



St. Joseph the Worker Parish

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December 24th and 25th, 2016

Christmas - The Nativity Of The Lord



**HE WANTED TO COME
AMONG US,
WHEN HE COULD HAVE
SIMPLY SETTLED
FOR GIVING US HELP**

All you who lie in the dust, wake up and sing praise, because the healer comes for the sick, the redeemer for those who were in slavery, the way for those who were lost, the life for those who were dead. He comes, the One who will hurl our sins into the depths of the sea, who will heal all our illnesses, who will carry us on His back to restore our original dignity. Great is His power, but greater still is His mercy, because He wanted to come among us in this way, when He could have simply settled for giving us help.

Saint Bernard of Clairvaux

Christmas 2016 has arrived like a morning dew that lightens all that we do, with a sense of peace and tenderness. With eyes of faith, a Divine moment embraces our hearts...wherever our hearts may be...even if for a short moment...a breath, a thought, a song, yet it is the eternal that has come to visit; it's the promise of Isaiah that never fails. May the Divine Light that comes to us as we celebrate Holy Christmas shine in our hearts, reawakening in us our true sense of belonging to Jesus, restoring our missionary zeal.

As the world was awaiting the Light announced by the angels to the Shepherds, it is now our mission to announce that same redeeming Good News; Christ our Saviour is now among us, let us rejoice and be glad.

My wishes to all of you and your families for a joyful and blessed Christmas,

*In Christ
fr Alfredo*

Ministry Liturgical Schedule..December 31st & January 1st, 2017

	Saturday 5:00 pm	Sunday 10:00 am	Sunday 6:00 pm
Altar Servers Coordinator-Pam Corpus	MC T. Lanuza J. Price	MC P. O'Brien C. Mykyte, J. Grohovac	MC E. Pryma N. Pryma
Hospitality Ministers Coordinator-Karen Douglas	K. Douglas	MA. Neal J. Di Castri	
Lectors Coordinator-Linda Chatton	S. Hryhoryshen B. Bella	A. Grohovac A. Vandekerkhove	M. Gill M. McDonald
Ushers Coordinator-Maryellen Trudeau	L. van Dyk, J. Green M. Trudeau, K. Kopeck	B. Quinn, J. Ross L. Bartle, B. Randall	J. Aquino, W. Burgess
Presenters of the Gifts Coordinator-Ursule Betts	A. Mihalicz I. Mihalicz	L. Bartle	tbd
Children's Liturgy Coordinator-Martin Poulin	Seeds 10:00 Mass start up again January 8th	Promise 10:00am Mass start up again January 8th	Good News 10:00am Mass start up again January 8th
Vacuums Coordinator-Ralph Scheurle	S. Nolan E. Oliveira		
Music Ministry	Steve and Michelle	Christian Rocks	Angela Faber
Hospital Ministers Coordinator-Denise Kyfiuk		V. Gustafson P. Chang-Kue	

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday at 4:15-4:45 pm or by appointment.

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

Sacrament of Baptism: Call the Parish Office at 250-479-7413 to register for the next Baptism Preparation Class to be held on Saturday, **January 21st 2017**. Next Baptisms will take place on **January 28th/29th**. All Baptisms are held during all Masses of the last weekend of each month.

Catechism and Children's Liturgy, Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Communion: Contact the Parish Office at 250-479-7413 for more information.

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 or VGH/RJ hospital emergency pager 250-889-3761 and ask for Fr. Ian Stuart to make this request.

From today's Gospel: "In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that the whole world should be enrolled."

Reflection: There is another census happening in Luke's account. God has come to take flesh and be counted as one of us. The angels are not on Caesar's side of domination and rule by force; they announce that the almighty God has come to be with us and walk among us. Where? In an insignificant town, in the backwater called Bethlehem. And with us, in the ordinary and seeming-insignificant events of our daily lives.

So We Ask Ourselves: Have we discovered the birth of Christ in new places in our lives? How does that discovery affect our daily thoughts and actions?

Grade 5 Christmas Bottle Drive in conjunction with **The Knights of Columbus Christmas Tree Chipping** - Many thanks to the Knights of Columbus for offering this wonderful opportunity to raise funds to help offset the cost of the Grade 5's class trip to Camp Pringle June 2017. Dates: Saturday, **December 31st 2016** and **January 7th, 2017** from 10:00am to 2:00pm in St. Joseph's Parking Lot. See bulletin board for details.

A Time of Prayer and Devotion - The Eparchy of New Westminster is organizing an event on Saturday, **January 14th 2017** at 1:00pm at St. Nicholas the Wonderworker Ukrainian Catholic Church (Caledonia Ave) Victoria Tickets: 250-384-2292.

Do you have some basketball moves to show off? Come play in the Diocesan Youth Conference fundraiser tournament on **January 15th** at St. Andrew's Regional High School from 12:00 noon to 4:00pm. Register teams of 5 - 8 people together, one of those people being an adult coach/sponsor. Cost \$25 per team. Prizes will be awarded. Follow this link to register your team: <https://goo.gl/forms/PArb6pCcQsDKxi4il> Any questions? Email: teamdyc@gmail.com

The Catholic Health Association of BC (CHABC) is making available two bursaries to students graduating in 2017. To apply for these bursaries, we invite students to submit an essay on the topic, The Significance of Spirituality in Health Care. Please see bulletin board for details.

Mass Schedule

Weekday Masses

Monday ~No Mass

Tuesday ~No Mass

Wednesday ~ No Mass

Thursday ~No Mass

Friday ~No Mass

Saturday ~ 5:00pm

Sunday ~ 10:00am & 6:00pm

N.B. Victoria 2017 Pastoral Care Outreach Program

sessions will be held on Feb. 11th, Mar 18th @ St. Patrick's Parish. April 15th and May 20th @ St. Joseph the Worker.

Save The Date

Rocking Good Fun-Raiser
in support of SJTW
Masithuthukisane Project
and St. Joseph School Parent's
Advisory Group (PAG)

Dinner and Dance
\$25.00/person

Dinner prepared by our very
own "Chef Fr. Alfredo"

Feb 10th at 7:00pm

St. Joseph the Worker Parish



Merry Christmas Everyone!

Appeal Summary

as of Dec 21st

\$56,827.58

168 families

Newsorthy and Noteworthy

Please Note: Christmas Office Hours
The Parish Office will be closed from:
Monday, December 26th to:
Tuesday, January 3rd
The Parish Office will re-open on:
Wednesday, January 4th

Please Note: There will be no bulletin printed the weekend of December 31st/January 1st 2017. Next bulletin will be printed on January 7th/8th.

2017 Collection Envelopes are ready for pick up at the back of the church. **After December 31st**, please discard all 2016 envelopes. Any parishioner who did not receive a box and would like one, please contact parish office (including those donating through PAD and Credit Card).

Holy Families, the First Sunday of every month - Come gather on Sunday, **January 1st** at 1:00pm in the Church Hall and enjoy community and fellowship. Contact Kristy de Bree 250-590-7004.

EpiphanyEAT for Teens 15 to 18 yrs on Saturday, **January 7th**, 2017 at St. Joseph the Worker Church Hall from 6:00pm (following the 5pm Mass) until 10 pm. Tickets \$10 available from Youth Office at Diocese. Please bring a gift for an after dinner Epiphany game. The gift must be wrapped and not cost you anything. Please contact Kelly Bourke at kbourke@rcdvictoria.org or 250-479-1331.

Enjoy the rich customs and traditions of Ukrainian Christmas Eve ("Svyatay Vechir") on Saturday, **January 7th** at 6:00pm, at the Ukrainian Cultural Center, featuring a buffet dinner of 12 meatless dishes, caroling by the Luna Ensemble and a children's surprise. Many Ukrainians throughout the world continue to celebrate the birth of Christ on this day according to the Julian calendar. Advance tickets and reservations only: Tickets \$40.00, students \$20.00, children 4-6 \$8.00. Call 250-475-2585, e-mail: UCC1@shaw.ca

Arabic Translators Required - The Diocese of Victoria is seeking the kind assistance of Arabic speakers as conversational interpreters, to help volunteer parish refugee settlement committees in preparation for the anticipated arrival, sometime in the New Year, of eight to nine Syrian families. If you are fluent in Arabic and English, and are available to volunteer in this capacity, please contact Jim O'Reilly, Religious Education Coordinator, at the Pastoral Centre 250-479-1331, or jeoreilly@rcdvictoria.org Under Diocesan Policy, all volunteers must be screened and approved to work with children and vulnerable adults. Check with parish office for what is required.

Up Coming Events & Start Dates

Dec 31	New Year's Eve Mass 5:00pm
Dec 31	10:00am Gr 5 Bottle Drive and Knights of Columbus Tree Chipping
Jan 1	New Year's Day Mass 10:00am and 6:00pm
Jan 7	10:00am Gr 5 Bottle Drive and Knights of Columbus Tree Chipping
Jan 7	6:00pm EpiphanyEAT for Teens 15 - 18 yrs old
Jan 14	1:00pm A Time of Prayer and Devotion - St. Nicholas the Wonderworker Ukrainian Catholic Church
Jan 29	2:00pm Victoria Cello Quartet - St. Andrew's Cathedral - 125th Anniversary Concert Series
Feb 10	7:00pm Rockin' Good Fun-Raiser Dinner and Dance - St. Joseph the Worker Parish Hall

This Week in our Community

Monday December 26 Feast St. Stephen, The First Martyr

Parish Office Closed

No Mass

7:00pm Pivotal Leaders - Church, Community Room

7:30pm K of C Executive Meeting - Church Hall

Tuesday December 27 Feast St. John, Apostle, Evangelist

Parish Office Closed

No Mass

7:00pm - Couples for Christ Choir Practice - Church

Wednesday December 28 Feast The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

Parish Office Closed

No Mass

Thursday December 29 Fifth Day Within The Octave Of The Nativity

Parish Office Closed

No Mass

7:00pm Christian Rocks Choir Practice - check your email

Friday December 30 Feast The Holy Family Of Jesus, Mary And Joseph

Parish Office Closed

No Mass

Saturday December 31 Seventh Day Within The Octave Of The Nativity

5:00pm Mass

Youth Ministry - will resume January 14, 2017

Sunday January 1st Mary, The Holy Mother Of God

World Day of Peace

10:00am Mass

No Coffee

11:15am Diocesan Marriage and Family Life Social - All are invited - Church Hall

6:00pm Mass Special Int. "Thanksgiving to The Blessed Virgin"

Our Prayers And Thoughts Are With You

St. Joseph Family offers our condolences to Jacques Moreau and Family. May you be comforted by the outpouring of love surrounding you.

St. Andrew's Cathedral 125th Anniversary

Concert Series continues on Sunday **January 29th**

at 2:00pm at St. Andrew's Cathedral - with **Victoria**

Cello Quartet featuring Rachel Capon, Eli Bender,

Silvina Samuel-Lowden & Nathan Jacklin, performing

Concerto for 4 Cellos by G.P. Telemann, and other cello

repertoire by Mercante, Piazzolla, Barber, Bach and

others.

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Victoria is seeking a

full-time Executive Assistant to support the Bishop and

Chancellor to ensure optimal day to day work flow.

Interested applicants are invited to submit a resume and

cover letter by **January 13, 2017** to: **Roman Catholic**

Diocese of Victoria Attention: Cynthia Bouchard,

Chancellor #1 - 4044 Nelthorpe St, Victoria, BC V8X 2A1

[Email: chancery@rcdvictoria.org](mailto:chancery@rcdvictoria.org)

[Website: www.rcdvictoria.org/employment.php](http://www.rcdvictoria.org/employment.php)

See bulletin board for details

Contacts in the Parish

Pastor
Administrative Assistant/Secretary
Custodian
Diocesan Responsible Ministry Coordinator
Altar Server Training/Coordinator
Baptism
Contemplative Community
Children's Liturgy of the Word
Children's Religious Education
Development and Peace
Eucharistic Ministry of the Liturgy
SJTW Pastoral Care Outreach Ministry
Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA)
Jesus Youth - Grades 8 to 12
St. Joseph's School
Catholic Women's League (CWL)
Knights of Columbus
St. Vincent de Paul
Building and Maintenance Committee
Coffee/Hospitality Committee
Finance Committee
Lector Schedule Coordinator
Lector Training Coordinator
Liturgy Committee
Masithuthukisane/SJTW (2015-2020) Project
Social and Ecological Justice Committee
Parish Pastoral Council

Fr. Alfredo Monacelli
 Jennifer Smith/Sandi Duncan - Office hours 8:30 am-3:30 pm Tuesday-Friday
 Ralph Scheurle (250) 727-6010
 Mike O'Rielly (250) 477-8950
 Pam Corpus email: pamcorpus@gmail.com
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 Martin Poulin (250) 744-3288 email: kmpoulin@telus.net
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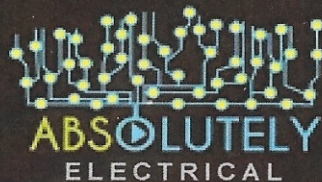
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