



# St. Joseph the Worker Parish

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## *Second Sunday Of Advent*

### The Reason For The Season

"Beloved, now is the acceptable time spoken of by the Spirit, the day of salvation, peace and reconciliation: the great season of Advent." (St. Charles Borromeo)

St. Charles saw Advent as more than a time to write and mail Christmas cards, buy presents, put up and decorate trees, and the other chores of cheer we surround ourselves with in these days leading up to Christmas. He was excited about what he called, "the great season of Advent", prophetically foretold by the Spirit. Advent is a time of salvation, filled with peace bringing reconciliation between God and mankind.



Quite a few years ago, I was talking with a priest, who worked across the hall from my office. He suddenly stopped our conversation and asked me, "Mark, do you believe you are going to heaven?" I stammered around for a bit, and then lamely said that I sure hoped I would. Fr. Ken replied to this, "You say that like you would say, 'I hope the Blue Bombers win on Saturday.'" I replied that I hoped they would win too. (Hey, I lived in Winnipeg.)

Fr. Ken's reply had a profound effect on my life. He said, "Our Christian hope is not some weak rolling of the dice. Christian hope is sure, something in which we are supremely confident, to the point we would die before we would deny it." I said that I always thought saying I am going to heaven is a sin of presumption. Fr. Ken laughed and said, "No. It is not a sin. Believing we are going to heaven is our Christian faith. It is our reason for living the way we do. We don't live good lives trying to earn our way into heaven. We live good lives because Jesus Christ has laid down his life so that we who believe in him will live with him forever in heaven."

I was so happy I think I giggled off and on for a month. I still get filled with joy when I read a passage like what St. Paul said in today's second reading: "I am sure of this much, that he who has begun this good work in you will bring it to completion, right up to the day of Jesus Christ."

Mark Fetherston

# Ministry Liturgical Schedule December 15th and 16th, 2018

	Saturday 5:00 pm	Sunday 10:00 am	Sunday 6:00 pm
<b>Altar Servers</b> Coordinator-Jeanine Woodman	MC M. Hinojosa, B. Woodman A. Lebedynsky Fraser	MC J. Grohovac A. Araujo, A. Blair	MC J. Westhaver J. Palahicky
<b>Hospitality Ministers</b> Coordinator-Karen Douglas	U. Betts J. Betts	J. DiCatri M. Goley	E. Oliveira
<b>Lectors</b> Coordinator-Linda Chatton	W. Kyle P. O'Brien	MA Neal J. Vukovic	C. Graham J. Zwicker
<b>Ushers</b> ** recruit Presenters of Gifts Coordinator- looking for one	M. Trudeau **, F. Boylan W. Burgess, T. Butler	B. Quinn, L. Bartle R. Strong, S. Leckie **	tbd
<b>Children's Liturgy</b> Coordinator-Martin Poulin	<b>Seeds 10:00am Mass</b> Martin	<b>Promise 10:00am Mass</b> Lily	<b>Good News 10:00am Mass</b> Tiffany
<b>Vacuomers</b> Coordinator-Ralph Scheurle	R. Scheurle		
<b>Music Ministry</b>	Steve and Michelle	Jen and Shawn	Couples for Christ
<b>Hospital Ministers</b> Coordinator-Denise Kyfiuk		P. Chang-Kue C. MacDonald	

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Saturday at 4:15-4:45 pm or by appointment.

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

**Sacrament of Baptism:** Call the Parish Office at 250-479-7413 to register for the next Baptism Preparation Class which will be held on **January 19th, 2019**. Typically, Baptisms are held during all Masses of the last weekend of each month.

**Catechism and Children's Liturgy, Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Communion and Youth Group:** Contact Parish Office for information.

**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 or VGH/RJ hospital emergency pager 250-889-3761.

**From today's Gospel:** John went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. (Luke 3:3)

**Adults:** In what areas of your life do you need God's forgiveness right now? What Advent practice would assist you in expressing your repentance?

**Children:** What do you want to ask God to forgive you for? What can you do during Advent to show you are sorry?

**CBC & Our Place present 'A Christmas Carol'** - at First Met United Church on **December 13th**. Doors open 6:30pm, showtime at 7:00pm. Tickets: \$17.50/Adult and \$5/Child. Available online at [eventbright.com](http://eventbright.com) or [www.ourplacesociety.com/christmas-carol](http://www.ourplacesociety.com/christmas-carol), at Our Place Reception, or at the door.

**The Latin American Catholic Community of Victoria invites you to celebrate The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe** on Sunday, **December 16th** at Our Lady of Fatima Parish. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Gary Gordon, at 12:30pm, followed by procession and banquet in the Parish Hall. Traditional lunch: \$10/per person, Hot dog and Fries: \$5. For tickets contact Claudia Garcia [cigro112@gmail.com](mailto:cigro112@gmail.com)

**Celebrate a French Christmas at St. Jean-Baptiste Parish!** Join Fr. Rolf Hasenack O.P. on **Christmas Day**, beginning with Carolling at 1pm followed by Christmas Mass at 1:30pm. Then stay and enjoy a Christmas Potluck after Mass. Continue the festivities on January 1st, 2019 at 1:30pm with a New Year Mass, followed by another sumptuous potluck. Will you join us? Venez nous voir et partager un repas avec nous.

**St. Joseph's School Grade 5 Christmas Bottle Drive and K of C Christmas Tree Chipping** on Saturday, **January 5th**, in St. Joseph's School Parking lot. Bring any beverage containers that have a recycling surcharge (beer bottles/cans, alcohol bottles, wine bottles/ bag in a box, pop bottles/cans, juice boxes/cartons; water bottles). Please no milk or milk type containers as we cannot recycle these.

**New event coming to Our Lady of the Rosary Parish in Langford!** Join us for our first annual "Men's Supper" on Saturday, **January 26th**, 2019. Doors open at 6:00pm and dinner at 6:30pm. The evening will consist of dinner, drinks (Your favorite beer!). Guest Speakers Fr. Dean Henderson and Danny Brock, prizes! and car show! Call or email Tyson Babcock for tickets (\$20 each, dinner included) or more information, 250-818-1503 or [tyson.babcock@gmail.com](mailto:tyson.babcock@gmail.com).

**Mass Schedule**  
**Weekday Masses**  
**Monday ~ No Mass**  
Tuesday ~ 9:30am  
Wednesday ~ 9:30am  
**School Mass**  
Thursday ~ 9:30am  
Friday ~ 9:30am  
Saturday ~ 5:00pm  
Sunday ~ 10:00am  
Sunday ~ 6:00pm

**Anawim House** welcomes your financial donations and also Christmas gifts of new clothing for the poor to be placed in the Christmas box at the entrance of the church during the Advent Season.

Christmas Trees on sale now at Anawim House

Thank you for being partners with us in caring for God's precious poor, the "anawim".

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for more information

# Newsorthy and Noteworthy

**Please note:**

St. Joseph the Worker Parish office **will be closed** for the Christmas break from:

**Monday, December 24th through Tuesday, January 1st**

The parish office **will reopen** on:

**Wednesday, January 2nd, 2019**

There will be no bulletin printed the weekend of December 29th/30th 2018

Dear Parish family,

The school, together with Father Alfie, would like to help the school/parish parking lot situation! After consulting with the professionals, they recommended painting the lines and the arrows to help with visibility and traffic flow!

We are calling any one who is interested in helping us paint the lines! We have not selected a date yet, but it will be a sunny Saturday if that works best! If you have volunteer hours to complete or a skill set we could use, we would be very grateful.

Please contact me, at [kgroves@cisdv.bc.ca](mailto:kgroves@cisdv.bc.ca) or call 250-479-1232.

Thank you,  
Katja Groves, Principal

**A Funeral Mass will be held for Janos Barany** on Wednesday, **December 12th** at 1:00pm, here at St. Joseph the Worker. May God give rest and peace to his departed soul.

**Our next senior's lunch on December 12th** at 12 noon will be a **Christmas turkey dinner catered by Chef on the Run**. For those already on the list, the phoning team will contact you before Dec. 9th. Not on the list?: contact either Val at 250-727-2032 or Ursule at 250-479-8804.

**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 basket.

## Up Coming Events & Start Dates

Dec 13	7:00pm St. Joseph the Worker Reconciliation
Dec 16	12:30pm The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe - Mass followed by procession and banquet - Our Lady of Fatima Parish
Dec 19	7:00pm Advent Carol Service - St. Andrew's Regional High School Gym
Dec. 24	<b>Christmas Eve</b> 6:00pm Family Mass (with pageant) 8:30pm Vigil Mass 12:00am Midnight Mass
Dec. 25	<b>Christmas Day</b> 10:00am Mass
Dec. 31	<b>New Year's Eve</b> 6:00pm Mass
Jan. 1	<b>New Year's Day</b> 10:00am Mass
Jan 5	K of C Tree Chipping and St. Joseph's School Grade 5 Christmas Bottle Drive

# This Week in our Community

## Monday December 10

### **Parish Office Closed**

### **No Mass**

10:00am CWL General Meeting - Community Room

7:30pm K of C General Meeting - Church Hall

## Tuesday December 11

9:30am Mass + Giovanni Maria Pico

7:00pm Christian Rocks Choir Practice - Church

## Wednesday December 12 Feast Our Lady Of

### Guadalupe

9:30am School Mass + Trudy Card

10:00am St. Joseph Elementary School Reconciliation - Church

12:00 noon Seniors Christmas Lunch - Church Hall

1:00pm - Funeral Mass Janos Barany

7:00pm Couples for Christ Choir Practice - Church

## Thursday December 13 Memorial St. Lucy, Virgin, Martyr

9:30am Mass

7:00pm St. Joseph the Worker Parish Reconciliation - Church

## Friday December 14 Memorial St. John Of The Cross, Priest, Doctor

9:30am Mass + Lorenzo Bulaon

Adoration from 10:00am to noon - Come and adore and listen - Church

## Saturday December 15

5:00pm Mass + Victoria Nnadi

6:00pm Youth Group - School Gym (last one until January)

## Sunday December 16 Third Sunday Of Advent

8:45am Catechism Classes (last one until January)

10:00am Mass

11:15am K of C Pancake Breakfast - Church Hall

6:00pm Mass + Deolinda Araujo

**Going into Hospital?** If so, please be certain that when registering you tell the registration staff that you are Catholic so your pastor and hospital visitors will know how to find you. Or, have someone call the parish office and share the necessary information.

## Schedule of Advent Penitential Services

December 11th	Sacred Heart
December 12th	St. Patricks
December 13	St. Joseph the Worker
December 18th	Our Lady of the Rosary

All services start at 7:00pm

## 'Serve One Another'

**Thank you again to those parishioners who have participated so far in this year's Annual Appeal. We are now at 83.90% of our goal!**

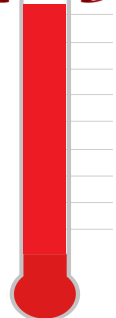
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**\$54,000**

**Did you know that a donation greater than \$200 will provide a tax credit of approximately 40%?**

**Total pledged to date: \$45,308.13**

**Number of Gifts: 143**





# Contacts in the Parish

## Pastor

Admin Assistant/Secretary/Bookkeeper  
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Diocesan Responsible Ministry Coordinator

Altar Server Training/Coordinator

Baptism

Contemplative Community

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Children's Religious Education

SJTW Pastoral Care Outreach Ministry

Development and Peace

Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA)

Youth Group - Grades 6 to 12

St. Joseph's School

Catholic Women's League (CWL)

Knights of Columbus

St. Vincent de Paul

Building and Maintenance Committee

Coffee/Hospitality Committee

Finance Committee Chair

Lector Schedule Coordinator

Lector Training Coordinator

Liturgy Committee

Masithuthukisane/SJTW (2015-2020) Project

Social and Ecological Justice Committee

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