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ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISH ACKNOWLEDGES AND RESPECTS THE LƏK'ƏNƏN (LAY-KWUNG-GEN) PEOPLES REPRESENTED BY THE SONGHEES AND ESQUIMALT NATIONS, ON WHOSE TRADITIONAL TERRITORIES WE STAND AND WORSHIP, WHOSE HISTORICAL RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE LAND CONTINUE TO THIS DAY.

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At Your Service

JEAN ALLEN

It is significant to us that one of Mary's first acts after saying yes to God's invitation to become the mother of his son was to visit Elizabeth to assist her in her pregnancy in her old age. It was a beautiful act of service. No wonder the child in Elizabeth's womb leaped for joy. The handmaid (servant) of the Lord came in humility to do whatever she could for another, even though she was bearing the Messiah. She never even thought that she should have been the one being served. From the first, Mary understood what kind of King she was bearing.

When I considered this, what struck me was how service is an enormous part of this parish and of every parish. There are so many groups and individuals who are engaged in service: the Knights, the C.W.L., the SVDP, the Social Justice committees, the lectors, the Eucharistic ministers, the musicians and singers, the office administrators and other parish staff, the parents who care for their children and often for their own parents and other family, the ones who care for the homeless and offer them respect and dignity and, of course, Fr. Alfie and all the parish priests and deacons who serve without measure. I just know I've missed mentioning a group or type of individual because people of service are tucked in every nook and cranny in our parishes and they don't jump out waving their arms, yelling, "Here I am! See me?" Even some, who think they don't do much because they are homebound or disabled, serve by prayer and example.

I think God is blessed by this abundance of service. I was overwhelmed when I stopped to consider how many beautiful servants there are and I happily noted that not one that I have met over the years would brag about their service or think they should be compensated with recognition or praise.

Let us all approach Christmas with full hearts knowing that our service is the best birthday gift of all to the one we love:

The Servant King.



The Week of Dec 20 to Dec 26 in our Community

Monday December 20
Parish Office Closed
No Mass

Tuesday December 21
6:00pm Mass

Wednesday December 22
6:00pm Mass

Thursday December 23
9:00am Mass

Friday December 24 Christmas Eve The Nativity Of The Lord
See Mass Schedule on side

Saturday December 25 Christmas Day The Nativity Of The Lord
See Mass Schedule on side

Sunday December 26
The Holy Family Of Jesus, Mary And Joseph
10:00am Mass
6:00pm Mass

**Consecration to the Holy Family
Sunday December 26 at all Masses**

Members of the Knights of Columbus will distribute prayer cards and an instruction brochure the week prior for important preparation for the Consecration.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

Friday, Dec. 24 ~ Christmas Eve
The Nativity of the Lord

5:00 pm Family Mass
7:00 pm Family Mass
9:00 pm Early Vigil Mass
12:00 pm Midnight Mass (Incense)

Saturday, Dec. 25 ~ Christmas Day
The Nativity of the Lord

10:00 am Mass

Sunday, Dec. 26 ~
Feast of the Holy Family

10:00 am
6:00 pm

Friday, Dec. 31 ~ New Year's Eve

5:00 pm

Saturday, Jan. 1 ~ New Year's Day
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

10:00 am
5:00 pm

St. Joseph the Worker
Regular Sunday Mass
live-streamed

Click below to watch:

Saint Joseph the Worker - Victoria,
B.C. - YouTube

*Mass With the Bishop

Live-Streamed from the Diocese of
Victoria website
go to:

www.youtube.com/RCDVictoriaLiveOne

Sunday - 9:30 am
Monday to Friday - 7:00 pm

*Please refer to Page 6 of bulletin for
changes to Bishop's Livestream Schedule

ADVENT

AWAITING OF THE HEART

During Advent Fr. Alfie will be available for Reconciliation on:

Tuesday and Wednesday - 5:00 pm (before 6:00 pm Mass)
Thursday and Friday - following 9 am Mass
Saturday - 4:00 pm (before 5:00 pm Mass)
Sunday - 5:00 pm (before 6:00 pm Mass)

After each Mass we will pray The Angelus, as a sign of our hearts awaiting for Christ.

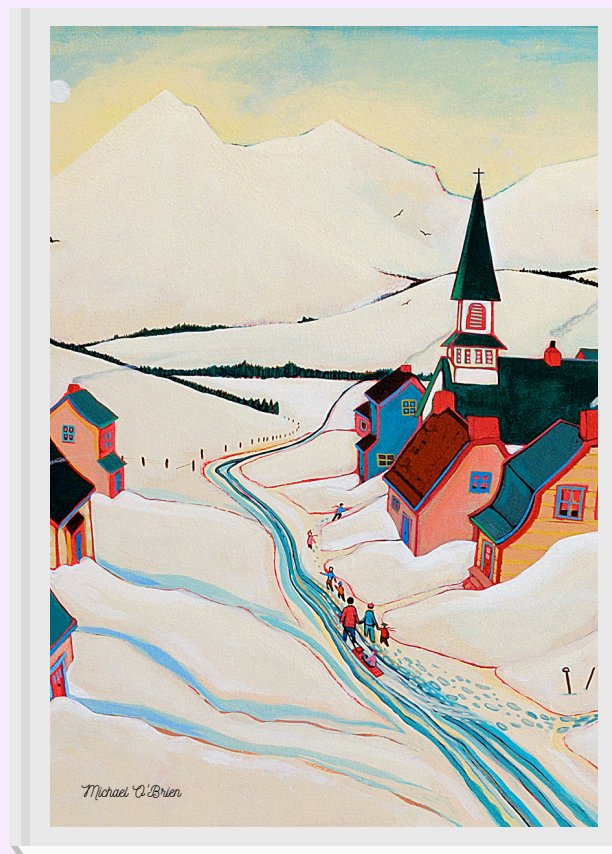
During Advent Fr. Sean Flynn will be celebrating Mass on:

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 6:30 am

Simbang Gabi 2021:

A nine-day novena Mass in anticipation for Christmas. These Masses will take place at **St. Andrew's Cathedral from December 15th to 22nd at 8:30pm and on December 23rd at 8:15 pm** at the Cathedral. While this is a Filipino custom, all are welcome to attend. Enter via the View Street Door. These Masses will be livestreamed in place of the Bishop's Masses at:

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



Sacrament of Reconciliation: Fr. Alfie will be available for Reconciliation, in the church, 1/2 hour before evening Masses on Saturday and Sunday, or by appointment. Please call parish office 250-479-7413 to arrange. Please see above regarding Advent.

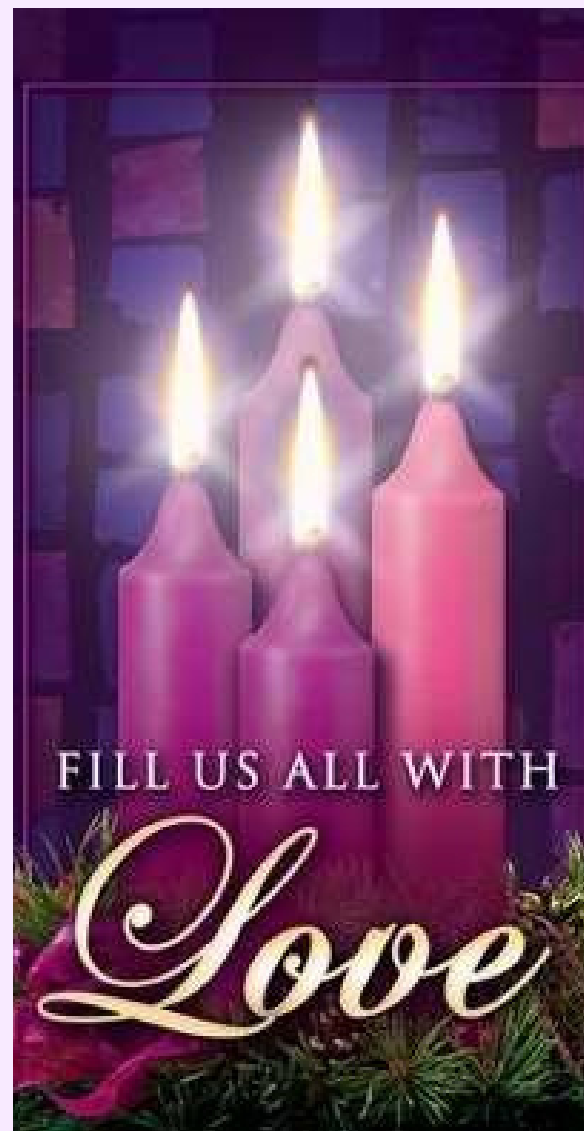
Sacrament of Marriage: Inquiries must be made 6 months in advance. Register at the office. Marriage preparation class is compulsory.

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 is 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.



The parish office is open during regular hours of operation
Tuesday through Friday - 8:30am to 3:30pm
(with the exception of stat holidays)

***Please Note correction:**

The parish office will be closed for the Christmas break from:
Monday, Dec. 27th through *Monday, Jan. 10th
Office will reopen on ***Tuesday, Jan. 11th**
Bulletin will resume on weekend of ***Jan. 15/16th**

We now require face coverings for all people born in 2016 or earlier (ages 5 yrs and up) for all activities in church buildings in the Diocese of Victoria, including worship services.
Bishop Gary Gordon

Donation Options

CANADA HELPS ONLINE DONATION:
[DONATE NOW - ST JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISH](https://www.canadahelps.org/donate-now/st-joseph-the-worker-parish)
([CANADAHELPS.ORG](https://www.canadahelps.org)).



(IMMEDIATE ELECTRONIC TAX RECEIPT ISSUED BY CANADA HELPS)

E TRANSFERS: FOLLOW STEPS OUTLINED ON YOUR ON-LINE BANKING SITE TO EMAIL:
SJTWPARISH@RCDVICTORIA.ORG

CREDIT CARDS:

Payment Authorization Form for Credit Card Donations

PRE-AUTHORIZED DEBIT:

PAD Agreement

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Are you looking for a work environment that makes for a great day? Look no further ~ Island Catholic Schools is recruiting! We are in search of enthusiastic people who are certified, talented, love what they do and wish to work in vibrant school environments! Click on links below for a full description of each position:

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

Diocesan Appeal Update

Total Pledged to date:

\$ 61,580. 00

FOR ALL YOUR DONATIONS AND PRAYERS!

Any donations received from now on for the Appeal will mean that St. Joseph's will retain 80%.

Donations received prior to December 31st will generate an income tax receipt for 2021.

Job Postings

MOUNT ST. MARY SPIRITUAL CARE AND VOLUNTEER SERVICES LEADER

Mount St. Mary Hospital in Victoria is looking for a Spiritual Care and Volunteer Services Leader.

The person in this role will plan, deliver and evaluate spiritual care services, and develop, coordinate and maintain volunteer programs to support the needs of residents. For more information, including a full job description, please visit:

[HTTPS://MOUNTSTMARY.CA/OPP
ORTUNITIES/](https://mountstmary.ca/opp-ortunities/)

Applications can be sent by email to:
hr@mountstmary.ca or faxed to 250-480-3106

WANTED: LIVESTREAM TECHNICIANS

to volunteer and help with:

St. Joseph the Worker
Saturday, 5:00pm Mass.

If interested please send email to: sjtwmedia@icloud.com

Newsorthy and Noteworthy

CHRISTMAS 2021 AT ANAWIM HOUSE

Anawim House has been providing caring acceptance and support to those that come through the house door for 30 years (1991- 2021).

We are asking for your help with donations of new warm clothing, underwear and socks. A decorated box for your donations is at the entrance to your Church. If you are not attending Church yet and would like to donate you can contact Anawim House at: info@anawimhouse.com. Financial donations can be made through: <https://www.canadahelps.org> or by mail to: Anawim House, 973 Caledonia Ave. Victoria, B.C. V8T 1E7.

Island grown, fresh cut Christmas trees on sale

from December 1st Monday - Friday 10am to 8pm

Saturday: 9am to 7pm

**May the peace, love and joy of the Christmas season
be with each you.**

PASTORAL CARE SESSIONS VIA ZOOM

PLEASE REGISTER THROUGH PARISH BY JAN 24 2022

EMAIL: SJTWPARISH@RCDVICTORIA.ORG

**THE NINE PASTORAL CARE SESSIONS TO BE HELD
VIA ZOOM FOR CONSECUTIVE SATURDAYS,
JANUARY 29, 2022, @ 2.5 HOURS EACH (9:30-NOON)
EXCEPT FOR SPRING BREAK (TWO WEEKS) TO
CONTINUE APRIL 2 & 9**

- Session 9 Spouse Caregiving, and Healthy Boundaries & Self-Care April 9
- Session 1 Orientation to Pastoral Care January 29
- Session 2 The Healing Ministry of Christ February 5
- Session 8 Who Am I as a Pastoral Care Outreach Visitor? April 2
- Session 3 Listening and Communication February 12
- Session 7 Bereavement: Ministering to Families March 12
- Session 4 Elderly Isolation, Loneliness and the Journey with Dementia February 19
- Session 6 The Grieving Process March 5
- Session 5 The Healing Ministry in the Care of the Dying February 26

**For further information, please contact:
Moira King, Chair
Diocese of Victoria Health Care Committee moiraking@shaw.ca**

CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS

Envelopes are 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 box or at the office window.

Memo Revised Directives and General and Liturgical Directives update December 7, 2021

Please click on link below to read a memo from Bishop Gary Gordon regarding new directives for maximum capacity and mask wearing during worship services:

[Memo_revised_directives_Dec_7_2021](#)

Please click on link below to read the corresponding updated General and Liturgical Directives:

[General_and_Liturgical_Directives_-_Dec_7_2021](#)

2022 Donation Envelopes

Donation envelopes for 2022 are now ready for pickup in the Community Room (across from the office window). All the boxes are arranged in alphabetical order, according to family last name.

If you are unable to locate your box, please contact the parish office and we will provide you with one.

Knights Of Columbus CHRISTMAS TREE CHIPPING

The Knights will be providing their tree chipping service again this year for a donation:

When:

Saturday, January 1st

11:00 am to 3:00 pm

Saturday, January 8th

10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Where:

School and Church Parking Lot

From the Diocese

Communion, Participation and Mission: A Synodal Journey

<https://www.rcdvictoria.org/news/communion-participation-and-mission-a-synodal-journey>



CCCB "Journey through Advent 2021 – Towards Healing & Reconciliation"

A new article has just been posted on the Diocesan website about the additional resources now available for CCCB's "Journey through Advent 2021 – Towards Healing & Reconciliation" program. You can find the article online at:

<https://www.rcdvictoria.org/indigenous/more-resources-to-support-our-journey-through-advent>

Pastoral Ministry Appointments

Please click on link below to read Memo pertaining to Pastoral Ministry Appointments.

https://000011.parishpal.com/files/docs/Appointment_Memo_December_2021_.docx.pdf

Please note the following changes to the Bishop's Livestream Masses for remainder of December

Dec. 16 - Dec. 18: Livestream at 8:30 pm from St. Andrew's Cathedral (Simbang Gabi)

Sunday, Dec. 19: Regular livestream at 9:30 am from St. Andrew's Cathedral,

AND 8:30 pm from St. Andrew's Cathedral (Simbang Gabi)

Dec. 20 - 22: Livestream at 8:30 pm from St. Andrew's Cathedral (Simbang Gabi)

Thursday, Dec. 23: Livestream at 8:15 pm from St. Andrew's Cathedral (Simbang Gabi)

Friday, Dec. 24: Livestream at 5 pm from Port McNeill

Saturday, Dec. 25: Livestream at 11 am from St. Andrew's Cathedral

Friday, Dec. 31: Livestream at 5 pm from St. Andrew's Cathedral

Saturday, Jan. 1: Livestream at 10 am from St. Andrew's Cathedral

CCCB Palliative Care Toolkit

Further to Bishop Gary's memo on November 4th, the CCCB's new Palliative Care Toolkit is now available online:

<https://www.cccb.ca/faith-moral-issues/suffering-and-end-of-life/horizons-of-hope-a-toolkit-for-catholic-parishes-on-palliative-care/>

This link gives everyone full access to the entire toolkit containing all of the high-quality and easy-to-use instructional materials. All of the content, including video files, social media images, and promotional posters, can be downloaded and used freely at no cost.

Contacts in the Parish

Pastor

Admin Assistant/Secretary/Bookkeeper

Custodian

Responsible Ministry Coordinator

Altar Server Training/Coordinator

Baptism

Contemplative Community

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Children's Religious Education

Eucharistic Ministry Contact

SJTW Pastoral Care Outreach Ministry

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Knights of Columbus

St. Vincent de Paul

Coffee/Hospitality Committee

Finance Committee Chair

Proclaimer Schedule Coordinator

Proclaimer Training Coordinator

Liturgy Committee

Social and Ecological Justice Committee

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A message from



In my life I want to become better and do a little good.

- Blessed Frederic Ozanam.

Your generosity, no matter how big or small, is truly appreciated!

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- Through the online portal *Canada Helps*.
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