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## Leading By Example

BY JEAN ALLEN

God asks nothing of us that he doesn't practice himself. Let me repeat that. God asks nothing of us that he doesn't practice himself.

So, with the above in mind, in hearing or reading the words of Jesus this week about turning the other cheek, giving more than you are asked for, loving your enemies and not judging, a whole different light is cast on some standards that God's people often ignore because those standards seem impossibly high. When you listen to the Gospel at Mass this weekend, be aware that Christ's words are describing the innate nature of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit: forgiving, merciful, generous, non-condemnatory and free from all need to defend their rights and pay back enemies. These are not characteristics of the New Covenant, the new Kingdom of God.

It's not so much that God won't forgive you if you don't forgive; it's more that he can't. By holding any 'righteous' resentment in your heart at all (even towards the government or groups acting in ways that offend you) you have removed yourself from the New Covenant and set yourself back under the laws of the Old Covenant where the negative laws of judgement and an eye for an eye reign. You have removed yourself from the new Kingdom of God and all the grace and peace available there. You are back to demanding your rights and refusing to take Christ's Word seriously.

We must at least try to forgive and be merciful. Jesus forgave his crucifiers and then he forgave his disciples for abandoning and betraying him. He didn't ask them to repay what they owed. He just gave them more, pressed down and running over. We really don't have an option if we desire to be daughters and sons of the new Kingdom. We need to stop playing 'I'm the King of the Castle'.

Let's play 'Follow the Leader'!



## The Week of Feb 21 to Feb 27 in our Community

**Monday February 21**

**Family Day**

**Parish Office Closed**

**No Mass**

**Tuesday February 22 Feast Chair Of St. Peter, Apostle**

**Parish Office Closed - in lieu of Family Day**

**6:00pm Mass**

**Wednesday February 23 Memorial St. Polycarp, Bishop,**

**Martyr**

**6:00pm Mass**

**Thursday February 24**

**9:00am Mass + John Fleck**

**Friday February 25**

**9:00am Mass Special Int. Gradrom Hill & Family**

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

**Saturday February 26**

**5:00pm Mass Special Int. Geoff Kursh & Family**

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

**Sunday February 27 Eighth Sunday In Ordinary Time**

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

**10:00am Mass**

**6:00pm Mass + Carlos Pimentel Sr.**

# 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**

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## 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 schedule in February:**

- **Friday, Feb 18: Livestream at 7 pm from Port Hardy**
- **Sunday, Feb 20: Livestream at 9 am from Port McNeill**
- **Monday, Feb 21 - Thursday, Feb 24: Livestream cancelled**

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## 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](mailto:sjtwmedia@icloud.com)**

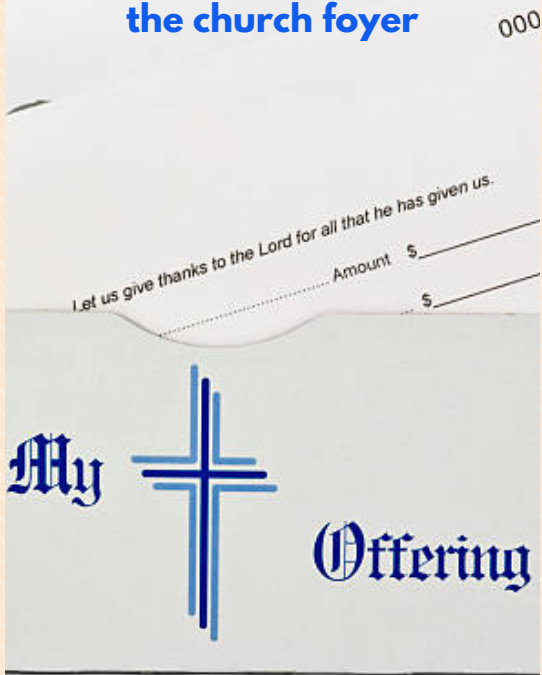
**OR contact parish office.**

# Sign Up Sheets in church foyer

## Synod Participation

Name	Phone #	Email Address
"By walking together, and together reflecting on the journey made, the Church will be able to learn from what it will experience which processes can help it to live communion, to achieve participation, to open itself to mission."		

Just a Reminder to pick up 2022 Donation Envelopes in the church foyer



2021 TAX

Receipts are ready for pick up in the church foyer

**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 or Eucharistic Minister, please call your parish office.

**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

**PLEASE NOTE:**

The parish office will be closed on:  
Monday, February 21st and Tuesday, February 22nd.  
Happy Family Day!

We now 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)**

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**CREDIT CARDS:**  
**[Payment Authorization Form for Credit Card Donations.pdf](#)**  
**[\(parishpal.com\)](#)**

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**[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.**

## GET READY!

**FOR CWL GARAGE SALE SATURDAY, MAY 7TH**

### 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 [cwl dov.org](http://cwl dov.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.stjosephtheworker.com](http://www.stjosephtheworker.com)) under Ministry & Groups/ K of C tab/Bursaries.

## Funeral Mass Fr. Peter Ho

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Fr. Peter Ho, who passed away on Monday, February 14, 2022, following a heart attack. Fr. Peter was born on January 23, 1944 in Vietnam and was ordained at St. Andrew's Cathedral on March 30, 1984 by Most Rev. Remi De Roo. Fr. Peter served at St. Andrew's Cathedral, Sacred Heart Parish, and St. Patrick's Parish in Victoria prior to retiring from active pastoral ministry in 2010.

The Vigil Prayers for Fr. Peter Ho will be held on Thursday, February 17th at 7 pm (in Vietnamese) at McCall's Funeral Home, 4665 Falaise Drive in Royal Oak. Most Rev. Gary Gordon will preside at the Funeral Mass for Fr. Peter on Friday, February 18th at 10:00 am at St. Patrick's Parish, 2060 Haultain Street in Victoria.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends at this difficult time.

May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Please note that the Funeral Mass for Fr. Peter Ho will be live-streamed on Friday, February 18th (10 am) from St. Patrick's Parish via:

<https://youtu.be/GYdveGO8FdA>



## Stations of the Cross

**Fridays at 7:00 pm  
During Lent**

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

# Newsworthy and Noteworthy

## 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](mailto:mgill@rcdvictoria.org) OR 250-479-1331 ext. 237



## *Volunteers Are Needed*

to assist with setting up Coffee Service  
on Sunday mornings.

Please contact Barbara at:  
[barbara.victoria127@gmail.com](mailto:barbara.victoria127@gmail.com)



## *Old Palms Wanted*

As Lent approaches, you are invited to bring your old palms to the Church and place them in the box located in the foyer. The palms will be burned and the ashes used for Ash Wednesday.

## K OF C FRATERNAL BENEFITS WEBINAR

Parishioners of St Joseph, the Knights of Columbus is sponsoring an on-line fraternal benefits presentation on **Friday Feb 25 at 8:00 pm** and again on **Saturday Feb 26 at 4:00 pm**. The presentations are designed to provide information on the fraternal benefits that are available to Catholic men that join the order. For more detailed information please visit the parish website ([www.stjosephtheworkerparish.com](http://www.stjosephtheworkerparish.com)) and click on the Ministries and Groups tab, then Knights of Columbus and Fraternal Benefits Webinar.



## K OF C TRAVELLING PILGRIM ICON

The Knights of Columbus will sponsor a **Pilgrim Icon prayer service in honor of St. Joseph** on **Saturday March 5th at 6:00 pm**. An icon of St. Joseph will be the centerpiece of the service. Parishioners are invited to attend. The prayer service, flowing from the Year of St. Joseph declared by Pope Francis in 2021, and inspired by his apostolic letter *Patris Corde*, will honor St. Joseph and pray for his intercession in preserving, cultivating and passing on the Catholic faith to future generations.

Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly encourages Knights and their communities to "turn in prayer to St. Joseph, giving thanks to God for the gift of fatherly example, and asking St. Joseph to be a father to us" as we seek to "grow in our own imitation of St. Joseph's quiet strength, integrity and fidelity."

# From the Diocese

## Communion, Participation and Mission: A Synodal Journey

<https://www.rcdvictoria.org/news/communion-participation-and-mission-a-synodal-journey>



## 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 January 20, 2022

Please see the latest update to the General and Liturgical Directives for churches during Covid-19, to be followed by all parishes in the Diocese of Victoria. Changes from the previous Directives are in bold and italics, and are also explained in the attached Memo from Bishop Gary Gordon. They are found by clicking:

[https://000011.parishpal.com/files/docs/Memo\\_non-worship\\_gatherings\\_Jan\\_20\\_2022.pdf](https://000011.parishpal.com/files/docs/Memo_non-worship_gatherings_Jan_20_2022.pdf)

[https://000011.parishpal.com/files/docs/General\\_and\\_Liturgical\\_Directives\\_-\\_Jan\\_20\\_2022\\_update%282%29.pdf](https://000011.parishpal.com/files/docs/General_and_Liturgical_Directives_-_Jan_20_2022_update%282%29.pdf)

### In Summary:

- The requirements for worship services remain the same
- Gatherings such as catechism, parish meetings, or receptions immediately following regular liturgical services may be held according to the requirements for worship services. However, we strongly recommend they are held virtually whenever possible
- Wedding receptions, funeral receptions and gatherings for the purpose of acknowledging or celebrating a significant event (eg, baptism receptions) are not permitted in church buildings at this time
- Non-worship gatherings in church buildings are now permitted as long as all regulations of the latest "Gatherings and Events" and "Face Coverings" Orders of the Provincial Health Officer are followed
- Essential gatherings such as drug and alcohol support group meetings, or the distribution of food or other supplies to people in need, may happen in church buildings without any restrictions

# 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

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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.

**Also, there is an immediate need for a dresser for a local single parent family; If you can donate, please do let us know. We can arrange transport.**

*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](mailto:stephanie.jm.peters@gmail.com) or 250-514-7853 with questions about becoming a member.

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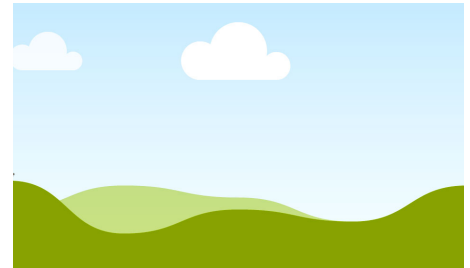
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