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First Sunday Of Advent

Even So, Come Lord Jesus

The season of Advent: a time to remember the first coming of Christ and to remind ourselves to prepare for his second coming. But I wonder if Jesus was only referring to his second coming at the end of the world when he told his disciples to be aware, keep alert and stay awake. The truth is, Jesus is always coming to us and we continually miss him because we are not alert and not endeavouring to be awake to small advents (arrivals) throughout our every day.



This Advent won't feel much like Advent because of Mass and social restrictions. And maybe this is good. Maybe we all need to be jolted out of our normal habits, traditions and expectations in order to be able to see with new awake eyes. If, because of the pandemic, a certain season loses its comforting familiarity, can we move away from complaining and open our eyes and hearts to something we've never seen or experienced before because we were asleep within our attachments to traditions? We will no doubt be blessed with songs and visuals as we watch livestreamed Masses but...not exactly the same, is it?

I think we need to sincerely turn to God and pray, "Awaken me, Lord! Come in this hard and strange time and open my heart to new possibilities and a new way of waiting for you. Create in me the desire to experience multiple advents in this Advent season. Come, Lord Jesus, come!"

God doesn't create pandemics but he can use them to renew his people. We don't know what this will look like in reality. It's none of our business how he will do it and we don't get to demand to know what it will look like. It just means we have to show up, alert and ready, and pay attention.

The pandemic is not a great inconvenience and stumbling block to our life in God.

It is pure opportunity.

Jean Allen

Ministry liturgical Schedule to be continued at a later date

WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE DIOCESE

The feast of **Christ the King** marked the last Sunday in Ordinary Time and next week will begin a new Liturgical year with the First Sunday of Advent. Please find below the link to the latest Blog featuring Christ the King Parish in the Comox Valley:

<https://www.rcdvictoria.org/diocesanblog/christ-the-king-parish-comox>

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

We continue to surpass our goal during these challenging times!

Congratulations to all who have donated to

2020 Horizon of Hope Diocesan Appeal

Total pledged to date: \$61,993.42

Number of gifts: 103

% of Goal pledged: 114.80%

Revised 2020 Sanctioned Collections
Nov 29/20 Catholic Missions in Canada
<https://cmic.info/how-to-help/give/>

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

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**.

Into the Deep: De-Mystifying Palliative Care

Palliative care helps people with serious illness to live as well as they can for as long as they can. But most people feel that palliative care is only something that is offered once there is "nothing more to be done" for their disease and means that death is close at hand. This presentation will provide knowledge of what palliative care is, its benefits, and how it can be accessed. The session will be offered by the Archdiocese of Vancouver on **Friday, Nov. 27 from 7:00 - 8:30 pm via Zoom** Register online for free at <https://beholdvancouver.org/events/de-mythifying-palliative-care>

Christmas 2020 at Anawim House

This year we are not able to have our Christmas boxes in the church for donations or our newsletter in your bulletin. We still need donations of new clothing, underwear, toiletries and food items. Donations can be dropped off at Anawim House 973 Caledonia Ave (V8T 2E7) or you can contact us at info@anawimhouse.com to make arrangements. If you would like to make a financial donation you can send in mail to Anawim House (see address above) or donate through <https://www.canadahelps.org>

Local fresh cut Christmas trees will be available at the house **from November 27th on**. See poster on parish website for hours of operation and for more details.

Mass Schedule

All Masses are suspended until further notice

By pre-registration only up to 50 people per Mass

Weekday Masses

Monday ~ 10:00am

Wednesday ~ 10:00am

Friday ~ 7:00pm

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Weekend Masses

Saturday ~ 6:00pm

Sunday ~ 9:00am

Sunday ~ 11:00am



Don't miss the latest edition of Fr. Alfie's Table, featuring the Bechamel Sauce.

[Bechamel Sauce](#)

Newsworthy and Noteworthy

Please be advised that all Masses have been suspended until further notice, due to the latest protocols issued on November 19th by Dr. Bonnie Henry and the Ministry of Health. Please stay tuned for an update on Christmas Masses.

Masks are now required upon entering the premises. With gratitude for your patience during these challenging times. We will keep you informed of any changes.

Instead of Shoeboxes this year...

This year the Shoebox project is not running due to COVID-19. Brenda Newton has reached out to some local care homes and has committed to putting together 100 gifts for seniors who have no family and therefore no visitors or outings these days. Included is a small list of things we need. Please see parish website for more detailed information:

- Assorted Seed Packages for Spring Gardening (need 50-100 and a variety)
- Painted rocks
- NEW Photo or "Coffee table" style books...like National Geographic/travel/animals/trains/cars/British Royals etc. (a lot of our residents are from the UK).
- New lap blankets or throw blankets - colourful - that can be washed in warm/hot and put through the dryer. Phone: 250-480-9005 or Email: brenda_newton@telus.net

Please drop off your gifts to the parish office by December 12th.

GRATITUDE IN CHALLENGING TIMES - The 9-10 Club soup kitchen sends our heartfelt thanks to the generous parishioners of the Diocese of Victoria. We cannot overstate our gratitude to you! Because of the pandemic, we can no longer invite our diners inside to eat and now provide a take-out service, which is **twice as costly**. With your continued financial support, our takeout service will carry on providing hearty meals until that joyous day! If you are able to, please donate either online through Canada Helps: <https://www.canadahelps.org> or by sending a cheque to:

Birthright Fudge

Birthright is taking Orders for their delicious Chocolate Fudge this November. A bit of sweet in this challenging year! The packets make great stocking stuffers or holiday gifts. Arrangements have been made for pre-paid orders to be delivered to the parish office for collection in December. **Parish office hours are Tuesday – Friday 8:30AM – 3:30 PM.** Please see the poster on our parish website at www.sjtw.ca for more details, or call Peggy at 250.478.5372. Your purchase supports the pro-life pregnancy support work of Birthright Victoria.

Knights of Columbus Charity Appeal Ticket Sales

Due to COVID-19 the Charity Appeal Program for this year has moved to an on-line platform. Funds raised under this program are donated to a variety of K of C charitable causes at the provincial and local Victoria levels. **Please click on <https://kofcdraw.net/c13356>** to purchase your ticket on-line. You can also visit our parish website under the Knights of Columbus Charity Appeal page to purchase your ticket. Thank you for your support. Any questions, please contact Gary (garys235@outlook.com)

This Week in our Community

Monday November 30 Feast St. Andrew, Apostle

Parish Office Closed

No Mass

Tuesday December 1

No Mass

Wednesday December 2

No Mass

Thursday December 3 Memorial St. Francis Xavier, Priest

No Mass

Friday December 4

No Mass

+ Francesco Rainaldi

Saturday December 5

6:00pm Live Stream Mass

+ Jennifer Van Dyk

+ Alec Perez de Tagle

Sunday December 6 Second Sunday Of Advent

No Mass

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Has Gone Live-Stream!

Saturday 6:00pm Mass will be live-streamed every week

[Please click here for the link to the live-streamed Mass on our website](#)

Do you love working with children?

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Island Catholic Schools is looking for on-call Educational Assistants. For more information visit:

<http://cisdv.bc.ca/employment-opportunities.php>

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/charities/129950804R/R0024-st-josephs-parish/>

(immediate electronic tax receipt issued by Canada Helps)

E transfers:

Go to your on-line banking site and follow the steps outlined by your bank. Direct funds to:

developmentoffice@rcdvictoria.org

In the memo/description box include your name, address and name "St. Joseph the Worker Parish" as the parish you would like the funds donated to.

Credit Cards:

Click on attached form and complete:

[PAD for Credit Card Donations](#)

Pre-authorized Debit:

Click on attached form and complete:

[PAD Agreement](#)

We are very grateful that you are part of our Catholic parish family. May God bless you and your families.

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St. Joseph's School
Catholic Women's League(CWL)
Knights of Columbus
St. Vincent de Paul**

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Proclaimer Training Coordinator
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