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## Logging In

BY JEAN ALLEN

Let's bring this Gospel right down to ground zero: the pandemic conflicts.

It doesn't matter what side we're on, whether we are pro or anti anything, if we are pointing out the splinters in the other side's eyes and not recognizing that we have logs in our own, we, as professed Christians, are hypocrites. If we say, "Yeah, I recognize that I'm not perfect but you are very deluded," we are the blind trying to lead the blind.

The word 'hypocrite' originally meant an actor wearing a mask. The actor would act out the persona symbolized by the mask but that acting did not portray the real nature of the person underneath the mask. We may have very strong opinions and perspectives when it comes to conflicts, but if these opinions and perspectives lead to angry confrontation or gossiping with others while we profess to be followers of Christ, then our carved in stone opinions and perspectives become our acting masks (our hypocrisy) and our true Christ-natures are not being portrayed.

Last week we learned about the true nature of Christ and what we should try to be like. The fruits of the Spirit as described by Paul are also illustrations of the nature of Christ: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. As soon as one finds oneself tipping over into anger, judgement, unkind words, turmoil and conflict, the mask is on and hypocrisy reigns.

Have I been guilty of splinter picking? Mea culpa! Then I have to go to the Lord and apologize for my arrogance. But, as Lady Julian of Norwich wrote, "First the fall, and then the recovery from the fall, and both are the mercy of God." We try, we fail, we try, we fail, over and over. All we receive from God is mercy.

So, why can't we give it?



## The Week of Feb 28 to March 6 in our Community

**Monday February 28**

**Parish Office Closed**

**10:00 CWL Executive Meeting - Church Hall**

**No Mass**

**Tuesday March 1**

**6:00pm Mass + Theresa Rayappan**

**Wednesday March 2 Ash Wednesday**

**6:00pm Mass**



**Thursday March 3**

**9:00am Mass + Maria Molinari**

**Friday March 4**

**World Day of Prayer**

**9:00am Mass + Deceased Relatives of Lorne and Sandra Keller**

**10:00am - 12:00 noon Adoration**

**Saturday March 5**

**5:00pm Mass Special Int. Lorne Keller**

**6:00pm Youth Group in School Gym**

**Sunday March 6 First Sunday Of Lent**

**8:45am Catechism - Church Hall and Community Room**

**10:00am Mass**

**6:00pm Mass + Milagros Flores**

# Mass Schedule

**Weekday Masses**

**Tuesday ~ 6:00pm**

**Wednesday ~ 6:00pm**

**Thursday ~ 9:00am**

**Friday ~ 9:00am**

**Weekend Masses**

**Saturday ~ 5:00pm**

**Sunday ~ 10:00am**

**Sunday ~ 6:00pm**

**CLICK BELOW TO WATCH  
ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER LIVE-STREAMED  
SUNDAY MASS**

**Saint Joseph the Worker -  
Victoria, B.C. - YouTube**

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## Mass With the Bishop

**LIVE-STREAMED FROM THE  
DIOCESE OF VICTORIA WEBSITE  
SUNDAY - 9:30 AM**

**MONDAY TO FRIDAY - 7:00 PM**

**CLICK BELOW TO WATCH**

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***As Lent approaches  
next week,  
Let us be united in  
Prayer***

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**to volunteer and help with:  
St. Joseph the Worker  
Saturday, 5:00 pm Mass  
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[sjtwmedia@icloud.com](mailto:sjtwmedia@icloud.com)  
OR contact parish office.**

# Sign Up Sheets in church foyer

## Synod Participation

Name	Phone #	Email Address
"By walking together, and together reflecting on the journey made, the Church will be able to learn from what it will experience which processes can help it to live communion, to achieve participation, to open itself to mission."		

Just a Reminder to pick up 2022 Donation Envelopes in the church foyer



2021 TAX

Receipts are ready for pick up in the church foyer

**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:** 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: 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 or Eucharistic Minister, please call your parish office.

**For emergency calls only call 250-889-3761 and ask for Fr. Sean Flynn.**



**The parish office is open during regular hours of operation Tuesday through Friday  
8:30am to 3:30pm**

*We now require face coverings for all people born in 2016 or earlier (ages 5 yrs and up) for all activities in church buildings in the Diocese of Victoria, including worship services. Bishop Gary Gordon*

## Donation Options



**CANADA HELPS ONLINE DONATION:  
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**CREDIT CARDS:  
[Payment Authorization Form for Credit Card Donations.pdf](#)  
([parishpal.com](https://parishpal.com))**

**PRE-AUTHORIZED DEBIT:  
[https://000011.parishpal.com/files/docs/PAD\\_Agreement.pdf](https://000011.parishpal.com/files/docs/PAD_Agreement.pdf)**

**CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION AND LINKS.**

## GET READY!

**FOR CWL GARAGE SALE SATURDAY, MAY 7TH**

### Victoria Diocesan Bursary In Memory of Freda Smith

The Victoria Diocesan CWL Council is offering a \$750 bursary to a graduating Catholic student within the Diocese of Victoria. This bursary will be awarded to a student proceeding on to a form of higher education. Criteria and applications are available at the Parish Office, online at [cwl dov.org](https://cwl dov.org) or from your local CWL president. The deadline for applications is March 31, 2022.

### Bishop Thomas J. Lobsinger, OMI Memorial Bursary Program

The annual BC and Yukon Bursary program is underway. The 2022 program is now receiving applications. We are privileged to offer 14 bursaries of \$1,000 each to Catholic students across BC. See details on our website ([www.stjosephtheworker.com](https://www.stjosephtheworker.com)) under Ministry & Groups/ K of C tab/Bursaries.

# 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

From March 2nd – April 10th  
You're invited to join other Christians  
for 40 Days for Life –  
40 days of prayer and fasting for an  
end to abortion.

You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Victoria General Hospital (please call/email for exact location), and also to help spread the word about this important community outreach.

If you'd like more information – and especially if you'd like to volunteer to help or join our at home prayer group,

please contact: Glenda at

(250) 885 – 6261  
[forlifeplace@hotmail.com](mailto:forlifeplace@hotmail.com)

or visit  
[www.40daysforlife.com/victoria](https://www.40daysforlife.com/victoria)



**Stations  
of the Cross**

**Fridays at 7:00 pm  
During Lent**

March 4 - Proclaimers  
March 11 - Children's Ed  
March 18  
March 25 - Youth  
April 1 - CWL  
April 8 - K of C

# Newsworthy and Noteworthy

## ONLINE MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE

The Diocese of Victoria is now offering our Marriage Preparation Course fully online. The cost is \$80/couple.

The course consists of several modules on relevant subjects, individual and couple activities, and assessments as well as a liturgy planning guide. Couples will be able to work through the program at their own pace. At the end of the course, you will receive a Certificate of Completion, which will be recognized by any parish within our Diocese.

For further information, go to the Diocese website:

<https://www.rcdvictoria.org/marriage-prep>

Questions? Contact Moira Gill at [mgill@rcdvictoria.org](mailto:mgill@rcdvictoria.org) OR 250-479-1331 ext. 237



## ***Volunteers Are Needed***

**to assist with setting up Coffee Service  
on Sunday mornings.**

**Please contact Barbara at:  
[barbara.victoria127@gmail.com](mailto:barbara.victoria127@gmail.com)**



## World Youth Day Information Meeting Sunday, April 4th

The next World Youth Day is August 2023 in Lisbon, Portugal. This is a gathering of young adult Catholics, 19 to 35 years, from all over the world, celebrating the joy of being Catholic. The event concludes with an overnight vigil and Mass with the Pope! The Diocese of Victoria is organizing a pilgrimage group to the event with Fr Harrison Ayre and Fr Eduardo Santos as chaplains. **Come for an informational meeting at Our Lady of Fatima, Sunday, April 10th at 4pm to learn more.** If you're unable to be in Victoria, we will have a zoom link available for you. To register for the meeting, please e-mail Fr. Harrison: [hayre@rcdvictoria.org](mailto:hayre@rcdvictoria.org) to register.

## K OF C FRATERNAL BENEFITS WEBINAR

Parishioners of St Joseph, the Knights of Columbus is sponsoring an on-line fraternal benefits presentation on **Friday Feb 25 at 8:00 pm** and again on **Saturday Feb 26 at 4:00 pm**. The presentations are designed to provide information on the fraternal benefits that are available to Catholic men that join the order. For more detailed information please visit the parish website ([www.stjosephtheworkerparish.com](http://www.stjosephtheworkerparish.com)) and click on the Ministries and Groups tab, then Knights of Columbus and Fraternal Benefits Webinar.



## K OF C TRAVELLING PILGRIM ICON

The Knights of Columbus will sponsor a **Pilgrim Icon prayer service in honor of St. Joseph** on **Saturday March 5th at 6:00 pm**. An icon of St. Joseph will be the centerpiece of the service. Parishioners are invited to attend. The prayer service, flowing from the Year of St. Joseph declared by Pope Francis in 2021, and inspired by his apostolic letter *Patris Corde*, will honor St. Joseph and pray for his intercession in preserving, cultivating and passing on the Catholic faith to future generations.

Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly encourages Knights and their communities to "turn in prayer to St. Joseph, giving thanks to God for the gift of fatherly example, and asking St. Joseph to be a father to us" as we seek to "grow in our own imitation of St. Joseph's quiet strength, integrity and fidelity."

# From the Diocese

## Synod Update from the Chancery: More events and resources

The Diocesan Synod Committee is pleased to share more events and resources to help the people of the Diocese of Victoria participate in Synod 2021-2023.

### Additional Online Listening Circles

Three more online Listening Circles have been scheduled:

- Tuesday, March 1, 2022 at 1:00 PM
- Tuesday, March 8, 2022 at 6:30 PM
- Tuesday, March 15, 2022 at 10:00 AM



People can register for the Circles by clicking on the link at: [www.rcdvictoria.org/synod](http://www.rcdvictoria.org/synod). The website also has more information about Listening Circles, including a new Participant's Package.

## National Indigenous Reconciliation Fund Details Released

A post has just been added to the Diocesan website with details about CCCB's national Indigenous Reconciliation Fund. The text of the post can be read online at:

<https://www.rcdvictoria.org/indigenous/indigenous-reconciliation-fund-details-released>

## New Date Announced For The Delegation To Rome

A post has just been added to the Diocesan website about today's press release announcing a new date for the Indigenous delegation to Rome. The text of the post can be read online at:

<https://www.rcdvictoria.org/indigenous/new-date-for-the-delegation-to-rome>



## Message from the Chancery: Update February 17, 2022

As announced on February 15, the Province is easing some Covid-19 restrictions. Please find attached below:

- a Memo from Bishop Gary Gordon regarding these changes.
- a corresponding updated version of the General and Liturgical Directives for churches during Covid-19, to be followed by all parishes in the Diocese of Victoria.

[Memo non-worship gatherings Feb 17 2022](#)

[General and Liturgical Directives - Feb 17 2022 update](#)

To summarize:

- Wedding receptions, funeral receptions and gatherings for the purpose of acknowledging or celebrating a significant event (eg, baptism receptions) are now permitted, and may be held according to the requirements for worship services if the reception immediately follows the service.
- The requirements for other non-worship gatherings, essential gatherings, and worship services remain the same.

# 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

## 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

## Coffee/Hospitality Committee

## Finance Committee Chair

## Proclaimer Schedule Coordinator

## Proclaimer Training Coordinator

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## Social and Ecological Justice Committee

## Parish Pastoral Council

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A message from



Recently, because of your kind donations into the food cart at the back of our church, St. Vincent de Paul Conference Members were able to bring 52 kilograms of food to the downtown Social Concern office to benefit the less fortunate. Thank you! Please continue to support this needed cause.

**Also, there is an immediate need for a dresser for a local single parent family; If you can donate, please do let us know. We can arrange transport.**

*Your generosity, no matter how big or small, is truly appreciated!*

Support through:

- Cash & cheques using BLUE ENVELOPES inside your Church Donation Envelope box.
- Through the online portal *Canada Helps*.
- Food donations into the food cart in the foyer area of St. Joseph's Church.
- Through our SVDP website- <https://www.ssvpvancouverisland.ca>.
- Please reach out directly to our Conference President Stephanie Peters [stephanie.jm.peters@gmail.com](mailto:stephanie.jm.peters@gmail.com) or 250-514-7853 with questions about becoming a member.

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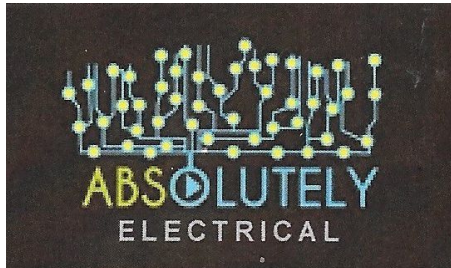
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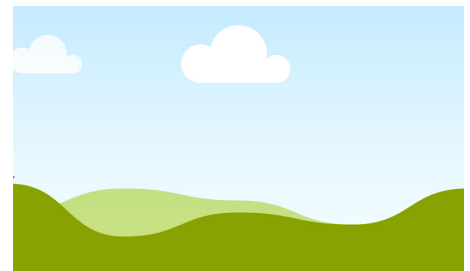
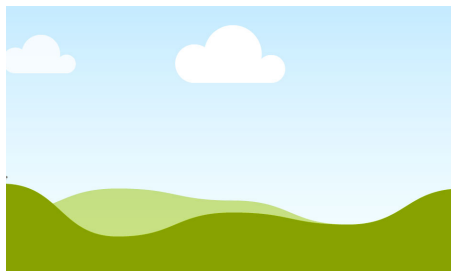
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