



# St. Joseph the Worker Parish

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December 19th and 20th 2020

Website: [www.sjtw.ca](http://www.sjtw.ca)

## Fourth Sunday Of Advent

### The Disturbance

Mary was "*much perplexed*" by the angel's words. The Jerusalem bible's translation says Mary was 'deeply disturbed'. I prefer the Jerusalem translation because one of the definitions of 'disturb' is '*interfere with the normal arrangement or functioning of.*'

All of Mary's normal arrangements and functions in her life had been very much disturbed by the angel's visit. All her normal expectations of what life would hold for her no longer held true for her. She was perplexed and disturbed, not only by what was being said to her,



but also by her female intuition that she was about to be thrust into unknown realms of suffering and that disturbance was about to become a faithful companion in her life.

We have all been deeply disturbed for the last nine months of Covid, which oddly enough is the length of a pregnancy. We have been especially disturbed in the last few weeks as we approach Christmas with the knowledge that extended families and friends cannot gather together and Christmas Masses will have to be celebrated online. All our normal arrangements and functions have been interfered with. Suddenly Mary's predicament is less part of a lovely Christmas story and more of a part of the human condition of never knowing when the disturbing unknown will thrust itself into our lives, upsetting everything and causing pain and anxiety in its wake. As we come up to Christmas perhaps we can remember that Mary, too, was isolated from her family and friends and denied normalcy during the first Christmas.

But the big point isn't that we are all suffering in this pandemic and can relate to Mary's suffering and future uncertainties. The big point is that Mary gave birth after nine months of uncertainty and strange circumstances. She said, "Yes" to it all. She said yes to not completely understanding the process that was about to unfold in her life. She said yes to prospects of deprivation and loneliness and she said yes to giving birth in less than ideal circumstances. Can we do the same? Can we look at a lonely Christmas, and for many an anxious one, and say yes to giving birth in our hearts and in our homes, even though our circumstances are bereft of normalcy? Along with Mary we need to proclaim this year:

"Be it done unto me!"

Jean Allen

## Ministry liturgical Schedule to be continued at a later date

Mindful that we continue to journey through Advent, we draw strength from the Antiphon for today "Behold, the Lord will come, and all his holy ones with him; and on that day there will be a great light" (Cf. Zec 14.5,7)

Please find below the link to the latest Diocesan Blog (Our Church of Many Faces) featuring Holy Family Parish in Ucluelet.

<https://www.rcdvictoria.org/diocesanblog/one-holy-family>

### **ADVENT MISSION with Bishop Gary**

The Bishop will lead an Advent Mission entitled "Light on the Horizon" reflecting on the Luminous Mysteries from **December 14-18, 2020** following the live-streamed Masses at 7 pm from St. Andrew's Cathedral. The live-stream may be accessed via the Diocesan website or the link below:

<https://www.youtube.com/c/RCDVictoriaLiveOne>

**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

### *2020 Horizon of Hope Diocesan Appeal*

**Many, Many Thanks to all who have donated to the Bishop's Appeal!**

**Total pledged to date: \$66,323.42**

**All donations received prior to December 31st will generate an income tax receipt for 2020**

**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](mailto: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**.

### **St. Joseph's Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul**

The St. Vincent de Paul food bank has had a large donation of eggs from the farm and is seeking egg cartons for packaging for clients. Accumulations of egg cartons can be dropped off at the parish office during regular office hours. Thank you for your help.

The needs of the less fortunate is great and carries on during Christmas and the pandemic. Be it through the food cart in the back of the church, donations in person or on-line to St Vincent de Paul, your donations are appreciated ever so much ... Thank you for your generosity! "If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one." St. Mother Teresa.

Please email [stephanie.jm.peters@gmail.com](mailto:stephanie.jm.peters@gmail.com) with questions.

To donate on line please visit <https://www.ssvpvancouverisland.ca>

### **Job Posting: Superintendent (CISDV)**

Please click on link below to read about the above posting:

[Job Posting Superintendent CISDV](#)

A full description of the role of the Superintendent is available at:

[https://www.cisdv.bc.ca/Policy\\_Manual/Nov\\_2016\\_300s/301\\_Superintendent\\_Role\\_Mar\\_2012.pdf](https://www.cisdv.bc.ca/Policy_Manual/Nov_2016_300s/301_Superintendent_Role_Mar_2012.pdf)

### **Mass Schedule**

**All Masses are suspended until further notice**

**By pre-registration only up to 50 people per Mass**

**Weekday Masses**

Monday ~ 7:00pm

Wednesday ~ 7:00pm

Friday ~ 7:00pm

Saturday ~ 7:00pm

Sunday ~ 7:00am

Sunday ~ 9:00am

Sunday ~ 11:00am

Sunday ~ 6:00pm

Sunday ~ 9:00am

Sunday ~ 11:00am

Sunday ~ 6:00pm



The final instalment of Fr. Alfie's table for 2020 is the delicious dessert, Crème Caramel...

"smooth, and silky..."

Nice bookends, beginning with Tiramisu, and ending the year with Crème Caramel, which will be available on our parish website [www.sjtw.ca](http://www.sjtw.ca) from Sunday December 20th on.

## Newsorthy and Noteworthy

Please be advised that all Masses attended in person at the church will remain suspended until January 8, 2021, due to the latest announcement issued on December 7th, by Dr. Bonnie Henry and the Ministry of Health. The parish office remains open during regular hours of operation (Tues - Fri 8:30am to 3:30pm). Masks are required upon entering the premises.

Please note: The parish office will be closed from:  
Dec 25th to Jan 11th inclusive and will reopen on:  
Tuesday, January 12th, 2021.

Our next bulletin will be for the weekend of January 16/17th

### Christmas Day Service at the Soup Kitchen

To ensure our diners have access to a nutritious meal on Christmas Day, the Soup Kitchen will be offering our soup-to-go service on **December 25, from 8:00 am to 10:00 am**. A small team of volunteers have been recruited and will be working to make this day special for our guests.

Plans include giving each diner a small gift bag of personal care items, Christmas baking and some essentials like warm socks. We are looking for donations of the following:

- New socks, mitts/gloves, hats
- Personal care items of razors, small containers of hand lotion, small packs of kleenex.
- Small packages of chocolates
- Cookies, cake loaves, square bars

1. Drop off your donations by **Tuesday, December 22** at the View Street entrance between 1:00 pm and 2:00 pm Monday to Thursday. Please call the Soup Kitchen ahead **778.440.7687** to let the Team Leader know you're coming. You don't even need to leave your vehicle. We'll come out to you - ensuring safe social distancing practices.

2. Call Sheila Connelly at **250.598.4339**, or Dorothy Parker **250.590.2916** to arrange to drop off your donation at one of their homes.

3. If you are unable to drop off your donation at one of the above locations, please call Sheila, and she will arrange a day and time to have someone pick up your donation.

Thank you in advance for all who can contribute. Merry Christmas!  
Sheila Connelly

Operations Coordinator 9-10 Club Serving Soup to the Hungry

### 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 Knights of Columbus 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](mailto:garys235@outlook.com))

## This Week in our Community

### Monday December 21

Parish Office Closed

No Mass

### Tuesday December 22

Mass celebrated privately

### Wednesday December 23

Mass celebrated privately

### Thursday December 24 Christmas Vigil

The Nativity Of The Lord

6:00pm Live Stream Mass

### Friday December 25 Christmas - The Nativity Of The Lord

Christmas Mass recorded from December 24

### Saturday December 26 Feast St. Stephen, The First Martyr

6:00pm Live Stream Mass

### Sunday December 27

The Holy Family Of Jesus, Mary And Joseph

Mass celebrated privately

### Mass Intentions

December 26 - + Maggie Pires

December 27 - Special Int. for the Pacheco Family Tree,  
Living and Deceased

January 1 - Special Int. Joan Alaric

January 2 - Special Int. Isme Liem "In Thanksgiving"

January 9 - Special Int. for the Sequeira Family

### St. Joseph the Worker Parish Live-Stream Masses

Saturday 6:00pm Mass live-streamed every week

Please Note: Masses will be live-streamed on:

December 24th Christmas Eve 6:00pm

January 1 New Years Day 10:00am

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

### 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/129950804RR0024-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](mailto:developmentoffice@rcdvictoria.org)

In the memo/description box include your name, address and name "SJTW" 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](#)

May God bless you and your families.

# Contacts in the Parish

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