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## The Agape Choice

**BY JEAN ALLEN** 

"Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another."

In Jerusalem, temple sacrifices were being offered every moment of every day as the prescribed way to appease an angry, violent God and keep oneself clean, holy...and safe! When Jesus died on the cross, he totally changed the meaning of sacrifice. Up until his death and resurrection, a sacrifice was something that was done to save only the ones offering the sacrifice. It was all very self-oriented. "Cleanse me. Save me. Don't be angry at me. Keep me from harm."

But when Jesus freely gave himself over to our human violence to set us free from the bondage of that violence, the meaning of sacrifice changed from 'accepting violence done to another in order to save ourselves' to 'the free choice of self-giving in order to save others.' Jesus's command to love one another the way he loves us, is Jesus saying that he desires us to seek to have Agape Love, the very same love in which he suffered and died in complete compassion and forgiveness because he knew that is who God is. This kind of love makes religion about the needs and safety of everyone and everything else, not just about our own needs and safety.

Agape love means letting go of the ego and all its wounds and all the ways it seeks to blame others and transfer the pain to them. It means seeing *everyone* as worthy of compassion and forgiveness. There aren't too many human beings capable of consistent Agape Love but that doesn't mean that Jesus isn't serious about us endeavoring to widen our hearts to receive his love so we will have the capacity to love the way he loves us. We have a definite choice every moment of the day: either we live in the Old Testament realm of accepting sacred violence solely for our own benefit or we choose to be healed by Love so we can share that Love. We're either here for our own private religious security or we're here to help each other home.

The choice is ours.



# The Week of May 16 to May 22 in our Community

Monday May 16
Parish Office Closed
No Mass

Tuesday May 17 6:00pm Mass + Allan Jones

Wednesday May 18 5:00pm St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 6:00pm Mass + Conceicao Soares

Thursday May 19 9:00am Mass

Friday May 20 9:00am Mass Special Int. Sister Gemma Pires 10:00am - 12:00 noon Adoration

Saturday May 21 5:00pm Mass + Amparo and Rodrigo 6:00pm Youth Group in School Gym

Sunday May 22 Sixth Sunday Of Easter The Pope's Pastoral Works No Catechism Classes 10:00am Mass 6:00pm Mass + Noel Hinchion

### Mass Schedule

#### **Weekday Masses**

Tuesday ~ 6:00pm Wednesday ~ 6:00pm Thursday ~ 9:00am Friday ~ 9:00am

#### **Weekend Masses**

Saturday ~ 5:00pm (livestream) Sunday ~ 10:00am Sunday ~ 6:00pm

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

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

#### Mass With the Bishop

LIVE-STREAMED FROM THE DIOCESE OF VICTORIA WEBSITE SUNDAY - 9:30 AM MONDAY TO FRIDAY - 7:00 PM

https://www.youtube.com/c/RCDVictoria LiveOne

For those who share information about the Diocesan livestream, please note the following changes to the Bishop's livestream schedule in May:

- Thursday, May 26: Livestream cancelled
- Friday, May 27: Livestream cancelled

## Is the Holy Spirit Calling You?

As we slowly return to normal, we are looking at recruiting fresh new volunteers for several of our ministries. Many of our previous volunteers have retired or moved on. Some of the ministries that need help are:

Pastoral Care (Home Visitors) Ushers Altar Servers

If you are interested in volunteering your time, please contact the parish office.
Many thanks!

## **Spread The Word!**



#### WE'RE HIRING!

Are you looking for a work environment that makes for a great day? Look no further ~ Island Catholic Schools is recruiting! We are in search of enthusiastic people who are certified, talented, love what they do and wish to work in vibrant school environments! We are currently searching for:

- Principal St. Andrew's Regional High School, Victoria
- Vice-principal St. Joseph's School, Victoria
- Science Teacher St. Andrew's Regional High School, Victoria
- Computer Sciences/CLE Teacher St. Andrew's Regional High School, Victoria
- French Teachers St. Andrew's Regional High School and St. Patrick's School, Victoria
- Intermediate Teachers St. Patrick's School and St. Joseph's School, Victoria
- French and Learning Support Teacher St. Joseph's School, Victoria
- Kindergarten or Grade 1 Teacher St. Joseph's School, Victoria
- Kindergarten Teacher St. John Paul II School, Port Alberni
- Grade 6-7 Teacher St. John Paul II School, Port Alberni
- PE Teacher St. John Paul II School, Port Alberni
- Music/Band Teacher St. John Paul II School, Port Alberni
- Library Technician and Educational Assistant St. Joseph's School, Victoria
- Casual Bus Drivers Schools in Victoria

If YOU are interested in joining one of our vibrant teams, please use this link: https://cisdv.bc.ca/employment-opportunities/

Please help spread the word! Share this ad with your friends, acquaintances and even post it to your Facebook page!

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: \*Please see changes on Page 4 of bulletin.

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, Eucharistic or Pastoral Care Ministers -also Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, who are commissioned at the discretion of the Pastor, please let the Office staff know.

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

**PLEASE NOTE**;

The parish office will be closed on: Monday, May 23rd and Tuesday, May 24th

"The use of face coverings is now optional in church buildings. However, the continued use of face coverings is highly recommended as a prudent and wise choice to ensure the safety of all." Bishop Gary Gordon.

Please refer to page 6 of bulletin for more details of easing of restrictions.

### **Donation Options**

CANADA HELPS ONLINE DONATION:

<u>DONATE NOW - ST JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISH</u>
(<u>CANADAHELPS.ORG</u>)



(IMMEDIATE ELECTRONIC TAX RECEIPT ISSUED BY CANADA HELPS)

E TRANSFERS: FOLLOW STEPS OUTLINED ON YOUR ON-LINE BANKING SITE TO EMAIL SJTWPARISH@RCDVICTORIA.ORG

#### **CREDIT CARDS:**

<u>Payment Authorization Form for Credit Card Donations.pdf</u> (<u>parishpal.com</u>)

#### PRE-AUTHORIZED DEBIT:

https://000011.parishpal.com/files/docs/PAD\_Agreement.pdf

CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION AND LINKS.

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

The annual British Columbia and Yukon Bursary program known as the Bishop Thomas J. Lobsinger, OMI Memorial Bursary Program is underway. The 2022 program is now receiving applications. We are privileged to offer fourteen bursaries of \$1,000.00 each to Catholic students across the Province of British Columbia. These bursaries are made available on a one-time only basis to young practicing Catholic students who are in post secondary education at a recognized institute of higher learning within the Province of British Columbia. Applications are accepted from January 1, 2022 until June 30, 2022 with the bursaries being awarded in the fall. The Terms of Reference may be found on our web site (kofcbc.org) after Jan 1, 2022.

#### Requests for application should be addressed to:

Knights of Columbus BC & Yukon 2809 Mara Drive, Coquitlam, BC V3C 5T9 Attn: Herb Yang, Bursaries Chairman or email: herbykofc@gmail.com

#### **JOB POSTINGS**

Island Catholic Schools Invites
applications for:
Two (2) After School Care Workers
St. Patrick's School in Victoria
Monday to Friday
2:45 to 5:30pm
Start date: Immediately
Click on link below:

https://cisdv.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/2022-02-01\_SPV\_ASC\_Posting.pdf

#### **Sanctioned Collection Coming Up**

Pope's Pastoral Works (Peter's Pence) Sunday, May 22, 2022

## \*Change to Baptisms and Baptism Preparation

Starting in July 2022, Baptism
Preparation Class will be held on the
first Saturday of each month at
10:00am at St. Joseph the Worker
Parish. Fr. Alfie will facilitate.
Please call/email the parish office to
register for the class.

Starting in July 2022, the Sacrament of Baptism will be celebrated on the first Sunday of each month at 11:30am, following the 10:00am Mass.

Please call/email the parish office to register for Baptism. We will need a copy of your child's birth certificate.

Please click here to access our Baptism Registration form:

**Baptism Registration Form** 

## **Newsworthy and Noteworthy**

#### **Knights of Columbus Appreciation Pancake Breakfast**

Our "Welcome Back" pancake breakfast will be offered on Sunday, May 29th after the 10:00 am Mass. As Knights, we are pleased to do these monthly breakfasts for our St. Joseph the Worker community. To show our appreciation to parishioners and for your generous support during our recent Food Drive, we are offering this first breakfast at no cost for all attendees. As a reminder, our breakfasts are scheduled for the last Sunday in the month except during the summer months.

St. Joseph the Worker Council 13356

## **Eucharistic celebration in honour of Sisters of St Ann Jubilarians**

The Sisters of St Ann will be honouring their Jubilarians at a Eucharistic celebration on Thursday, June 2, 2022 at 11 am at Holy Cross Church in Victoria (4049 Gordon Head Rd). This will be the first "in person" celebration in three years, and a special opportunity to celebrate 75, 70 and 60 years of vowed commitment to God in their Religious Congregation.

Due to the vulnerable population, masks are required at the Mass.

#### **Garden Babies for Birthright Plant Sale**

Birthright's Annual Plant Sale is back, at the St. Patrick's Church parking lot: **Saturday, May 28, from 10 am to 2 pm.** There will be a full complement of plants, from perennials and ground covers to shrubs and edibles. Find us online, or call Peggy, 250-478-5372.

For more information, please check the website:

**Garden Babies for Birthright Plant Sales - Birthright Victoria** 

## 40 Years of Community Service



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Each dollar received goes directly to serving those in need.

To donate:

By Cheque: 740 View St Victoria BC V8W 3Y4

Online: http://www.thesoupkitchen.ca/donations/

### Diocese of Victoria Bursaries & Awards Deadline July 15, 2022

#### Click on bold print to access and apply

**The Jawl Bundon LLP Bursary** (\$2500): for a grade 12 Catholic student who has been accepted to a post-secondary institution. Preference will be given to Indigenous students, and to students who live outside of Greater Victoria and Nanaimo.

**The Blessed Marie Anne Blondin Bursary** (\$1000): for a lay woman who is accepted or enrolled in a program or course for ministry in the Church, such as religious education, social justice, liturgy, social action, care of the sick, etc.

**The Char Deslippe Memorial Award** (\$500): for a teacher working in Island Catholic Schools or a parish catechist serving in children, youth or adult ministry.

## From the Diocese

#### Message from the Chancery: Synod 2021-2023: Our Journey Together So Far

A new article has just been posted on the Diocesan website about our journey together so far through Synod 2021-2023 and what's coming next. The text of the article is copied below, or you can find it online at:



https://www.rcdvictoria.org/news/synod-2021-2023-our-journey-together-so-far

The article contains information about a three-part webinar series about the Synod which is being offered by the CCCB Office for Evangelization and Catechesis. The webinars are free, but participants must register by Monday, May 16, 2022 at:

https://cccb-ca.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\_xYg1RDBCRueTvMl7Ga916Q

#### Registration now open for Roots of Reconciliation - Indigenous Session Workshop

Registration is now open for a Roots of Reconciliation - Indigenous Session Workshop, to be held June 7-10, 2022 at Holy Cross Parish Hall in Victoria.

https://www.returningtospirit.org/workshopcalendar/roots-of-reconciliation-indigenous-2

This workshop in Victoria, BC is open to those who are over 18 and identify as Indigenous. The material at the workshop will be same as that covered at the Roots of Reconciliation (Non-Indigenous) — Returning to Spirit

By having separate sessions, the facilitators and participants can better focus on the different lived realities of each group. All Roots of Reconciliation workshop participants will be invited to register in the Advancing Reconciliation — Returning to Spirit scheduled for June 27 - 30, 2022.

#### Canada's Catholic Bishops Welcome Pope Francis' Apology to Indigenous Peoples

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops has released a statement welcoming the apology made by Pope Francis in Rome to Indigenous Peoples. The text of the statement can be read at:

https://www.rcdvictoria.org/indigenous/canadas-catholic-bishops-welcome-popes-apology-to-indigenous-peoples

The full text of Pope Francis' apology for the Catholic Church's role in Canada's residential school system can be found online at:

https://www.rcdvictoria.org/indigenous/gods-divine-mercy-at-work-in-the-world

#### **Update during COVID April 6, 2022**

Please click on the link below to the Diocesan website to access the *General and Liturgical Directives and Music Ministry Covid-19 Prevention Plan*, to be followed by all parishes in the Diocese of Victoria.

HTTPS://WWW.RCDVICTORIA.ORG/NEWS/RESPONSETOCOVID19-0.

#### The key updates include:

- Face coverings must be worn by priests and deacons when in close proximity to people during Baptisms, Confirmations, and Anointing of the Sick; during processions through the congregation; while greeting people before and after mass; and when distributing Holy Communion
- Face coverings must also be worn by other ministers of Communion while distributing Communion
- Face coverings are strongly recommended for all people while in church buildings, especially for those who come into close proximity to others, and while participating in congregational singing
- There may be more than one lector for the Proclamation of the Word and the intercessory prayers
- The offertory procession of the gifts for the altar may resume, provided the bread and wine remain covered both before and during the procession
- In the rare situation where a person is unable to use their hands while receiving Communion, the minister of Communion must sanitize their hands before and after giving Holy Communion to the person

### Contacts in the Parish

**Pastor** 

**Deacon** 

Admin Assistant/Secretary/Bookkeeper

Custodian

Responsible Ministry Coordinator Altar Server Training/Coordinator

**Baptism** 

**Contemplative Comunity** 

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

**Liturgy Committee** 

Social and Ecological Justice Commitee

**Parish Pastoral Council** 

#### Fr. Alfredo Monacelli

Deacon Michael Watkins email: mwatkins@rcdvictoria.org

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Ann Glas email: annglas@hotmail.com

Angela Grohovac

Call parish office (250) 479-7413

Charlie Allen (778) 433-5772 email: charlieballen@gmail.com

(2nd & 4th Saturdays @ 10am)

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Do not be afraid of new beginnings. Be creative. Be inventive. Blessed Frederic Ozanam

Interested in becoming a member? Please reach out to Conference President Stephanie Peters! stephanie.jm.peters@gmail.com or 250-514-7853

Donations? Please 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 <a href="https://www.ssvpvancouverisland.ca">https://www.ssvpvancouverisland.ca</a>



Our communities need Catholic men to answer the call to lead with faith, protect our families, serve others and defend our values.

As **Knights of Columbus**, we stand up for the church, serve the least among us, and strengthen parishes and families. We always need new members and fresh ideas to be the best we can be.

As a member you join a worldwide community of nearly 2 million men, including 12,000 here is BC and Yukon, who stand together.

#### Will you answer the call?

Visit **kofc.org/joinus** to learn more about the many benefits of membership in the Knights of Columbus.

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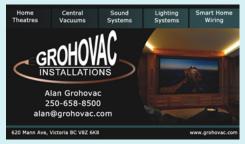
















### Report Sexual Abuse

To report sexual abuse by a clergy member, religious, employee, or volunteer, call 1-800-968-3146

To report sexual abuse or cover-up by a Bishop, click here or call 1-866-892-3737

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## **Community Services**

Respectfully Fr. Alfredo Monacell and parish,

I would like to introduce myself briefly to you. I am a Catholic woman age 30 moving to Victoria during the week of the 23rd of May (exact arrival date is still to be determined). I am looking for a Catholic/Christian family to rent a single room from (or housemates). I would welcome a situation where I can help out with household duties to cover some/all of my rent although I am not opposed to a full cash paid rent. Also, I am in the process of applying for a police check which I can send to interested parties who may need a nanny or part-time baby sitter.

Would you be so kind as to pass word along to anyone wishing to rent out a portion of their home or find a house-sitter? I am able to commit for a year length lease although even a short stay would helpful until I am settled and can find my own place.

Perhaps it would be possible to place a copy of this letter on an entrance board, or if you think it appropriate in the bulletin? Thank-you for your help.

I can be reached at 613 227 7104 or elisabethakfritz@gmail.com .

Sincerely, Elisabeth Fritz