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ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISH ACKNOWLEDGES AND RESPECTS THE LƏЌʷƏŊƏN (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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Avoiding the Identity Crisis

Jean Allen

"Who are you?" the priests and Levites asked John. "Who are you and what is your reason

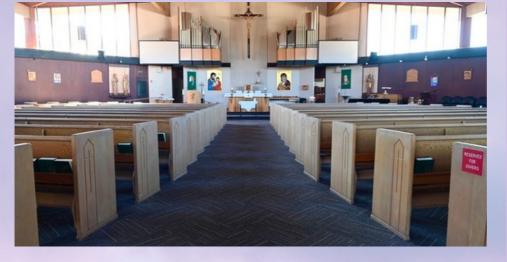
for being? Are you this, are you that? How can we trip you up and get you to claim something preposterous? How can we diminish your importance to the people and let them see what a fraud you are?"

But, you know what? John gave them nothing to grab onto because he desired no claim to fame. He didn't have grandiose ideas about who he was or who he wanted to be. He was just a voice in the wilderness, no one terribly important; the important one was coming soon but he was not the one. However, this didn't mean that John had no sense of himself; he was in no way needy of approval from anyone because he knew exactly who he was. He didn't need to prove himself to anybody or make himself seem important because he had already found his identity in God.

Who are you? What is your reason for being? Do you need approval or admiration? If you don't get approval and admiration, does it make you resentful or make you feel diminished somehow? Are you content to play second fiddle because what you do is not what creates your whole identity? If you suddenly found yourself incapacitated and unable to do what you have always done, would that completely erode your sense of worth and value? How much do you do simply in order to justify your existence?

The need to find our worth reflected in the eyes of those around us is deeply human but that's not where we will find it. That need puts limitations on who we are and who we can be. Thanks be to God that John and Jesus had discovered where their value and worth resided. It was not in the eyes of people but in the eyes of God. They did not find their identities in how much they were loved by people.

It was in how much they were loved by God.



The Week of December 18 to December 24 in our Community

Monday December 18 Parish Office Closed 6:30am Mass Fr. Sean Flynn presiding

Tuesday December 19 6:00pm Mass + Teresa Sequeira

Wednesday December 20 6:30am Mass Fr. Sean Flynn presiding 6:00pm Mass Special Int. "In Thanksgiving" Clarence Fernandez 7:00pm Legion of Mary - Church Hall

Thursday December 21 6:30am Mass Fr. Sean Flynn presiding 9:00am Mass Special Int. Carlo Rella

Friday December 22 6:30am Mass Fr. Sean Flynn presiding 9:00am Mass + Reid Kyfiuk followed by Adoration until 12:00 noon

Saturday December 23 6:30am Mass Fr. Sean Flynn presiding 5:00pm Mass + Herculano & Joao Pimentel / Special Int. Birthday of Jesus

Sunday December 24 Fourth Sunday of Advent 10:00am Mass

Sunday December 24 Christmas - The Nativity Of The Lord 6:00pm Christmas Eve Family Mass 8:00pm Christmas Eve Vigil 12:00am Christmas Eve Midnight Mass

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

Fourth Sunday of Advent Mass Dec. 24 10:00 am

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

New Year's Eve Sunday, Dec. 31 10:00 am (Regular Mass) 6:00 pm (Regular Mass)

New Year's Day (Mary, Holy Mother Of God) Monday, Jan. 1 10:00 am

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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**

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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: <u>DONATE NOW - ST JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISH</u> (CANADAHELPS.ORG)

(IMMEDIATE ELECTRONIC TAX RECEIPT ISSUED BY CANADA HELPS)

E TRANSFERS:

FOLLOW STEPS OUTLINED ON YOUR ON-LINE BANKING SITE TO EMAIL: <u>SJTWPARISH@RCDVICTORIA.ORG</u>

CREDIT CARDS:

<u>Payment_Authorization_Form_for_Credit_Card_Donations.pdf</u> (parishpal.com)

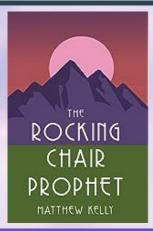
PRE-AUTHORIZED DEBIT:

https://000011.parishpal.com/files/docs/PAD_Agreement.pdf

CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION AND LINKS.

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-catholiceducation/video-resources/journey-through-advent/



Help Yourself to Matthew Kelly's latest book

The Rocking Chair Prophet is a transformational story about reclaiming that voice and the unmitigated joy that comes from following it. After an unspeakable tragedy devastates his life, Daniel, a thirty-three-year-old suburban man, disappears into the mountains.

The book is available for free in the church foyer.

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.



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Newsworthy and Noteworthy

CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS



Envelopes are at the back of the church for those who wish to donate to the Christmas Floral arrangement. Please print the name of your loved one and write your envelope # and drop in collection basket or at the office window.

THANK YOU

Thanks to all of you who signed the letter to the Ambassador of Honduras. We collected 192 signatures. Now we hope that when the President sees all the people in Canada who want justice, he will act. Social Eco-Justice Committee.

South Island Harmony

Holy Cross Parish will be hosting the popular South Island Harmony A Cappella Chorus Sunday, December 17th at 2pm. Admission is by donation and proceeds will go to the financial support of the refugee family currently in Lebanon.

The details may be found here: <u>South-Island-Harmony-Concert-December-17-2023</u> We hope you can come!

Anawim Christmas Donations

Anawim is asking for your assistance again. There is a box in our church foyer 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. the 973 Caledonia Ave location.

Thank you for your long-term support of Anawim.

Simbang Gabi

Join us in the Filipino tradition of celebrating the devotional Masses in preparation for the coming of the birth of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Diocese of Victoria St Andrew's Cathedral 740 View St Dec. 15, 7:30 pm Dec. 16 and 17, 5:00 pm Dec. 18 to 22, 7:30 pm Dec. 23, 5:00pm For more information email: katesismongpilipino@yahoo.com

Knights of Columbus Christmas Tree Chipping



The Christmas tree recycling program this year will take place on **two Saturdays**, **Dec 30 and Jan 6** from **10:00 am to 4:00 pm** Trees may be dropped off at the church parking lot for a donation in support of Knights' fundraising for charities. Bartlett Tree Services will chip the biomass on-site to produce wood chip mulch.

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.** 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.

All are invited to come and join the Legion of Mary!



The Legion of Mary is a lay apostolic association of Catholics who, with the sanction of the Church and under the powerful leadership of Mary Immaculate, Mediatrix of All Graces, serve the Church and their neighbour on a voluntary basis in about 200 countries.

With the approval and support of the Popes and a great many Bishops, Priests and Religious, as well as the prayers and efforts of legionaries, the Legion, by the grace of God, has grown into a worldwide organization with several million members.

The object of the Legion of Mary is the glory of God through the holiness of its members developed by prayer and active co-operation in Mary's and the Church's work.

Please call: Lisa Slegg (250 920-8817) or email: lisaslegg@gmail.com for inquiries or if you want to talk to her and be visited by the Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima in your homes and pray the Rosary for your special intentions and spiritual needs.

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From the Diocese



Diocese Job Postings

The Diocese of Victoria is now accepting applications for three positions:

- Accounting Clerk (applications must be received by January 5, 2024)
- University of Victoria / Camosun College Chaplain (applications must be received by January 5, 2024)
- Financial Officer (applications will be accepted until the position is filled)

The job postings may be viewed at: https://www.rcdvictoria.org/employment.

CCCB statement on the non-permissibility of MAiD in health organizations with a Catholic identity

The CCCB has released a statement on the non-permissibility of MAiD in health organizations with a Catholic identity. The statement may be read online at this link:

<u>Statement by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops on the Non-Permissibility of Euthanasia and Assisted</u> <u>Suicide within Canadian Health Organizations with a Catholic Identity</u>

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

New IPL Course

Registration is now open for a new Indigenous Pastoral and Lay Leader Ministry Education course: *"Contemporary Effects of Colonization II: Social Justice"*. No prerequisites are required for this online course, which will run on Tuesdays in the new year from **January 9 to March 5, 2024 from 2:15 - 3:30 pm PST**. The cost is \$200. For more information and to register, please visit: https://rcdos.ca/ministries-services/indigenous-ministry-2/indigenous-ministry-education/.

"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

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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 Commitee 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 Chris & Carmelle Whiteley (250) 886-2987 email: carmelle.whiteley@gmail.com Ruth Real email: SITWyouthgroup@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 Bernadette D'Souza email: aberniedsouza@gmail.com Moira King email: moiraking@shaw.ca Esmee Rothschild email: rothjones@pacificcoast.net Sr. Marina Smith email: sandseaandsky@gmail.com Brian Fox (Chair), Mylinh Trinh, George Flint, Karen Wysiecki, Nancy Zacharias, Gerry Heywood





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-stvincent-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.

As **Knights of Columbus**, we stand up for the church, serve the least among us, and strengthen parishes and families. We always need new members and fresh ideas to be the best we can be.

As a member you join a worldwide community of nearly 2 million men, including 12,000 here is BC and Yukon, who stand together. **Will you answer the call?**

Visit <u>kofc.org/joinus</u> to learn more about the many benefits of membership in the Knights of Columbus.

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VOLUNTEER WITH A PARISH MINISTRY



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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Roman Catholic Diocese of Victoria Administration and Finance



1 - 4044 Nelthorpe Street, Victoria BC V8X 2A1 - Tel: (250) 479-1331 - Fax: (250) 479-5423 - Web: rcdvictori

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-legalmatters/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:

- o \$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.
- o \$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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Sales Oct 1, 2023 to Dec 16, 2023, 8pm Early Bird Draws 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 WORKING TOGETHER TO MAKE OUR COMMUNITIES BETTER Thank you for your Support!

For general inquiries call 604-216-7272BC Gaming Event License #: 144568Chances are 1 in 410,000 (total tickets for sale) to win a grand prize. Actual odds depend on number of tickets sold. 19+ to play.
Problem Gambling Help Line 1-888-795-6111w.w.w.bcresponsiblegambling.caKnow your limit. Play within it.
Winners are responsible for cost associated with delivery/claiming of prizes.





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December 16 | Sacred Heart Parish Hall Time 1:00 pm | 4040 Nelthorpe St. Victoria

Admission by donation Contribution to the food-bank is welcome

New Year's Eve Gala December 31, 2023-2024

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

Our Lady of Fatima Hall 4635 Elk Lake Drive Victoria BC

Adults: \$100 Children 5-12: \$40 Contact: 250-888-7720

Ticket #039



Community Services

Family Life

Bringing help and hope to marriages and families for over 30 years.

A weekly podcast of stories for kids about Catholic Saints, from the creator of Shining Light Dolls, Chantal Baros. Join us each week for a new short story about the lives of the Saints!



The Bible In A Year



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)