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ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISH ACKNOWLEDGES AND RESPECTS THE LƏḰwƏŊƏN (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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Doubting...or Blessed?

Jean Allen

I always feel like Thomas has been given the short end of the stick having been burdened with the moniker, "Doubting Thomas". When I read this Gospel, I don't see a man full of cynical doubt; I see a man full of pain. When others had been gifted with an encounter with the risen Christ, he had missed out and he had no idea why. He was not an incidental apostle, a follower on the fringes. The Gospels don't say a lot about him but when Jesus decided to go to Mary and Martha following the death of Lazarus, against the advice of his disciples because people in that region had wanted to stone Jesus, Thomas very bravely said, "Let us also go that we may die with him."

Jesus would have known Thomas was not in the house with the rest of the apostles when he appeared to them. Why didn't he wait for a time when all of them would be present? It wasn't because he didn't care about Thomas; it was because he had a special encounter planned for Thomas, the encounter described in today's Gospel. When Thomas was invited to touch Jesus' wounds, he cried, "Ho Theos!" or "My Lord and my God!" That was significant because it was the first time one of the apostles recognized that Jesus was truly God. What an incredible revelation!

Jesus was God and God was wounded.

When Jesus said, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe," he wasn't admonishing Thomas alone. None of the disciples present had believed before they saw Jesus. They weren't special.

We have never seen Jesus in the flesh but we believe Jesus is God.

We are truly blessed!



The Week of April 17 to April 23 in our Community

Monday April 17 St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin (Protectress of Canada), Memorial Parish Office Closed 6:30am Mass Fr. Sean Flynn presiding

Tuesday April 18 6:00pm Mass 6:00pm **Catechism Classes**

Wednesday April 19 6:30am Mass Fr. Sean Flynn presiding 11:30am **Seniors Lunch Bunch - Church Hall** 6:00pm **St. Vincent de Paul Meeting - Community Room** 6:00pm Mass + **Isaias Celis**

Thursday April 20 6:30am Mass Fr. Sean Flynn presiding 9:00am Mass + **Edward Pires**

Friday April 21 6:30am Mass + **Mui Fong Kok** Fr. Sean Flynn presiding 9:00am Mass + **Dianne Durkin**

Saturday April 22 6:30am Mass Fr. Sean Flynn presiding 10:00am Contemplative Community - Community Room 5:00pm Mass + Crestiano and Antonio Pimentel (Choir Steve and Michele)

Sunday April 23 Third Sunday Of Easter 10:00am Mass Fr. Marc Parent presiding (Choir Christian Rocks) 11:15am K of C Pancake Breakfast - Church Hall 6:00pm Mass (Choir Angela Faber)

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



Join Bishop Gary Gordon as he celebrates the Mass. The regular livestream schedule is 7 pm on weeknights from Sacred Heart Church in Victoria and 9 am on Sundays.

Please note the following upcoming changes to the regular schedule:

- Thursday, April 13: Livestream cancelled
- Friday, April 28: Livestream cancelled

https://www.rcdvictoria.org/events/daily masslivestreamed and https://www.youtube.com/c/RCDVictori aLiveOne/about.

> Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast Sunday April 23rd following 10:00am Mass



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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.



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The parish office regular hours of operation are: Tuesday through Friday 8:30am to 3:30pm (except Statutory Holidays)

Please Note: Fr. Alfie will be away on: Monday April 23 and Tuesday, April 24 and will return on Wednesday, April 25

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: <u>SJTWPARISH@RCDVICTORIA.ORG</u>

CREDIT CARDS: <u>Payment_Authorization_Form_for_Credit_Card_Donations.pdf</u> (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

Pope's Pastoral Works (Peter's Pence) May 21, 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/9thdiocesan-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 Catechsim 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!

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Newsworthy and Noteworthy

Seniors Lunch Bunch

The Seniors Lunch Bunch will be held on Wednesday April 19th in the church hall. This will be our Easter Dinner. Cost is \$11.00. You must RSVP to Karen Wysiecki @ wysieckikaren@gmail.com or call 250-478-7955 by April 16th 9 pm.

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

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.

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



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

LIFE is WORTH Diving

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

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.

Encounter with the Dene -Guided by the Holy Spirit

Please consider joining Mary-Anne Neal for an interactive presentation about her spiritual encounter with the Indigenous people in the remote Sahtu region of the Northwest Territories. Listening to the whispers of the Holy Spirit, Mary-Anne followed the call to theses communities in 1971 and returned to the Arctic from 2015 - 2020. The arc of her fifty-year journey with the Dene is testimony to the beauty of God's plan for each of us. The presentation will be held **after 6:00 Mass on Wednesday, May 31**, in the basement of St. Joseph the Worker Parish on Burnside and Mackenzie. You can also learn about Mary-Anne's adventure in her best-selling spiritual memoir, *Under the Midnight Sun: Journey with the Sahtu Dene.*

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. Andrew's Regional High School Presents $O\ L\ I\ V\ E\ R$

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

All Evening Shows:

Saturday Matinee: 11:00 am

7:30 pm Tickets: Adults \$18/Students \$12

11:00 am

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

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Indigenous Voices Of Faith

On Monday, **April 17 from 3 – 5 pm PDT**, Cardus will be livestreaming the release of their Indigenous Voices of Faith booklet (https://www.rcdvictoria.org/indigenous/indigenous-voices-of-faith). Speakers will include Fr. Cristino Bouvette of the Diocese of Calgary, Mohawk leader Dr. Rose-Alma McDonald, and National Post columnist Melissa Mbarki. For more information and to register for this free event, please visit https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/indigenous-voices-of-faith-tickets-585966490547.

Job Posting - Position of UVic/Camosun College Chaplain

The Diocese of Victoria is now accepting applications for the position of UVic / Camosun College Chaplain. We seek a Chaplain who is committed to helping students grow and flourish within the Catholic faith tradition while living and learning in a secular campus environment. The job posting may be viewed at **https://www.rcdvictoria.org/employment**, and all applications must be received by **May 19, 2023**.

Pastoral Toolkit for National Family & Life Week 2023 (May 7 - 14)

National Family & Life Week, **May 7 - 14, 2023**, is an invitation from the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops to the faithful in Canada to celebrate the joy and beauty of family and life.

To support parishes and communities in promoting and celebrating this week, the CCCB has prepared a Pastoral Toolkit. It includes daily prayer intentions and activities for families and parishes, pastoral suggestions for a family and life Mass, a catechesis, a daily social media campaign based on related saints, and other resources.

For more information and a link to the toolkit, please visit **https://www.cccb.ca/faith-moral-issues/family-and-life/national-family-and-life-week/.**

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

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Contacts in the Parish

Pastor Deacon Admin Assistant/Secretary/Bookkeeper Jennifer Smith/Sandi Duncan/Pat O'Brien

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 Commitee Parish Pastoral Council**

Fr. Alfredo Monacelli

Deacon Michael Watkins email: mwatkins@rcdvictoria.org 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

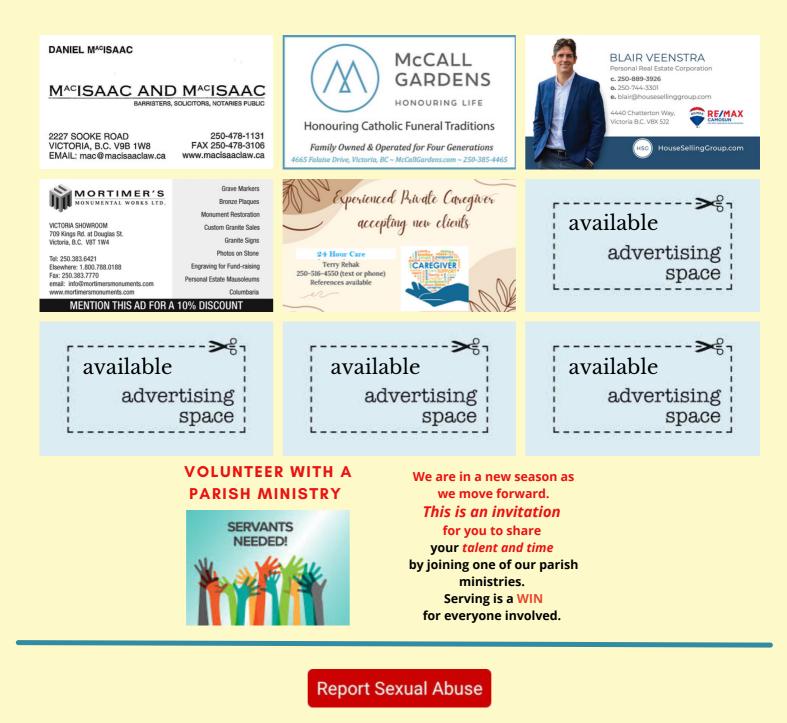


The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Fraternal Benefits session in the church hall this Sunday April 16 at 2:00 pm. All current members, potential future members or any interested parishioners are invited to attend. Our Field Agent, Mark Pan, will present on the fraternal benefits available to members and their families upon joining the Knights of Columbus. There will also be a review of many of the other financial products available. Our insurance program is rated one of the best in North America. There is no obligation, only to come and become informed. The presentation will also be available online. Please contact Gary at garys235@outlook.com for more information.

Visit kofc.org/joinus to learn more about the many benefits of membership in the Knights of Columbus.

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To report sexual abuse or cover-up by a Bishop, click here or call 1-866-892-3737

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Scholarship Opportunities

Knights of Columbus Bishop Thomas J. Lobsinger, OMI Memorial Bursary

The annual British Columbia and Yukon Bursary program known as the Bishop Thomas J. Lobsinger, OMI Memorial Bursary Program is underway. The 2023 program is now receiving applications. We are privileged to offer **fourteen bursaries of \$1,000.00** each to Catholic students across the Province of British Columbia. These bursaries are made available on a one-time only basis to young practicing Catholic students who are in post secondary education at a recognized institute of higher learning within the Province of British Columbia.

Requests for application should be addressed to Herb Yang, Bursaries Chairman at **herbykofc@gmail.com**. Deadline for requests for application is **June 1st, 2023**.

Applications are accepted from January 1st until **June 30th, 2023** with the bursaries being awarded in the fall. The Terms of Reference may be found on our web site **(kofcbc.org)**.

WORKSHOPS:

Catholic Social Teaching The Solution to Polarizatio

A three-part virtual workshop series presented by







Newman Centre of McGill University

We live in an increasingly polarized culture, where social media can become anti-social and social justice unjust.

Virtue signaling is often valued over virtuous leadership, division defeats dialogue, and wokeness fails to awaken us to the dignity of all. How do we solve this? Join us and discover human dignity, solidarity and subsidiarity – the core principles of Catholic Social Teaching – as life-saving medicine for an ideologically polarized society.

Learn how you can champion Catholic Social Teaching at work and in our culture. Scan the QR code to register for free.



The Wisdom of Fratelli Tutti In A Woke Culture Saturday, March 25 @ 11:30 AM EDT Dr. Andrea Bartoli, President, Sant'Egidio Foundation for Peace and Dialogue A globally recognized expert in conflict resolution helps us concretely apply Pope Francis' vision for peace amid deep cultural conflicts.



The Environment & Human Dignity

Saturday, April 22 @ 11:30 AM EDT Dr. John Zucchi, History Professor, McGill University An introduction to the anthropological dimensions of Pope Francis' Laudato si', an encyclical on the environment and human dignity.



Magnanimity: A Virtue for Polarized Times Saturday, May 27 @ 11:30 AM EDT Alexandre Havard, Founder, Virtuous Leadership Institute How nourishing greatness of heart and cultivating the best of ourselves and others serves us even amid serious disagreement

Community Services

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!



The Bible In A Year



You are invited to join us in listening to "The Catechism in a Year" podcast. This 365 day podcast will explain all the teachings of the Catholic Church, in a prayerful, engaging, and approachable way with Fr. Mike Schmitz.

Check it out!

The Catechism in a Year – Ascension (ascensionpress.com)



ANNIVERSARY

Come join Jack Boomer, Director, Robyn McKinnon Pianist, and the Arbutus Singers and help us celebrate our 25th Anniversary Concert. Highlights include selections from The Greatest Showman, Dear Evan Hansen, Jesus Christ Superstar and Neil Diamond. We are especially excited to welcome the Avalon Singers and the Greater Victoria Police Chorus to join in our celebration. It is a night you won't want to miss.

> Wednesday, April 19, 2023 7:30pm Alix Goolden Hall 900 Johnson Street, Victoria

Tickets: \$20 online at www.vcm.bc.ca/events and at the door. Livestreaming tickets \$20



Avalon Singers

Proceeds to support:



www.arbutussingers.com







ST. JOE'S SPRING GARAGE SALE!!!

SAINT JOE'S CHURCH HALL Saturday, April 29th 9 AM to 2 PM

BUY OR SELL STUFF AT ST. JOSEPH'S GREAT BIG COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE. TABLES ARE ONLY \$25. FREE ADMISSION, NO STAIRS, HANDICAPPED WASHROOM. TABLES SOLD AFTER MASS OR CONTACT GERRY AT:

stjoegaragesale@outlook.com



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

All Evening Shows: Thursday, Friday, Saturday

doors open @ 7:00 pm show starts @ 7:30 pm

Tickets

adults \$18.00, students \$12.00 Spectrum Community School 957 Burnside Rd.

Saturday Matinee:

doors open @ 10:30 am show starts @ 11:00 am

Assistant Choreographer: Sarah Katz Music Director: Phillip O'Reilly Director & Choreographer: Natalie Lamber Book, Music, & Lyrics by: Lionel Bart