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May 1st and 2nd 2021

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Fifth Sunday Of Easter

Point of Connection

Definition of Abide: *stay with, remain, continue without fading or being lost.*

Continue without fading or being lost...

When we spend huge amounts of time (and all of us do) remembering the past or worrying about the future and don't stay in the present moment where Christ always dwells, then we have faded away and have lost ourselves.



Jesus uses the metaphor of the vine and branches and when you think about it, the main concern of the branch is its point of attachment to the vine. If a branch could 'worry' about anything, that would be it. "Am I still attached to my source of nutrients?" It would not be worrying about the fruit it's going to produce or if it will produce fruit at all. Its total job is to stay connected to the vine. It does not remember previous cold snaps that affected the harvest. It doesn't wonder if there is another frosty disaster coming and start frantically trying to think of ways it can protect itself. That's completely outside of its jurisdiction.

But that's where we all fade away to most of the time. We gnaw on past wounds and upsetting circumstances and chew on future possibilities of repeated disasters or new ones. We are rarely here now. Watch your thoughts for one day and note how often you are off in the past or the future. When we live outside the very tiny circle of what is really our area of concern – connection to the vine – eventually our connection weakens and sometimes breaks. When we lose our connection to the present moment nutritional grace of Christ, we dry up. We get burnt up – or burnt out.

Staying in the present moment connected to Christ, even if that moment is painful or chaotic or as dull as taxes, is actually what faith is made of. It takes a huge leap of faith to leave the past and the future in God's capable hands and to stay in the moment. It also takes intentional practice.

Be. Here. Now.

Jean Allen

Ministry liturgical Schedule to be continued at a later date

What's Happening Around The Diocese

Mass With the Bishop Live Streamed from the Diocese of Victoria website go to:

<https://www.youtube.com/c/RCDVictoriaLiveOne>

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

Join Pope Francis in prayer for an end to the pandemic

May is always a month dedicated to our Blessed Mother Mary. This year, Pope Francis is encouraging Catholics across the globe to mark the month in a special way, with a "marathon" of prayer for an end to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Each day in May at 9:00 am Pacific Time, Vatican News will broadcast a recitation of the Rosary from various Marian Shrines around the world. The broadcasts can be viewed online at: <https://www.vaticannews.va/en.html>

Bishop Gary hopes that Catholics in the Diocese of Victoria will participate. "This is a very worthy initiative," he says, "an amazing learning and praying experience at the beginning of the day to create an awareness of our global interconnectedness as brothers and sisters."

Hail Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness, and our hope. To you do we cry!

Pastoral Care Outreach Training Virtual Sessions (April – June '21)

Bishop Gary Gordon is pleased to announce the launch of the new (and free) nine-session Pastoral Care Outreach Training series (via Zoom) from April 17 to June 12, 2021 over (9) consecutive Saturdays (9:30 am – 12:00 pm).

[Click here to read about all 9 Pastoral Care Sessions 2021](#)

If you are interested in participating in these sessions, please contact the parish office to register, or to enquire please contact Moira King moiraking@shaw.ca

Please click on link from the Catholic Bishops of Canada about the expansion of euthanasia and assisted suicide in Canada: [Euthanasia-and-assisted-suicide---Message-to-faithful---8-April-2021---EN.pdf](#)

Sacrament of Reconciliation: By appointment only. Please call parish office 250-479-7413 to arrange.

Sacrament of Holy Communion: Fr. Alfie will be available for Holy Communion only, in the church, on Sundays, from 10am to 12pm (noon).

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 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**.

Indoor Worship Services continue to be suspended until further notice

The provincial government has banned indoor worship services, indoor prayer, and singing and other activities in churches. We will keep you on any news as soon as we receive further information.



Here is the latest edition of Fr. Alfie's Table, with a lovely, tasty salad.

Enjoy the video and the dish!

[Italian Salad](#)

The Worldwide Marriage Encounter virtual weekend experience is coming to you!

May 14-16, 2021

If you desire to restore communication & rekindle romance, this weekend is for you; no travel required and from the comfort of your own home!

Click here for registration:

<https://beholdvancouver.org/events/virtual-worldwide-marriage-encounter-5>

Click here for info video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VvQUEZ35Ufg&feature=youtu.be>

Newsworthy and Noteworthy

The parish office is open during regular hours of operation Tuesday through Friday, 8:30am to 3:30pm (with the exception of stat holidays). Masks are required before entering the premises. The church will remain open for private prayer during regular office hours, with existing COVID-19 safeguards in place.

As restrictions continue, please note that Fr. Alfie will be available on Sundays from 10:00 am until 12:00 noon for Holy Communion in the church. You must sign in when you arrive and observe COVID-19 restrictions and safety protocols. The church is limited to a maximum of 10 persons at a time.

Job Posting: UVic/Camosun College Chaplain

Please find attached a job posting for a Roman Catholic Chaplain to serve at the University of Victoria and Camosun College.

<https://www.rcdvictoria.org/employment>

Responsible Ministry and Safe Environment



As the weeks and months go by, we are aware that one day, in the future, we will be able to gather again "in person" and continue to volunteer and serve in our parish.

As Bishop Gary recently wrote in a letter to the parishes, "The Diocese has mandated policy, protocols, screening and training for Responsible Ministry and Safe Environment in our communities for many years. The existing policies and protocols were revised as we reconfirm our commitment to ensure a safe environment for all. The RMSE Protocols have been modified in the hope of being clearer and more accessible and the Diocesan website has been updated with information for quick reference."

<https://www.rcdvictoria.org/responsible-ministry>

Please click on the link below to access frequently asked questions (and answers), that will encourage your continued participation and invite new people to volunteer.

[FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS](#)

Garden Babies for Birthright Plant Sales

Birthright is taking orders now for tomato plants and other edibles, perennials and shrubs. Please see the website below for more details. Orders to be collected from Peggy's Langford greenhouse approximately mid-May.

<https://birthrightvictoria.org/garden-babies-for-birthright-plant-sales/>

May 2021 "The Word Among Us"
(Daily Meditations and Catholic Mass Readings)
Available for pickup in the Community Room.
Cost is \$5.00

Upcoming Date for Sanctioned Collections
Pope's Pastoral Works May 9, 2021
<https://www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html>

This Week in our Community

Monday May 3 Feast St. Philip And St. James, Apostles

No Mass

Tuesday May 4

No Mass

Wednesday May 5

Mass celebrated privately

Thursday May 6 Memorial St. Francois De Laval, Bishop, Patron of the Bishops of Canada

No Mass

Friday May 7

Mass celebrated privately

Saturday May 8

6:00pm Mass live-streamed

Sunday May 9 Sixth Sunday Of Easter

Mass celebrated privately

Mass Intentions

May 5 - + Caroline Johnson

May 7 - + Robert Yeldon

May 8 - + Evarist Pereira/+ Teresa & Jose Olivia

St. Joseph and Sacred Heart Regular Sunday Mass Celebrations

live-streamed every week on Saturdays at 6:00pm
will alternate weekly between both parishes

April 10th, 17th, 24th & May 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd

Join Fr. Alfie for a special live-streamed Mass on the
Feast of St. Joseph the Worker
on Saturday, May 1st at 10am

[Please click here for the link to live-streamed Masses](#)

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/dn/47256>

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- 1) Go to your on-line banking site
- 2) Select Transfer/Pay bills
- 3) Select e-transfer (or electronic transfer)
- 4) Follow the steps outlined by your bank
- 5) Send funds to sjtwp@rcdvictoria.org
No password is needed
- 6) Any special instructions may be added to notes/memo

Credit Cards:

Click on attached form and complete:

[PAD for Credit Card Donations](#)

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[PAD Agreement](#)

Contacts in the Parish

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Children's Liturgy of the Word
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St. Joseph's School
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**Coffee/Hospitality Committee
Finance Committee Chair
Proclaimer Schedule Coordinator
Proclaimer Training Coordinator
Liturgy Committee Chair
Social and Ecological Justice Committee
Parish Pastoral Council**

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