



# ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

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## True Authority

Jean Allen

Twice in this week's Gospel it says that people were astounded and amazed at Jesus because he taught and acted with authority. In this text it doesn't say what he taught that day but the people were asking if this was a new teaching – because of his authority. He was much different than the scribes who, one would assume, did not teach with the same authority. So, where does authority come from? It can't be just from belief because the scribes would have believed what they were teaching.

The dictionary says, "Authority implies the power of winning devotion or allegiance or of compelling acceptance or belief." Another word closely related to authority is 'authentic' and besides displaying a power to win devotion, Jesus was truly authentic. He transparently lived out what he taught and there was no hypocrisy in him. The original meaning of hypocrite was someone who was acting out a part like an actor on stage.

One of the most consistent parts of our human nature is hypocrisy. We hide who we are and we often act out roles that we feel are expected of us and aren't a true reflection of who we really are. Jesus had no need to be a hypocrite. His authenticity came from being deeply in relationship with the Author of all goodness and love. Jesus knew what God had written from the beginning of time and he was intimate with far more than human interpretation of the Author's laws. This made him spectacularly unique. He had no need to be an authoritarian. He left people astounded and amazed.

This is the one whom we follow and on whom we model ourselves. If we wish to influence those around us, we must become familiar with the authority of Christ and learn what it means to be authentic. That means that we search our hearts for hypocrisy, the places where we are acting a role instead of being intimately connected to the Author of our life and being. Relationship with Jesus is far more than just belief. Belief is a beginning but belief alone lacks authority and authenticity. On its own it can lead to authoritarianism.

It certainly won't cause others to be amazed and astounded!





## The Week of January 29 to February 4 in our Community

Monday January 29

**Parish Office Closed**

No Mass

Tuesday January 30

6:00pm Mass **Special Int. for Nerine Orango**

Wednesday January 31 St. John Bosco, Priest, Memorial

6:30am Mass Fr. Sean Flynn presiding

6:00pm Mass

Thursday February 1

6:30am Mass Fr. Sean Flynn presiding

9:00am Mass

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

Friday February 2 The Presentation Of The Lord, Feast

**World Day for Consecrated Life**

6:30am Mass Fr. Sean Flynn presiding

9:00am Mass

followed by Adoration until 12:00 noon

Saturday February 3

6:30am Mass Fr. Sean Flynn presiding

5:00pm Mass **Special Int. for "Thanksgiving" / + Rodrigo & Amparo**

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

Sunday February 4 Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time

10:00am Mass

11:15am **Catechism - School**

6:00pm Mass **Special Int. Eric, Kamilah & Joey Kyfiuk**

**Please Note: A Funeral Mass will be held for Jacques Moreau  
on Monday, February 5, 2024 at 11:00 am**

## 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 ~ 6:30am

Saturday ~ 5:00pm (livestream)

Sunday ~ 10:00am

Sunday ~ 6:00pm



## Syro-Malabar Mass Schedule for February

### Weekend Masses

Saturday ~ 7:00pm

Feb 3, 10, 17, 25

Sunday ~ 12:00 noon

Feb 4, 11, 18, 25

## Stations of the Cross Fridays 7:00pm



February 16 -

February 23 -

March 1 - St Vincent de Paul

March 8 - Proclaimers

March 15 - Youth Group

March 22 - Social Eco Justice

## 2023 APPEAL - NEW PLEDGES ACCEPTED UNTIL END OF FEBRUARY

This year, we have decided to allow new pledges to go towards the Appeal goal and parish goals until the end of February. This will allow more parishes to reach and surpass their goal. **Pledges for the 2023 Appeal will be accepted until February 29th, 2024.** All donations received in 2024 will receive a 2024 tax receipt (next year). The official Appeal numbers will be released at the beginning of March.



# 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](mailto: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](mailto:mhogg@rcdvictoria.org)



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

**Please Note:**  
**Next Sanctioned Collection**  
**Sunday, March 17, 2024**  
**Development & Peace**

## Donation Options



**CANADA HELPS ONLINE DONATION:**  
**DONATE NOW - ST JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISH**  
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**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.**

## Memo from Bishop Gary Ordination to the Priesthood Deacon Joseph Yuson

It is with great joy that I announce, after consulting with the Diocesan Consultors, that Deacon Joseph Yuson, a seminarian for the Diocese of Victoria, presently in formation at St. Joseph's Seminary in Edmonton, Alberta, **will be ordained to the Ministerial Priesthood on Saturday, June 22, 2024 at 10:00 am at St. Andrew's Cathedral in Victoria.** This is good news indeed for our Diocese. All are invited to join the celebration by participating in Deacon Joseph's ordination Mass, either in person at St. Andrew's or via the livestream at: <https://www.youtube.com/c/RCDVictoriaLiveOne/> Your prayers for Joseph and his intentions are appreciated as he prepares for service as a ministerial priest to the People of God in the Diocese of Victoria. Please also pray that we all may discern the vocation which God has planned for us, and respond generously and whole-heartedly to His call.

## 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](mailto: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

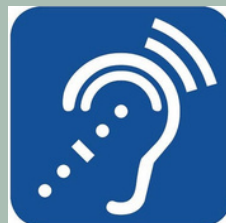
For more information please contact:  
[OurCatechismJourney@gmail.com](mailto:OurCatechismJourney@gmail.com)

## 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](mailto: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

## Horizons of Hope: a Toolkit for Catholic Parishes on Palliative Care

When it comes to a loved one nearing death, what are our Catholic options?

If this question calls to you, please join us as we explore the four module of **Horizons of Hope**: a toolkit for Catholic parishes on palliative care.

Please join Peter Dunwoody and Dr. Katherina Tarnai-Lokhorst as they facilitate discussions on the themes of **Horizons of Hope** at St. Joseph the Worker Parish, in the choir area, on Sunday afternoons at 1-3pm.

The schedule is as follows:

- Module 1, Feb 4, 2024
- Module 2, Feb 11
- Module 3, Feb 18
- Module 4, Feb 25

To register, please sign up on the sheets available in the church foyer.

## Ash Wednesday is fast approaching...

Please drop off your old palms from last year for burning by **Thursday, February 8th**

There is a box in the church foyer.



## Filipino Mass

February 4, 2024  
7:00 PM

St. Andrew's Cathedral  
Principal Celebrant  
Fr. Dino Villadiego

## Prayer in the style of Taize

St. Philip Anglican Church,  
2928 Eastdown rd

Friday February 16 and March 15 (5:45pm for 6:00pm)  
*Come, learn with us about becoming good guests and good hosts in one another's church-homes.*

## Prayers answered - Sisters of St Ann in Haiti

The six Sisters of St. Ann nuns, who were kidnapped in the Haitian capital of Port-au-Prince on January 19th, have been released along with two more hostages.

Archbishop Max Leroy Mesidor said. "This traumatising event has, once more, tested our faith, but it remains unbreakable."



Bring your appetites to the Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast this Sunday after 10:00am Mass

## Diocesan Bursary of the Catholic Women's League "In Memory of Freda Smith"

\$750 Bursary awarded annually to a Catholic student graduating from a secondary school or a home schooling program within the Diocese of Victoria who plans on pursuing further education at a post secondary institution.

For more information, and to apply, please visit:

<https://cwldov.org/bursaries>  
Application deadline: March 31st

## RADIANCE FOUNDATION CHILDREN'S BOOK SALE

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## Coldest Night of the Year Walkathon

February 24 and the Coldest Night of the Year walkathon is just around the corner.

Coldest Night of the Year supports our neighbours experiencing poverty and homelessness. Share warmth and care with your community by creating a team, fundraising, promoting and walking with us.

Register [here](#) for the downtown walk and [here](#) for the Westshore walk.

# From the Diocese



## Online course “Integral Ecology: From Laudato si’ to Laudate Deum”

Registration is now open for the online course “Integral Ecology: From Laudato si’ to Laudate Deum”. Offered by the Pontifical Universities and Atheneums of Rome, the course is led by a renowned faculty of academics, leaders, and activists from around the world, representing some of the major institutions and groups involved in the area of creation care. The course runs until June, and consists of six 90 minutes modules, a workshop in March, and an online conference in May. **The first module will be released on January 25**, but people can join the course any time **before March 31**. The course fee is 30 Euros (approximately \$45 CAD). For more information and to register, please visit:

<https://www.unigre.it/en/events-and-communication/communication/news-and-press-releases/registration-open-online-course-on-integral-ecology/>.

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## CCCB Pastoral Letter on the use of social media

The CCCB Episcopal Commission for Justice and Peace has today released its Pastoral Letter on the use of social media titled: “Let Your Speech Always Be Gracious.” The release is timed with the liturgical memorial of Saint Francis de Sales, who was known for his graciousness in speech and who is invoked as a patron saint of writers and publishers.

Acknowledging the prominent role social media has come to play at an individual and societal level, this timely Pastoral Letter considers the benefits and dangers of social media from the perspective of Catholic Social Teaching. It provides tools for moral reflection and self-examination, and suggests seven commitments by which to be guided for a more ethical use of social media.

The Letter can be read online at: <https://www.cccb.ca/announcement/bishops-release-a-pastoral-letter-on-the-use-of-social-media>

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## Upcoming World Religions Conference in Victoria

On Sunday, **February 4**, the Victoria Multifaith Society and the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community will host a World Religions Conference from 4:30 – 6:30 pm at Saanich Commonwealth Place in Victoria (4636 Elk Lake Dr). Speakers from nine different spiritual traditions will hold a panel discussion on the topic of “Kindness and Kinship”; following the presentation, all are invited to stay for an East Indian dinner. The event and dinner are free, but advanced registration is requested at: <https://worldreligionsconference.ca/upcoming-conference-2/#register>.

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## Job Posting UVic/Camosun College Chaplain

The Diocese of Victoria is still accepting applications for the position of UVic / Camosun College Chaplain. We seek a Chaplain who is committed to helping students grow and flourish within the Catholic faith tradition while living and learning in a secular campus environment. For more information, please visit: <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/employment>.

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## 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 includes 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.

# 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

## Parish Pastoral Council

## Fr. Alfredo Monacelli

Deacon Michael Watkins email: mwatkins@rcdvictoria.org

Melissa Hogg/Sandi Duncan/Pat O'Brien

Office hours 8:30am - 3:30pm Tuesday-Friday

Ralph Scheurle email: rbscheurle@shaw.ca

Rosanna O'Higgins email: rosanna.ohiggins@gmail.com

Angela Grohovac

Call parish office (250) 479-7413

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

(2nd & 4th Saturdays @ 10am)

tbd

Christine Armstrong email: ourcatechismjourney@gmail.com

Jenny Di Castri email: jdicastri@gmail.com

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

Contact Parish Office (250) 479-7413

Sister Marina Smith SSA email: sandseaandsky@gmail.com

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Ruth Real email: SJTWyouthgroup@gmail.com

Pre School - Gr. 7 Call school office (250) 479-1232 for more info

President: Gerry Heywood (250) 479-6281

Michael O'Rielly email: mfjeorielly@gmail.com

Stephanie Peters (250) 514-7853 email: stephanie.jm.peters@gmail.com

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

Lisa Slegg email: lisaslegg@gmail.com

Meetings every Wednesday following 6:00pm Mass

looking for a coordinator

Mel Evangelista email: mel.evangelista@gmail.com

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**Cloverdale Store - 735 Cloverdale Ave. 250-590-8390**

**Mon - Sat: 9:30am - 4:00pm**

**Simply drop items off at these places.**

Make a difference to someone in our town community!

Become a member of St. Vincent de Paul!

Email [stephanie.jm.peters@gmail.com](mailto:stephanie.jm.peters@gmail.com)



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see  
[www.rcdvictoria.org/  
care-of-the-dying](https://www.rcdvictoria.org/care-of-the-dying) or  
scan this QR code:



## Horizons of Hope: a toolkit for Catholic parishes on palliative care

For more information, see <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/care-of-the-dying>

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for youth in Grades 7 - 12

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# Filipino Mass

February 4, 2024

7:00 PM

St. Andrew's Cathedral

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PRINCIPAL CELEBRANT  
**Fr. Dino Villadiego**  
RECTOR

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“ YOU ARE ALL INVITED TO  
A LEAP OF FAITH “  
COME AND LET US SHARE  
THE FINEST BREAD





# PRAYER IN THE STYLE OF TAIZE



## St Philip Anglican Church

North along Foul Bay Ave. Right on Neil St for two blocks, to church on the left.

5:45pm for **6pm - 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays – Jan, Feb, March, 2024**

January 19<sup>th</sup> February 16<sup>th</sup> March 15<sup>th</sup>

**Let us enter together into the mystery of God's presence.**



# Community Services

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## The Bible In A Year



The Bible in a Year (with Fr. Mike Schmitz)  
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You are invited to join us in listening to “The Catechism in a Year” podcast. This 365 day podcast will explain all the teachings of the Catholic Church, in a prayerful, engaging, and approachable way with Fr. Mike Schmitz.

Check it out!

The Catechism in a Year – Ascension ([ascensionpress.com](http://ascensionpress.com))