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ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISH ACKNOWLEDGES AND RESPECTS THE L∂K™∂Ŋ∂N (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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Going Under To Be On Top

Jean Allen

Peter, James and John had an incredible mountaintop experience. But, guess what. It didn't change them all that much. It didn't immediately make them spiritual giants. It didn't open up their understanding in a way that fully prepared them for the upcoming ordeal of Christ's crucifixion. Peter beheld Christ in all his glory on the mountaintop and still denied him in the end. Peter, James and John had no words of hope and courage for the rest of the disciples as they hid away in fear. Having been witnesses of the transfiguration and having heard the actual voice of God was not their point of transformation. That came later. Meanwhile, they had to struggle – like us all – with their human weaknesses and their short sightedness.

Were they particularly dense? What was the matter with these guys that, when Jesus was crucified and buried, they couldn't recall instances like the transfiguration or the feeding of the 5000 or the calming of the storm or all Jesus' other miracles? When Jesus was on the cross, why were they not confident that Jesus knew what he was doing and that everything would be all right? What was wrong with them?

There was nothing wrong with them. They were just human and God and Jesus knew that before these followers could be filled with power, they had to come face to face with everything they were not. They had to find out that just because they were chosen didn't mean they were special. They weren't spiritual giants just because they hung out with Jesus. They were weak. They had to come to finally know there was nothing inside of them that made them better than anyone else. And it was crucial for them to discover that. Just like it's crucial for us.

Having great spiritual experiences that fill us with awe and wonder is not what will bring us a powerful and effective spiritual life.

We have to be empty before we can be filled.



The Week of March 6 to March 12 in our Community

Monday March 6 Parish Office Closed 6:30am Mass Fr. Sean Flynn presiding

Tuesday March 7

11:00am Funeral for Ethan Stone

6:00pm Mass

6:00pm Catechism Classes

Wednesday March 8 6:30am Mass Fr. Sean Flynn presiding 6:00pm Mass

6:30pm Lenten Workshop on Centering Prayer

Thursday March 9

6:30am Mass Fr. Sean Flynn presiding

9:00am Mass + Carlito Kho

7:30pm RCIA Journey Of Faith - Community Room

Friday March 10

6:30am Mass Fr. Sean Flynn presiding

9:00am Mass + Manuel Pimentel and Maria de Melo

followed by Adoration until 12:00 noon

7:00pm Stations of the Cross - led by Proclaimers

Saturday March 11

6:30am Mass Fr. Sean Flynn presiding

10:00am Contemplative Community - Community Room

5:00pm Mass + Mary Brigid Loughran (Choir - Jen & Shawn)

6:00pm Youth Group - School Gym

Sunday March 12 Third Sunday Of Lent

10:00am Mass Choir - Christian Rocks

6:00pm Mass + Peter Vander Werf (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

Easter Mass Schedule

Holy Thursday, April 6 7:00pm

Good Friday Service, April 7

3:00pm

Saturday Vigil Mass, April 8

8:00pm

Sunday, April 9

10:00am & 12:00 noon



Penitential Services

Holy Cross and St. Patrick's Wednesday, March 15 - 7:00pm (at Holy Cross) Our Lady of the Rosary Tuesday, March 21 - 6:00pm

An Encounter With Prayer

Through Art (Photography) St. Joseph the Worker Parish Wednesday, March 29 following 6:00pm Mass Presenter Christophe Potworowski

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday During Lent

at 7:00pm

Led by various Ministries

March 3 - CWL

March 10 - Proclaimers

Mar 17 - Youth Group

March 24 - Development & Peace

March 31 - St. Vincent de Paul

INFORMAL SURVEY - ASSISTIVE LISTENING SYSTEM

To fulfill a recent Diocesan Appeal project for our parish, we are going to be purchasing an "Assistive Listening" system for the worship area. This system should provide our hearing impaired parishioners with some convenient options to hear better during Mass.

In order to ensure we purchase the best system for our parish needs, it would be very helpful to have an estimate of how much it would be used. If you think you might benefit from this "Assistive Listening" system, please contact the parish office. We also need to know if you are currently using hearing aids and whether or not you have a smartphone (iPhone or Android) and what Mass you normally attend.

If you have any questions regarding this "Assistive Listening" system, please email Brian Fox (briandfox@gmail.com).

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

Final Update on 2022 Bishop's Appeal Growing Together

We just received the final update on the Bishop's Appeal and are pleased to share the results with you. Your contributions will make a significant difference right here at home. THANK YOU!!!

Total pledged: \$52,710.00

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:

<u>Payment Authorization Form for Credit Card Donations.pdf</u> (<u>parishpal.com</u>)

PRE-AUTHORIZED DEBIT:

https://000011.parishpal.com/files/docs/PAD_Agreement.pdf

CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION AND LINKS.

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

Buy or sell stuff at St. Joe's great big **CWL garage sale**. Tables are only \$25. Tables sold after mass **starting weekend of February 25th/26th**, or contact Gerry at: **stjoegaragesale@outlook.com**

Spring 2023 40 Days For Life Prayer Vigil

Our Spring 40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil is between February 22 to April 2

It is a Peaceful Prayer Vigil & Witnessing for Life!

It is located near the Park & Ride at the Helmcken Overpass!

This is your opportunity to Defend Pre-Born Human Life!

"One Saved Baby will Save Generations of People"!

Come & Join Us! To Volunteer – Call or Text Glenda @ 250-661-261

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!

Newsworthy and Noteworthy

2022 Tax Receipts

Are Ready for Pick Up

in the Church Foyer

They are listed in alphabetical order

St. Joseph's Elementary School Proudly Presents Peter Pan Jr.

A Musical Based on the Play by J. M. Barrie Friday, March 10th at 6:00pm and Saturday, March 11th at 10:00am and 1:00pm

You are invited
Tickets are \$15 - General Admission
Purchase tickets at school office or online:
See Poster attached on e-bulletin

God's love for us is Boundless

Holy Cross/St. Patrick's Parish Lenten Mission Mona Goodman facilitating

Monday, March 13 at 7:00pm Holy Cross Parish
Turn from Sin

Tuesday, March 14 at 7:00pm St. Patrick's Parish Surrender to Love

Wednesday, March 15 at 7:00pm Holy Cross Parish followed by Penitential Service By the Light of Salvation

Forgiveness Seminar

One Day Seminar
Saturday March 25 9am - 3pm
Our Lady of the Rosary Small Hall
Presenter Jim Kiernan
Rereshments and lunch will be provided (by donation)
To register contact Roland Wauthy 250-4746255/rwauthy@telus.net

St. Andrew's Grad 2023 Bottle Drive -Thank You

Our hearts are warmed with the support given by the Island Catholic community to our St. Andrew's Graduation Class of 2023. From the families who pre-booked trucks, to the constant flow of vehicles dropping off their empties, to the wonderful Grad 2023 students and parents who volunteered their time on a VERY RAINY Saturday. We raised over \$850! With Gratitude!



Feb.18-April 2 Let Your Light Shine 40 Cans For 40 Days



St. Joseph's Knights of Columbus "40 Cans for 40 days" annual food drive to fill the shelves of our St. Vincent de Paul's food bank downtown continues for 40 days to April 2nd.

We are asking parishioners to donate non-perishable food items by bringing them to church during that period. Knights will pass out donation bags after Masses on weekends during the entire 6 weeks.

Cash , cheque and e-transfer donations are used to buy food.

For receipt please make cheques payable to:

- K of C Council 13356.
- Cash can be put in an envelope with your name and address and envelope number if applicable.
- E-transfers are also accepted. Please send to: Gary Skabeikis Financial Secretary garys235@outlook.com

Each donation is a light in the darkness of fear, anxiety, despair and hopelessness experienced by families dependent on the food bank to feed their families. Please join us and "Let your light shine before men and give glory to our Father".

VOLUNTEER WITH A PARISH MINISTRY



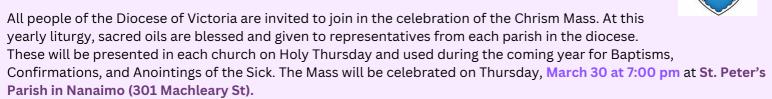
We are in a new season as we move forward.

This is an invitation for you to share your talent and time by joining one of our parish ministries.

Serving is a WIN for everyone involved.

From the Diocese

Chrism Mass, March 30 at St. Peter's



This information may also be found online at https://www.rcdvictoria.org/events/2023-chrism-mass

Journey through Lent Video Series

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops is once again offering their *Journey through Lent* video series. The videos for Ash Wednesday and the First Sunday of Lent are available online now; every Monday throughout Lent, another video will be posted for the following Sunday's Eucharistic celebration. It is hoped that this video series will provide the faithful with additional opportunity to prepare for the Church's celebration of the Resurrection of the Lord on Easter Sunday. To view the Journey through Lent video series, please visit https://www.cccb.ca/evangelization-catechesis-catholic-education/video-resources/journey-through-lent-2023/

Development and Peace Share Lent Campaign

Development and Peace launches their annual Share Lent campaign today. In this traditional time of fasting, prayer and almsgiving, they call on your generosity to continue their transformative work in the Global South. Please read attached letter **D&PShareLent** from Bishop Gary Gordon introducing this year's campaign theme: *Create Hope: Stand for the Land.*

Four Charities Well Positioned In Earthquake Region

As relief efforts continue after the devastating earthquake in Turkey and Syria, CCCB has identified four charities that are well positioned in the region to respond quickly and efficiently. They invite the faithful to donate to any one of these organizations:

- Aid to Church in Need Canada: https://bit.ly/acn-donate-syria or 1-800-585-6333 Ext 228
- Canadian Jesuits International: https://canadianjesuitsinternational.ca or 1-800-448-2148
- Catholic Near East Welfare Association Canada: www.cnewa.ca or 1-866-322-4441
- Development and Peace-Caritas Canada: www.devp.org or 1-800-494-1401

Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops Release of Four Pastoral Letters

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops has released four Pastoral Letters – to the First Nations, the Métis, the Inuit, and the People of God. The Bishops of Canada decided to write these letters after being updated on discussions with Indigenous partners during their plenary meeting last September. They outline a set of specific commitments which are meant to guide local reconciliation.

A post about the letters has been added to the Diocesan website at https://www.rcdvictoria.org/indigenous/that-we-may-walk-together

World Wide Marriage Encounter Hosting Weekend Retreat April 14-16, 2023 in Kamloops

They invite couples to come and join them to live their best life in love, renew their marriage and rekindle romance.

For more information and to register please visit the Behold Vancouver website:

https://beholdvancouver.org/events/virtual-worldwide-marriage-encounter-8#overview

Registration closes Mar 28, 2023.

You are also invited to check out the WWME video on YouTube at: https://youtu.be/VvQUEZ35Ufg

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

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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



Your Knights of Columbus Council 13356 gratefully

acknowledges your help and that of the CWL for making our first parish breakfast of the year a huge success. Whether through time, talent or treasure, your contributions helped the council meet its charitable goals. We distributed Coats for Kids including 48 through the downtown St. Vincent de Paul Social Concern Office as well as contributing 24 coats to the Bishop's project with a Nanaimo First Nation. St Joseph School students contributed significantly towards the project "Kids Helping Kids" through their toonie day collection.

MEN OF THE PARISH, WE NEED YOUR HELP - JOIN US.

Michael O'Rielly,

Grand Knight, Council 13356

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

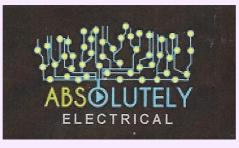
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Community Services

A Message from your Catholic Students' Association on upcoming events

We hope you had a restful and relaxing Reading Break. We are still offering some events during March. In collaboration with CCO and CSA, Summit will be taking place on **March 10th** at St. Patrick's beginning at 7pm. This is an evening of worship and prayer. Everyone is welcome.

The Blanket Exercise will be held at Multifaith on Saturday March 11th, please register at:

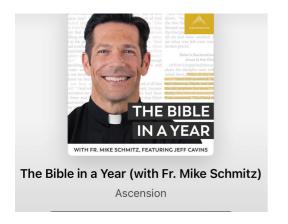
<u>https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/501407973747</u>. Hospitality will be offered. Bring your friends. The event is at no cost to all participants.

Our final Feeding the Homeless Initiative (Sandwich Patrol) will be taking place on Sunday **March 12th.** We meet at St. Andrew's at 2:45pm. Please contact Lydia at lfoch@rcdvictoria.org for further details. Blankets are urgently needed by the homeless as well as sandwiches with snacks and a drink assembled in zip lock bags.

We are looking for one more participant on our, 'Come Follow Me' Retreat on Salt Spring Island on **March 25-26th**. The weekend is at no cost. Please contact Lydia with further details. Hope to see you at one of our events.

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

The Bible In A Year



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!



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)



February 22 to April 2 ONLY FORLIFE®

HELP SAVE LIVES IN VICTORIA, BC!

You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization to pray and fast for an end to abortion!

Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired 1,000,000+ volunteers!

With God's help, here are the proven results in 30 coordinated campaigns:

Over 20,000 babies saved from abortion

Over 200 abortion workers converted

Over 100 abortion centers closed

Here's how to take part in 40 Days for Life in our community:

Vigil location: Helmcken Overpass on Sidewalk in Front of the Park & Ride

Vigil hours: 7:00 am To 7:00 pm Daily

Local contact: Glenda @ 250-661-2613 or lighthouseplace@protonmail.com

Learn more ... get involved ... and sign up for prayer times by visiting our campaign at the web address shown below!

40daysforlife.com/Victoria, BC

ST. JOSEPH'S PRESENTS

A MUSICAL BASED ON THE PLAY BY J.M BARRIE



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ST. JOSEPH'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

FRIDAY, MAR 10 AT 6 P.M. & SATURDAY, MAR 11 AT 10 A.M. & 1 P.M.
TICKERS ARE \$15 - GENERAL ADMISSION
PURCHASE TICKETS FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE
OR ONLINE Click Here









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

Catholic Health Association of BC Apply for our \$500 Bursary!



This year, the board of directors of CHABC is pleased to announce that it will grant a **\$500 Bursary** to a graduating student who is enrolled in a Catholic secondary school, or a member of a BC or Yukon parish and enrolled in a public secondary school, or home-schooled.

Interested students are invited to submit a **500 word essay** by **April 7, 2023**, that demonstrates an awareness and understanding of the significance of **Spirituality in Health Care**. In your essay, please explain why you believe that care for the spirit is just as significant as care for the body, and why spiritual care is particularly important in tending to the sick and dying, to their families, and to those who care for them. Applicants must demonstrate a clear understanding of spirituality in care as opposed to focusing on religious beliefs and services.

Deadline: April 7, 2023

Emailed submissions must be sent prior to midnight on April 7, 2023 to info@chabc.bc.ca

For essay and submission guidelines, please visit www.chabc.bc.ca/bursary

