



St. Joseph the Worker Parish

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Fourth Sunday Of Advent

From the Pastor's Desk

The Visitation

The Visitation presents to us another aspect of Mary's inner life: her attitude of humble service and disinterested love for those in need...The meeting of the two mothers is also the meeting between the Forerunner and the Messiah, who, through his Mother, begins to operate salvation by making John the Baptist leap with joy when still in his mother's womb.

Let us listen again to the famous comment, full of spiritual unction, that Saint Ambrose makes on Mary's journey: "Joyful to carry out her desire, delicate in her duty, thoughtful in her joy, she hastened to the hills. Where, if not to the summits, was she, who was already full of God, to aspire with solicitous care? The grace of the Holy Spirit does not know obstacles which delay action"...

The atmosphere that pervades the evangelical episode of the Visitation is *joy*: the mystery of the Visitation is a *mystery of joy*. John the Baptist exults with joy in the womb of Saint Elizabeth; the latter, rejoicing in the gift of motherhood, bursts out into blessings of the Lord; Mary pours forth the *Magnificat*, a hymn overflowing with Messianic joy.

But what is the mysterious, hidden source of this joy? It is Jesus, whom Mary has already conceived thanks to the Holy Spirit, and who is already beginning to defeat what is the root of fear, anguish, and sadness.



Saint John Paul II

Coats for Kids 2015

It is with extreme pride that I announce a record breaking distribution year for our Knights of Columbus Council 13356 St. Joseph the Worker in our Coats for Kids campaign. On November 19th and 20th, 2015, in partnership with St. Vincent de Paul Society of Vancouver Island, our team consisting of Thomas Ausseneg, George and Lynn Flint, Don and Ann Glas, District Deputy Richard Grosset, Robert Strong and Ron Vincent distributed just over 100 coats to children and families in need. Subsequently, at the request of St. Vincent de Paul, we have provided another 97 coats to bring the total just shy of 200 coats.

With the help of Supreme Council providing 264 coats under a special program, we were able to obtain coats of all sizes, styles to both boys and girls from infants to 18 years old. As we had a few coats remaining, we sent a number of coats to other Knights of Columbus Councils in the district and the Mustard Seed Food Bank, to be included in their Christmas Hamper Drive.

"What an amazing feeling to see the smile on the children's faces and know that we are helping out. In 2014 we ordered four dozen coats and realized that the need was greater than expected and thus ramped up for this year," said Ron Vincent, Chancellor 13356.

Special recognition goes to Thomas Ausseneg for the countless hours spent sorting, labeling and categorizing the coats, aiding us in the quick and effective distribution of so many coats.

Our partnership with St. Vincent de Paul and the use of their facility made this a perfect fit for our program. A sincere thank you to Grant Crosswell, Program Manager and all the staff.

Andy Kyfiuk, Grand Knight - Knights of Columbus Council 13356 St. Joseph the Worker Parish, Victoria BC

Ministry Liturgical Schedule...December 26th & 27th, 2015

	Saturday 5:00 pm	Sunday 10:00 am	Sunday 6:00pm
Altar Servers Coordinator-Pam Corpus	MC J. Price A. Lebedynsky-Fraser	MC E. Blair, J. Cerna, P. Kumar TR C. Mykyte, TR J. Grohovac	MC E. Pryma N. Pryma, A. McRae
Hospitality Ministers Coordinator-Karen Douglas	tbd	tbd	tbd
Lectors Coordinator-Linda Chatton	M. Kelland S. Palahicky	I. Mykyte R. Mykyte	M. Gill M. Hardy
Ushers Coordinator-Maryellen Trudeau	M. Trudeau, K. Kopeck M. White, F. Boylan	R. Strong, B. Quinn G. Rossato	tbd
Presenters of the Gifts Coordinator-Ursule Betts	U. Betts J. Betts	H. Del Villano and Family	tbd
Children's Liturgy Coordinator-Martin Poulin	Seeds 10:00 Mass C. Whiteley	Promise 10:00am Mass Please volunteer	Good News 10:00am Mass Please volunteer
Vacuums Coordinator-Ralph Scheurle	F. Fernandes		
Hospital Ministers Coordinator-Claude Mury		D. Kyfiuk M. Olivas	

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 16th, 2016. Next Baptisms will take place on the weekend of January 30th/31st. 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: Elizabeth said, "Blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."
 Question for Adults: When was it hardest for you to trust God's plan for you, as Mary did? What can help you at such times?
 Question for Children: When is it hardest for you to obey a parent or teacher? What can help you obey with more trust?

Anawim House thanks all of those at St. Joseph the Worker Parish who made such generous donations of clothing and monetary donations to help Anawim (Hebrew word for "God's Precious Poor"). Please know that the impoverished who you have helped are so very very grateful and appreciative. Wishing you a blessed Christmas from everyone at Anawim House.

Youth Retreat - (Christmas is a season not a day) Franciscans and Friends Youth Group Tuesday December 22nd 10:00am-4:00pm at St. Joseph's Friary, 1076 Joan Crescent. Please bring a donation for Anawim House. Lunch will be pot luck style. Contact: franciscansandfriends@gmail.com

Raising Consciousness with 'Laudato Si' with Bill Wilson, SJ PhD - January 12th to February 2nd, 2016 10:00 am - 12:00 pm Cost: \$75 or \$20 drop in. Location: Friends Meeting House (1831 Fern St.) Victoria. Contact 250-220-4601 earthliteracies@gmail.com

Calling All Youth Grades 7-12 - Save the Date! Join us for our Annual Diocesan Retreat Camp Homewood on February 5th-7th, 2016. \$150 per participant. This includes all food, accommodation and activities. For more information contact Bonni Roset broset@telus.net or Terri Ann Wynans wynans@shaw.ca

The Peer Ministry Team at St. Andrew's Regional High School will be running a bottle drive on Saturday, January 9th, 2016 between 10:30 and 2:30pm. Funds raised will help students attend retreats such as the Peer Ministry, Lenten retreat and the Camp Homewood Diocesan Youth Retreat in February. Your support is greatly appreciated!"

Mass Schedule
 Weekday Masses
 Monday ~Funeral Mass
 11:00am
 Tuesday ~ 9:00am
 Wednesday ~9:00am
 Thursday ~Christmas Eve
 6:00pm
 8:30pm
 11:30pm
 Friday ~Christmas Day
 10:00am
 Saturday ~ 5:00pm
 Sunday ~ 10:00am
 & 6:00pm

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*Jenny Daniels Memorial
 Christmas Concert
 with the Arbutus Singers*

 Total \$6,747.70



Keeping in Contact

We extend our hands and hearts in Christian companionship to you here, celebrating with us, whether long-time residents or newly arrived in the parish. We thank God that you are with us. If you wish to register in the parish please fill out the pink registration form located outside the church office or back of church.

Newsorthy and Noteworthy

Please note the office will closed for the Christmas break on the following days:

Thursday, December 24th - closed at noon
 Friday, December 25th Christmas Day through
 Monday, January 4th, 2016

Office will re-open on Tuesday, January 5th, 2016

A Big Thank You to Adrienne Hughes for designing and printing Fr. Alfie's Christmas card, to Laura Gerlinsky for her amazing technical skills and to those parishioners who donated the stamps. Thank you also to the volunteers who labelled the envelopes.

2016 Collection Envelopes are ready for pickup at the back of the church. Any parishioner who did not receive a box of envelopes and would like one, please contact the parish office (including those donating through PAD and Credit Card). Please discard all 2015 envelopes after December 31st. Christmas Flower Donations - Envelopes are at the back of the church for those who wish to contribute to the Christmas floral display. Print your "In Memory/Intention of" a loved one on the envelope (write your envelope # in space provided) and drop into the collection basket.

We Need Your Help with Children's Liturgy! We are looking for two more teachers for January, one each for the Promise and Good News groups. The age range of these children is 5 - 8 yrs. old. Please contact the office 250-479-7413 if you are interested.

Ushers Needed for the Christmas Eve 11:30pm Mass - Please contact the office and we will pass your name onto the Coordinator.

Extra Ordinary Eucharist Ministers needed at the Gorge Road Hospital to visit and serve communion every 2nd and 4th Wednesdays. Arrival time of 10:00am. Please contact parish office 250-479-7413.

St. Joseph Grade 7 Christmas Bottle Drive in conjunction with The Knights of Columbus Christmas Tree Chipping - on Saturday, January 2nd and January 9th, 2016 from 10:00am to 2:00pm in the St. Joseph's parking lot. What to bring: any beverage containers that have a recycling surcharge (ie.: beer bottles/cans, alcohol bottles {plastic/glass}, wine bottles/bag in a box, pop bottles/cans, juice boxes/cartons; water bottles). Please rinse your containers out.. Please no milk or milk type containers as we cannot recycle these.

Up Coming Events & Start Dates

Dec 24	Christmas Eve Family Mass - 6:00pm Vigil Mass - 8:30pm Midnight Mass - 11:30pm
Dec 25	Christmas Day Mass 10:00am
Dec 31	New Year's Eve Mass 6:00pm
Jan 1	New Year's Day Mass 10:00am
Jan 2 & 9	10:00am St. Joe's Bottle Drive and K of C Tree Chipping - St. Joe's Parking Lot
Jan 11	7:00pm Beloved - Marriage Enrichment Program 2nd part/6sessions
Jan 12	7:00pm Social Eco Justice Committee Meeting

This Week in our Community

Monday December 21

Parish Office Closed
 11:00am Funeral Mass Joseph Kolarich
 6:30pm Children's Nativity Play Practice - Church

Tuesday December 22

9:00am Mass + Salvador Selleza
 7:00pm Couples for Christ Choir Practice - Church

Wednesday December 23

9:00am Mass + Lolita Selleza
 7:00pm Centering Prayer - Community Room
 7:00pm Wing and A Prayer Choir Practice - Church

Thursday December 24

6:00pm Christmas Eve Family Mass with Children's Nativity Play
 8:30pm Christmas Vigil Mass
 11:30pm Christmas Midnight Mass

Friday December 25 Christmas - The Nativity Of

The Lord

10:00am Christmas Day Mass

Saturday December 26 Feast St. Stephen, The First Martyr

5:00pm Mass + Maggie Pires

Sunday December 27 The Holy Family Of Jesus, Mary And Joseph

10:00am Mass
 11:15am Sunday Coffee
 6:00pm Mass + Francisca Manuel Soares

Save The Date on your calendars for the Diocesan Family Conference August 12th - 14th, 2016 - The keynote speaker will be Fr. Clair Watrin, who is excited to speak to families on the mission given to them and will inspire parents, grandparents, youth and children to "like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all your behavior" 1 Peter 1:16

Save the date for an unforgettable weekend at the beautiful ocean side of Nanoose Bay. Registrations will be open early in the new year.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for 1st and 3rd Friday Home Visits. This ministry provides a social and spiritual connection to individuals who are homebound and would benefit from a visit from fellow parishioners. Reasons for visits range from providing spiritual support to a friendly visit. Volunteers travel in two's, so you will always be with another volunteer. Please call office 250-479-7413 if you are interested.

Diocesan Annual Appeal

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



Parish Goal: \$54,000
 Actual to Date: \$46,232.10
 Number of Gifts: 155
 % of Goal Pledged: 85.62%

Update next week when Terri Siemens is back in Diocesan Office

Contacts in the Parish

Pastor
 Administrative Assistant/Secretary
 Custodian
 Diocesan Responsible Ministry Coordinator
 Altar Server Training/Coordinator
 Baptism
 Could You Ever Come Back to the Catholic Church?/Centering Prayer
 Children's Liturgy of the Word
 Children's Religious Education
 Development and Peace
 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 Project
 Social and Ecological Justice Committee
 Parish Pastoral Council

Fr. Alfredo Monacelli
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 1st & 3rd Saturdays at 10:00am and 2nd & 4th Wednesdays at 7:00pm
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