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First Sunday of Advent

Be Watchful, Be Alert

At a certain point in life, the deep desires and cravings of our heart reach a point of eruption in us. Yet at the same time comes the awareness that we cannot bring about what we want - we do not have inside us what is needed to fulfill and satisfy our longings. And so, with our infinite yearnings we turn to the Infinite and cry, "Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down." Our experience of helplessness before the fact of our boundless human need moves us to ask for fellowship with God's Son, Jesus Christ the Lord. The nature of our desire assures us as we enter into Advent that we are not lacking in any spiritual gift as we wait for the revelation of Our Lord Jesus Christ. "The Lord of the house is coming." "Be watchful!" Be alert!" Magnificat



By Michael O'Brien



Grateful to God... Generous to Neighbour Update

WOW!!! We are off the chart!!!
We HAVE EXCEEDED our goal of \$54,000
Total pledged to date is \$57,162.08
Number of Gifts: 159
% of Goal Pledged: 105.86%

*Thank you, thank you
to everyone who has pledged to our 2017 Appeal*



Ministry Liturgical Schedule December 9th and 10th, 2017

*MCT - In Training ** T - In Training	Saturday 5:00 pm	Sunday 10:00 am	Sunday 6:00 pm
Altar Servers Coordinator-Jeanine Woodman	MC M. Watkins B. Newton, J. Price	*MCT J. Grohovac J. Edwardson, M. Edwardson	*MCT J. Westhaver, Adult Server, Claire Bernarte (**T)
Hospitality Ministers Coordinator-Karen Douglas	C. Hunt M. Wood	J. Di Castri B. and K. McCloskey	B. McCloskey K. McCloskey
Lectors Coordinator-Linda Chatton	E. O'Donnell A. Conradi	A. Grohovac L. Hawkes	M. Gill M. Hardy
Ushers Coordinator-Maryellen Trudeau	M. Trudeau, L. vanDyk J. Green, W. Burgess	B. Quinn, L. Bartle J. Ross, G. Erickson	tbd
Presenters of the Gifts Coordinator-Ursule Betts	W. Randall R. Randall	E. Bartle K. Fraser	tbd
Children's Liturgy Coordinator-Martin Poulin	Seeds 10:00 Mass C. Whiteley	Promise 10:00am Mass T. Evans	Good News 10:00am Mass W. Bennett
Vacuums Coordinator-Ralph Scheurle	J. Fernandes F. Fernandes		
Music Ministry	Steve and Michelle	Christian Rocks	Angela Faber Wing And A Prayer
Hospital Ministers Coordinator-Denise Kyfiuk		D. Kyfiuk A. Kyfiuk	

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 (tbd). Next Baptisms will take place on **January 27th/28th 2018**. 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 and Youth Group: 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: God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (1 Corinthians 1:9)
Adult: At this time, how faithful do you feel you are being to God's plan for you?
Child: What good thing might God be asking you to do right now?

Anawim House Bulletin Insert - Please read the **Christmas Newsletter** from Anawim House that has been inserted into the bulletin this First Sunday of Advent. Anawim House welcomes your financial donations and Christmas gifts of new clothes for the poor. A decorated Christmas box has been placed at the entrance to the Church. Christmas trees will be on sale at the House: 973 Caledonia during the Advent Season. Thank you on behalf of the poor whom we have served since 1991.

Vancouver Island Performers Guild presents George Frideric Handel's **MESSIAH** - Cost \$20 /\$15 Seniors/Students. **December 5th** - 7:30pm at North Douglas Church and **December 10th** - 2:30 pm at SHOAL Centre in Sidney. Tickets available at: Christian Book and Music, Tom Lee Music, SHOAL Centre, Eventbrite.ca.

Excerpts from Handel's Messiah at Emmanuel Baptist Church (2121 Cedar Hill X Rd) 7:30pm Friday, **December 8th** and 2:00pm Saturday, **December 9th**. Free admission. For more info www.emmanuelvictoria.ca or 250-592-2418.

Potpourri at Esquimalt United Church Potpourri, Saturday, **December 9th** from 1:00pm to 4:00 pm. Attic Treasures, Baked goods, silent auction, dessert, tea and coffee. 500 Admirals Rd. www.esquimaltunited.com/events/christmas-potpourri/2017-12-09

Our Place Society & CBC presents 'A Christmas Carol' on Thursday, **December 14th** at 7:00pm at First Metropolitan Church (932 Balmoral St). Tickets \$17.50 Adults/\$5 Children. Purchase tickets online at www.ourplacesociety.com or eventbrite.com Tickets also available at door the night of event.

Fourth Simbang Gabi in Victoria - December 15th - 23rd Novena at 6:00pm*. *On Saturday, December 16th and 23rd, Mass will be at 5:00pm at St. Patrick's Church. For more info contact Fr. Vince 250-813-3402.

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

Pastoral Care Outreach Training!

St. Mary's Parish (Ladysmith) will host Session 3 on **January 27, 2018** and Session 4 on **February 17, 2018**.

St. Patrick's (Victoria) will host Session 1 on **February 24, 2018** and Session 2 on **March 10, 2018**

All times are 9:00am to 3:00pm

For Rent

St. Joseph the Worker Parish Hall
 \$75.00/per hour or \$500.00/event
 Contact the Parish Office @ 250-479-7413 or sjtwoffice@shaw.ca for more information

Newsorthy and Noteworthy

Development and Peace Myanmar Crisis Relief Fund Special Collection Total \$1,269.05

We posted the donations on-line in time (by November 28th) for the Government of Canada to match our donations

2018 Collection Envelopes are ready for pick up at the back of the church. After December 31st, please discard all 2017 envelopes. Any parishioner who did not receive a box and would like one, please contact the parish office (including those donating through PAD and Credit Card)

The new 2017/18 Living with Christ Sunday Missals are now available at the parish office: \$5/each.

Multi-Cultural Night – Saturday, **December 9th**, 6:00pm to 9:00pm at Sacred Heart Parish Hall. Ethnic Foods & Entertainment for everyone **Free Event - Donations for the CWL Refugee Relief Fund accepted at the door**.

Therese: Story of a Soul will be held at St. Mary's Catholic Church Hall in Ladysmith (1135 4th Ave) on Saturday, **December 9th** at 7:00pm. This is Saint Luke Productions' newest one-woman live performance to tour the nation and is based on the life and message of the beloved Saint Therese of Lisieux. For more info contact stmarysladysmith@shaw.ca or 250-245-3474.

Latin American Catholics of Victoria (LCV) will celebrate the festivity of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Tuesday, **December 12th** at St. Patrick's Parish. Mass at 7:00pm, followed by a family-friendly potluck with Latin flavours. The celebration will be conducted in Spanish with a live choir and English subtitles. Please bring a rose if you wish to take part in the blessing and offering.

Senior's Lunch Bunch - Our Christmas lunch will be held on Wednesday, **December 13th** at 12:00 noon. Please call Allan Sequeira at 250-479-2333 to sign up.

CWL Christmas Craft Fair on Saturday, **December 16th** at St. Joseph the Worker Parish from 9:00am to 3:00pm. Admission \$1 or \$2 for family, Hot dogs, coffee, tea, popcorn for sale.

Save The Date "Come celebrate the birthday of Elvis on Friday, **January 12th**, 2018 at 7:00pm and raise funds for St. Andrew's Regional High School **new sports field**. The event will feature Ronnie Scott of Iconic Tributes. Tickets \$50.00. This is a **perfect Christmas Gift** for parents, grandparents or any 19 plus person who is looking for an evening of fun. Call St. Andrew's High 250-479-1414 for more info.

Up Coming Events & Start Dates

Dec 6	7:30pm Jenny Daniels Memorial Thembaethu Christmas Concert presenting The Arbutus Singers
Dec 9	7:00pm Therese - The Story of A Soul - St. Mary's Church Hall - Ladysmith
Dec 10	9:00am Childrens' Reconciliation - Church
Dec 16	CWL Christmas Craft Fair - St. Joseph the Worker
Dec 21	7:00pm Parish Reconciliation
Dec 24	Christmas Eve 6:00pm Family Mass (with pageant) 8:30pm Vigil Mass Midnight Mass
Dec 25	Christmas Day 10:00am Mass
Dec 31	Regular Sunday Masses
Jan 1	New Year's Day 10:00am Mass

This Week in our Community

Monday December 4

Parish Office Closed

No Mass

Tuesday December 5

9:30am Mass + Caterina Alessio

7:00pm "Disarming Beauty" Book Study - Community Room

7:00pm Couples for Christ Choir Practice - Church

Wednesday December 6

9:30am Mass + Maria Ferrarelli

12:00 noon CWL Christmas Social - Church Hall

7:30pm Jenny Daniels Memorial Concert with The Arbutus Singers - Church

7:00pm RCIA - Rectory Meeting Room

Thursday December 7 Memorial St. Ambrose,

Bishop And Doctor

9:30am Mass Special Int. Ludy Racoma

6:15pm Christian Rocks Choir Practice - check your email

Friday December 8 Solemnity The Immaculate

Conception Of The Blessed Virgin Mary

9:30am Mass + Salvador and Lolita Selleza

Adoration from 10:00am to noon - Come and adore and

listen - Church

Saturday December 9

10:00am Youth Advent Retreat - Poor Clare Monastery, Duncan

10:00am Contemplative Community - Community Room

5:00pm Mass + Neil Remillard

6:00pm Catechism - Grade 5 Class

6:00pm Youth Group - School Gym

Sunday December 10

Second Sunday of Advent

9:00am Children's Advent Reconciliation Service - Church

10:00am Mass

11:15am Sunday Coffee

6:00pm Mass + Souls In Purgatory

Jenny Daniels Memorial

Christmas Concert is almost here!

for Thembaethu Childrens' Shelter,

A musical evening with *The Arbutus Singers*

under the direction of **Jack Boomer**

Wednesday, **December 6th** at 7:30pm

St. Joseph the Worker Parish.

Admission by Donation.

All proceeds go to Thembaethu Childrens' Shelter

in Anerley, South Africa.

This is fabulous music you won't want to miss!!!



CALLING ALL YOUTH!

Advent Youth Retreat

Poor Clare Monastery Duncan BC

Saturday, December 9th 2017

Meet at Church at 10:00AM

Back at St. Joseph the Worker at 7:00PM

Please bring your own lunch - No Peanuts

Please register at parish office

Contacts in the Parish

Pastor
Admin Assistant/Secretary/Bookkeeper
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
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
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Coffee/Hospitality Committee
Finance Committee Interim Chair
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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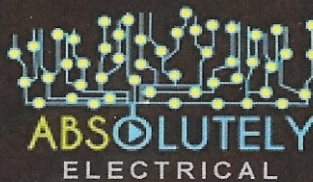
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