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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 Exodus

BY JEAN ALLEN

On the Mount of Transfiguration, Jesus was speaking to Moses and Elijah about his exodus, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Exodus means 'a way out'. Jesus, Moses and Elijah were not just speaking of Jesus finding a way out of this harsh world for himself through death on a cross; they were discussing how he was about to accomplish the ultimate Way Out for all his brothers and sisters through his death and resurrection.

A way out of what? Sure, it can mean death and the hope of heaven and everlasting life when our time on this earth is over but what about before death? Have we been gifted with a way out of the turmoil that pain and suffering can bring in this life? If we really take Jesus's teachings seriously, the answer to that is yes, yes, yes.

It is astounding, really, how much suffering comes because ego is king and ego does not like to be out of control. Ego hates to be diminished in any way. Ego has rights that need to be fought for and goals that need to be defended. Ego is impatient with roadblocks and wants its own way. From two year olds to whole countries, ego causes the most unnecessary suffering in life.

We can't change everyone else but we can recognize our own need to change. We need a door. We need a way out of our imprisonment to the demands of ego. Christ told us the way out and he showed us the way out but, too often, ego is having none of it. It fights its own death, which is the true meaning of, "Deny yourself". Learn to recognize when your ego is refusing to acknowledge that there is a way out of its angry fear of loss. There's a wide-open way out just waiting for us to step through.

It's in the shape of a cross. It's the shape of love.



The Week of March 14 to March 20 in our Community

Monday March 14

Parish Office Closed

No Mass

10:00am CWL General Meeting - Church Hall

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

Tuesday March 15

6:00pm Mass

During Lent,

Let us be united in Prayer

Wednesday March 16

5:00pm St. Vincent de Paul Meeting - Community Room

6:00pm Mass

Thursday March 17

9:00am Mass Special Int. Desmond and Christine Lynch

Friday March 18

9:00am Mass Special Int. Lorne Keller

10:00am - 12:00 noon Adoration

7:00pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday March 19 Solemnity Saint Joseph, Spouse Of The Blessed Virgin Mary, Principal Patron of Canada, Patron of the Universal Church

10:00am Contemplative Community - Community Room

5:00pm Mass + Deceased Relatives of Lorne and Sandra Keller

6:00pm Youth Group in School Gym

Sunday March 20 Third Sunday Of Lent

8:45am Catechism - Church Hall and Community Room

10:00am Mass

6:00pm Mass + Recuerdo Cuizon

Mass Schedule

Weekday Masses

Tuesday ~ 6:00pm

Wednesday ~ 6:00pm

Thursday ~ 9:00am

Friday ~ 9:00am

Weekend Masses

Saturday ~ 5:00pm

Sunday ~ 10:00am

Sunday ~ 6:00pm

**CLICK BELOW TO WATCH
ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER LIVE-STREAMED
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

CLICK BELOW TO WATCH

<https://www.youtube.com/c/RCDVictoriaLiveOne>

**Please note the following changes to the
Bishop's live-stream schedule in March.**

- **Friday, March 18: Livestream at 7 pm from Port Hardy**
- **Sunday, March 20: Livestream at 9 am from Port McNeill**

WANTED: LIVESTREAM TECHNICIANS

**to volunteer and help with:
St. Joseph the Worker
Saturday, 5:00 pm Mass
If interested please send email to:
sjtwmedia@icloud.com
OR contact parish office.**

ONLINE MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE



The Diocese of Victoria is now offering our Marriage Preparation Course fully online. The cost is \$80/couple.

The course consists of several modules on relevant subjects, individual and couple activities, and assessments as well as a liturgy planning guide. Couples will be able to work through the program at their own pace. At the end of the course, you will receive a Certificate of Completion, which will be recognized by any parish within our Diocese.

For further information, go to the Diocese website: <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/marriage-prep>
Questions? Contact Moira Gill at mgill@rcdvictoria.org OR 250-479-1331 ext. 237

"MISSION POSSIBLE TOGETHER WE CAN"

The Knights of Columbus 40 Cans for 40 Days starts this weekend. Your Knights will pass out food donation bags after all Masses each weekend and collect donations during Lent .

AND Again we will conduct our now semi-famous drive thru food drive with your St. Vincent de Paul volunteers, St. Joseph School, Our Lady of the Rosary Parish and our Knights. Our objectives are to fill empty spots in the Social Concerns office food bank of St. Vincent de Paul and bring together as many parishes as possible, in keeping with three of your Knights mandates of Charity, Unity, Fraternity in one program.

Donations by cash or cheque are welcome. Please make cheques payable to St. Joseph Conference of St. Vincent de Paul.

TOGETHER WE CAN

Join us in our drive thru food drive on:

APRIL 9th Saturday, 10 am to 4 pm

APRIL 10th Sunday, 12 noon to 3:30 pm

Just put your donations in the car trunk, drive thru the parking lot of the church at 753 Burnside West, pop the trunk and let your Knights do the rest.

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

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

We require face coverings for all people born in 2016 or earlier (ages 5 yrs and up) for all activities in church buildings in the Diocese of Victoria, including worship services. Bishop Gary Gordon

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.

Catholic Health Association of BC \$500 Bursary

FOR GRADUATING STUDENTS enrolled in a Catholic secondary school, a member of a BC or Yukon parish and enrolled in a public secondary school, or home-schooled: To apply submit a 500-word essay that demonstrates an awareness and understanding of the significance of Spirituality in Health Care. Deadline: Wednesday, April 13, 2022 at noon. For essay and submission guidelines, please visit:
<http://www.chabc.bc.ca/bursary>

Victoria Diocesan Bursary In Memory of Freda Smith

The Victoria Diocesan CWL Council is offering a \$750 bursary to a graduating Catholic student within the Diocese of Victoria. This bursary will be awarded to a student proceeding on to a form of higher education. Criteria and applications are available at the Parish Office, online at **<https://cwldov.org/>** or from your local CWL president. The deadline for applications is March 31, 2022.

Bishop Thomas J. Lobsinger, OMI Memorial Bursary Program

The annual BC and Yukon Bursary program is underway. The 2022 program is now receiving applications. We are privileged to offer 14 bursaries of \$1,000 each to Catholic students across BC. See details on our website **www.stjosephtheworkerparish.com** under Ministry & Groups/K of C tab/Bursaries.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

From March 2nd – April 10th

You're invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion.

You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Victoria General Hospital (please call/email for exact location), and also to help spread the word about this important community outreach.

If you'd like more information – and especially if you'd like to volunteer to help or join our at home prayer group,

please contact: Glenda at

(250) 885 – 6261
forlifeplace@hotmail.com

or visit
www.40daysforlife.com/victoria



Stations
of the Cross

Fridays at 7:00 pm
During Lent

March 4 - Proclaimers
March 11 - Children's Ed
March 18 - Youth
March 25
April 1 - CWL
April 8 - K of C

Newsworthy and Noteworthy

Knights of Columbus On-line Lenten Retreat March 26th

The Knights of Columbus Sacred Heart Council is inviting member Knights of Greater Victoria Councils to join our LENTEN RETREAT on Saturday, March 26th from 1 to 4 p.m. The Retreat Master will be Deacon Philip Yuson; and the topic of the Retreat is "Spiritual Warfare" (from the KofC's "Into the Breach"). Be sure to have a working microphone and camera in order to fully participate in the talks & prayers. To join, simply click on this link: <http://refuge.conceptbc.ca>

Women's Retreat

with Mona Goodman, Saturday, April 2, 2022
9:30 am - 3:45 pm
Holy Cross Parish

Register through the Parish:
office@holycrossvictoria.org
250-477-5321

Please bring: a bagged lunch, journal,
Bible, something to write with,
magazines, glue, scissors



World Youth Day Information Meeting Sunday, April 4th

The next World Youth Day is August 2023 in Lisbon, Portugal. This is a gathering of young adult Catholics, 19 to 35 years, from all over the world, celebrating the joy of being Catholic. The event concludes with an overnight vigil and Mass with the Pope! The Diocese of Victoria is organizing a pilgrimage group to the event with Fr Harrison Ayre and Fr Eduardo Santos as chaplains. **Come for an informational meeting at Our Lady of Fatima, Sunday, April 10th at 4pm to learn more.** If you're unable to be in Victoria, we will have a zoom link available for you. To register for the meeting, please e-mail Fr. Harrison: hayre@rcdvictoria.org to register.

Knights of Columbus UKRAINE SOLIDARITY FUND

Join us today in supporting Ukraine Solidarity Fund! To further your impact, the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council has promised to **match every dollar up to \$500,000.**

Your gift today will provide temporary shelter, food, medical supplies, clothing, communications and religious supplies. These items will all be immediately distributed, and **100% of your gift will go directly to these displaced people.**

Please prayerfully consider how you can contribute to this effort. **Your gift of any amount** will go a long way in helping our brothers and sisters. Together, we can bring Christ's healing love to a wounded world.

Go to the Ukrainian Solidarity link at kofc.org and click on "Donate" on the red banner. Tax receipts will be issued. You may also call 1-800-694-5713 from 5:00 - 1:30 pm PST to donate that way. All donations are accepted!

Message from the CWL - Help for Ukraine

Please click on link below to read a communique from **Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA)**. The focus is providing help to Ukraine. Two ways to support Ukraine are provided: (1) support Caritas Ukraine through a donation to CNEWA and (2) support the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Canada.

Thank you for your continued prayers and consideration,

<https://cnewa.org/ca/campaigns/ukraine/>

A post has just 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>.

Statement of Appreciation from the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Canada

A Statement of Appreciation from the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Canada has just been added to the Diocesan website. The text of the statement can be read online at:

<https://www.rcdvictoria.org/news/statement-of-appreciation-from-the-ukrainian-catholic-church-in-canada>

National Indigenous Reconciliation Fund Details Released

A post has just been added to the Diocesan website with details about CCCB's national Indigenous Reconciliation Fund. The text of the post can be read online at:

<https://www.rcdvictoria.org/indigenous/indigenous-reconciliation-fund-details-released>

New Date Announced For The Delegation To Rome

A post has just been added to the Diocesan website about today's press release announcing a new date for the Indigenous delegation to Rome. The text of the post can be read online at:

<https://www.rcdvictoria.org/indigenous/new-date-for-the-delegation-to-rome>



Message from the Chancery: Update February 17, 2022

As announced on February 15, the Province is easing some Covid-19 restrictions. Please find attached below:

- a Memo from Bishop Gary Gordon regarding these changes.
- a corresponding updated version of the General and Liturgical Directives for churches during Covid-19, to be followed by all parishes in the Diocese of Victoria.

[Memo non-worship gatherings Feb 17 2022](#)

[General and Liturgical Directives - Feb 17 2022 update](#)

To summarize:

- Wedding receptions, funeral receptions and gatherings for the purpose of acknowledging or celebrating a significant event (eg, baptism receptions) are now permitted, and may be held according to the requirements for worship services if the reception immediately follows the service.
- The requirements for other non-worship gatherings, essential gatherings, and worship services remain the same.

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

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A message from



Recently, because of your kind donations into the food cart at the back of our church, St. Vincent de Paul Conference Members were able to bring 52 kilograms of food to the downtown Social Concern office to benefit the less fortunate. Thank you! Please continue to support this needed cause.

Your generosity, no matter how big or small, is truly appreciated!

Support through:

- 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>.
- Please reach out directly to our Conference President Stephanie Peters stephanie.jm.peters@gmail.com or 250-514-7853 with questions about becoming a member.

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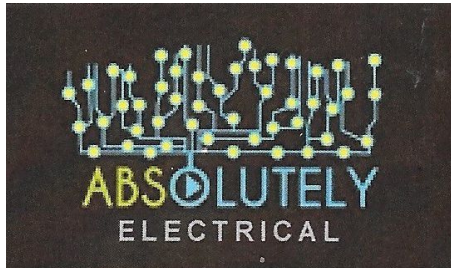
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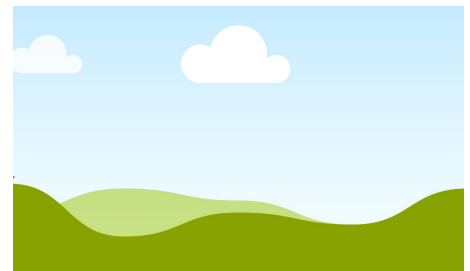
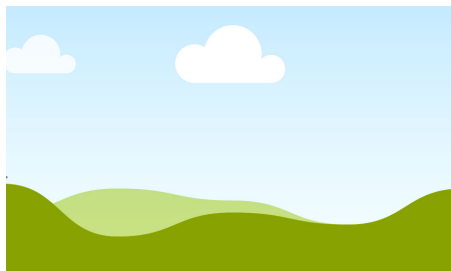
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1-800-968-3146**

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

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Community Services

Wanted to Rent

Responsible, reliable, clean tenant seeks 1 bedroom or bachelor suite or cottage.

Must be pet friendly.

Non-smoker, non-drinker. No drugs; not in a recovery program nor a recovering addict of any sort.

Current rental is unsafe.

References

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NOTE FROM THE UNIVERSITY CHAPLAIN, LYDIA FOCH

Wednesday, March 16th: Final movie night of the semester!

Film: Into The Wild (the journey of a young man, his search for meaning while leaving behind a life of luxury, possessions, status and money.)

Time: 7pm

Place: Multi Faith Building UVic. Popcorn will be provided!

Sunday, March 20th: Student Synod via Zoom. Meeting ID: 865 1494 5848,

Password: 297164

Link: <https://uvic.zoom.us/j/86514945848?pwd=bDZOa2VJY3BBaWFDYVZhZ1BNZ1ZzZz09>

Please email Lydia if you have any questions about the events: lfoch@rcdvictoria.org

