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A Season of Wakefulness

Jean Allen

Welcome to Year B and welcome to Advent. Be aware! Keep alert! Stay awake! The Gospel reads like it is simply concerned with when Christ will come again at the end of time but, in truth, Christ's words are absolutely for daily living.



We are all so distracted and distraction makes us half asleep every day. Do you go about your day in an attitude of keen expectancy? Is "Where will I encounter Jesus today?" the first thought that comes after waking up? Do you have narrow set parameters as to where you can encounter him, like at Mass or at the bible study? Do you walk into a retail store with heart wide open, looking for him in the fellow shoppers or in the cashier? Do you walk down the street consumed by thoughts of the next errand, the next bank line-up and whether you will be able to cross the street before the light changes? Or do you look at everyone you pass and say, "There he is,"?

Christ comes again every day and we continually miss him because we are not alert for the possibility of an encounter. How do we stay in a state of awareness so that we may encounter Jesus? By Loving and committing ordinary acts of kindness. We become open to Jesus when we treat those we encounter with respect and appreciation – the exact same respect and appreciation we give Jesus in our prayers.

Every one of you will commit at least one act of kindness before Christmas. It might be a hug, it might be gift box of cookies, it might be helping a neighbor. So many opportunities to see Jesus! You may hear his voice in a grateful "Thank you!" You may see his eyes in eyes that well up over a kindness. You may feel his arms when someone hugs you in appreciation.

Be aware, Keep alert. Stay awake. And you will see Jesus.



The Week of December 4 to December 10 in our Community

Monday December 4

Parish Office Closed

6:30am Mass Fr. Sean Flynn presiding

Tuesday December 5

6:00pm Mass **Special Int. Carlo Rella /
Special Int. Morgan Killinger**

Wednesday December 6

6:30am Mass Fr. Sean Flynn presiding

12:00 noon **CWL Christmas Social - Church Hall**

6:00pm Mass **Special Int. Carlo Rella /
+ Dr. David John Reinhardt**

7:00pm **Legion of Mary - Church Hall**

Thursday December 7 St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor, Memorial

6:30am Mass Fr. Sean Flynn presiding

9:00am Mass + **Margarita Cano**

7:30pm **RCIA Journey of Faith - Church Hall**

Friday December 8 The Immaculate Conception Of The Blessed Virgin
Mary, Solemnity

6:30am Mass Fr. Sean Flynn presiding

9:00am Mass + **Dennis Payne**

followed by Adoration until 12:00 noon

Saturday December 9

6:30am Mass Fr. Sean Flynn presiding

10:00am **Contemplative Community - Community Room**

5:00pm Mass **Special Int. "In Thanksgiving" for Clarence Fernandez /
+ Jennifer Van Dyk**

6:00pm **Youth Group - School Gym**

Sunday December 10 Second Sunday of Advent

10:00am Mass

11:15am **Catechism - School**

6:00pm Mass **Special Int. "In Thanksgiving"**



Mass Schedule

Weekday Masses

Monday ~ 6:30am

Tuesday ~ 6:00pm

Wednesday ~ 6:30am & 6:00pm

Thursday ~ 6:30am & 9:00am

Friday ~ 6:30am & 9:00am

Weekend Masses

Saturday ~ 6:30 am

Saturday ~ 5:00pm (livestream)

Sunday ~ 10:00am

Sunday ~ 6:00pm



Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve Family Mass

Sunday, Dec. 24

6:00 pm

Christmas Eve Vigil

Sunday, Dec. 24

8:00 pm (livestream)

Christmas Eve Midnight Mass

Sunday, Dec. 24

12:00 Midnight

Christmas Morning Mass

Monday, Dec. 25

10:00 am

Join Bishop Gary Gordon as he
celebrates the Mass.

7 pm on weeknights from
Sacred Heart

and 9 am on Sundays from
St. Andrew's Cathedral.

Please note changes to the regular
schedule can be found at:

<https://www.rcdvictoria.org/events/daily-masslivestreamed> and

<https://www.youtube.com/c/RCDVictoriaLiveOne/about>.



SACRAMENTS



Sacrament of Reconciliation: Fr. Alfie will be available for Reconciliation, in the church, 1/2 hour before evening Masses on Saturday and Sunday, or by appointment. Please call parish office 250-479-7413 to arrange.

Sacrament of Marriage: Inquiries must be made 6 months in advance. Register at the office. Marriage preparation class is compulsory.

Sacrament of Baptism: Celebrated on the **first Sunday** of each month at 11:30am. Please call parish office to register.

Baptism Preparation will be held on the **first Saturday** of each month at 10:00am. Please call parish office to register.

Catechism and Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Communion: email: ourcatechismjourney@gmail.com

Pastoral Care Visits While in Hospital: We remind the faithful that privacy legislation in BC prevents the release of information regarding hospital admissions. If you or someone you love is admitted to a hospital and would like a visit from your Pastor, Eucharistic or Pastoral Care Ministers - also Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, who are commissioned at the discretion of the Pastor, please let the Office staff know.

For a hospital emergency call Fr. Sean Flynn at:
250-889-3761.

Eucharistic Ministry to the Homebound: We are grateful to those who give of their time and care to bring Holy Communion to our parishioners who cannot make it to church each week due to sickness or infirmity. If you know of anyone who would like to receive Communion in their home, please contact Melissa at the parish office by phone or by email:
mhogg@rcdvictoria.org

The parish office regular hours of operation are:
Tuesday through Friday
8:30am to 3:30pm (except Statutory Holidays)

Please Note:
Parish Office will be closed
from Monday, December 25 through
Tuesday, January 2, 2024
We will reopen Wednesday, January 3, 2024

Donation Options



CANADA HELPS ONLINE DONATION:
DONATE NOW - ST JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISH
(CANADAHELPS.ORG)

(IMMEDIATE ELECTRONIC TAX RECEIPT ISSUED BY CANADA HELPS)

E TRANSFERS:
FOLLOW STEPS OUTLINED ON YOUR ON-LINE BANKING SITE
TO EMAIL: SJTWPARISH@RCDVICTORIA.ORG

CREDIT CARDS:
Payment Authorization Form for Credit Card Donations.pdf
(parishpal.com)

PRE-AUTHORIZED DEBIT:
https://000011.parishpal.com/files/docs/PAD_Agreement.pdf

CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION AND LINKS.

Gift Card and Email Scams

Recently parishioners have received emails from scammers impersonating their priest, bishop, or key people in the parish.

No priest, nor parish or diocesan employee will ever ask you for a "favour" or to purchase gift cards! The scammers set up a fake email address under the impersonated person's name. The email appears to be coming from the real person, but upon further scrutiny, the scammer is using a different email account. Please click below to read letter from the Diocese.

https://www.rcdvictoria.org/news/gift-card-and-email-scams

Please see the BC government website for a list of common scams and some resources: **https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/family-social-supports/seniors/financial-legal-matters/scams-and-fraud**

JOURNEY THROUGH ADVENT

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops is once again presenting the ***Journey through Advent*** video series. This year's presenter, the Most Rev. Bishop Jon Hansen, CSsR, Bishop of Mackenzie-Fort Smith, will offer a reflection on the Scriptures for each Sunday of Advent 2023. To view the videos, please visit **https://www.cccb.ca/evangelization-catechesis-catholic-education/video-resources/journey-through-advent/**

Youth Group

All Youth Grades 6 - 12
are invited
to join us on Saturday evenings
following

For more information, please contact
Ruth Real at:
SJTWYouthgroup@gmail.com



Catechism Journey

St. Joseph the Worker Parish
Catechism Program (2023/2024)

Sunday Morning

Grade's 1 to 4
11:15am - 12:00 Noon (following the 10
am Mass)
St. Joseph's Elementary School
757 Burnside Rd. W

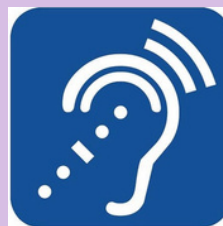
For more information please contact:
OurCatechismJourney@gmail.com

Grade/Level 5 Post Sacrament Class

Saturdays at 6:00pm

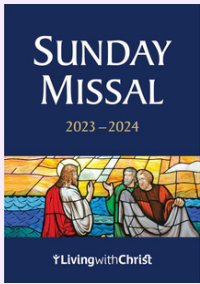
For more information or to register please
contact Chris Whiteley at:
whiteley.christopher@gmail.com or
250-886-2407

Our worship area is
equipped with an
Assistive Listening
system. If you
would like to use
this, please contact
the parish office.



Newsworthy and Noteworthy

Sunday Missals 2023-2024 for Sale



Living With Christ
Sunday Missals
are now available
at the back of the church.
\$5.00 each
Please try to have correct
change to drop in box.

New Year's Eve Gala

December 31, 2023
Doors Open at 6:00pm
Dinner Starts at 7:00pm
Dinner by Casanova Catering

Our Lady of Fatima Hall
4635 Elk Lake Drive
Adults: \$100
Children 5 - 12: \$40
Contact: 250-888-7720
Live Music by Hermano Silva

Anawim Christmas Donations

Anawim is asking for your assistance again. There will be a box in our church foyer starting **Nov 25th** to accept donations of **NEW CLOTHING** items such as jeans, jackets, socks, underwear, shirts, raingear or an other new items of clothes which we use as gifts to the residents of the two houses and to our guests from the drop in program. Anawim will also be having their **annual Christmas tree sale** starting **Saturday Nov 25th** at 9 am at the 973 Caledonia Ave location.

Thank you for your long-term support of Anawim.

Birtright Fudge

**Please Note Date Change*

Birtright will be selling specialty Fudges **after weekend Masses on *Dec 2/3**. The packets make great stocking stuffers or gifts for the holiday table and freeze well!

All **Birtright Fudges** are **\$6** (each package = 1/4 of an 8 inch square pan).

Birtright assists women in difficult or crisis pregnancies, offering hope and encouraging Mothers to give the precious gift of Life to their babies - how fitting as we prepare for the Christ Child!

DEFENDING WATER AND LAND IN HONDURAS

Around the world, people who defend the environment, water and land, are often threatened, criminalized, imprisoned or even killed. It happened in Honduras when the communities of that country tried to have an open-pit mine shut down because it had polluted their drinking water. For more information, you can go to devp.org/act. We want to help. Will you join us by acting in solidarity with these communities? Development and Peace will be sending a letter to Her Excellency Beatriz Valle, the Honduran ambassador to Canada

The letter will be in the foyer again this weekend awaiting your signature. Take two minutes to show your support by signing. Thank you.

Knights of Columbus Annual Pancake Breakfast with Santa!

Join us on Sunday, **December 17th**, right after the 10:00 am mass in the church hall for a festive feast that's sure to delight the whole family!

Santa himself will be there, bringing sweets for the kids. But that's not all! Our delicious breakfast spread includes:

- Fluffy pancakes
- Scrambled eggs
- Savory sausages
- Crispy hash browns
- Whipping cream and fruit toppings for a sweet finish

For drinks, we have juice for the kids and coffee and tea for the adults. Our prices are reasonable and we accept all forms of payment.

Don't miss out on this wonderful holiday tradition. We can't wait to see you there

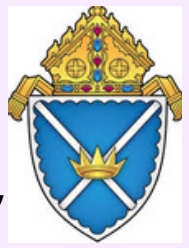
Char Deslippe Memorial Award

The Diocese is pleased to announce the winners of this year's Char Deslippe Memorial Award: **Christine James, from St. Joseph's School** in Victoria; and **Carmelle Whiteley, from St. Joseph the Worker Parish** in Victoria. Christine and Carmelle received the award for their outstanding dedication and commitment to religious education, and the handing on of our faith. For more information about the Char Deslippe Memorial Award, please visit

<https://www.rcdvictoria.org/char-deslippe-award>

Congratulations to both!

From the Diocese



Webinar “Concrete Ways to Renew Practices in Family Holiness”

The CCCB Office for Family & Life is pleased to share a recording of the webinar “**Concrete Ways to Renew Practices in Family Holiness**”. The webinar, which was offered in June of this year, featured Msgr. Philippe Bordeyne, President of the Pontifical John Paul II Theological Institute for Marriage and Family Sciences in Rome. The recording can be viewed on the CCCB YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QGsBidBUhtU>. To access the PDF file of the slides used by Msgr. Bordeyne during his presentation, please visit: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1LYDtOKNYWQaNzltDAW5L9hq_WvZwNMhH.

All Things New

The Office for Family & Life also invites you to subscribe to All Things New, a quarterly e-news publication which is intended to, in the words of Pope Francis, “highlight family love as a vocation and as a way of holiness, so as to understand and share the profound and salvific meaning of family relationships in daily life.” To subscribe, please visit: <https://mailchi.mp/82052302a242/5s5psm4psb>.

The Mass

Bishop Robert Barron’s video series “**The Mass**” is now available online. The series was developed to help Catholics understand how to fully, consciously, and actively participate in the source and summit of the Christian life. To view the series, please visit: <https://videos.wordonfire.org/themassepisode1>.

Diocesan Health Care Committee New “Care of the Dying” Webpage

The Diocesan Health Care Committee is pleased to share a new “**Care of the Dying**” webpage: <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/care-of-the-dying>. The page include a short video intro to CCCB’s “Horizons of Hope: A Toolkit for Catholic Parishes on Palliative Care” and a link to download the toolkit, as well as many other valuable resources and links.

Please note: Parishes and communities are encouraged to use the **Horizons of Hope Toolkit** to facilitate gatherings where people can explore palliative care in the context of a prayerful, caring community. For more information and assistance, please contact Joelle Dressler, the Director of Faith Formation and Evangelization, at: jdressler@rcdvictoria.org or 250-479-1331 ext 230

CCCB statement on the conflict in Holy Land

The president of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, Bishop William T. McGrattan has issued a statement in response to the escalation of the conflict in the Holy Land. The statement may be found online at: <https://www.cccb.ca/announcement/statement-by-the-most-rev-william-t-mcgrattan-bishop-of-calgary-and-cccb-president-to-the-catholic-faithful-in-canada-on-the-recent-escalation-of-conflict-in-the-holy-land/>.

“The Epiphany of the Liturgy: Welcoming the Closeness of God”

The Diocesan liturgical conference “**The Epiphany of the Liturgy: Welcoming the Closeness of God**” will take place on **January 5 and 6, 2024** at **St. Joseph the Worker Church** in Victoria. This conference is an opportunity to enter into a richer experience of the Trinity in our Eucharistic Celebrations, and will be valuable both for those who serve in liturgical ministries and those who participate in the assembly. The presenters will be Dr. Glenn Byer and Dr. David Pitt, liturgical and musical educators at Catholic colleges in the U.S. Registration is free, and available at: <https://EpiphanyLiturgyConference.eventbrite.com>

Contacts in the Parish

Pastor

Deacon

Admin Assistant/Secretary/Bookkeeper

Custodian

Responsible Ministry Coordinator

Altar Server Training/Coordinator

Baptism

Contemplative Community

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Children's Religious Education

Eucharistic Ministry Contact

Usher Coordinator

SJTW Pastoral Care Outreach Ministry

Development and Peace

Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA)

Youth Group - Grades 6 to 12

St. Joseph's Elementary School

Catholic Women's League (CWL)

Knights of Columbus

St. Vincent de Paul

Legion of Mary

Coffee/Hospitality Committee

Finance Committee Chair

Proclaimer Schedule Coordinator

Proclaimer Training Coordinator

Liturgy Committee

Social and Ecological Justice Committee

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Angela Grohovac

Call parish office (250) 479-7413

Charlie Allen (778) 433-5772 email: charlieballen@gmail.com

(2nd & 4th Saturdays @ 10am)

tbd

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Gerri Erickson (250) 216-5558 email: gerri@shaw.ca

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Sister Marina Smith SSA email: sandseaandsky@gmail.com

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Meetings every 3rd Wednesday 6:00pm to 8:00pm

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Meetings every Wednesday following 6:00pm Mass

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Gerry Heywood

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The downtown Social Concern Office appreciates donations of:

- high protein soups
- peanut butter
- protein bars
- non-perishable items that are easy to open

Donations gladly taken in the food cart in the church foyer!

Also, any financial contribution allows purchases of dairy products, meat, and other needed items. Approx. 23,000 people, locally, including 4,000 children each year rely on it.

Make your gift at:

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/society-of-st-vincent-de-paul-of-vancouver-island/>



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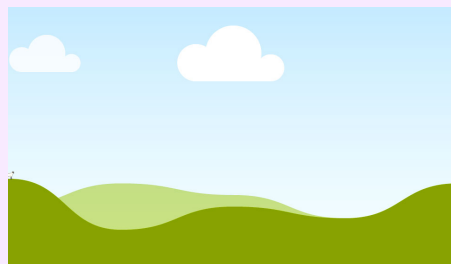


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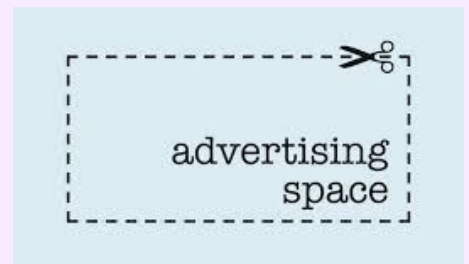
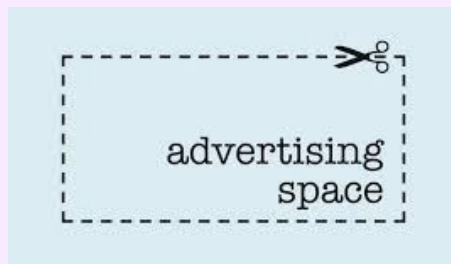
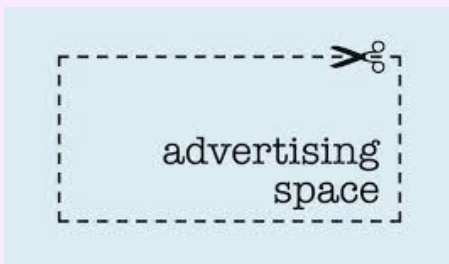
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Serving is a **WIN** for everyone involved.

Report Sexual Abuse

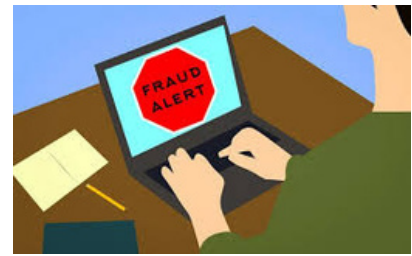
To report sexual abuse by a clergy member, religious, employee, or volunteer, call 1-800-968-3146

To report sexual abuse or cover-up by a Bishop, click here or call 1-866-892-3737

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Roman Catholic Diocese of Victoria
Administration and Finance



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DATE: November 20, 2023
TO: Parishioners, Parishes and Pastors
FROM: Leah MacKenzie, Chief Financial Officer
Re: Gift card and email scams

Recently parishioners have received emails from scammers impersonating their priest, bishop, or key people in the parish.

No priest, nor parish or diocesan employee will ever ask you for a “favour” or to purchase gift cards! The scammers set up a fake email address under the impersonated person’s name. The email appears to be coming from the real person, but upon further scrutiny the scammer is using a different email account. Almost all of these emails are brief and ask for a favour to buy gift cards or send money.

Please act with caution and be prudent when it comes to responding to requests for money, even from someone claiming to be a priest or from individuals within the Church community. Priests and church employees will not request vague favours, payments of gift cards, bitcoin or wire transfers.

All donations for legitimate parish and diocesan activities are made through traditional verifiable methods and are made to the charitable organization, not individuals.

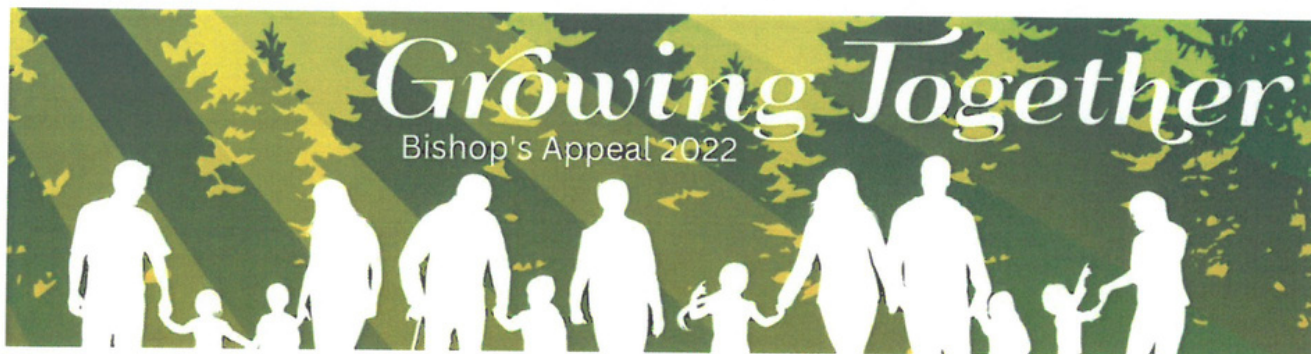
Diocese of Victoria employees and priests have an official @rcdvictoria.org email address and parish emails are well advertised and on their website. The Diocese also uses noreply@myparishcast.com for group email communication.

Before you give money to anyone or any organization; **stop** and talk to a trusted friend or relative to determine the authenticity, appropriateness and validity of the request or call the Diocesan Finance Office 250-479-1331.

If you feel that you have been the victim of a financial scam, you are encouraged to make a report to the police.

Please see the BC government website for a list of common scams and some resources:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/family-social-supports/seniors/financial-legal-matters/scams-and-fraud>



**2022 Bishop’s Appeal: *Growing Together*
Final Report**

Growing Together dedicated funds to support Catholics of all generations while striving to heal and grow the Church. Details on how funds from this Appeal were disbursed are below:

2022 Appeal Distribution of Funds	Amount \$
Parish Community and Relationship Building Grants	60,000.00
Catholic Schools Capital Plan	325,000.00
Clergy and Seminarian Support	65,000.00
Indigenous Community and Relationship Building	50,000.00
Twenty Percent Given to Parishes for Local Projects	162,000.00
Overhead fees	65,000.00
Total	727,000

**2022 Bishop’s Appeal: *Growing Together*
Community and Relationship Building Grants - List of Events**

As part of the 2022 Appeal, Parishes can apply for grants from the Diocese to undertake projects that support community and relationship building. Some wonderful events have taken place to date:

- \$12,860.18 was reimbursed to Holy Cross Parish for their Called and Gifted workshop.
- \$10,000 was provided to the Our Lady of the Rosary Parish to assist in the emergency repair and relocation of the parish office, meeting rooms and chapel.
- \$5000 was granted to Christ the King to facilitate the creation of a food hamper plan to support local Ukrainian families.
- \$3000 was given to St. Peter’s Parish to hold a Parish Reorganization Retreat.
- \$2500 was provided to Sacred Heart Parish to host a meal for the Feast of The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.

More information and images are available on the website at:
<https://www.rcdvictoria.org/2022-appeal-parish-community-building-grants>



62nd ANNUAL CHARITY APPEAL

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Oct 9 (2x\$1000), Oct 23 (2x\$1000), Nov 6 (2x\$1000)

Nov 20 (2x\$1000), Dec 2 (2x\$1000)

Main Draw Saturday December 16, 2023, 8:01pm

An annual charity appeal of the Knights of Columbus (BC) Charity Foundation

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CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Wednesday, December 6, 2023

7:30pm to 8:30pm
(no intermission)

St. Patrick's Parish
2060 Haultain Street, Victoria

Tickets: \$20 Each or \$50 Family Pack

Purchase from an Arbutus Singers member
or call Julie at 250 384 2840

Come join Jack Boomer, Director; Robyn McKinnon, Pianist; and the other 70 members of the Arbutus Singers for a fun-filled start to the Christmas season. Song selections will include Feliz Navidad, Don't Save It All For Christmas, Heaven Everywhere, Song for a Winter's Night and many other holiday favourites.

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PILGRIMAGE TO MEXICO

Under spiritual leadership of Fr. Dean Henderson, Pastor
Our Lady of the Rosary in Langford

Feb. 23 – Mar. 1, 2024 - 8 days – \$3,390.00 (Vancouver Dep, incl. all taxes and tips)



Feb. 23 Afternoon departure from Victoria via Vancouver to Mexico City. Upon arrival transfer to hotel for overnight.

Feb. 24 After breakfast we are transferred to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe for welcome Mass. Continue to the "City of Angels"- Puebla for dinner and overnight.

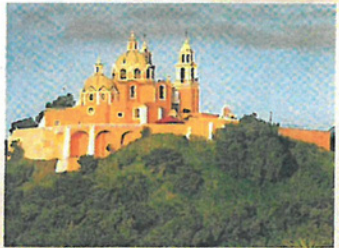
Feb. 25 We start the day with a tour to the old city, the Cathedral, Dominican Cloister and the Rosary Chapel. Continue to Tlaxcala and the Shrine of San Miguel del Milagro. Celebrate Mass at the site where St Michael the Archangel appeared to Diego Lazaro in 1631 directing him to the Grotto and to a well of miraculous waters. See the image of Our Lady of Ocotlan burnt into a tree trunk after she appeared to Diego Bernardino in 1531. Perfectly preserved, the image in a tree resides in the Basilica of Our Lady of Ocotlan. Dinner and overnight in Puebla.



Feb. 26 After breakfast we visit the small Indian baroque church of Tonantzintla and Cholula Church constructed on the top of Great Pyramid. Continue to the famous "Silver City"- Taxco. We get acquainted with the history of silver mining in Mexico, visit jewels of baroque style architecture - St Priscilla and St Sebastian Church where we celebrate Mass. Dinner and overnight in Taxco.



Feb. 27 This morning we depart to Mexico City. Upon arrival we visit the Square of the Three Cultures and continue to the Old and the New Basilica dedicated to Our Lady of Guadalupe, visited by several million pilgrims every year, built near the location where Our Lady of Guadalupe appeared to Juan Diego in 1531. We celebrate Mass and learn about the history of Our Lady of Guadalupe and Blessed Juan Diego. Dinner and overnight in Mexico City.



Feb. 28 After breakfast we travel to Teotihuacan and the largest American Pyramids, the pyramid of the Sun and the Moon as well as the Pyramid of the "Feathered Dragon", ranked among the biggest in the world. Special lunch on the way included. Some time for leisure. In the evening an optional performance of Ballet Folklórico de México in the Opera House and overnight.



Feb. 29 Full day in Mexico City. We explore magnificent city center built on top of the ruins of the Aztec capital city. We stop at the Zocalo (main square), Palacio National, celebrate Mass in the Cathedral and drive along famous Paseo de la Reforma. Afternoon some free time for leisure. Return to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

Mar. 01 Morning transfer to the airport for a flight to Victoria via Vancouver. Early afternoon arrival.

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December 16
Time 1:00 pm

Sacred Heart Parish Hall
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December 31, 2023-2024

Doors Open at 6:00pm
Dinner Starts at 7:00pm
Dinner by Casanova Catering

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