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The Joy Of Easter

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From darkness to the light

The experience of the Easter Vigil is a beautiful reflection of the meaning of Easter. It begins in darkness, symbolizing the overwhelming doom of the sin of the world and the heavy hearts that seem defeated by worries and anxieties of our days.

This recalls the struggle of the Jewish people, moving from the darkness of slavery to a place promised by God. That place, the promised Land, is what our hearts still hope for, a hope that is kept alive by the feeble light of our Pascal Candle.

This ray of light shared by us holding candles, will gradually transform into a glory of light shining all over the church, a rebirth of our hearts that will shine hope into the whole world.

This light is Christ who is Risen; this light is the certainty of the promise that is fulfilled through our faith, a faith, that when alive will shine in the world.

May the Blessing of Easter enkindle our hearts, and fill them with Joy and Hope that may gradually transform the darkness of our world.

Fr. Alfie



The Week of April 10 to April 16 in our Community

Monday April 10 Easter Octave Solemnity

Parish Office Closed

6:30am Mass Fr. Sean Flynn presiding

11:00am **Funeral Mass for Allan Sequeira**

Tuesday April 11 Easter Octave Solemnity

Parish Office Closed

10:00am **CWL General Meeting - Community Room**

6:00pm Mass **Special Int. Jenny Sequeira**

6:00pm **Catechism Classes**

Wednesday April 12 Easter Octave Solemnity

6:30am Mass Fr. Sean Flynn presiding

6:00pm Mass + **Luis Cadillo / + Luigi Gagliani**

Thursday April 13 Easter Octave Solemnity

6:30am Mass Fr. Sean Flynn presiding

7:30pm **RCIA Journey of Faith - Community Room**

9:00am Mass + **Allan Sequeira**

Friday April 14 Easter Octave Solemnity

6:30am Mass Fr. Sean Flynn presiding

9:00am Mass **Special Int. Joline Sequeira**

Saturday April 15 Easter Octave Solemnity

6:30am Mass Fr. Sean Flynn presiding

5:00pm Mass **(Choir Steve and Michele)**

Special Int. "In Thanksgiving" Clarence Fernandes

Sunday April 16 Second Sunday Of Easter (Divine Mercy)

10:00am Mass **(Choir Jen and Shawn)**

6:00pm Mass + **Jose de Lima Jr. and + Jose de Lima Sr.**
(Choir Couples for Christ)

Mass Schedule

Weekday Masses

Monday ~ 6:30am

Tuesday ~ 6:00pm

Wednesday ~ 6:30am & 6:00pm

Thursday ~ 6:30am & 9:00am

Friday ~ 6:30am & 9:00am

Weekend Masses

Saturday ~ 6:30 am

Saturday ~ 5:00pm (livestream)

Sunday ~ 10:00am

Sunday ~ 6:00pm

Easter Mass Schedule

Holy Thursday, April 6

7:00pm (livestreamed)

Good Friday Service, April 7

3:00pm (livestreamed)

Saturday Vigil Mass, April 8

8:00pm (livestreamed)

Sunday, April 9

10:00am & 12:00 noon



**The Triduum and Easter liturgies
will be livestreamed
on the Diocesan YouTube channel
(<https://www.youtube.com/RCDVictoriaLiveOne>) as follows:**

- **Holy Thursday** (April 6): 7:30 pm from St. Andrew's Cathedral
- **Good Friday** (April 7): 3:00 pm from St. Andrew's Cathedral
- **Easter Vigil** (April 8): 8:00 pm from St. Andrew's Cathedral
- **Easter Sunday** (April 9): 11:00 am from St. Mary's, Port McNeill

This information is also posted at:
<https://www.rcdvictoria.org/events/daily livestreamed> and
<https://www.youtube.com/c/RCDVictoriaLiveOne/about>.

JOB POSTINGS

Administrative Assistant Position at St. Joseph the Worker Parish

3 to 4 days a week (7 hrs/day)

Training: May 31, June 1, June 2, June 7, June 8, June 9

Start date: July 4

Primary Function of the Job:

To provide administrative and secretarial services to the Pastor, other team members and the parish committees.

To assist the Pastor in the administration of the parish office, business and facility operations of the parish.

For details please contact the parish office:

250-479-7413/sjtwparish@rcdvictoria.org

Office Assistant Job Posting at St. Andrew's Cathedral

St. Andrew's Cathedral is seeking a full-time, customer-service oriented Office Assistant to assist with the clerical duties of a busy parish office. We're looking for someone with a friendly attitude and strong work ethic, with an eye for detail, who can comfortably prioritize duties and work diligently under pressure.

A full job description is available on our website or by email: saintandrewsoffice@gmail.com.

Only those candidates who most closely match our requirements will be contacted.

Please send your resume and covering letter to Rita Fichtner, Office Manager, at the parish office no later than **April 22nd**.

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
(except Statutory Holidays)

Please Note:
The Parish Office will be closed on:
Good Friday, April 7th
Monday, April 10
Tuesday, April 11
and will reopen Wednesday, April 12

Donation Options



CANADA HELPS ONLINE DONATION:
DONATE NOW - ST JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISH
(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.pdf](#)
(parishpal.com)

PRE-AUTHORIZED DEBIT:
https://000011.parishpal.com/files/docs/PAD_Agreement.pdf

CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION AND LINKS.

Upcoming Sanctioned Collections

Church in the Holy Land
(Good Friday)
Friday, April 7, 2023

Diocesan Family Camp & Conference August 17-20, 2023

Registration opens for all families of the Diocese of Victoria on April 8. Early Bird Registration Price: before May 15! From May 15, registration will open for all families, including those beyond our Diocese. For more information and to register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/9th-diocesan-family-conference-august-2023-tickets-593430365197>

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

Confirmation and
First Holy Communion
will be celebrated this year on:
Sunday May 21st at 1:00 pm

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.

Is your child enjoying Children's Liturgy ("Sunday School")? Why not consider joining us? Ready to sign up or want to learn more? Please email Kate at: kpettem@me.com
Thanks for considering!

Newsworthy and Noteworthy



The annual **March for Life** in Victoria will be held on **Thursday, May 11**

The event will begin with a Mass celebrated by Bishop Gary Gordon, at noon, at St. Andrew's Cathedral. The Bishop hopes that many people will be able to participate in this marvelous opportunity to make a difference. For more information, please visit <http://www.m4lvictoria.ca>

Mother's Day Shoe Box Program

The **YMCA-YWCA assisted by K of C St. Joseph the Worker Council 13356** is spearheading a Mother's Day Shoe Box program in which young single mothers off the streets or out of abusive relationships, looking for a fresh start, are gifted a shoe box full of pampering items (about \$50 worth), such as chocolate, bath bombs, essential oils, etc. Brother Gerry Poitras will accept donations of filled shoe boxes **OR** funds from parishioners towards increasing the number of boxes we can provide. Donation cheques made out to "K of C Council 13356" and marked "Shoe Boxes" can be dropped off at the parish office, in an envelope marked "K of C Shoe Boxes". All donations must be made by **May 1, 2023**. Filled shoe boxes will be picked up by Brother Gerry. **Call 250-812-7611 with any questions.**

St. Vincent de Paul Request

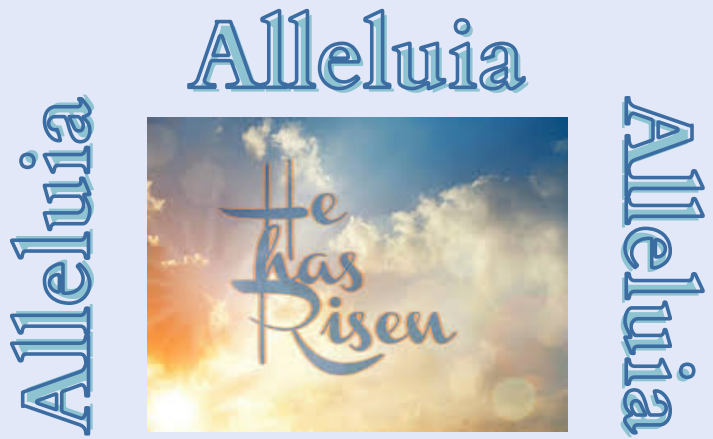
Do you have a 4 to 6 drawer bedroom Dresser to donate?Low to the ground preferred. We are looking to help a family in need! Please contact Stephanie Peters at 250-514-7853. Thank you and God Bless.



Are you called to be a Proclaimer?

We are recruiting for all SJTW Masses, but especially, for Sunday 6pm.

As a proclaimer of the Word of God during Mass, you are entrusted with some of the most wonderful stories to come down through the ages. This ministry is important because it brings alive the scriptures in the hearts of the faithful. Do you have the ability to stand in front of people and be comfortable? Do you have public reading and enunciation skills? Are you at least 18 years of age? If you feel called to this sacred ministry, please contact the Parish Office. Training is provided.



25th Anniversary Concert ARBUTUS SINGERS

Wednesday, April 19, 2023

7:30 PM

Alix Goolden Hall

Tickets: \$20 online at <https://vcm.bc.ca/events/> and at the door.

Livestreaming tickets \$20

Proceeds to support: Choir Kids Singing for Fun

ST. JOE'S CWL SPRING GARAGE SALE!!! Saturday, April 29th 9 AM to 2 PM

Buy or sell stuff at St. Joe's great big **CWL garage sale**. Tables are only \$25

TABLES SOLD AFTER MASS, or contact Gerry at: stjoegaragesale@outlook.com

There will be food and coffee. Please come to and browse, or sell the stuff you've been trying to get rid of. We look forward to seeing you and your friends.

St. Andrew's Regional High School Presents

OLIVER

Thursday, May 4th - Friday, May 5th - Saturday, May 6th

All Evening Shows:
7:30 pm

Saturday Matinee:
11:00 am

Tickets:

Adults \$18/Students \$12

Spectrum Community School

Assist Choreographer: Sarah Katz

Music Director: Phillip O'Reilly

Director & Choreographer: Natalie Lambert

Book, Music, & Lyrics by: Lionel Bart

From the Diocese



Annual March For Life

Bishop Gary Gordon has written a message to the People of God in the Diocese of Victoria on the occasion of Easter 2023. A copy of the message may be viewed online at <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/statements> (under "Pastoral Letters")

Together with the Bishop, the staff of the Pastoral Centre wish you a blessed Triduum and a joyous Easter!

Statement from the Vatican on the "Doctrine of Discovery"

A joint statement was issued today by the Dicastery for Culture and Education and the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development in Rome, addressing the concept of the "Doctrine of Discovery".

[Click here to read the joint statement](#)

The joint statement affirms:

"In no uncertain terms, the Church's magisterium upholds the respect due to every human being. The Catholic Church therefore repudiates those concepts that fail to recognize the inherent human rights of indigenous peoples, including what has become known as the legal and political 'doctrine of discovery'."

More information, including the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops' response to the joint statement, may be found online at

<https://www.rcdvictoria.org/indigenous/statement-from-the-vatican-on-the-doctrine-of-discovery>

Seeds of Reconciliation - One-Day Overview

All people in the Diocese of Victoria are invited to attend Seeds of Reconciliation, a one-day overview of the Returning to Spirit (<https://www.returningtospirit.org/>) intensive program. It explores the concepts of what reconciliation is by discovering what it is not. The tools and resources that are presented provide individuals with valuable insights into themselves, while also giving them the essence of the Returning to Spirit workshop process. It can also serve as a refresher for those who have taken the complete workshop long ago. There are two sessions in April to choose from:

- **Friday, April 21, 2023 at Holy Cross Parish in Victoria**
- **Saturday, April 22, 2023 at Queen of Angels School in Duncan**

Each workshop runs from 9:00 am – 4:30 pm. For more information or to register, please visit <https://www.returningtospirit.org/workshopcalendar>, email info@returningtospirit.org, or call 204-889-4579 or 1-855-244-3963. We hope you will be able to participate in this powerful and potentially life-transforming experience!

This information has also been posted at <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/events>

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

Proclaimer Schedule Coordinator

Proclaimer Training Coordinator

Liturgy Committee

Social and Ecological Justice Committee

Parish Pastoral Council

Fr. Alfredo Monacelli

Deacon Michael Watkins email: mwatkins@rcdvictoria.org

Jennifer Smith/Sandi Duncan/Pat O'Brien

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

Ralph Scheurle

Ann Glas email: annglas@hotmail.com

Angela Grohovac

Call parish office (250) 479-7413

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

(2nd & 4th Saturdays @ 10am)

Keefer Pollard email: kpollard@cisdv.bc.ca

Angela Grohovac email: ourcatechismjourney@gmail.com

Jenny Di Castri email: jdicastri@gmail.com

Contact Parish Office (250) 479-7413

Sister Marina Smith SSA email: sandseaandsky@gmail.com

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

Ruth Real email: SJTWyouthgroup@gmail.com

Pre School - Gr. 7 Call school office (250) 479-1232 for more info

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

Mel Evangelista email: mel.evangelista@gmail.com

Bernadette D'Souza email: aberniedsouza@gmail.com

Moira King email: moiraking@shaw.ca

Esmee Rothschild email: rothjones@pacificcoast.net

Sr. Marina Smith email: sandseaandsky@gmail.com

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 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



Your Knights of Columbus Council 13356 gratefully acknowledges your help and that of the CWL for making our first parish breakfast of the year a huge success. Whether through time, talent or treasure, your contributions helped the council meet its charitable goals. We distributed Coats for Kids including 48 through the downtown St. Vincent de Paul Social Concern Office as well as contributing 24 coats to the Bishop's project with a Nanaimo First Nation. St Joseph School students contributed significantly towards the project "Kids Helping Kids" through their toonie day collection.

MEN OF THE PARISH, WE NEED YOUR HELP - JOIN US.

Michael O'Rielly,

Grand Knight, Council 13356

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We are in a new season as we move forward.
This is an invitation for you to share your *talent and time* by joining one of our parish ministries.
Serving is a **WIN** for everyone involved.

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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