieving + Bereavement Support,
Hope of Everlasting Life*



We are ~45 minutes or less from most communities in Vancouver.



Plots

Traditional Burial Plots



Crypts

*Mausoleum Single
and Double Crypts*



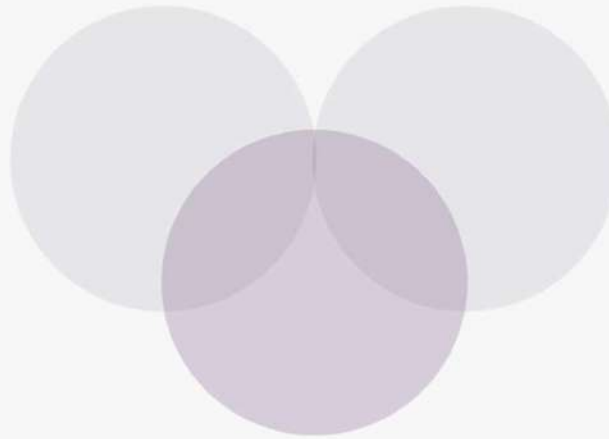
Niches

*Wall and Columbarium Niches
for Cremated Remains*

How We Are Connected

Parish

*Funeral Liturgy— Vigil, Mass,
Interment (dates)
Community Prayer / Support
Volunteer Support*



Funeral Home

*Preparation of body
Transportation
Certificates / Forms
Obituaries*

Cemeteries

*Planning Tools
Sacred Burial Space
Open / Close
Memorialisation*

A Catholic Funeral and Burial offers rituals with meaning, rituals that heal



Vigil or "Wake"



Funeral Mass



Interment

Lessons/ Holy Souls Curriculum

Rccav.org/resources

MATERIALS FOR SCHOOLS AND EDUCATORS

Teaching Resources

[Book a field trip to Gardens of Gethsemani →](#)

EDUCATIONAL VIDEOS

"The Understanding Death Series" videos are aligned with Church teaching, and are designed to provide deeper insight into topics surrounding the end of life.

[WATCH NOW →](#)

The Holy Souls Curriculum

- [The Holy Souls Curriculum Lesson Plan](#)
- [The Month of Holy Souls](#)
- [Ghosts and Halloween](#)
- [Indulgences, Funerals and Scattering](#)
- [The Hallowtide Triduum](#)
- [Holy Souls Gardens of Gethsemani Exit Slip](#)
- [Holy Souls: How Much Do You Know? Worksheet](#)
- [Holy Souls: How Much Do You Know? Answer Key](#)
- [Holy Souls Field Trip Ad](#)

Grade 8

- [Lesson 1, Lesson Plan – New Life After Death](#)
- [Lesson 1, Lesson Focus – New Life After Death](#)
- [Joseph and Jesus Comic Strip Assignment](#)

Grade 9

- [Lesson 1, Lesson Plan – Ash Wednesday](#)
- [Ash Wednesday Quiz](#)
- [Ash Wednesday Answer Key](#)
- [My Lent Assignment](#)



Grade 10

- [Lesson 1, Lesson Plan – Does Suffering Have Meaning?](#)
- [Does Suffering Have Meaning Assignment](#)
- [Does Suffering Have Meaning Answer Key](#)
- [Four Levels of Suffering Presentation](#)

A photograph of a park at night. A paved path leads from the bottom right towards the center. The path is lined with trees, some of which are illuminated with warm, yellow lights. The sky is dark, and the overall atmosphere is serene and quiet.

Hallowtide...Month of Holy Souls

All Hallows' Eve, All Saints' Day, All Souls' Day

Field Trips – Month of Holy Souls



Book a field trip today!

Holy Souls Field Trip Features


Bring your class to Gardens of Gethsemani for an interactive field trip your students will never forget! Content has been designed by a CISVA teacher to meet many of the prescribed learning outcomes for Christian Education (Gr. 7-12). Students will:

- Learn about God's love and mercy; the real meaning of Halloween; the month of Holy Souls; the afterlife; indulgences; prayer for the deceased; the value of a Catholic cemetery, and more.
- Participate in a spiritual work of mercy
- Gain an indulgence for a soul in Purgatory
 - *Note:* book between Nov. 1st - 8th, and encourage your students to attend mass and confession within two weeks of the field trip to be eligible for a plenary indulgence.
- Explore our beautiful 56 acres in a self-guided scavenger hunt (see backside), while learning about, honoring, and praying for the souls of many notable deceased who are buried on our grounds, such as archbishops, sisters, priests, a child hero, veterans and more.
- Have an opportunity to get their questions answered about end-of-life issues from the experts on site.

Field Trips to St. Peter's, New Westminster

Field trips are also available at historic St. Peter's Cemetery in New Westminster, where students will be given an informative tour featuring the important historic people that are buried there.

Call Terry Whiteley at 604-531-2141



Field Trip – Eastertide: The Way of Light/ 14 Stations

Christ rose from the dead. The Way of Light or “Via Lucis” are The Stations of the Resurrection. This beautiful yet lesser-known devotion compliments the more traditional practice of The Stations of the Cross or “Via Crucis.”

Experience the light and hope of new life that Christ brings through a meditative walk commemorating each appearance of the risen Christ. You are standing at station I - His Resurrection. Proceed clockwise to culminate at station XIV – the Decent of the Holy Spirit. Visit rccav.org/Light



Material for Social Studies

- History and Culture
- Veterans
- Remembrance

- Stories & Characters
- Catholics Living Christian Values
 - Sally Gribble, founder of MADD in Canada
 - Colonel Doherty, pioneer in mental health treatment
 - Bishops, Priests, Religious Sisters

<p>1962 38 acres purchased after rezoning and soil test approval from local municipality, and Certificate of Public Interest from Public Utilities Commission, Province of British Columbia</p>	 <p>1966 The first burial in Gardens of Gethsemani took place on March 10th, 1966. Somewhat appropriately, it was the first British Columbian born to be entombed in the diocesan parish, Magr. Leo A. Hobson, who was born in Revelstoke, Magr.</p>	 <p>Hobson served as pastor in a number of parishes including Forest River and West Vancouver; he was a Chaplain in the RCAF during WWII and ended a long & fruitful priestly ministry as Chaplain at St. Vincent's Hospital in Vancouver.</p>	<p>1971 The Stations of the Cross were donated by the Most Rev. William Mack Dale, D.D. and erected on June 27th, 1971.</p>		
<p>1960 1970</p>		<p>1965 May 12th, 1965 ground breaking for first phase of development. Magr. Francis Deleo was named as Cemetery director.</p> 	 <p>1967 January 1967 Gardens of Gethsemani opened for burials.</p>	<p>1968 The Gardens of Gethsemani was consecrated and formally dedicated by the Most Rev. Martin M. Johnson, D.D. on Sunday September 15th, 1968 at 11:30pm</p> 	<p>1971 An outdoor Mass at the Gardens of Gethsemani will be held on May 30th, at 2:30 pm. The event will mark the conclusion of the local cemetery observance of Catholic Cemetery Month, a program sponsored by Catholic Cemeteries in Canada and the United to emphasize the Catholic theology of Christian burial.</p> 



Project? For Genealogy or Family Story

We also have "Talk of a Lifetime" <https://rccav.org/talk/> workshop slides, info. To promote intergenerational dialogue and family bonds

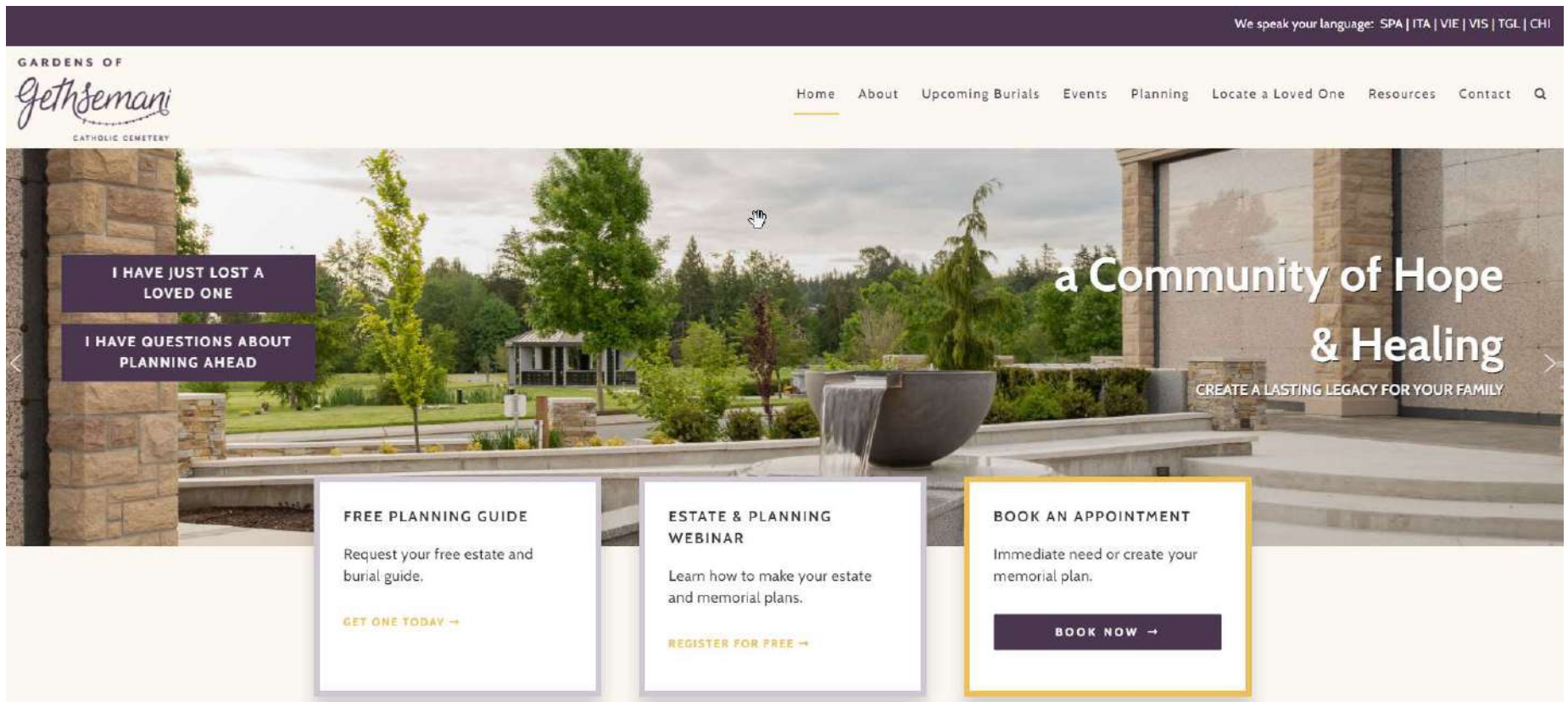


My Family Story

Share family histories using today's technology
at **MyFamilyStory.ca**



Web Site/ Info. Videos etc. under “Resources”



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