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## Joseph

BY JEAN ALLEN

"Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid..."

We all know that God said, "Do not be afraid," 365 times in the bible. But it's one thing to know this in your head and quite another thing to hear it in your heart, to hear God say your name and tell you to your face, "Do not be afraid." Life changes in that moment.

Joseph woke up from that dream and knew what needed to be done. Not only that but he *wanted* to do it. Did he ever have any doubts or sudden overwhelming anxiety about the road in front of him and Mary? Of course he did! But he just had to go back to that instant in the dream where God said directly to him, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid." God had gifted him with an epiphany of who was really directing the show and when doubt and fear bubbled up, Joseph had to stay in the moment and say, "In *this* day and in *this* moment I can, with God's grace, do all that is required of me." He wasn't called to work out all the details of the future. It wasn't his responsibility to figure out everything that might go wrong. In the present moment he only had to be what he was called to be: Joseph, son of David, husband of Mary and father of Jesus.

We all have a kind of affinity with Joseph, that quiet, strong man in the background. He is a comforting figure, a solid and good man who only wanted to offer himself to do whatever God called him to do. He didn't place himself in the foreground or need recognition. We know so little about him except that he was chosen with care and grace by God to be the protector of the most precious child ever born and that he did that faithfully and without question because God had instilled into his heart that there was nothing to be afraid of.

We all need to pray that God will visit our hearts and say, "Son of David, daughter of David...Do. Not. Be. Afraid."



The Week of December 19 to December 25 in our Community

Monday December 19
Parish Office Closed
6:30am Mass Fr. Sean Flynn presiding

Tuesday December 20 6:00pm Mass Special Int. "In Thanksgiving" A. J. Woodhouse No Catechism Classes

Wednesday December 21
6:30am Mass Fr. Sean Flynn presiding
6:00pm Mass Special Int. "In Thanksgiving" A. J. Woodhouse

Thursday December 22 6:30am Mass Fr. Sean Flynn presiding 9:00am Mass + Reid Kyfiuk No RCIA Journey Of Faith

Friday December 23 6:30am Mass Fr. Sean Flynn presiding 9:00am Mass Special Int. Morgan Killinger No Adoration today

Saturday December 24 Christmas Eve - The Nativity Of The Lord 6:30am Mass Fr. Sean Flynn presiding 5:00pm Family Mass 8:00pm Vigil Mass 12:00am Midnight Mass

**Sunday December 25 Christmas Day - The Nativity Of The Lord** 10:00am Mass

## CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

Dec 24th ~ Christmas Eve 5:00pm Family Mass 8:00pm Early Vigil Mass 12:00am Midnight Mass

Dec. 25th ~ Christmas Day 10:00am Mass

Dec 31st ~ New Year's Eve 5:00pm Mass

Jan 1st ~ New Year's Day 10:00am Mass 6:00pm Mass



## Mass With the Bishop

LIVE-STREAMED FROM THE DIOCESE OF VICTORIA WEBSITE SUNDAY - 9:00 AM MONDAY TO FRIDAY - 7:00 PM

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



Family Mass 5pm Christmas Eve

If your child would like to dress up like Mary and Joseph, or an Angel, Shepherd or animal from a manger, please let us know at ourcatechismjourney@gmail.com

## **DIOCESAN APPEAL UPDATE**

Parish Goal: \$58,000.00 Total Pledged to Date: \$34,670.00 Number of Gifts: 99

Our parish projects are:

1) Outreach Mission Project in support of Tofino/Ucluelet Parishes
2) Multi-use outdoor space (paved courtyard next to entrance of the church)

To all who have donated to date, THANK YOU!

THE RACE IS STILL ON...PLEASE CONSIDER HELPING TO REACH OUR GOAL.

WE CAN DO THIS!!!

Donations may be made on-line at: https://www.rcdvictoria.org/growing-together-2022

## **SACRAMENTS**

**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.

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

Sacrament of Baptism: Celebrated on the first Sunday of each month at 11:30am. Please call parish office to register.

**Baptism Preparation** will be held on the **first Saturday** of each month at 10:00am. Please call parish office to register.

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, Eucharistic or Pastoral Care Ministers -also Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, who are commissioned at the discretion of the Pastor, please let the Office staff know.

For a hospital emergency call Fr. Sean Flynn at: 250-889-3761.



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

Parish Office will be closed on: Monday, December 26 through Tuesday, January 3 We will reopen on Wednesday, January 4 2023

> **Letter from Bishop Gary: Update COVID-19** October 6, 2022

A letter from Bishop Gary Gordon with updated information for parishes in the Diocese of Victoria during COVID-19 can be found online at:

https://www.rcdvictoria.org/news/responsetocovid19-0

## **Donation Options**

**CANADA HELPS ONLINE DONATION: DONATE NOW - ST JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISH** (CANADAHELPS.ORG)



(IMMEDIATE ELECTRONIC TAX RECEIPT ISSUED BY **CANADA HELPS)** 

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#### **CREDIT CARDS:**

Payment Authorization Form for Credit Card Donations.pdf (parishpal.com)

**PRE-AUTHORIZED DEBIT:** 

https://000011.parishpal.com/files/docs/PAD Agreement.pdf

CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION AND LINKS.

#### St. Joseph's School Welcomes **First Nations Cultural Event**

In keeping with the school's theme this year of "Healing, Truth and Reconciliation".

St. Joseph's School is welcoming a

Nuu-Chah-Nulth First Nations Group who are having a Cultural Event on: Saturday, Dec 31st and Sunday, Jan 1st

We are working hard to ensure there is enough room in the parking lot to accommodate them and also those coming to mass on those days. The events start in the afternoon, so Sunday morning mass should not be affected. Saturday evening mass and Sunday evening mass goers may find parking a bit tight at those times. We encourage everyone to consider attending Sunday morning mass, and, if you need to attend the evening masses, we will ask both groups to leave parking spaces for those who are elderly or have mobility issues and those who still enjoy unrestricted mobility to park in the Spectrum Community School parking lot, which they have made available to us to support this worthy reconciliation effort.

### **Youth Group**

All Youth Grades 6 and up are invited. We meet after Saturday Mass in the School Gym.

For more information, please contact **Ruth Real at:** 

SJTWyouthgroup@gmail.com



#### **Catechism**

Please visit the parish website for all the **Catechism News** If you have questions, please email: ourcatechismjourney@gmail.com

### **Children's Liturgy**

We welcome all children Ages 4 (Preschool) to Ages 9 (Gr 4) to join us for this kid-centered approach to hearing what God is saying to us through the readings. We also are asking children from **Grade 5 and 6 to join us as helpers** with the smaller children.

We are always looking for more volunteers. Parents, if you are interested in volunteering, please let the parish office know. Let's create a community of helpers where many hands are making the work light!

## St. Andrew's Cathedral Simbang Gabi sa Victoria

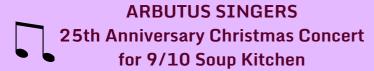
We invite you to celebrate the most beautiful time of the year,

A Nine-day Novena Mass

in anticipation for Christmas.

These Masses will take place from December 15th to 23rd at 8:30pm at the Cathedral. While this is a Filipino custom, all are welcome to attend.

## **Newsworthy and Noteworthy**



Many of you have heard this amazing choir sing at St. Joseph the Worker in past years.

They will be singing at: St. Patrick's Church on: Wednesday, December 21, 2022 at: 7:30 pm



All proceeds go to the 9/10 Soup Kitchen

#### CHRISTMAS 2022 AT ANAWIM HOUSE!!

We are asking for your help with donations of **NEW** warm winter clothing. The decorated donation box is now in the entrance to the Church; it will be there until December 18th.

If you would like to make a donation and are unable to attend your Church you can contact Anawim House at **info@anawimhouse.com** or call 250 382-0283. If you would prefer to make a financial donation you can donate through

https://www.anawimhouse.com/donations/? preview=true or by mail to Anawim House, 973 Caledonia Ave. Victoria, B.C. V8T 1E7.

The very popular Island grown, fresh cut **Christmas** trees will be on sale at the house from NOVEMBER 30TH Mon.-Fri.: 10am to 8pm, Saturday: 9am to 7pm, Sunday: 11am to 6pm.

Click here to read: Anawim Newsletter

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

## LADY OF FATIMA NEW YEAR'S EVE INVITATION

New Year's Eve - December 31st, 2022 6:00 pm to 1:00 am

Come listen to The City Slickers band and ring in the New Year with family and friends at the Our Lady of Fatima Parish hall

Tickets are \$80 each for adults and \$40 each for children (ages 5-12)

Food will be provided by Casa Nova Catering.

Doors open at 6:00 pm

Please contact Connie Pereira at 250-888-7720 for more information and to buy your tickets.

#### **CALLED & GIFTED WORKSHOP**

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, February 4, 2023

Called and Gifted live workshop with Sherry Weddell and Katherine Coolidge:

#### Location: Holy Cross Parish: 9am to 3:30pm.

An opportunity to discover God's call for your life. God is calling you to a unique purpose in life, a work of love that only you can do.

#### Please register at:

Holy Cross office@holycrossvictoria.org or St. Patrick's Parish stpat190@telus.net

Click on links below to find out more:
Charisms Brochure
Called & Gifted Brochure

## ST. ANDREW'S HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2023 BOTTLE DRIVE

SAVE YOUR EMPTIES! The graduating class of 2023 is having a bottle drive to fundraiser for their After Grad celebrations! Feel free to support our grads by dropping off your empties at St. Andrew's Regional High School on Saturday, January 7th between 10 and 4pm.

If you can't make it, please let us know and we will send someone to pick up from your location. Contact: vining.jen@gmail.com

## 2023 DONATION ENVELOPES ARE READY FOR PICK UP IN CHURCH FOYER

- If you do not have donation envelopes and would like a box, please let the parish office know.
- If you would like to discontinue donating by envelopes, please let the parish office know.



#### **CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS**

Envelopes are at the back of the church for those who wish to donate to the Christmas floral arrangement. Please print you "In Memory/Intention of" a loved one, write your envelope # and drop in collection box or at the office window.

## From the Diocese



## Burying the Dead, Grieving Well: A Guide for Catholics on Bodily Disposition and Grief.

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops has also released Burying the Dead, Grieving Well: A Guide for Catholics on Bodily Disposition and Grief. This guide reflects on how we treat the bodies of the deceased and how we live out our grief when faced with the death of a loved one. It deals with death and the various forms of bodily disposition, as well as the Catholic liturgical and pastoral practices that accompany the grieving process. A copy of the guide is available on our website at https://www.rcdvictoria.org/funerals-and-burials.

## **Indigenous Pastoral Lay Leader Ministry Education**

Registration is now open for the online Indigenous Pastoral and Lay Leader Ministry Education program, a continuing education program led by teams of Indigenous and non-Indigenous instructors. The program is jointly sponsored by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon, St. Thomas More College and Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools.

Course 2 (Indigenous-Settler Relationship) will run on Tuesdays in the new year from Jan. 10 to March 7, 2023 at 2:15-3:30 pm PST. The cost is \$200. No pre-requisites are necessary to take Course 2, and a directed study course is offered concurrently for those who wish to take Course 1 of the program. Participants completing all four courses will earn an Indigenous Pastoral & Lay Leader Ministry Certificate.

For more information and to register, please visit <a href="https://rcdos.ca/ministries-services/indigenous-ministry-2/indigenous-ministry-education/">https://rcdos.ca/ministries-services/indigenous-ministry-education/</a>.



#### **SAVE THE DATE!**

February 3 - 5, 2023

**Camp Homewood**, a Diocese of Victoria Youth Retreat on Quadra Island, is back in 2023 for an **in-person**, **exciting 20th year** (plus 2 virtual events). More details will be released November 27th.

**Registrations open December 1st.** 

## **Study Guide about Human Trafficking now available**

All are invited to the online launch of "Working Towards Freedom", a new study guide about human trafficking. The guide was developed jointly by the Diocese of Victoria, the Archdiocese of Vancouver, and the Diocese of Saskatchewan, and is based on the CCCB's recent Pastoral Letter on Human Trafficking and Sexual Exploitation in Canada. Through prayer and education, the guide leads participants to become more aware of the human trafficking that is occurring in our midst, and helps them learn how to bring to light situations where people may be in danger. The webinar will provide an overview of each section of the guide and recommendations on how to use it. The webinar is free, but advance registration is required at: https://form.jotform.com/222704961965262

## Contacts in the Parish

**Pastor** 

**Deacon** 

Admin Assistant/Secretary/Bookkeeper | Jennifer Smith/Sandi Duncan/Pat O'Brien

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

**Development and Peace** 

**Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA)** Youth Group - Grades 6 to 12 St. Joseph's Elementary School **Catholic Women's League (CWL)** 

**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 Commitee** 

**Parish Pastoral Council** 

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Office hours 8:30am - 3:30pm Tuesday-Friday

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Angela Grohovac

Call parish office (250) 479-7413

Charlie Allen (778) 433-5772 email: charlieballen@gmail.com

(2nd & 4th Saturdays @ 10am)

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Chris & Carmelle Whiteley (250) 886-2987 email: carmelle.whiteley@gmail.com

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President: Gerry Heywood (250) 479-6281 Michael O'Rielly email: mfjeorielly@gmail.com

Stephanie Peters (250) 514-7853 email: stephanie.jm.peters@gmail.com

Meetings every 3rd Wednesday 6:00pm to 8:00pm

looking for a coordinator

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Brian Fox (Chair), Mylinh Trinh, George Flint, Karen Wysiecki, Nancy Zacharias,

Gerry Heywood





#### Be like the Widow who donated her two copper coins... Mark 12: 41-44

- Help those in need; Continue your generosity now during the Christmas season...And throughout the year.
- Donate non-perishables to the food cart at the back of the church.
- Cash & cheques using BLUE ENVELOPES, inside donation envelope box.
- Monthly St. Vinny's hat donations after Mass.
- Through our SVDP website

https://www.ssvpvancouverisland.ca

Interested in becoming a conference member? Please reach out to President Stephanie Peters! stephanie.jm.peters@gmail.com or 250-514-7853



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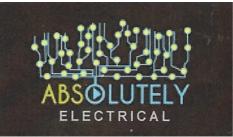
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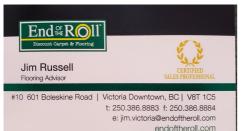
















## Report Sexual Abuse

To report sexual abuse by a clergy member, religious, employee, or volunteer, call 1-800-968-3146

To report sexual abuse or cover-up by a Bishop, click here or call 1-866-892-3737

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## St. Joseph the Worker Parish Christmas Mass Schedule 2022

Saturday, Dec. 24 ~ Christmas Eve
The Nativity of the Lord
5:00 pm - Family Mass
8:00 pm - Early Vigil Mass
12:00 Midnight - Midnight Mass

Sunday, Dec. 25 ~ Christmas Day
The Nativity of the Lord
10:00 am Mass

Saturday, Dec. 31 ~ New Year's Eve 5:00 pm Mass

Sunday, Jan. 1 ~ New Year's Day
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
10:00 am Mass
6:00 pm Mass

## **Community Services**

### The Bible In A Year



## **Family Life**

Bringing help and hope to marriages and families for over 30 years.

A weekly podcast of stories for kids about Catholic Saints,

from the creator of Shining Light Dolls, Chantal Baros. Join us each week for a new short story about the lives of the Saints!



As we are nearing the end of "year 2" of the bible in a year podcast, it appears Fr. Mike Schmitz has given us another opportunity to strengthen our faith by way of reading the Catechism...in a Year!

Check it out!

The Catechism in a Year - Ascension (ascensionpress.com)



## Free Christmas Dinners!

Dec 10 - 12-3 pm - Bay Street Armory @ 715 Bay Street. Must pick up free tix from until Dec 6 at The Mustard Seed at 625 Queens. 250 953-1575.

Dec 11 – 9-11 am – Pancake Breakfast – crafts & entertainment – Oaklands Community Association at #1-2827 Belmont Ave. (250) 370-9101.

Dec 14 - 4:30-6 pm - Christmas Dinner - Downtown Community Center @ 755 Pandora. (250) 383-0076.

Dec 15 – 2–6 pm - Turkey Dinner & Gifts – Alliance Club Youth Empowerment Society @ 533 Yates. Back-alley entrance. 250 383-3514. Ages 13 to 19.

Dec 18 – 5 – 8 pm – Seniors Holiday Turkey Dinner - Oaklands Community Association at #1-2827 Belmont Ave. (250) 370-9101.

Dec 20 – 5–6:30 pm – Gordy Dodd's Annual Christmas Dinner – Our Place at 919 Pandora (250) 388-7112.

Dec 21 – 12-1 pm – Christmas Lunch at Our Place. (250) 388-7112. 191 Pandora.

Dec 23 – Noon – Turkey Lunch – Rainbow Kitchen – 500 Admirals St. – Free socks, groceries and toiletries. (250) 384-2069.

Dec 23 - 8:30 to 10 am - 9-10 Club Soup Kitchen @ 740 View St. (778) 440-7687.

Dec 25 – Annual Christmas Dinner To Go – Noon to 2 pm – St Andrews Kirk Hall @ 680 Courtenay St. (250) 384-5734.



Christmas

25th Anniversary

Boncert

Wednesday, December 21, 2022 7:30 to 8:30 with no intermission

Come join Jack Boomer, Director; Robyn McKinnon, Pianist; and the other 60 members of the Arbutus Singers for a fun-filled start to the Christmas season. The choir will present old favourites such as Carol of the Bells, Gloria, and I'll Be Home for Christmas. You won't want to miss this fun evening.

St. Patrick's Catholic Church 2060 Haultain Street, Oak Bay

**Admission By Donation** 

Proceeds to support: 9-10 Club Serving Soup to the Hungry

THE PARTY STREET

www.arbutussingers.com





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## Limited Tickets! BUY TODAY KofCdraw.net/C13356

**Total Prizes \$100,000** 

Sales Oct 1, 2022 to Jan 28, 2023, 8pm Early Bird Draws .....

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Main Draw Saturday January 28, 2023, 8:01pm

An annual charity appeal of the Knights of Columbus (BC) Charity Foundation
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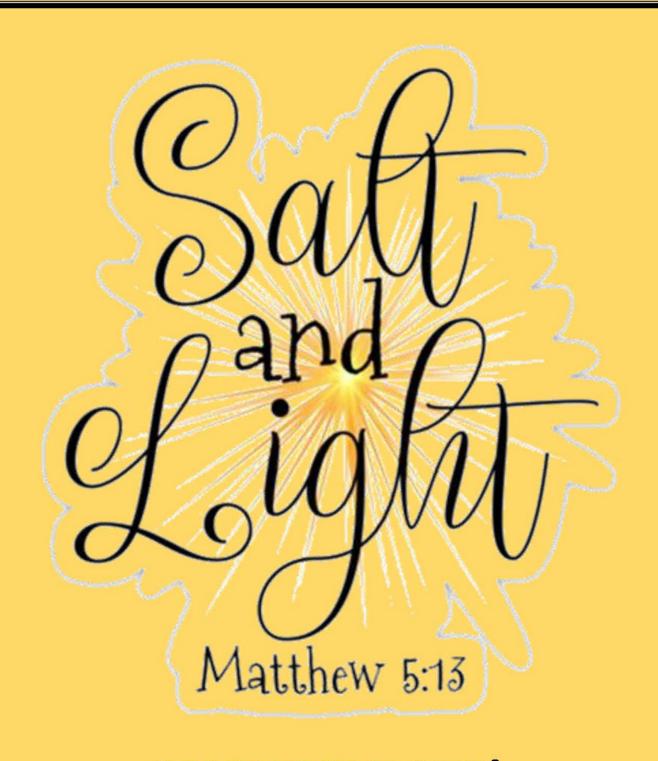
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Winners are responsible for cost associated with delivery/claiming of prizes.





A journey from Advent to Christmas in word, carol, and song, featuring the music of Ord, Palestrina, Massler, and Clemens non Papa



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