



St. Joseph the Worker Parish

Diocese of Victoria

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December 24th and 25th 2018

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Christmas - The Nativity Of The Lord

Dear Parishioners,

*As we are about to enter the Holy Day of Christmas,
let us lift our hearts for this Event that redeems
and restores our soul, our life and our hope.*

*Let us imagine the young virgin, who at home
received the announcement from the angel,
an experience of the Divine within her flesh,
the ultimate example of something that could not be reduced
to a sentimental or an emotional moment that comes and goes,
but rather a radical newness that changed human history,
a fact in history that changed human destiny once and for all.*

*Christianity is a presence within our daily life,
vibrating within the fibers of our being,
a presence that renews our gaze on life
with hope and wonder in the face of the whole world.*

*My most sincere blessing to all of you
and your families for the new coming year.*

*May peace and joy
abide always in you.*

*Yours in Christ
fr Alfie*

Ministry Liturgical Schedule December 29th and 30th, 2018

	Saturday 5:00 pm	Sunday 10:00 am	Sunday 6:00 pm
Altar Servers Coordinator-Jeanine Woodman	MC M. Zidek J. Price	MC M. Edwardson J. Edwardson, E. Riess	MC M. Faber C. Bernarte, S. Faber
Hospitality Ministers Coordinator-Karen Douglas	E. Tobin	J. Percy	tbd
Lectors Coordinator-Linda Chatton	P. O'Brien W. Kyle	R. Mykyte I. Mykyte	K. Douglas B. Douglas
Ushers ** recruit Presenters of Gifts Coordinator- looking for one	M. Trudeau, T. Butler J. Aquino, M. Sanders **	S. Leckie, A. Vandekerkhove J. Vukovic **	tbd
Children's Liturgy Coordinator-Martin Poulin	Seeds 10:00am Mass Christmas Break	Promise 10:00am Mass Christmas Break	Good News 10:00am Mass Christmas Break
Vacuuumers Coordinator-Ralph Scheurle	C. Weber B. Weber		
Music Ministry	Steve and Michelle	Christian Rocks	Angela Faber Wing and A Prayer
Hospital Ministers Coordinator-Denise Kyfiuk		M. Hardy A. Grohovac	

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 which will be held on **January 19th, 2019**. Typically, 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 and Youth Group: Contact Parish Office for 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.

From today's Gospel: ("His own did not accept him") John 1:10-11

Adults: If Jesus were to be born today, do you think you would accept him and follow him? Why or why not?

Children: What could you and your family do for others during the next week to celebrate the birth of Jesus?

HOSPITAL EMERGENCY CALLS: Please note that Fr. Ian Stuart, Hospital Chaplain, is currently on medical leave from his responsibilities. At the moment, eight different pastors in Victoria, in addition to their regular duties, will carry the hospital phone for emergency calls only (250-889-3761) on a weekly rotation basis.

St. Joseph's School Grade 5 Christmas Bottle Drive and K of C Christmas Tree Chipping on Saturday, **December 29th** and Saturday, **January 5th**, from 10:00am to 2:00pm in St. Joseph's School Parking lot. Bring any beverage containers that have a recycling surcharge (beer bottles/cans, alcohol bottles, wine bottles/bag in a box, pop bottles/cans, juice boxes/cartons; water bottles). Please no milk or milk type containers.

New event coming to Our Lady of the Rosary Parish in Langford! Join us for our first annual "Men's Supper" on Saturday, **January 26th**, 2019. Doors open at 6:00pm and dinner at 6:30pm. The evening will consist of dinner, drinks (Your favorite beer!). Guest Speakers Fr. Dean Henderson and Danny Brock, prizes! and car show! Call or email Tyson Babcock for tickets (\$20 each, dinner included) or more information, 250-818-1503 or tyson.babcock@gmail.com.

Coldest Night of the Year: Again this year, Our Place Society is reaching out to communities of faith to form teams and walk on the Coldest Night of the Year, **February 23rd, 2019**. Teams can sign up at www.cnoy.org/victoriapandora and walk in support of the homeless community of Victoria. All money raised will go to programs at Our Place Society to reduce the impact of homelessness on vulnerable people in Victoria.

The Board of Directors of the CHABC is pleased to announce that in 2019 one bursary in the amount of \$500 will be granted to a graduating student who is enrolled in a Catholic secondary school, or is a member of a BC/Yukon parish and enrolled in a public secondary school, or is home-schooled. For application requirements, please visit <https://www.chabc.bc.ca/blog/> or download <https://www.chabc.bc.ca/2019-chabc-bursary-offered/>. Please note the closing date for applications: **MARCH 22, 2019**.

Mass Schedule

Weekday Masses

Monday Christmas Eve
6:00pm, 8:30pm,
12:00 Midnight
Tuesday Christmas Day
10:00am

Wednesday ~ **No Mass**

Thursday ~ 9:30am

Friday ~ 9:30am

Saturday ~ 5:00pm

Sunday ~ 10:00am

Sunday ~ 6:00pm

Diocesan Appeal Serve One Another Update

as of December 19, 2018

**Again, THANK YOU to all
who have been able to
support the 2018 Appeal.**

**Total pledged: \$57,146.13
of Gifts: 156**

For Rent

St. Joseph the Worker
Parish Hall
\$75.00/per hour or
\$500.00/event
Contact the Parish Office
@ 250-479-7413 or
sjtwoffice@shaw.ca
for more information

Newsorthy and Noteworthy

Please note:

St. Joseph the Worker Parish office **will be closed** for the Christmas break from:

Monday, December 24th through Tuesday, January 1st

The parish office **will reopen** on:

Wednesday, January 2nd, 2019

There will be no bulletin printed the weekend of December 29th/30th 2018



Merry Christmas to All from
St. Joseph the Worker Parish Staff

THANK YOU to Karen Wysiecki for taking charge of organizing our Seniors Lunch Bunch in the future and also **THANK YOU** to Val Gustafson and Ursule Betts for acting in the interim. The seniors of our parish appreciate you!

If you are homebound and are unable to be in church, join Bishop Gary Gordon at 11 p.m. on Monday, **December 24th** for a LIVE stream of the Christmas Eve Mass online at:

<https://www.rcdvictoria.org/diocese-of-victoria-live-stream>

Caroling begins at 10pm . Christmas Day Mass celebrated by Bishop Gary will also be streamed LIVE on Tuesday, **December 25th** at 11:00am.

St. Joseph the Worker "An Encounter With" Mona Houle - Come and hear Mona talk on Wednesday, January 16th at 7:00pm - about her journey with Multiple Sclerosis: Strength through Weaknesses.

Save the date! February 9th, 2019. Enjoy a FUN-filled, community building, family Valentine Dinner and Barn Dance in the school gym. Tickets will be on sale starting **January 5/6, 2019**. More details to follow. All proceeds to benefit the SJTW/Masithuthukisane organic farming project to help feed the poor in South Africa and St. Joseph's School (PAG) for student needs. Contact the parish office: (250) 479-7413 or sjtwoffice@shaw.ca

Save the date for a Liturgy Matters Workshop on Saturday, **February 23rd** at Ascension Parish in Parksville and a Credible Christian Course starting **January 23rd** for 6 evenings at the Pastoral Center. More information and registration on the Diocesan Website. <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/> or gpalahicky@rcdvictoria.org

Up Coming Events & Start Dates

Dec. 24	Christmas Eve 6:00pm Family Mass (with pageant) 8:30pm Vigil Mass 12:00am Midnight Mass
Dec. 25	Christmas Day 10:00am Mass
Dec. 31	New Year's Eve 6:00pm Mass
Jan. 1	New Year's Day 10:00am Mass
Dec 29/Jan 5	10:00am K of C Tree Chipping and St. Joseph's School Grade 5 Christmas Bottle Drive
Jan 16	7:00pm "An Encounter With" Mona Houle - St. Joseph the Worker Parish
Jan 23	Credible Christian Course - Pastoral Centre
Feb 9	Valentine Dinner and Barn Dance - St. Joseph Elementary School Gym

This Week in our Community

Monday December 24 Solemnity Christmas - The Nativity Of The Lord

Parish Office Closed

10:00am CWL Executive Meeting - Community Room

Christmas Eve Masses - See Upcoming Events

Tuesday December 25 Solemnity Christmas - The Nativity Of The Lord

Parish Office Closed

10:00am Christmas Day Mass

Wednesday December 26 Feast St. Stephen, The First Martyr

Parish Office Closed

No Mass

Thursday December 27 Feast St. John, Apostle, Evangelist

Parish Office Closed

9:30am Mass + Maggie Pires

Manna Gathering Discussion Group - starts up again

January 10 2019

Friday December 28 Feast The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

Parish Office Closed

9:30am Mass + Joan Alaric

No Adoration today

Saturday December 29 Fifth Day Within The Octave Of The Nativity

10:00am K of C Tree Chipping and Gr 5 Bottle Drive - Church Parking Lot

5:00pm Mass + Ed Hogan

Youth Group starts up again on January 12 2019

Sunday December 30 The Holy Family Of Jesus, Mary And Joseph

No Catechism Classes

10:00am Mass

11:15am Sunday Coffee - Community Room

6:00pm Mass

2019 Envelopes are ready for pick up at the back of the church. Please DO NOT USE UNTIL JANUARY. After December 31st, please discard all 2018 envelopes. Any parishioner who did not receive a box and would like one, please contact parish office.

Pastoral Care Sessions Continued

(9:00 am - 3:00 pm) at St. Peter's Parish

Saturday, **January 19, 2019** Session 3:

The Grieving Process and Ministering to Families

Saturday, **February 23** 2019, Session 4:

Who "Am I as a Pastoral Care Visitor?"

Bring a bag lunch.

To register, call the parish office 250-753-3570 or email

stpetersnanaimo@shaw.ca

"Friendship the experience of an Encounter".



Youth Group
Merry Christmas!

Back on
January 12th

Contacts in the Parish

Pastor

Admin Assistant/Secretary/Bookkeeper

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

SJTW Pastoral Care Outreach Ministry

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

Building and Maintenance Committee

Coffee/Hospitality Committee

Finance Committee Chair

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/Pat O'Brien - Office hours 8:30 am-3:30 pm Tues-Fri

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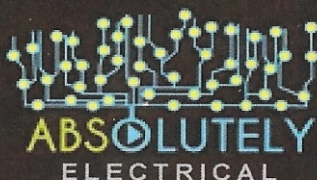
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