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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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## Divine Desire

BY JEAN ALLEN

Maybe we should lay to rest the term 'Doubting Thomas'. I think it would be more accurate to call him, 'Desiring Thomas' and we all could aspire to be a little more like him. Faith based on just the word of other people is an amazing thing but a person who insists on a personal encounter with the one he or she is being encouraged to believe in may experience something and Someone far bigger than what anyone could have imagined.

When Thomas exclaimed, "My Lord and my God!" (Ho Theos!), he proclaimed something no other disciple had ever understood before. Through a gifted revelation, Thomas realized that Jesus isn't just the Son of God. Thomas realized that Jesus *is* God. Peter had said that Jesus was the Messiah, the Son of the living God, which Jesus said flesh and blood had not revealed to him, but even Peter had not yet clued in to the ultimate understanding that Jesus *is* God. That was a revelation reserved for Thomas, a revelation that could not have been given by flesh and blood.

Why was Thomas so blessed? Because he desired it with all his heart. He didn't just want head knowledge of the risen Christ; he wanted intimacy with him. He felt deeply wounded by missing out on Jesus' appearance to the other disciples. He wanted experience, not their words. Jesus cannot resist that. At the right moment he will always come to anyone who yearns for his gaze and his touch.

Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." I doubt if Jesus was talking to just Thomas at that point. All the disciples present believed because they had seen Jesus. All of them, including Thomas, would become the Christophers (Christ Bearers) to a community who would believe without seeing and would indeed be blessed but Thomas, especially, would also be witness to the fact that God himself will come in love to anyone who greatly desires an encounter:

Face to face, heart to heart, wound to wound.



## The Week of April 25 to May 1 in our Community

**Monday April 25 Feast St. Mark, Evangelist**

**Parish Office Closed**

**No Mass**

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

**7:00pm K of C Executive Meeting - Church Hall**

**Tuesday April 26**

**6:00pm Mass**

**Wednesday April 27**

**6:00pm Mass**

**Thursday April 28**

**9:00am Mass + Sara Carvalho and Family**

**Friday April 29 Memorial St. Catherine Of Siena, Virgin, Doctor**

**9:00am Mass**

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

**Saturday April 30 Memorial St. Marie De L'Incarnation,  
Religious**

**5:00pm Mass + Joyce Granter**

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

**Sunday May 1 Third Sunday Of Easter**

**International Workers' Day**

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

**10:00am Mass**

**6:00pm Mass + Anna Pham**

## 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**

## 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>

- **Friday, April 22: Livestream cancelled**

**This Sunday, April 24, is Divine Mercy Sunday.** As a sign of God's mercy at work in the world, Bishop Gary Gordon has asked that the full text of Pope Francis' apology for the Catholic Church's role in Canada's residential school system be included in parish bulletins this Sunday. The apology can be found online at:

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

together with an introduction about the connection between divine mercy and reconciliation.



## K OF C MOTHER'S DAY SHOE BOX DONATIONS

K of C and YMCA-YWCA are conducting 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 containing \$50.00 of pampering items, that they would not normally purchase for themselves, in order to provide for their children. Knights of Columbus are collecting \$50.00 donations from parishioners, until May 1st. We are accepting filled shoe boxes with about \$50 worth of small pampering items or \$50.00 with which we will purchase items and fill boxes. You can get together with a friend to fill a box if you wish. To donate, contact Gerry Poitras at 250-812-7611 or email: [kimnger40@gmail.com](mailto:kimnger40@gmail.com)



## GARDEN BABIES FOR BIRTHRIGHT PLAN SALE

Big news: our Garden Babies for Birthright Plant Sales are back! All outside this year, and we have a new location for the Langford sale:

- May 14: 10AM - 2PM. Peggy's Greenhouse. 550 Langvista Drive, Langford (5 minutes drive from our old location)
- May 28: 10AM - 2PM. St. Patrick's Church parking lot. 2060 Haultain St, Oak Bay

\*Our Garden Babies for Birthright Plant Sales raise valuable funds so that we may continue the pregnancy support service of Birthright Victoria. Offering friendship and support to women experiencing unplanned pregnancy...because we care.

[Garden Babies for Birthright Plant Sales - Birthright Victoria](#)

**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](mailto: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:  
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:  
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([parishpal.com](http://parishpal.com))**

**PRE-AUTHORIZED DEBIT:  
[https://000011.parishpal.com/files/docs/PAD\\_Agreement.pdf](https://000011.parishpal.com/files/docs/PAD_Agreement.pdf)**

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

## TOGETHER WE DO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Thank you to all the volunteers from both the Knights and St. Vincent de Paul volunteers, parishioners, students of St. Joseph's school, parents and teachers who helped make this year's "40 Cans for 40 Days" food drive a huge success.

A little over 2,500 lbs. was donated to fill shelves at St. Vincent de Paul's food bank, as a result of your generous donations of food and time.

**St. Joseph's Knights of Columbus, Council 13356** thank you all for your generosity and support.



## JOB POSTINGS

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

**Click on link below to read about qualifications and how to apply:**

[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)

## INVITATION TO A GARDEN PARTY

**When:** Whatever day and time works for you

**Where:** St. Joseph the Worker Garden just outside Fr. Alfie's side door

**Who:** Any parishioner who can get down and dirty - no skills involved  
**Contact the parish office if we've tweaked your interest.**

## St. Andrew's High School PRODUCTION OF **WILLY WONKA**

**May 6 - 8**

**Tickets are \$18/\$12 for Students  
Available at St. Andrew's Office or  
at the Door**

**DOORS OPEN AT 7:30 pm  
SHOW STARTS AT 8:00 pm  
Spectrum Community School  
957 Burnside Rd, Victoria**

# Newsworthy and Noteworthy



## GARAGE SALE

St. Joseph the Worker Church Hall

Saturday, May 7, 2022

9:00am to 2:00pm

## ATTENTION GARAGE SALE TABLE SHOPPERS!

You can reserve and buy your \$25 table by contacting Gerry Heywood at: [stjoegaragesale@outlook.com](mailto:stjoegaragesale@outlook.com)

## Invitation to Healing Mass- Jesus Heals

Shalom Ministry invites you to "Jesus Heals", a unique opportunity to receive physical and spiritual healing. Experience the healing touch of Jesus through the celebration of Healing Mass, spirit-filled Praise and worship, Eucharistic adoration and prayer led by Rev. Fr. Jilto George, CMI. This program is a unique opportunity to gather and seek healing from physical sickness and inner spiritual wounds.

- Wednesday, May 4th 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm at St. Joseph the Worker Parish (Victoria)
- Thursday, May 5th 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm at St. Edward the Confessor Parish (Duncan)
- Friday, May 6th 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm at Ascension Parish (Parksville)

Come and experience the healing power in Jesus's name. Please call 250.885.8546 for any details.

## Pascha, Easter Sunday For Ukrainian Catholics

This Sunday also marks Pascha, Easter Sunday for Ukrainian Catholics and other Christians who follow the Julian Calendar. The Canadian Council of Churches (CCC), in collaboration with the Canadian Bishops of the Ukrainian Catholic and Ukrainian Orthodox Churches, has issued an **invitation to Christians in Canada to pray for peace in Ukraine and to ring church bells at noon local time on April 24**. More information, including three prayer options, can be found at: <https://www.councilofchurches.ca/news/april-24-2022-prayer-for-ukraine-and-for-peace-for-the-world>

## 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.





## Memo from Bishop Gary Gordon regarding Fr. Konrad Zaborowski SDS's departure

Please find attached a memo from Bishop Gary Gordon regarding Fr. Konrad Zaborowski SDS and his upcoming departure from Sacred Heart Parish.

[https://000011.parishpal.com/files/docs/MEMO\\_re\\_Fr\\_Konrad\\_Zaborowski\\_SDS\\_April\\_20\\_2022.pdf](https://000011.parishpal.com/files/docs/MEMO_re_Fr_Konrad_Zaborowski_SDS_April_20_2022.pdf)

## Final chances to participate in Synod 2021-2023

The final online Synod Listening Circle is scheduled for Tuesday, April 26th from 6:30 – 8:30 pm. We encourage you to register for this opportunity at: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/320452801957> You can share your thoughts through the Listening Church Response Form at: [available online](#).

All responses should be submitted by Saturday, April 30th, either via email to:

[synod@rcdvictoria.org](mailto:synod@rcdvictoria.org) or by mail to:

Roman Catholic Diocese of Victoria - Synod Committee

1-4044 Nelthorpe Street, Victoria BC V8X 2A1

## 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 today in Rome to Indigenous Peoples. The text of the statement is copied below, or it can be read at:

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

A post has been added to the Diocesan website about the free Roots of Reconciliation Workshop sessions that are being offered in April and May. The text of the post may be read online at:

<https://www.rcdvictoria.org/indigenous/roots-of-reconciliation-workshop-registration-now-open>.

## 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/RESPONSETOCOVID19-0](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**

## **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

tbd

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

(2nd & 4th Saturdays @ 10am)

tbd

Angela Grohovac/Beth Geras/Lily Blair email: ourcatechismjourney@gmail.com

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A message from



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

Interested in becoming a member? Please reach out to  
Conference President Stephanie Peters!  
[stephanie.jm.peters@gmail.com](mailto:stephanie.jm.peters@gmail.com) or 250-514-7853

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- Cash & cheques using BLUE ENVELOPES inside your Church Donation Envelope box.
- Through the online portal *Canada Helps*.
- Food donations into the food cart in the foyer area of St. Joseph's Church.
- Through our SVDP website - <https://www.ssvpvancouverisland.ca>

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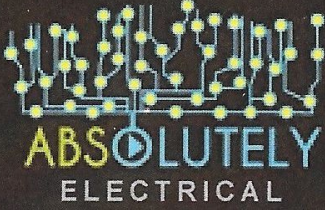
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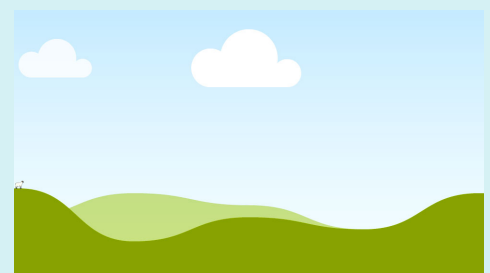


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1-800-968-3146**

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1-866-892-3737**

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# Community Services

## The Huber Family



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250-217-1887 (Sarah)

250-812-4411 (Liam)

Dear Potential Landlord,

We're two science nerds who moved to Germany for work after grad school six years ago. We left with a PhD and MSc, and are now returning with two PhDs and two kids! We're both from the mainland originally, but are excited to be making Victoria our new home as Sarah recently got a position at UVic. We're respectful and conscientious tenants, and, other than the typical noises from two kids under three, very quiet. Thanks for taking the time to consider us for your property!



### About us:

- Sarah: Senior ARC Analyst for UVic since Jan. 2022 – the full-time, permanent contract position that brought us home 😊
- Liam: Full time dad, recently self-employed software developer (formerly a group leader at the Max Planck Institute in Düsseldorf)
- Paul: 2½ years old, aspiring paleontologist
- Emily: 9 months old, biped-in-training
- Lived in our last rental for over 5 years and left it in great shape
- Always pay bills on time, great credit
- Non-partiers, absolutely no smoking/vaping or drugs
- No pets, nor plans to get any
- Single vehicle, street parking is OK; Sarah hopes to use her eBike for the daily commute
- We're both avid runners, and the kids love riding in the jogging stroller!

### What we're looking for:

- 2-3 bed, above-ground suite/unit/house
- Within ~12 km of UVic (i.e. eBike commutable)
- Non-smoking property, preferably no large dogs on the property
- In-suite laundry; a dishwasher would be a plus
- **Budget:** \$2200-2700/mo. + utilities
  - Happy to pay the first few months' rent up front if we move in

Sincerely,

The Huber Family

