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## The Best of All

BY JEAN ALLEN

This week's short Gospel is taken from a much longer passage where Jesus is talking to the Pharisees about his role as the Shepherd of his people. His words are pretty inflammatory because he is referring to the prophecies of Ezekiel. You would be familiar with some of the words of Ezekiel from the hymn, "Like A Shepherd". The second verse says, "I myself will shepherd them, for others have led them astray, the lost I will rescue and heal their wounds, and pasture them giving them rest." That's pretty much directly from Ezekiel. (Ch. 34)

In Ezekiel, God rips into the religious leaders of the Israelites for leading his people astray and not caring for their needs like good shepherds should. Therefore, he says, he himself will look after his flocks and care for them. When Jesus tells the Pharisees that he is the Good Shepherd and that the sheep know his voice, he is blatantly equating them to the bad shepherds in Ezekiel who neglected the people and only took care of their own needs and desires. He is also obviously proclaiming himself to be God or the True Shepherd. The Pharisees would have had to have been pretty dim not to know what Jesus is really saying about them and about himself. It was another nail in his cross.

I love it that Jesus says, "What my Father has given me is greater than all else and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand..." What the Father has given Jesus is us. To God, we are greater than all else and so precious to him that he will allow no one to snatch us away. *No one.* Just let them try!

We are his people, the sheep of his flock. Such beautiful words but let's bring that closer to home. Say to yourself, "To God, I am greater than everything else and no one and nothing can snatch me away from him. *No one. Nothing.*"

This, my brothers and sisters, is powerful Agape Love!



## The Week of May 9 to May 15 in our Community

**Monday May 9 Memorial**

**Parish Office Closed**

**No Mass**

**Tuesday May 10**

**6:00pm Mass + Kok Mui Fong**

**Wednesday May 11**

**6:00pm Mass Special Int. Ivy Taylor**

**Thursday May 12**

**9:00am Liturgy of the Word - Deacon Michael Watkins**

**Friday May 13**

**9:00am Mass**

**10:00am - 12:00 noon Adoration**

**Saturday May 14 Feast St. Matthias, Apostle**

**5:00pm Mass Special Int. "In Thanksgiving"**

**6:00pm Youth Group in School Gym**

**Sunday May 15 Fifth Sunday Of Easter**

**8:45am Catechism - Church Hall and Community Room**

**10:00am Mass**

**6:00pm Mass Special Int. Denis Lazaryan**

## Mass Schedule

**Weekday Masses**

**Tuesday ~ 6:00pm**

**Wednesday ~ 6:00pm**

**Thursday ~ 9:00am**

**Friday ~ 9:00am**

**Weekend Masses**

**Saturday ~ 5:00pm (livestream)**

**Sunday ~ 10:00am**

**Sunday ~ 6:00pm**

**CLICK BELOW TO WATCH  
ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER LIVE-STREAM  
SUNDAY MASS**

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

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## Mass With the Bishop

**LIVE-STREAMED FROM THE  
DIOCESE OF VICTORIA WEBSITE**

**SUNDAY - 9:30 AM**

**MONDAY TO FRIDAY - 7:00 PM**

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

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**For those who share information  
about the Diocesan livestream,  
please note the following changes  
to the Bishop's livestream  
schedule in May:**

- Monday, May 2: Livestream cancelled
- Friday, May 6: Livestream at 7 pm from Port Hardy
- Sunday, May 8: Livestream at 9 am from Port McNeill
- Wednesday, May 11: Livestream cancelled
- Thursday, May 26: Livestream cancelled
- Friday, May 27: Livestream cancelled

Love gives *Life*



**MARCH FOR LIFE  
VICTORIA  
THURSDAY MAY 12, 2022**

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**12:00PM** Protestant Prayer Service  
Central Baptist Church  
833 Pandora Avenue, Victoria, BC

**12:00PM** Mass at St. Andrew's Roman  
Catholic Cathedral  
740 View Street, Victoria, BC

**1:45PM** March leaves from Centennial Square  
down Government Street  
to the B.C. Legislature

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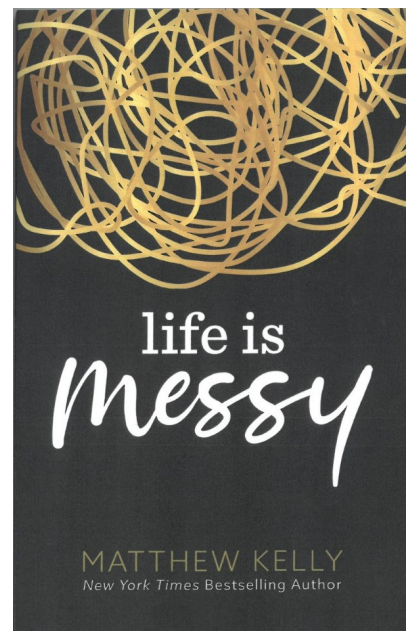
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Please help yourselves to Matthew Kelly's book "life is messy".

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*Thank you!*



"This book is about putting our lives back together, and allowing ourselves to be put back together, when life doesn't turn out as we expected it to. Based on his own heart-wrenching personal journals, Matthew Kelly shares how the worst three years of his life affected him, by exploring this question: Can someone who has been broken be healed and become more beautiful and more lovable than ever before? The answer will fill you with hope. There has never been a more urgent need for us to attend to what is happening within us."

**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:** 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, Eucharistic or Pastoral Care Ministers, please let the Office staff know.

**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**

*"The use of face coverings is now optional in church buildings. However, the continued use of face coverings is highly recommended as a prudent and wise choice to ensure the safety of all." Bishop Gary Gordon. Please refer to page 6 of bulletin for more details of easing of restrictions.*

## Donation Options



**CANADA HELPS ONLINE DONATION:  
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([parishpal.com](http://parishpal.com))**

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**CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION AND LINKS.**

## ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER NEEDS A TRIM

Volunteers are needed to tidy up the church gardens. Bring your family. Many hands make light work. Please contact the parish office and let us know when you could be available.



## JOB POSTINGS

Island Catholic Schools Invites applications for:  
**Two (2) After School Care Workers**  
St. Patrick's School in Victoria  
Monday to Friday  
2:45 to 5:30pm  
Start date: Immediately

Click on link below :

[https://cisdv.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/2022-02-01\\_SPV\\_ASC\\_Posting.pdf](https://cisdv.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/2022-02-01_SPV_ASC_Posting.pdf)

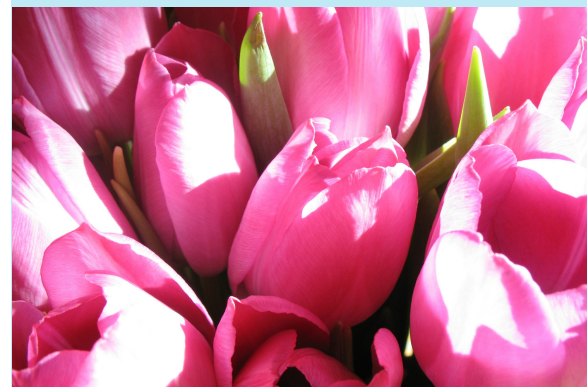
**St. Patrick's School and St. Andrew's Regional High School**

- SPV - Primary French Teacher
- SPV - Intermediate Teachers
- SARHS - Computer Sciences/CLE Teacher, Grades 8-12
- SARHS - French Teacher, Grades 8-12
- SARHS - Science Teacher, Senior Level Biology and Chemistry

Click on individual links below for more information:

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[SCIENCE SARHS TEACHER](#)

**Blessings to Mothers and All Who Mother**



# Newsworthy and Noteworthy

## Knights of Columbus Appreciation Pancake Breakfast

Our “Welcome Back” pancake breakfast will be offered on **Sunday May 29th after the 10:00 am Mass**. As Knights, we are pleased to do these monthly breakfasts for our St. Joseph the Worker community. To show our appreciation to parishioners and for your generous support during our recent Food Drive, we are offering this first breakfast at no cost for all attendees.



As a reminder, our breakfasts are scheduled for the last Sunday in the month except during the summer months.

St. Joseph the Worker Council 13356

### Sr. Sheila Hughes, ssa (RIP)

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Sr. Sheila Hughes, ssa, who passed away at Mount St. Mary Hospital on Wednesday, April 27, 2022. Sr. Sheila was 92 years old.

**The Mass of Christian Burial for Sr. Sheila Hughes will be held on Wednesday, May 11th at noon at Holy Cross Parish**, 4049 Gordon Head Rd in Victoria. A prayer service will not be held.

Please keep Sr. Sheila and the Sisters of St. Ann in your prayers.

May she rest in peace, and may perpetual light shine upon her.

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## Diocese of Victoria Bursaries & Awards Deadline July 15, 2022

**Click on bold print to access and apply**

**The Jawl Bundon LLP Bursary** (\$2500): for a grade 12 Catholic student who has been accepted to a post-secondary institution. Preference will be given to Indigenous students, and to students who live outside of Greater Victoria and Nanaimo.

**The Blessed Marie Anne Blondin Bursary** (\$1000): for a lay woman who is accepted or enrolled in a program or course for ministry in the Church, such as religious education, social justice, liturgy, social action, care of the sick, etc.

**The Char Deslippe Memorial Award** (\$500): for a teacher working in Island Catholic Schools or a parish catechist serving in children, youth or adult ministry.

# From the Diocese



## Registration now open for Roots of Reconciliation - Indigenous Session Workshop

Registration is now open for a Roots of Reconciliation - Indigenous Session Workshop, to be held June 7-10, 2022 at Holy Cross Parish Hall in Victoria.

<https://www.returningtospirit.org/workshopcalendar/roots-of-reconciliation-indigenous-2>

This workshop in Victoria, BC is open to those who are over 18 and identify as Indigenous. The material at the workshop will be same as that covered at the **Roots of Reconciliation (Non-Indigenous) — Returning to Spirit**

By having separate sessions, the facilitators and participants can better focus on the different lived realities of each group. All Roots of Reconciliation workshop participants will be invited to register in the **Advancing Reconciliation — Returning to Spirit** scheduled for June 27 - 30, 2022.

A graphic titled 'Returning to Spirit' with the subtitle 'UPCOMING VANCOUVER ISLAND WORKSHOPS'. It lists workshops for May and June. The May workshop is on May 16-19 in Duncan, BC. The June workshops are on June 7-10 in Victoria, BC and June 27-30 in Duncan, BC. It includes a QR code and a website link for more information.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS  
**Returning to Spirit**  
UPCOMING VANCOUVER ISLAND WORKSHOPS  
HOSTED BY THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF VICTORIA

**MAY WORKSHOPS**  
**May 16-19**  
Roots of Reconciliation (Non-Indigenous)  
Duncan, BC

**JUNE WORKSHOPS**  
**June 7-10**  
Roots of Reconciliation (Indigenous)  
Victoria, BC

**June 27-30**  
Advancing Reconciliation\*\* (Indigenous and Non-Indigenous)  
Duncan, BC  
\*\*Please note this will be our only Vancouver Island Advancing Reconciliation workshop in 2022

For more info and to register visit our website  
[www.returningtospirit.org](http://www.returningtospirit.org)

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## Canada's Catholic Bishops Welcome Pope Francis' Apology to Indigenous Peoples

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops has released a statement welcoming the apology made by Pope Francis in Rome to Indigenous Peoples. The text of the statement can be read at:

<https://www.rcdvictoria.org/indigenous/canadas-catholic-bishops-welcome-popes-apology-to-indigenous-peoples>

The full text of Pope Francis' apology for the Catholic Church's role in Canada's residential school system can be found online at:

<https://www.rcdvictoria.org/indigenous/gods-divine-mercy-at-work-in-the-world>

## Update during COVID April 6, 2022

Please click on the link below to the Diocesan website to access the *General and Liturgical Directives and Music Ministry Covid-19 Prevention Plan*, to be followed by all parishes in the Diocese of Victoria.

[HTTPS://WWW.RCDVICTORIA.ORG/NEWS/RESPONSETOCVID19-0.](https://www.rcdvictoria.org/news/responsetocovid19-0)

The key updates include:

- Face coverings must be worn by priests and deacons when in close proximity to people during Baptisms, Confirmations, and Anointing of the Sick; during processions through the congregation; while greeting people before and after mass; and when distributing Holy Communion
- Face coverings must also be worn by other ministers of Communion while distributing Communion
- Face coverings are strongly recommended for all people while in church buildings, especially for those who come into close proximity to others, and while participating in congregational singing
- There may be more than one lector for the Proclamation of the Word and the intercessory prayers
- The offertory procession of the gifts for the altar may resume, provided the bread and wine remain covered both before and during the procession
- In the rare situation where a person is unable to use their hands while receiving Communion, the minister of Communion must sanitize their hands before and after giving Holy Communion to the person

# Contacts in the Parish

## Pastor

## Deacon

## 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

## 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

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## Proclaimer Training Coordinator

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*Do not be afraid of new beginnings. Be creative. Be inventive. - Blessed Frederic Ozanam*

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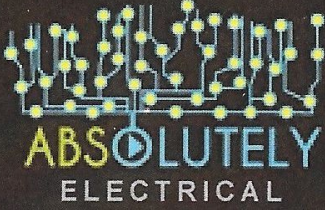
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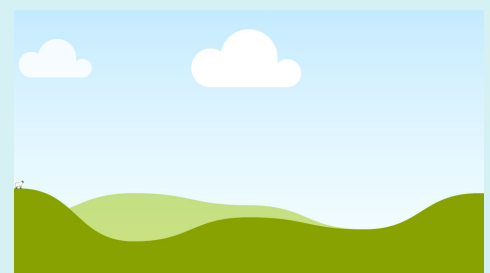
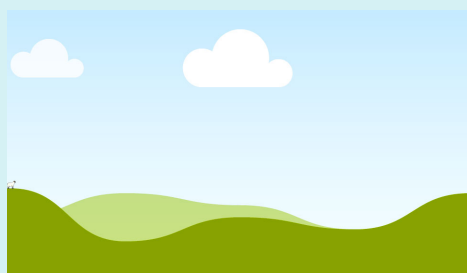
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