



# St. Joseph the Worker Parish

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## Eighteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

### The Miracle of Love

Two Sundays ago I spoke of the lavish generosity of God and this week's Gospel again displays God's unreserved mercy in caring for his people.

We are so used to the story of Jesus feeding the five thousand that it tends to just fly over our heads each time we hear it. It's a miracle. It happened. It must have been nice for the people who were there but what's it got to do with us now?

Consider this: Jesus fed all those people with no questions asked. He did not sort them out according to worthiness standards. In a crowd of five thousand, do you not think that there would have been some common thieves, a sprinkling of prostitutes, a number of traitorous tax collectors and some people who were simply there to denigrate Jesus and catch him committing supposed heresy? There were some very good people there, some mediocre people and some people who caused discomfort and brought disharmony wherever they went. There were believers there but also many decidedly unbelievers. Jesus didn't care.

He fed them all. He did not discriminate.

That's very good news for us but we can become a little picky about our miracles. If we have a very specific desire and it's not fulfilled we can start to feel hard done by. If there was anyone present at the miracle feeding of the five thousand who was really desiring a full meal of lamb with all the fixin's and a glass of fine wine, then a fish and a piece of bread would probably have been disappointing to them, miracle or no miracle. If the miracle does not rise to our desires and expectations then we usually don't recognize it as a miracle.

"This isn't really a miracle. I'm getting what everybody else is getting and I don't particularly want what everybody else is getting. What's so miraculous about that?"

God provides not what we want but what we need and we miss the scandalous and prodigiously boggling miracle.

We miss the love.

Jean Allen



# Ministry liturgical Schedule to be continued at a later date



## WHAT'S HAPPENING VIRTUALLY



A **Youtube page** has been created for “**Fr. Alfie’s Table**”. Just go to the homepage on our website and click on all his mouth watering recipes. **Last week was “Penne Zucchini” and next week will be “Insalata Di Riso”!**

If you are unable to attend Mass in person, you can watch **Fr. Alfie’s pre-recorded weekend Mass** from Sunday morning on by clicking the link on our website.

Here is a chance to **sing along** with Kathy Lokhorst from Christian Rocks Choir during social distancing. Check daily on our website homepage for the newest hymn.

All are invited to join Bishop Gary Gordon from the comfort and safety of your homes as he celebrates Mass through a live stream from St. Andrew's Cathedral. To access the **live stream link** from the **Diocese of Victoria** website simply google: Diocese of Victoria or: <http://www.rcdvictoria.org/diocese-of-victoria-live-stream>

SUNDAY 10 AM and MONDAY TO FRIDAY 7 PM

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** ½ hr before evening Masses on Saturday and Sunday or by appointment with Fr. Alfredo.

**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 (date to be determined). 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. For **emergency calls only** call 250-889-3761 and ask for **Fr. Sean Flynn**.

**From today's Gospel:** So they said to Jesus, “What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?” (John 6:30)

**Adults:** When has your faith helped you believe without “seeing signs” from God?

**Children:** Who helps you believe in things you cannot see?

**Just a reminder that** the Mass Groups of 50 must remain fixed, as directed by Bishop Gary Gordon, Bonnie Henry and Work Safe BC - in other words, if you cannot attend your fixed time slot, you cannot switch to another Mass. There are those who have to miss the Mass they are registered for and it has been noted that our maximum of 50 attendees has not been reached. If you wish to come to a Mass and wait until the Mass has started and we have seats available, the Usher can record your names and phone number and allow you to come in. We have to ensure each Mass has a maximum of 50. We are taking names to add to our extras who wish to attend. Once you attend a Mass you are not able to switch to another time. We are making every effort to accommodate all those who wish to celebrate the Eucharist in person.



If you're interested in going on pilgrimage to pray with the Holy Father and hundreds of thousands of other Catholic young adults (ages 19 –35), Fr. Eduardo Santos & Fr. Harrison Ayre will be organizing this pilgrimage.

Please contact Rebecca at Holy Family Notre Dame: [rc-portalberni@shaw.ca](mailto:rc-portalberni@shaw.ca) or 250-723-8912

**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 ~ 7:00pm  
**Weekend Masses**  
Saturday ~ 6:00pm  
Sunday ~ 9:00am  
Sunday ~ 11:00am  
Sunday ~ 6:00pm

**ONLINE MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE** – During this time, we are offering our Marriage Preparation Course fully online, and couples will be able to work through the program at their own pace. The cost is \$125 per couple, and the price also includes an online individualized couple assessment as well as a liturgy planning guide. For more information, go to: <https://bit.ly/3hzgRGW> or find the course on Eventbrite. You may also find the information on the Diocese website. Questions? Contact Louis Melendez at [lmelendez@rcdvictoria.org](mailto:lmelendez@rcdvictoria.org) or 250-479-1331 ext. 237.

## Newsworthy and Noteworthy

**Any Parishioners interested in assisting in cleaning and sanitizing main church, pews, foyer and restrooms after Masses (during COVID-19), please contact the parish office 250-479-7413. Training is provided.**

The Views at St. Joseph's, a non-profit Catholic health care organization, was previously owned and operated by the Bishop of Victoria and is now operated by Providence Living. Bishop Gordon serves as a founding member of the Society. The Views, inspired by the healing ministry of Jesus Christ, is dedicated to meeting the physical, emotional, social and spiritual needs of those served through compassionate care, teaching and research. The Views is committed to maintaining an elder-centered community fostering companionship and opportunities for spontaneous interactions.

The Views was featured in a recent news story (links below) that highlighted the healing power of pets (Merlin would agree)!

- **Global TV:** <https://globalnews.ca/news/7156004/seniors-home-pets-coronavirus/>
- **CKNW:** <https://omny.fm/shows/the-jill-bennett-show/2-46-pm-the-jill-bennett-show>

Jane Murphy, President and CEO, previously served as President and CEO of St. Joseph's Hospital from 2011 to 2017. During Jane's tenure she led the organization through major transitions and will continue to do so at the Views at St. Joseph's, as the Providence Living facility will build one of the provinces first dementia villages and is expected to open in 2024.

**The Social Concerns Office food bank of The Society of St.Vincent de Paul is in URGENT NEED of egg cartons to distribute bulk eggs they get to their clients. Contact George Pine, Donna Ingram or Debora at their office at 250-382-0712 to arrange delivery or drop off.**



### Garden Upkeep: Tired looking at your 4 walls? Want to dedicate some time to others in need?

Perform a Corporal Work of Mercy in the peace and quiet of our Masithuthu Garden. Spend your solitude talking with God while tending to the garden by performing such tasks as light weeding, minor harvesting, and "waving to the locals" who constantly walk by. Bring your sunhat, water bottle and sunscreen. All required tools are provided. Best yet - ***no experience*** is required. Contact Jamie at 250.391.1280, [sjvmasithuthugarden@gmail.com](mailto:sjvmasithuthugarden@gmail.com), or sign up for a slot on our Masithuthu Garden Calendar at the following site: [httMasithuthups://signup.com/go/PbBWSJA](http://Masithuthups://signup.com/go/PbBWSJA)

Due to COVID-19 and necessary social distancing protocols, only those who have signed up are allowed access to the Garden.

## This Week in our Community

### Monday August 3

Parish Office Closed

7:00pm Mass for pre-registered Parishioners

### Tuesday August 4, St. Jean-Marie Vianney, Priest

Parish Office Closed

No Mass

### Wednesday August 5

7:00pm Mass for pre-registered Parishioners

+Ray Bowers

### Thursday August 6, Transfiguration of the Lord

No Mass

### Friday August 7

7:00pm Mass for pre-registered Parishioners

Special Intention Allan Sequeira

### Saturday August 8, St. Dominic, Priest

6:00pm Mass for pre-registered Parishioners

### Sunday August 9, Nineteenth 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

## Pastoral Ministry Appointments

We are invited as the People of God, to welcome and embrace the graces to grow in faith as we continue to move towards a model of collaborative and shared ministry in the Diocese.

Bishop Gary has, in consultation with the Priest Personnel Committee, made the following pastoral ministry appointments:

### **Effective immediately:**

**Fr. Sean Flynn** has been appointed Hospital Chaplain for the Jubilee and General Hospitals in Victoria.

Fr. Sean will also be available to provide replacement sacramental ministry assistance as needed.

### **Effective July 1, 2020:**

**Fr. Dino Villadiego**, on loan from the Archdiocese of Lipa in the Philippines, has returned from his sabbatical and has been appointed Associate Priest at St. Andrew's Cathedral in Victoria.

### **Effective August 1, 2020**

**Fr. Harrison Ayre** has been appointed Pastor of St. Peter's Parish in Nanaimo, and Our Lady of Victory Mission on Gabriola Island. Fr. Harrison will also provide pastoral outreach ministry to Vancouver Island University in Nanaimo.

**Fr. Thomas Chinnappa**, on loan from the Diocese of Mysore in India, has been appointed Associate Priest at St. Andrew's Cathedral in Victoria.

**Fr. Michael Tran** is appointed Pastor of Holy Family/Notre Dame Parish and Bishop's Delegate to St. John Paul II School in Port Alberni. Fr. Tran will also provide sacramental ministry assistance to the communities on the West Coast.

## Contacts in the Parish

**Pastor**  
**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**  
**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**  
**Masithuthukisane/SJTW (2015-2020) Project**  
**Social and Ecological Justice Committee**  
**Parish Pastoral Council**

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