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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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The Wrath Misconception

BY JEAN ALLEN

John was the last of the Old Testament prophets and he was proclaiming the coming of an Old Testament type God, a God of wrath and vengeance. John came with harsh, vituperative words: "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?" John rightfully proclaimed the coming of the Christ. What he didn't realize was that Jesus didn't come to bring the wrath of God; he came to unveil the love and mercy of God. Jesus didn't come to walk under Old Testament law; he came to usher in the new age of New Testament love. Love, not law, became The Way.

This shift from the old to new confused many then and still does today. Even John had to ask from his prison cell, "Are you the one who is to come or shall we wait for another?" John had heard the stories about Jesus but these did not seem to be the actions of a God of wrath. What was going on? Had John lived longer, he would have been totally devastated by God dying on a cross. What?? The Christ whom he had foretold and longed for, crucified like a common criminal? This can't be right.

Even today, in our proclaiming ourselves as followers of Christ, we need to examine whether we are living the whole New Testament message or if we are allowing some of that promise of Old Testament wrath to scare us and confuse us – or even worse, to justify our own harsh judgements and criticisms. In Advent we look forward to celebrating the coming of God into our world. We should spend some time pondering on what really came. It was not a volcano, a rain of fire or a tornado that was born in that manger.

It was Love.





The Week of December 5 to December 11 in our Community

Monday December 5
Parish Office Closed

Tuesday December 6
6:00pm Mass + Caterina Alessio
6:00pm Catechism Classes

**Wednesday December 7 St. Ambrose, Bishop And Doctor -
Memorial**
6:30am Mass Fr. Sean Flynn presiding
12:00 noon - CWL Christmas Potluck - Church Hall
6:00pm Mass

**Thursday December 8 The Immaculate Conception Of The Blessed
Virgin Mary - Solemnity**
6:30am Mass Fr. Sean Flynn presiding
9:00am Mass
7:30pm RCIA Journey Of Faith - Community Room

Friday December 9
6:30am Mass Fr. Sean Flynn presiding
9:00am Mass Special Int. Luisa Trejos
Adoration until 12:00 noon

Saturday December 10
6:30am Mass Fr. Sean Flynn presiding
10:00am Contemplative Community - Community Room
5:00pm Mass + Stella Mumford / + Friedel Whiting
6:00pm Youth Group Christmas Party - Church Hall

Sunday December 11 Third Sunday Of Advent
10:00am Mass
6:00pm Mass

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

Dec 24 ~ 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

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

WATCH US ON YOUTUBE
5:00 PM every Saturday
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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](https://www.youtube.com/c/RCDVictoriaLiveOne)

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS MEETING

Wednesday, December 7th
after 6:00pm Mass
to discuss Christmas Schedule

We need:
4 Eucharistic Ministers for 5:00pm Mass
4 Eucharistic Ministers for 8:00pm Vigil
3 Eucharistic Ministers for Midnight
Mass

DIOCESAN APPEAL UPDATE

Parish Goal: \$58,000.00

Total Pledged to Date: \$ 23,580.00

Number of Gifts: 73

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

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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SJTWPARISH@RCDVICTORIA.ORG **CATECHISM**

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.

CFB ESQUIMALT'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LESSONS & CAROLS at Our Lady Star of the Sea

CFB Esquimalt's Annual CHRISTMAS LESSONS & CAROLS!

Where: Our Lady Star of the Sea (595 Galiano Crescent, Victoria)

When: DEC 11th at 3:00 pm

Featuring: The Naden Band, The Military Wives Choir & other local musicians

Sing your old favourites + enjoy other fine musical performances!
Come out for this beautiful annual tradition and recount the Christmas story with readings and song!

Donations to the local food bank are gratefully accepted.

For more info contact Capt. Justin Peter at Justin.peter@forces.gc.ca
or call 250 363 4180.

See the event at www.facebook.com/OurLadyStaroftheSeaCFBEsquimalt/

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 Cerna 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

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 you. Thank you for caring.

EXTRA CHRISTMAS BAKING????

Donate it to the SOUP KITCHEN

at St. Andrew's Cathedral.

Cookies & Squares welcome, especially if they can be frozen.

Please place donations in the labeled box in the Community Room.

Pick up is Thursday, December 8th

Contact Susie Nute
250- 595- 1382

for further information.



BIRTHRIGHT FUDGE SALE

Birthright will be selling specialty Fudges after weekend Masses on Dec 3/4. (The packets make great stocking stuffers or gifts for the holiday table and freeze well!) Birthright assists women in difficult or crisis pregnancies, offering hope and encouraging Mothers to give the precious gift of Life to their babies - how fitting as we prepare for the Christ Child! Please consider supporting this worthwhile cause.

All Birthright Fudges are \$5 (each package = 1/4 of an 8 inch square pan).

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

UKRAINIAN CHRISTMAS FOOD FAIR & HOT LUNCH

Saturday, December 10 from 11 am - 2 pm

at St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Hall,
1110 Caledonia Ave., Victoria

Featuring: Sale of Baba's best handmade perogies, cabbage rolls, borscht, Ukrainian Christmas breads, sauerkraut, preserves and assorted baking and Ukrainian kobassa.

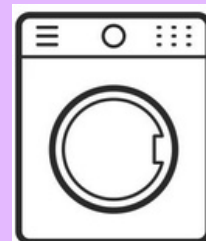
Proceeds in support of St. Nicholas Parish.

CLOTHES WASHER NEEDED

Have a clothes washer from a recent reno or new purchase? If it's in good working condition, we have a family in need! Help make a difference in the life of a single parent of three!!

Please contact Stephanie Peters at 250-514-7853 to arrange pick up. Thank you and God Bless.

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul



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



**Salt
and
Light**
Matthew 5:13

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

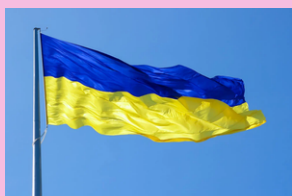
Study Guide about Human Trafficking now available

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>

Appointment of New CISDV Superintendent - Mr. Paul Rossetti

Click here **Appointment of New Superintendent Mr. Paul Rossetti** to read Memo from Bishop Gary Gordon and Cynthia Bouchard, Chancellor, announcing the appointment of Mr. Paul Rossetti as the new Superintendent of the Catholic Independent Schools of the Diocese of Victoria.

Pastoral Letter from the Ukrainian Rite Catholic Bishops of Canada The War in Ukraine: A Call to Prayer, Fasting, and Action



The Ukrainian Rite Catholic Bishops of Canada have written a pastoral letter to the faithful of Canada and to all people of good will. It is an invitation to a response of faith to the war currently taking place in Ukraine. The letter may be read online at <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/news/the-war-in-ukraine-a-call-to-prayer-fasting-and-action>

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

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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)

Keefer Pollard email: kpollard@cisdv.bc.ca

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Contact Parish Office (250) 479-7413

Sister Marina Smith SSA email: sandseaandsky@gmail.com

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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

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

Gerry Heywood

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- Cash & cheques using BLUE ENVELOPES, inside donation envelope box.
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Interested in becoming a conference member?

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stephanie.jm.peters@gmail.com or 250-514-7853



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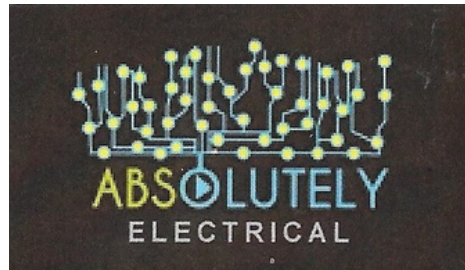
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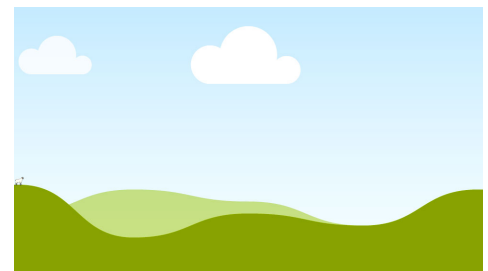
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RESPONSIBLE MINISTRY & SAFE ENVIRONMENT | RCD (RCDVICTORIA.ORG)

Community Services

A Message From CSA:

Join us for our last movie night of the term on **Wednesday November 30th. 6:30 – 8:30 PM at Multifaith**. Sit back and relax with great snacks! We'll view another classic comedy!

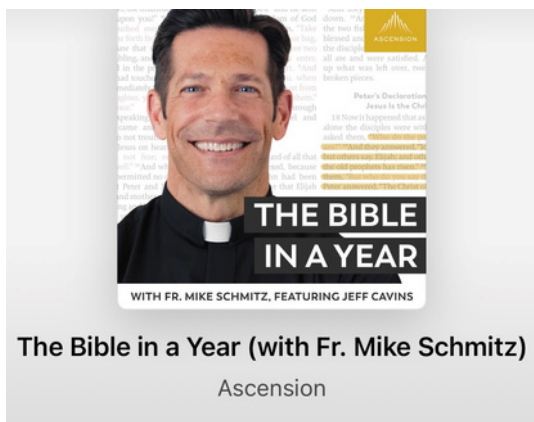
Together in collaboration, Catholic Campus Ministry (CSA) and CCO would like to invite UVic and Camosun students to our last event of the year: **Winter Formal!** Wear your best and join us for 4:00 PM Mass followed by a delicious meal, testimonies, entertainment, and fellowship! **Saturday December 3rd at Holy Cross**.

You can register at the link below – Cost is \$10.00:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScjr0tf1Ee0yKFDVsaBvC35_FNQldAxXK7VQXil3-fZ0GzSvw/viewform

Lydia Foch
Catholic Chaplain & Campus Ministry,
UVic and Camosun College
Diocese of Victoria

The Bible In A Year



The Bible in a Year (with Fr. Mike Schmitz)

Ascension

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)



61st ANNUAL CHARITY APPEAL

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- 3rd Prize** \$10,000
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Early Bird Draws

Oct 31 (2x\$1000), Nov 28 (4x\$1000), Dec 19 (4x\$1000)

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

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CBC Radio & Our Place present
A dramatic reading of Charles Dickens' Classic Tale

A Christmas Carol

Friday, Dec. 9, 2022

7:00pm Live Event

First Met United Church

932 Balmoral Rd, Victoria

Tickets: \$15.⁰⁰ individual
\$35.⁰⁰ family
\$15.⁰⁰ virtual link

Feel the Christmas Spirit and give back
in service to our community

Buy tickets: ourplacesociety.com/christmascarol

— Featuring CBC Personalities & Special Guests, including: —



Bob McDonald



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Kathryn Marlow

We are excited to announce that Jack Knox of the Times Colonist
and Joe Perkins of CHEK TV will be our guest celebrity readers!
Also featuring the music of the West Coast Reach Choir

All proceeds to benefit Our Place Society



Join us for CFB Esquimalt's Annual

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A FESTIVAL of
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Tuesday 27 December 2022

at 6.30 pm

with mulled cider and

Christmas cookies to follow

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