



St. Joseph the Worker Parish

Diocese of Victoria

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December 17th and 18th, 2016

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Joseph The Obedience of Faith

It is true that the angel cites the passage from the prophet Isaiah that is today's first reading in order to persuade the dreaming Joseph to take Mary his wife into his home: "The virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel." But even Satan can quote Scripture. So, then, why does Joseph believe this dream? Maybe it is because Joseph was a "son of David"...and what the angel does not mention - but what Joseph knows full well - is that Isaiah's prophecy was intended directly and specifically for the "house of David." The angel's revelation is meant for him. And thanks to Joseph's subsequent "obedience of faith," the incarnate Christ Jesus genealogically was "descended from David."

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What A Concert!

*Thank you to all who attended and supported
the Jenny Daniels Memorial Thembalethu Children's Shelter
Christmas Concert*

*and a HUGE Thank You to The Arbutus Singers and Jack Boomer
who so graciously gave of their time and talent*

Donations to date - \$1,488.10



Ministry Liturgical Schedule..December 25th & 26th, 2016

	Saturday 6:00 pm	Saturday		Sunday 10:00 am
		8:30 pm	12:00 am	
Altar Servers Coordinator-Pam Corpus	MC A. Blair J. Price, C. Mykyte	MC P. O'Brien N. Corpus, Grohovac	M. Faber, L. Torok J. Westhaver, A. McRae	MC H. Evangelista N. Sabado, T. Lanuza
Hospitality Ministers Coordinator-Karen Douglas	P. Stevens D. Stevens	U. Betts J. Betts	M. Hardy	P. Currie J. Parks
Lectors Coordinator-Linda Chatton	I. Mykyte R. Mykyte	W. Kyle A. Sureshkumar	S. Fitzmaurice M. Gill	K. Douglas B. Douglas
Ushers Coordinator-Maryellen Trudeau	M. White, T. Butler K. Kopeck, A. Vandekerkhove	L. van Dyk, J. Green J. Aquino, W. Burgess	S. Leckie G. Erickson	M. Trudeau, F. Boylan B. Quinn
Presenters of the Gifts Coordinator-Ursule Betts	D. Kowbel N. Kowbel and Family	Sisters of St. Ann	N. Rainaldi F. DiCamillo	M. Neal and M. Neal
Children's Liturgy Coordinator-Martin Poulin	Seeds 10:00 Mass	Promise 10:00am Mass		Good News 10:00am Mass
Vacuums Coordinator-Ralph Scheurle	M. Grenier			
Music Ministry	Steve and Michelle	Christian Rocks	Angela Faber	Couples for Christ
Hospital Ministers Coordinator-Denise Kyfiuk	S. Flaherty C. MacDonald			

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: When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took Mary as his wife. (Matthew 1:24)
Question for Adults: Whom do you find it difficult to welcome in your life? What can you do to overcome that?
Question for Children: What could you do this week to make someone feel welcome, as Joseph welcomed Mary?

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.
EpiphanyEAT for Teens 15 to 18 yrs on Saturday, **January 7th, 2017** at St. Joseph the Worker Church Hall from 6:00pm (following the 5pm Mass) until 10 pm. Tickets \$10 available from Youth Office at Diocese. Please bring a gift for an after dinner Epiphany game. The gift must be wrapped and not cost you anything. Please contact Kelly Bourke at kbourke@rcdvictoria.org or 250-479-1331.
Grade 5 Christmas Bottle Drive in conjunction *with The Knights of Columbus Christmas Tree Chipping* - Many thanks to the Knights of Columbus for offering this wonderful opportunity to raise funds to help offset the cost of the Grade 5's class trip to Camp Pringle June 2017. Dates: Saturday, **December 31st 2016** and **January 7th, 2017** from 10:00am to 2:00pm in St. Joseph's Parking Lot. See bulletin board for details.
Do you have some basketball moves to show off? Come play in the Diocesan Youth Conference fundraiser tournament on **January 15th** at St. Andrew's Regional High School from 12:00 noon to 4:00pm. Register teams of 5 - 8 people together, one of those people being an adult coach/sponsor. Cost \$25 per team. Prizes will be awarded. Follow this link to register your team: <https://goo.gl/forms/PARb6pCcQsDKxi4i1> Any questions? Email: teamdyc@gmail.com

Mass Schedule

Weekday Masses
 Monday ~ **No Mass**
 Tuesday ~ 9:30am
 Wednesday ~ 9:30am
 Thursday ~ 9:30am
 Friday ~ 9:30am
Christmas Eve
 Saturday ~ 6:00pm
 8:30pm and 12:00 Midnight
Christmas Day
 Sunday ~ 10:00am

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

Rocking Good Fun-Raiser
 in support of SJTW
 Masithuthukisane Project
 and St. Joseph School Parent's
 Advisory Group (PAG)
 Dinner and Dance
 \$25.00/person
 Dinner prepared by our very
 own "Chef Fr. Alfredo"
 Feb 10th at 7:00pm
 St. Joseph the Worker
 Parish Hall

Newsorthy and Noteworthy

Please Note: Christmas Office Hours
The Parish Office will be closed from:
Monday, December 26th to:
Tuesday, January 3rd
The Parish Office will re-open on:
Wednesday, January 4th

Please Note: Christmas Liturgical Schedules for each Ministry are posted on our parish website and on our bulletin board.

2017 Collection Envelopes are ready for pick up at the back of the church. **After December 31st**, please discard all 2016 envelopes. Any parishioner who did not receive a box and would like one, please contact parish office (including those donating through PAD and Credit Card).

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

Anawim welcomes your financial donations and also Christmas gifts for the poor this Christmas Season. Christmas Trees are available. Thank you for being partners with us in caring for God's precious poor, the anawim.

Coats for Kids - The Knights of Columbus have a few remaining new coats of various sizes. If you are in need or know of anyone please contact Ron Vincent at (250) 889-5736 or email rmjvincent@gmail.com

Job Posting: Executive Assistant

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Victoria is seeking a full-time Executive Assistant to support the Bishop and Chancellor to ensure optimal day to day work flow. The incumbent provides comprehensive administrative support in a professional, courteous and efficient manner while maintaining absolute confidentiality. Interested applicants are invited to submit a resume and cover letter by **January 13, 2017** to:

Roman Catholic Diocese of Victoria

Attention: Cynthia Bouchard, Chancellor

#1 - 4044 Nelthorpe Street

Victoria, BC V8X 2A1

Email: chancery@rcdvictoria.org

Website: www.rcdvictoria.org/employment.php

Up Coming Events & Start Dates

Dec 24	Christmas Eve Family Mass - 6:00pm Vigil Mass - 8:30pm Midnight Mass
Dec 25	Christmas Day Mass 10:00am
Dec 31	New Year's Eve Mass 5:00pm
Dec 31	10:00am Gr 5 Bottle Drive and Knights of Columbus Tree Chipping
Jan 1	New Year's Day Mass 10:00am and 6:00pm
Jan 7	10:00am Gr 5 Bottle Drive and Knights of Columbus Tree Chipping
Jan 7	6:00pm Ephiphany Eat for Teens 15 - 18 yrs old

This Week in our Community

Monday December 19

Parish Office Closed

No Mass

1:30pm Prayer Group - Community Room

7:00pm Pivotal Leaders - Church, Community Room

Tuesday December 20

9:30am Mass + John Mendes

6:30pm St. Vincent de Paul Meeting - Rectory

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

Wednesday December 21

9:30am Mass + Durante Family

7:00pm Wing and A Prayer Choir Practice - Church

7:00pm - RCIA - Community Room

Thursday December 22

9:30am Mass + Reid Kyfiuk

7:00pm Christian Rocks Choir Practice - check your email

Friday December 23

9:30am Mass + Maggie Pires

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

Saturday December 24 Christmas - The Nativity Of The Lord

6:00pm Christmas Eve Family Mass

8:30pm Christmas Eve Vigil Mass

12:00am Christmas Midnight Mass

Youth Ministry - will resume January 14, 2017

Sunday December 25 Christmas - The Nativity Of The Lord

10:00am Christmas Day Mass

Attention:

Children's Christmas Pageant Families December 24, 2016 at the 6:00pm Mass

- **Please arrive by 5:30 PM, all dressed as angels, shepherds, sheep and kings.**
- **Please sit in the reserved seating at the front of the church.**

Arabic Translators Required

The Diocese of Victoria is seeking the kind assistance of Arabic speakers as conversational interpreters, to help volunteer parish refugee settlement committees in preparation for the anticipated arrival, sometime in the New Year, of eight to nine Syrian families. If you are fluent in Arabic and English, and are available to volunteer in this capacity, please contact Jim O'Reilly, Religious Education Coordinator, at the Pastoral Centre 250-479-1331, or jeoreilly@rcdvictoria.org.

Under Diocesan Policy, all volunteers, including interpreters, must be screened and approved to work with children and vulnerable adults. This process includes the completion of a Volunteer Application Form, signing a Covenant of Care Agreement and applying for and receiving a criminal record check Clearance Letter from the BC Ministry of Justice, Criminal Record Review Program.

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
Eucharistic Ministry of the Liturgy
SJTW Pastoral Care Outreach Ministry
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/SJTW (2015-2020) Project
Social and Ecological Justice Committee
Parish Pastoral Council

Fr. Alfredo Monacelli
 Jennifer Smith/Sandi Duncan - Office hours 8:30 am-3:30 pm Tuesday-Friday
 Ralph Scheurle (250) 727-6010
 Mike O'Rielly (250) 477-8950
 Pam Corpus email: pamcorpus@gmail.com
 Kara Kirkpatrick email: kara.kirkpatrick@rocketmail.com
 Charlie Allen (778) 433-5772 (1st & 3rd Saturdays at 10:00am)
 Martin Poulin (250) 744-3288 email: kmpoulin@telus.net
 Beth Geras & Sarah Madelung email: ourcatechismjourney@gmail.com Sunday 11:15 am
 Maureen Gunn (250) 370-1012 email: mg.vic@shaw.ca
 Denise Kyfiuk email: dakyfi@gmail.com
 Sister Marina Smith SSA email: sandandseaandsky@gmail.com
 Fred and Doreen Keizer (250) 380-0158
 George Philip and Reeya Paul (250) 208-7974
 Pre School-Grade 7. Call school office (250) 479-1232 for more info.
 President: Gerry Heywood (250) 479-6281 email: aliendreg@shaw.ca
 Ron Vincent (250) 889-5736 email: kofc13356@outlook.com
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 Sister Marina Smith SSA, Benedict Chow, Marven Kelland, Brian Fox
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