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October 31st and November 1st 2020

Website: www.sjtw.ca

## Solemnity Of All Saints

# **Pure Hope**

In the second reading today John says, "...when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in God purify themselves, just as he is pure."

There are two ways to read this. The first way makes us think, "Oh my gosh! Oh no! I've got to purify myself the way the Saints purified themselves and be as pure as Jesus! Oh, help!"



The second way is closer to what all the saints in heaven know and what the bible teaches. It is that having hope in God and being faithful to that hope is what purifies us, not all the acts of self-abnegation we can enter into. In Hebrews, Paul lists a myriad of old testament characters who received justification through hope and having faith in that hope. Paul calls them a cloud of witnesses who surround us on our journey. These characters were not pure and sinless; they faltered, failed, were violent, made grievous mistakes and had moments of doubt and fear. What set them apart was an overriding hope in God.

What does it mean to have hope in God? It means believing God is God, not pandemics or politicians or people who have different ideologies from us. For many of us, pinning all our hope on God is indeed purifying for it means we have to step down from our anger and our set-in-stone opinions. It means finding ways to allow God to be stronger than our fears for the future. It means not believing in everything we see or read and not allowing our hope in what we *can't* see to be eroded. It means not giving the daily news more credibility than the love God has for us.

Then when Christ is revealed we will see everything we were hoping in and because we cultivated hope instead of cynicism, anger and fear, we will indeed be just like him, full of radiant joy and full of grace. Do you think all the saints in heaven are worried and anxious, wondering if Jesus *really* saved the world?

Think again. Iean Allen

In Remembrance Of Our Beloved Departed Souls
Nov 1 2019 - Oct 31 2020

Margaret Pados Matthaeus Adlkirchner Geor

George Watteyene

Assunta Porco

### Ministry liturgical Schedule to be continued at a later date

#### WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE DIOCESE

Mass Live Streamed link from the Diocese of Victoria website, go to: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/c/RCDVictoriaLiveOne">https://www.youtube.com/c/RCDVictoriaLiveOne</a>

- Sunday 10:00 am
- Monday to Friday 7:00 pm

CISDV - AGM: The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Catholic Independent Schools Diocese of Victoria (CISDV) Society will be held virtually (via zoom) on Tuesday, November 24 at 7:00 pm. There will be an election for two positions to the CISDV Board of Directors at this meeting. Each position is for a three-year term. Nomination forms may be requested from <a href="mailto:schools@cisdv.bc.ca">schools@cisdv.bc.ca</a> and must be completed and send to the Nomination Committee at <a href="mailto:schools@cisdv.bc.ca">schools@cisdv.bc.ca</a> no later than Tuesday, November 10. Potential Board Members must meet the following requirements for nomination:

- 1. Be a practising Catholic and an active member of a Catholic Parish in the Diocese of Victoria.
- 2. Not be an employee of the CISDV, an immediate relative of an employee of the CISDV, nor a student of a school under the jurisdiction of CISDV.
- 3. Read and understand the constitution and bylaws, policies 200 and 201 and the method of election.
- 4. Have a signed nomination form which includes two sponsors and the person's Parish Priest.

For further information, contact Bev Pulyk, Superintendent of Schools (250-727-6893 ext 242).

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** ½ hr before evening Masses on Saturday and Sunday or by appointment with Fr. Alfredo. Please call parish office to arrange 250-479-7413.

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

**Sacrament of Baptism:** At this time Baptisms are being held privately. Please call parish office to arrange 250-479-7413.

Catechism and Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Communion: email <a href="mailto:ourcatechismjourney@gmail.com">ourcatechismjourney@gmail.com</a>

**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 are admitted to a hospital and would like a visit from your pastor or Eucharistic Minister, please call your parish office. For **emergency calls only** call 250-889-3761 and ask for **Fr. Sean Flynn.** 

#### St. Joseph the Worker Mass Seats Available

We have a few available seats for:

Monday 7:00pm Wednesday 7:00pm Friday 9:00am Friday 7:00pm Please contact parish office if you wish to register.

The approaching solemnity of All Saints (November 1, 2020) reminds us that we are all called to holiness. The challenge is to form one body, one Church, with all our differences. This week's Diocesan blog features All Saints Parish, St. Mary's (Ladysmith) and St. Joseph's (Chemainus), an example of Christian community living with change – in love and charity. Please find below the link to the Diocesan blog "Celebrating with all the Saints":

https://www.rcdvictoria.org/diocesanblog/celebrating-with-all-the-saints

### **Bishop's New Directives**

You will read in the Bishop's new directives that, if prescribed conditions are met, the Parish Hall may be used to accommodate more parishioners to physically attend the Mass in the hall through a 'live video-feed' or broadcast. It is in the initial stages of planning and will take some time for the normal process of gathering quotes, approval, installation, and testing before its implementation.

Please visit our parish website at www.sjtw.ca to read the revised Directives.

#### Mass Schedule

at St. Joseph the Worker
By pre-registration only
up to 50 people per Mass
We are accepting names on
a waiting list

Weekday Masses
Monday ~ 7:00pm
Wednesday ~ 7:00pm
Friday ~ 9:00am
Friday ~ 7:00pm

Weekend Masses Saturday ~ 6:00pm Sunday ~ 9:00am Sunday ~ 11:00am



Checkout Fr. Alfie's talents and gifts as a chef with some great cooking recipes and tips. - Here is the latest edition of Fr. Alfie's Table, featuring Wild Mushrooms.

Wild Mushrooms

# New/worthy and Noteworthy

Parish Office will be closed on: Wednesday morning, November 4 from 8:30 am until 12:00 noon (Staff Training)

Wednesday, November 11 (Remembrance Day) Wednesday, November 18 all day (Staff Training)

#### **Diocesan Appeal**

Thank you to all who have supported the 2020 Appeal to this point.

Total pledged to date: \$41,854.42 Number of Families who have contributed - 49 % of Goal Pledged - 77.51%

Donations received prior to December 31st will generate an income tax receipt for 2020

#### St. Joseph's Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Your local conference members invite all parishioners to observe and participate in the Fourth Annual World Day of the Poor, **November 15, 2020**; a day to remember those less fortunate than ourselves, and to give what we can through a donation to the grocery cart, the donation envelope. www.ssvpvancouverisland.ca

#### **Development and Peace**

The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted us in many ways here in Canada. In the Global South, the impacts are devastating. Those who were marginalized to begin with have suffered the most. The incessant exploitation of our common home has triggered the climate crisis and pushed millions into poverty, while the pandemic is worsening poverty, hunger,

Our solidarity and generosity are needed to support the work of Development and Peace so we are all recovering together. Our partners are working for a just recovery in their countries so that all can live in dignity.

There will be a collection in our parish during the weekd of November 7-14. You can put your donation in an envelope and drop it in the box at the church. Or You can make a donation online at **Devp.org**. Your generosity allows Development and Peace to support over 100 projects in 35 countries in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East!

#### **Knights of Columbus Charity Appeal Ticket Sales**

Due to COVID-19 the Charity Appeal Program for this year has moved to an on-line platform. Funds raised under this program are donated to a variety of K of C charitable causes at the provincial and local Victoria levels. **Please click on https://kofcdraw.net/c13356 to purchase your ticket on-line.** You can also visit our parish website under the Knights of Columbus Charity Appeal page to purchase your ticket. Thank you for your support. Any questions please contact Gary (garys235@outlook.com).

# This Week in our Community

Monday November 2 The Commemoration Of All The Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)

Parish Office Closed

7:00pm Mass for pre-registered Parishioners

+ Caterina Alessio

**Tuesday November 3** 

No Mass

Wednesday November 4 Memorial St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop

7:00pm Mass for pre-registered Parishioners

+ Deceased Members of Ferrarelli Family

**Thursday November 5** 

**No Mass** 

Friday November 6

9:00am Mass for pre-registered Parishioners

7:00pm Mass for pre-registered Parishioners

+ Francesco Rainaldi

**Saturday November 7** 

6:00pm Mass for pre-registered Parishioners

Sunday November 8 Thirty-Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

9:00am Mass for pre-registered Parishioners

11:00am Mass for pre-registered Parishioners

6:00pm Mass for pre-registered Parishioners

+ Denis Fernandes

If you are unable to attend Mass in person, you can watch Fr. Alfie's pre-recorded weekend Mass by clicking on the following link to our parish website: www.sitw.ca

#### **How To Donate On-Line**

Online and remote options are available for those who can contribute:

Canada Helps online donation platform:

Click on the following link:

https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/129950804 RR0024-st-josephs-parish/

(immediate electronic tax receipt issued by Canada Helps)

#### E transfers:

Go to your on-line banking site and follow the steps outlined by your bank. Direct funds to:

developmentoffice@rcdvictoria.org

In the memo/description box include your name, address and name "St. Joseph the Worker Parish" as the parish you would like the funds donated to.

#### **Credit Cards:**

Click on attached form and complete:

**PAD for Credit Card Donations** 

#### **Pre-authorized Debit:**

Click on attached form and complete:

#### **PAD Agreement**

We are very grateful that you are part of our Catholic parish family. May God bless you and your families.

### Contacts in the Parish

**Pastor** 

Admin Assistant/Secretary/Bookkeeper

**Responsible Ministry Coordinator** Altar Server Training/Coordinator

**Baptism** 

**Contemplative Community** Children's Liturgy of the Word **Children's Religious Education Eucharistic Ministry Contact** 

**SJTW Pastoral Care Outreach Ministry** 

**Development and Peace** 

Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA)

Youth Group - Grades 6 to 12

St. Joseph's School

Catholic Women's League(CWL)

**Knights of Columbus** St. Vincent de Paul

**Coffee/Hospitality Committee Finance Committee Chair Proclaimer Schedule Coordinator Proclaimer Training Coordinator Liturgy Committee** 

**Social and Ecological Justice Committee** 

**Parish Pastoral Council** 

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