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ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISH ACKNOWLEDGES AND RESPECTS THE LÁK'ƏNƏN (LAY-KWUNG-GEN) PEOPLES REPRESENTED BY THE SONGHEES AND ESQUIMALT NATIONS, ON WHOSE TRADITIONAL TERRITORIES WE STAND AND WORSHIP, WHOSE HISTORICAL RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE LAND CONTINUE TO THIS DAY.

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King of the Universe

Jean Allen

"And he will separate people one from another..."

More recent translations of the bible slightly changed the meaning of the Greek word 'autous' from 'them' to 'people', which very much changes

the thrust of what Jesus was saying. It should read, *"All the nations will be gathered before him and he will separate them one from another."* He will separate nations one from another, not individual people.

God is not only concerned about how individuals care for one another; he is also deeply concerned about how nations take care of the poor and the marginalized. Too often the wealthy and those in power are all too willing to sacrifice those on the margins to protect themselves. Every action that sorts people into 'us' (the rich, the ones with status) vs 'them' (the ones who struggle) is violence against those who suffer. The system of the wealthy and powerful center doesn't care if people on the edges are suffering because of the elite center's decisions. We can see this happening in many nations of the world, even in so called Christian nations.

Those in positions of power would be very threatened by a King who advocates for the poor and the marginalized and does not advocate for the nation's continued positions of privilege. The idea of Jesus being the King of the Universe has had very little impact on those who control economies and are entrenched in rewarding their friends and punishing their enemies because Jesus did not, does not and will not do that, not now and certainly not in the afterlife. Communities and nations that tend to the least will flourish while nations and communities that neglect the least will live within with the hellish fire of their own violence.

The poor, the sick, the immigrants, the prisoners – what kind of report card would you give Canada?





The Week of November 27 to December 3 in our Community

Monday November 27

Parish Office Closed

6:30am Mass Fr. Sean Flynn presiding

Tuesday November 28

6:00pm Mass + **Felipe Solano**

Wednesday November 29

6:30am Mass Fr. Sean Flynn presiding

6:00pm Mass + **Costanza Solano**

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

Thursday November 30 St. Andrew, Apostle, Feast

6:30am Mass Fr. Sean Flynn presiding

9:00am Mass **Special Int. "In Thanksgiving" Clarence Fernandez**

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

Friday December 1

6:30am Mass Fr. Sean Flynn presiding

9:00am Mass + **Ines Cano / Special Int. Richard Cayer**

followed by Adoration until 12:00 noon

Saturday December 2

6:30am Mass Fr. Sean Flynn presiding

5:00pm Mass Fr. Frank Franz presiding

+ **Ron Price / + Dougald MacDonald**

6:00pm **Birthright Fudge Sale - Church Foyer**

6:00pm **Youth Retreat at Camp Pringle**

Sunday December 3 First Sunday of Advent

10:00am Mass

11:00am **Birthright Fudge Sale - Church Foyer**

11:15am **Catechism - School**

6:00pm Mass + **Recuerdo Cuizon / + Susana and Romy Cabico**

7:00pm **Birthright Fudge Sale - Church Foyer**

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



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/dailymasslivestreamed> and
<https://www.youtube.com/c/RC DVictoriaLiveOne/about>.

The Book of Remembrance will be in the foyer for the month of November. for you to enter the names of your loved ones.



Our Goal: \$46,000 *Thank you!* to all those who have contributed so far

The Bishop's Appeal, Tapestry of Faith, continues to accept 2023 donations. Please consider making a financial commitment to the Bishop's Annual Appeal. Not only are you helping our parish, but you are making a real difference to our greater Diocesan faith community, our religious leaders, and Local Mission Parishes. Donations may be made on-line at: <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/bishops-appeal>

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 on:
Friday, November 24, for our
Annual Staff Diocesan Faith Day

Next Sanctioned Collection: Sunday, November 26, 2023
Catholic Missions in Canada

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>

*Correction - District of Saanich

*St. Joseph the Worker is very thankful to the *District of Saanich for granting us a three-year permissive tax exemption (2024 - 2027). This exemption will allow us to fund many programs for our community and support outreach to those in need.*

Thank you Ben Chow for all your hard work!

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

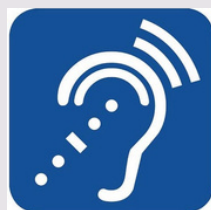
For more information please contact:
OurCatechismJourney@gmail.com

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

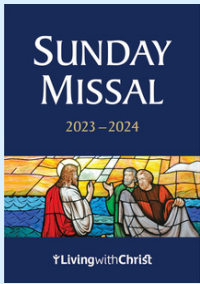
Our worship area is
equipped with an
Assistive Listening
system. If you
would like to use
this, please contact
the parish office.



**Reminder: St. Vincent de Paul
Food Bag Collection this weekend**

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.

Serving with Spirit:

Transformation from the inside out

Saturday, November 25 is the date for our annual Diocesan Faith Day - this year's theme is *"Serving with Spirit: Transformation from the Inside out"*.

Join us for a day of learning in community with our guest speaker, Catholic speaker and author Leah Perault, as we consider how the Holy Spirit leads us within a changing church and world. The Faith Day will be held from

8:30 am – 3:30 pm at St. Edward's Church in Duncan.

For more information and to register please visit:

<https://DioConferenceServewithSpirit.eventbrite.com>

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.

***Birthright Fudge Is Coming Soon!**

Please Note Date Change

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

Birthright 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. They had a peaceful demonstration, but it was violently broken up, imprisoning eight people for 914 days. Since January 2023, three of these defenders have been killed, adding to the heavy toll of more than of 135 murdered since 2014 with no justice for the defenders. 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, hoping that when the Honduran government knows of our support, it will:

- Protect human rights defenders and guarantee their safety by strengthening existing mechanisms.
- Investigate, arrest, and prosecute those involved in the assignation of the three leaders who died in 2023.
- Provide full, and fair reparation to the families of the three slain human rights defenders, and the other five.
- Restore the protected area of the Honduran park; compel the mining company to leave; and repair the environmental damage it has caused.
- Cancel all mining projects that hold irregularly issued licenses.

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

Knights of Columbus Charity Appeal

Proceeds from the Knights of Columbus Charity Appeal ticket sales support numerous charitable, community and religious causes.

Total prizes amount to \$100,000.

The more tickets purchased the cheaper the per ticket price!

Buy tickets through the on-line link:

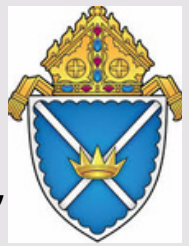
<http://kofcdraw.net/c13356>

or our Council 13356 Facebook

Please 'like' our Fb page and send it to your friends.

Men of the Word is a **Bible Study sponsored by the Knights of Columbus**. Join us on **Tues. Nov. 28** at 7:00pm in the Community Room

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

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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

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

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REMINDER FOOD BAG COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

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/>



Our communities need Catholic men to answer the call to lead with faith, protect our families, serve others and defend our values.

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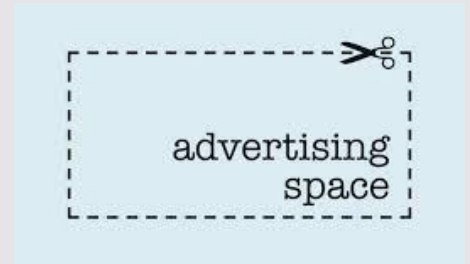
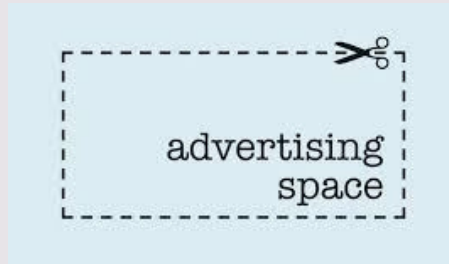
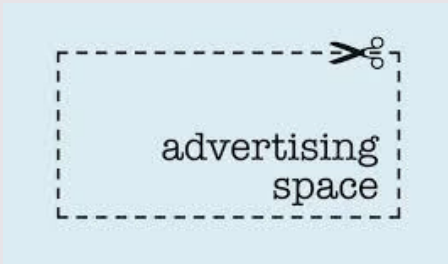
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We are in a new season as we move forward.
This is an invitation for you to share your **talent and time** by joining one of our parish ministries.
Serving is a **WIN** for everyone involved.

Report Sexual Abuse

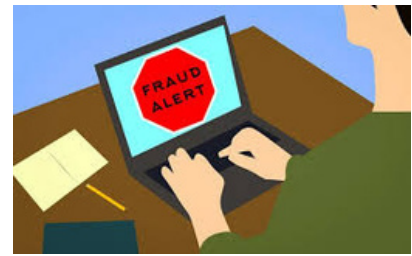
To report sexual abuse by a clergy member, religious, employee, or volunteer, call 1-800-968-3146

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

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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.

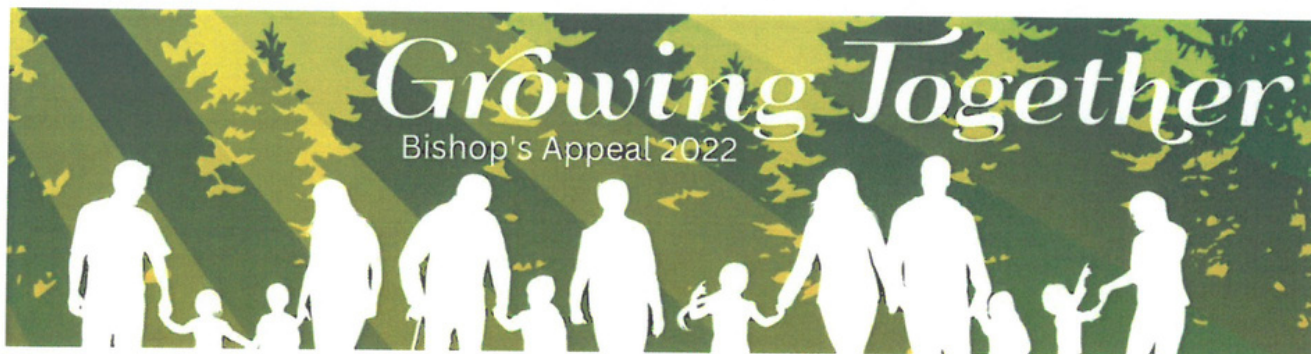
Diocese of Victoria employees and priests have an official @rcdvictoria.org email address and parish emails are well advertised and on their website. The Diocese also uses noreply@myparishcast.com for group email communication.

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>



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ARBUTUS SINGERS

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
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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.

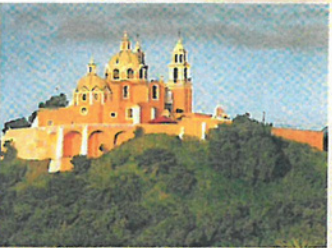
Feb. 25 We start the day with a tour to the old city, the Cathedral, Dominican Cloister and the Rosary Chapel. Continue to Tlaxcala and the Shrine of San Miguel del Milagro. Celebrate Mass at the site where St Michael the Archangel appeared to Diego Lazaro in 1631 directing him to the Grotto and to a 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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