



# St. Joseph the Worker Parish

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November 26th and 27th, 2016

*First Sunday of Advent*

**Advent**

**The Experience of Awaiting**



**A**dvent is a time of awaiting, of longing for the coming of Jesus who is born for us on Christmas night. This is why we pray "come, Lord Jesus". We look forward with joy to celebrate the first coming of Jesus at Christmas; we look forward with hope to the Second coming of Jesus in all His Glory. We seek out Jesus here and now in our life, beginning with Holy Mass, when He comes to us in the Holy Eucharist. We seek out Jesus in the people and events in our lives, in our family, our friends, in the people we meet everyday, as He comes to us in ordinary ways. We always look for Jesus who comes to us as a 'Presence' that, when recognized, invades our hearts. Therefore the Liturgical season of Advent is an invitation to live the time before Christmas with a deeper awareness of our longing for Jesus, as an experience of awaiting, of expectation that in all things we may find His Presence as a purifying gaze upon us, so that the celebration of Christmas may be a truer experience of His Presence.

Blessing for a joyful Advent !  
fr Alfredo

# Ministry Liturgical Schedule..December 3rd & 4th, 2016

	Saturday 5:00 pm	Sunday 10:00 am	Sunday 6:00 pm
<b>Altar Servers</b> Coordinator-Pam Corpus	MC J. Price L. Torok, N. Sabado	MC A. Blair J. Edwardson, M. Edwardson	MC A. McRae J. Grohovac
<b>Hospitality Ministers</b> Coordinator-Karen Douglas	P. Stevens D. Stevens	J. Percy M. Goley	M. Hardy
<b>Lectors</b> Coordinator-Linda Chatton	A. Sureshkumar L. Chatton	M. McDonald M. King	S. Fitzmaurice M. Hardy
<b>Ushers</b> Coordinator-Maryellen Trudeau	M. Trudeau, K. Kopeck J. Green, L. VanDyk	B. Quinn, J. Ross L. Bartle, G. Erickson	tbd
<b>Presenters of the Gifts</b> Coordinator-Ursule Betts	W. Randall R. Randall	H. DelVillano & Family	tbd
<b>Children's Liturgy</b> Coordinator-Martin Poulin	<b>Seeds 10:00 Mass</b> C. Whiteley	<b>Promise 10:00am Mass</b> F. DeMontigny	<b>Good News 10:00am Mass</b> M. Olivas
<b>Vacuums</b> Coordinator-Ralph Scheurle	M. Sullivan		
<b>Music Ministry</b>	Jen and Shawn	Christian Rocks Choir	Wing and A Prayer Angela Faber
<b>Hospital Ministers</b> Coordinator-Denise Kyfiuk		G. Erickson A. Grohovac	

## Mass Schedule

### Weekday Masses

Monday ~ **No Mass**

Tuesday ~9:30am

Wednesday ~ 9:30am

Thursday ~9:30am

Friday ~9:30am

Saturday ~ 5:00pm

Sunday ~ 10:00am & 6:00pm

### N.B. Victoria 2017 Pastoral Care Outreach Program

sessions will be held on Feb. 11th, Mar 18th @ St. Patrick's Parish. April 15th and May 20th @ St. Joseph the Worker.

### SAVE THE DATE

**7 Sacraments of the Church**  
13 week course begins Tuesday  
**Jan. 3rd @ 7:00pm - 9:00pm**  
St. Andrew's Cathedral  
register: [rookept@shaw.ca](mailto:rookept@shaw.ca)  
or call 250-388-5571 to  
acquire Patricia's phone  
number. Cost by donation

### Annual Bazaar & Luncheon

St. Louis de Montfort Church  
Saturday, **December 3rd**  
60 Fern Rd. Lake Cowichan  
10:00am to 1:00pm  
Bake Sale, Raffle, and much  
more

### Diocesan Annual Appeal

Our sincere appreciation to all  
parishioners who have responded  
to date with gifts and pledges!

**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 to be held on Saturday, **January 21st 2017**. Next Baptisms will take place on **January 28th/29th**. All 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:** Contact the Parish Office at 250-479-7413 for more 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 or VGH/RJ hospital emergency pager 250-889-3761 and ask for Fr. Ian Stuart to make this request.

**From today's Gospel:** Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. (Romans 13:12b)

**Question for Adults:** What will you do during Advent so that others can see that you have put on the light of Jesus Christ?

**Question for Children:** What will you do during Advent so that others can see the light of Jesus in you?

**Development and Peace, Caritas Canada: Climate Action Conference** - "Spirituality and post-COP21 engagement in light of *Laudato Si* and the Pope's call to action on the environment". Speaker Steven Guilbeault, co-founder of Equiterre, along with four panellists from the Victoria area **November 29th**, 7:00-10:00pm, Room A104 Bob Wright Building, UVic. Admission by donation. For more info: Christine O'Leary 250-370-7471.

**Ukrainian Christmas Food Fair & Hot Lunch**, Saturday, **December 3rd** 11:00am - 2:00pm at St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Hall, (corner of Cook & Caledonia). Sale of Baba's best perogies, cabbage rolls, Ukrainian sausage, borscht, sauerkraut, preserves, Ukrainian breads and pastries. Enjoy a hot Ukrainian lunch. Stock up for the Christmas season. Free parking, wheelchair accessible. [www.stnicholasparish.org](http://www.stnicholasparish.org); 250-384-2255.

**CBC and Our Place Society** present "A Christmas Carol" - A reading of Charles Dickens Classic Tale, featuring Shelagh Rogers, Bob McDonald, Arthur Black, with Louise Rose and The Open Door Our Place Choir at First Metropolitan Church on Monday, **December 12th** at 7:00pm. Adults \$17.50 /Children \$5. All proceeds to Our Place Society.

**Third Simbang Gabi in Victoria - December 15th - 23rd** at St. Patrick's Church. Novena at 6:00pm. On Saturday, December 17th, Mass will be at 5:00pm. For more information contact Fr. Vince 250-813-3402.

**Knights of Columbus Charity Draw** - The Knights of Columbus Charity Appeal tickets are available at \$2 each with a chance to win \$50,000 cash or 1 of 4 vehicles. A portion of the proceeds is distributed to local charities. Please contact any Knight or Ron at 250- 889-5736.



## Newsorthy and Noteworthy

**Advent Carols and Readings by Candlelight** - The Music Ministry of St. Andrew's Cathedral is presenting their annual celebration of Advent carols, readings and prayers on Friday, **December 2nd** at 7:30pm in the church. Please join us and bring a friend or two. A free offering will be taken at the door for the 9-10 club, providing meals to people in need.

**Special Concert being held at St. Ann's Academy Chapel** on Sunday, **December 4th** at 3:00pm. Come and hear some of the most beautiful music from the late 17th and early 18th century French baroque. Tickets \$30 and are available online at [www.friendsofstannacademy.com](http://www.friendsofstannacademy.com) or in advance through St. Ann's office, Ivy's Books, Munro's Books or at the door.

**Birthright Fudge is coming Soon** - Feed your sweet tooth and do something life-affirming at the same time!!! Looking for stocking stuffers or something sweet for the Holiday Table? Birthright will be sell **home-made FUDGE** after all Masses at St. Joseph the Worker Parish on the weekend of **December 3rd/4th**. All fudges are \$5 (each package = 1/4 of an 8 inch square pan). Birthright is a crisis pregnancy service helping distressed mothers to give the precious gift of Life to their babies. All proceeds go directly to Birthright Victoria.

**St. Joseph CWL is holding its annual world famous Christmas pot luck lunch.** Enjoy an afternoon of music, good food and fellowship with a great bunch of gals on Wednesday, **December 7th**, 12:00 noon in the church hall.

**It's coming! A musical evening with the Arbutus Singers led by Jack Boomer - YOU WILL NOT WANT TO MISS this six part choir!!!** Join us on Wednesday, **December 14th** at 7:30pm for the **Jenny Daniels Memorial Thembalethu Christmas Concert**. All proceeds will go directly to the children of Thembalethu Orphanage, which began in 1999 by the Sisters of St. Francis Assisi. A second shelter for older children, Sacred Heart, was opened later in a different community, also administered by the Sisters of St. Francis. The goal is to find placement in the community for the children. All the children are orphaned by HIV/AIDS, and some are carrying the disease. Because this project was close to the heart of Jenny Daniels, we dedicate it to her honour. See you there.

### Up Coming Events & Start Dates

Nov 29	7:00pm Development and Peace Caritas Canada: Climate Action Conference - UVic
Dec 1	7:00pm Parish Reconciliation
Dec 2	7:30pm Advent Carols and Readings - St. Andrew's Cathedral
Dec 3/4	Birthright Fudge being sold here at St. Joseph the Worker after all Masses
Dec 4	1:00pm Diocesan Marriage and Family Life Social
Dec 7	12:00 noon CWL Christmas Potluck Lunch
Dec 14	7:30pm Jenny Daniels Memorial Thembalethu Christmas Concert featuring the Arbutus Singers
Dec 24	<b>Christmas Eve</b> Family Mass - 6:00pm Vigil Mass - 8:30pm Midnight Mass
Dec 25	<b>Christmas Day</b> Mass 10:00am
Dec 31	<b>New Year's Eve Mass</b> 5:00pm
Jan 1	<b>New Year's Day</b> Mass 10:00am and 6:00pm

## This Week in our Community

### Monday November 28

#### **Parish Office Closed**

#### **No Mass**

9:00am CWL making Christmas Wreaths - Community Room

7:00pm Pivotal Leaders - Church, Community Room

7:30pm K of C Executive Meeting - Church Hall

### Tuesday November 29

9:30am Mass + Ruperta Racoma

7:00pm - Couples for Christ Choir Practice - Church

### Wednesday November 30 Feast St. Andrew,

#### Apostle

9:30am Mass + Manolo Narciso

7:00pm - RCIA - Community Room

### Thursday December 1

9:30am Mass + Rita Hindley

7:00pm Parish Reconciliation - Christian Rocks Choir

### Friday December 2

9:30am Mass + Corazon Valentin

10:00am Adoration followed by Benediction - Come and adore and listen - Church

### Saturday December 3 Memorial St. Francis

#### Xavier, Priest

10:00am Contemplative Community - Rectory

5:00pm Mass - Special Int. Reid Family Tree Living and Deceased

6:00pm Birthright Fudge sold after Mass

6:00pm Youth Ministry - School Gym

### Sunday December 4 Second Sunday of Advent

10:00am Mass

11:15am Birthright Fudge sold after Mass

11:15am Sunday Coffee

11:15am Catechism/Sacramental Prep Regular Classes

1:00pm Diocesan Marriage and Family Life Social - All are invited - Church Hall

6:00pm Mass Special Int. Gerry Gillis

7:00pm Birthright Fudge sold after Mass

### *Holy Families, the First Sunday of every month*

We gather again on **December 4th** from 1:00pm-5:30pm. Come and enjoy community and fellowship at a potluck lunch in the church hall at 1:00pm with a discussion to follow and ending in time to attend 6:00pm Mass. Contact Kristy de Bree at 250-590-7004 for more information or if you would like to be added to the email list.



### Join Our Youth Group

An Invitation to all  
Youth Grades 6 and up.  
(after Saturday 5:00pm Mass)  
in the School Gym  
Games, Singing, Fun, Prayer  
as an Education  
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# Contacts in the Parish

**Pastor**

**Administrative Assistant/Secretary**

**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**

**Eucharistic Ministry of the Liturgy**

**SJTW Pastoral Care Outreach Ministry**

**Rite of Christian Initiation(RCIA)**

**Jesus Youth - Grades 8 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**

**Lector Schedule Coordinator**

**Lector Training Coordinator**

**Liturgy Committee**

**Masithuthukisane/SJTW (2015-2020) Project**

**Social and Ecological Justice Committee**

**Parish Pastoral Council**

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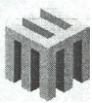
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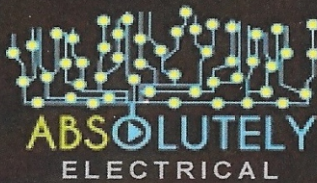
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