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First Sunday Of Advent

WELCOME TO ADVENT

Welcome to Advent, a time of turning our hearts toward the coming of Jesus who came, comes, and will come again.

When the scriptures speak of Christ's coming again in glory, do we ever wonder if he has already come? Scripture seems to give us signs of what it will look like when he comes again but the scriptures in the Old Testament also seemed to give definite clues as to what it would look like when the awaited Messiah would finally come. When Christ actually did come, very few people recognized him or could believe he was the one they were waiting for. He didn't fit their fixed ideas at all. He was completely wrong for the role, from the wrong place and not a conquering King coming in glory at all. To the authorities, he was a joke and a dangerous joke that needed to be contained and destroyed.

If Jesus had already returned, would we know it? Or do we also have fixed ideas, if we think of it at all, of what it will be like when Christ returns? Would it be possible to entirely miss the final advent of our God?

In a recent discussion group session, the group simply told each other stories of times we had witnessed an act of kindness or love. The stories told weren't necessarily amazing or earth shattering in their significance because love and kindness are often quietly hidden in the chaos of bad news and life in general, but by the end of the sharing, there was a sense that we had all seen Christ, a sense that he was indeed walking the earth, unimpeded by unbelief and bad news.

Advent: a time to WAKE UP! You never know what you're missing

Jean Allen



Jenny Daniels Memorial
Christmas Concert
For Thembaletu Children's Shelter
With the Arbutus Singers
under the Direction of Jack Boomer

Join us at **St. Joseph the Worker Parish**
Wednesday, December 5th at 7:30pm
Admission By Donation

Proceeds go to Thembaletu Children's Shelter in Anerley South Africa

Ministry Liturgical Schedule December 8th and 9th, 2018

	Saturday 5:00 pm	Sunday 10:00 am	Sunday 6:00 pm
Altar Servers Coordinator-Jeanine Woodman	MC J. Price M. Zidek	MC M. Edwardson J. Edwardson, A. Anderson	MC N. Sabado C. Bernarte
Hospitality Ministers Coordinator-Karen Douglas	P. Stevens R. Stevens	B. Weber C. Weber	L. Flint G. Flint
Lectors Coordinator-Linda Chatton	K. Douglas B. Douglas	M. Gwyn M. King	M. Gill S. Fitzmaurice
Ushers ** recruit Presenters of Gifts Coordinator- looking for one	M. Trudeau, F. Boylan W. Burgess, T. Butler **	B. Quinn, J. Ross L. Bartle **	tbd
Children's Liturgy Coordinator-Martin Poulin	Seeds 10:00am Mass Carmelle	Promise 10:00am Mass Martin	Good News 10:00am Mass Tom and Girls
Vacuuumers Coordinator-Ralph Scheurle	E. Oliveira S. Nolan		
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 which will be held on **January 19th, 2019**. Typically, 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 Parish Office for 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.

From today's Gospel: Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man. (Luke 21:36)

Adults: What have been the strengths of your prayer life? What habit of prayer could you strengthen during this Advent season?

Children: What prayers will you say each day and each week during Advent?

Advent Parish Mission Sponsored by the Cathedral and Our Lady of the Rosary - Fr. Wade Menezes (Father of Mercy) will preach an Advent Mission from **Monday Dec. 3rd to Thursday, Dec. 6th**. Theme: Work out your Salvation. Cathedral talks at 10:40 each day. Our Lady of the Rosary talks will begin at 7 pm. For more information, call the Cathedral parish at 250-388-5571.

End Violence Against Women Candle-light Vigil - December 6th is a National Day of Remembrance & Action on Violence Against Women. This event remembers the 1989 murder of 14 young women students at L'Ecole Polytechnique in Montreal. Please join a multi faith candle light vigil for the Greater Victoria area. Program begins at 5:00 pm and refreshments will be available after the service. First Met United Church, corner of Balmoral and Quadra St. All are welcome.

St. Andrew's Cathedral choir presents "As Prophets Foretold" Advent Carols and Readings, Friday, **December 7th** at 7:30pm. A free will offering will be taken at the door for the 9-10 Club serving meals to those in need.

Ukrainian Christmas Food Fair on Saturday, **Dec. 8th** from 11 am to 2 pm at St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic hall, 1110 Caledonia Ave. Free admission, wheelchair accessible. To pre-order for pick up before Friday, Dec. 7th, call 250-384-2255.

Voices in Motion Concert (inter-generational choir for people with memory loss, their caregivers and students from St. Andrew's High) on Sunday, **December 9th** from 2:30-4pm at St. Aidan's United Church (3703 St. Aidan's St). Tickets \$10.

St. Andrew's Regional High School Advent Carol Service on **December 19th** at 7:00pm in the SARHS gym. Let's support our Catholic High School event!

CBC & Our Place present 'A Christmas Carol' - at First Met United Church on **December 13th**. Doors open 6:30pm, showtime at 7:00pm. Tickets: \$17.50/Adult and \$5/Child. Available online at eventbright.com or www.ourplacesociety.com/christmas-carol, at Our Place Reception, or at the door.

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

Sunday ~ 6:00pm

Anawim House welcomes your financial donations and also Christmas gifts of new clothing for the poor to be placed in the Christmas box at the entrance of the church during the Advent Season.

Christmas Trees will be available at Anawim House on **November 29th**.

Thank you for being partners with us in caring for God's precious poor, the "anawim".

For Rent

St. Joseph the Worker
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\$75.00/per hour or

\$500.00/event

Contact the Parish Office

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for more information

Newsorthy and Noteworthy

Our next senior's lunch will be on **December 12th** at 12 noon. It will be a **Christmas turkey dinner catered by Chef on the Run**. For those already on the list, the phoning team will contact you before Dec. 9th. Not on the list?: contact either Val at 250-727-2032 or Ursule at 250-479-8804.

We are looking for Volunteers to coordinate our Senior's Lunch Bunch, beginning in January. Hopefully, someone will take charge, as this is a great service that St. Joseph's does for our fellow people and our seniors truly appreciate 'the luncheon'.

Christmas Flower Donations - Envelopes are ready at the back of the church for those who wish to contribute to the Christmas floral display. Please print your "In Memory/Intention of" a loved one, write your envelope # and drop in collection basket.

Knitting Needles Needed - Teacher at St. Joseph Elementary School is looking for donations of size **4.5 mm** knitting needles for a school project. Please check your "stash" and think about contributing your unused ones. Kindly drop off at parish office.

You are invited to attend the 2018 Angel Event on Thursday, **December 6th**, at 12:00 noon at The Delta Marriott Hotel in the Songhees. Gathering and Lunch. Individual bills. Welcome and Presentation by Sr. Joyce, Harris, Sister of St. Ann. Bring your one, new or slightly used, woman's gift, **UNWRAPPED**, in a Christmas bag. It will bring joy to a woman who has found herself in a challenging place. RSVP for staffing purposes by **Dec. 4th**, please. Phone JoAnne DiCastrì at 250-658-3492 or email joannedicastri@gmail.com

The Latin American Catholic Community of Victoria invites you to celebrate The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Sunday, **December 16th** at Our Lady of Fatima Parish. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Gary Gordon, at 12:30pm, followed by procession and banquet in the Parish Hall. Traditional lunch: \$10/per person, Hot dog and Fries: \$5. For tickets contact Claudia Garcia cigro112@gmail.com

Up Coming Events & Start Dates

Dec 5	7:30pm Thembalethu Jenny Daniels' Memorial Christmas Concert with the Arbutus Singers
Dec 6	12:00 noon Angel Event - Delta Marriott Hotel
Dec 3-6	Advent Mission Sponsored by the Cathedral and Our Lady of the Rosary - see bulletin article
Dec 7	7:30pm As Prophets Foretold Advent Carols and Readings - St. Andrew's Cathedral
Dec 9	2:30pm Voices in Motion Concert - Songs of Light with St. Andrew's High School students - St. Aidan's United Church
Dec 13	7:00pm St. Joseph the Worker Reconciliation
Dec 16	12:30pm The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe - Mass followed by procession and banquet - Our Lady of Fatima Parish
Dec 19	7:00pm Advent Carol Service - St. Andrew's Regional High School Gym
Dec. 24	Christmas Eve 6:00pm Family Mass (with pageant) 8:30pm Vigil Mass 12:00am Midnight Mass
Dec. 25	Christmas Day 10:00am Mass
Dec. 31	New Year's Eve 6:00pm Mass
Jan. 1	New Year's Day 10:00am Mass

This Week in our Community

Monday December 3 Memorial St. Francis Xavier, Priest

Parish Office Closed

No Mass

7:30pm K of C Meeting - Church Hall

Tuesday December 4

9:30am Mass + Caterina Alessio

7:00pm Christian Rocks Choir Practice - Church

Wednesday December 5

9:30am Mass + Roddie McDonald

12:00 noon CWL Christmas Social - Church Hall

7:30pm Arbutus Choir Christmas Concert - Church

Thursday December 6

9:30am Mass + Souls In Purgatory

7:00pm Couples for Christ Choir Practice

7:00pm Manna Gathering - Community Room

Friday December 7 Memorial St. Ambrose, Bishop And Doctor

9:30am Mass Special Int. Christopher & Anna Cartasenga Adoration from 10:00am to noon - Come and adore and listen - Church

Saturday December 8 Solemnity The Immaculate Conception Of The Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00am Youth Group Advent Retreat in Duncan

10:00am Contemplative Community - Community Room

5:00pm Mass Special Int. for the Pacheco Family Tree Living and Deceased

6:00pm Youth Group - School Gym

Sunday December 9 Second Sunday Of Advent

8:45am Catechism Classes

10:00am Mass

11:15am Sunday Coffee

6:00pm Mass + Deceased Members of the Schnirer Family

Going into Hospital? If so, please be certain that when registering you tell the registration staff that you are Catholic so your pastor and hospital visitors will know how to find you. Or, have someone call the parish office and share the necessary information.

Schedule of Advent Penitential Services

December 6th	Holy Cross
December 11th	Sacred Heart
December 12th	St. Patricks
December 13	St. Joseph the Worker
December 18th	Our Lady of the Rosary

'Serve One Another'

Thank you again to those parishioners who have participated so far in this year's Annual Appeal. We are now at 80.94% of our goal! Did you know that a donation greater than \$200 will provide a tax credit of approximately 40%?



Total pledged to date: \$43,708.13

Number of Gifts: 137

Contacts in the Parish

Pastor

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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)

Youth Group - Grades 6 to 12

St. Joseph's School

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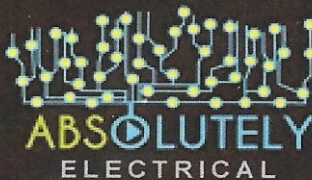
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