



# St. Joseph the Worker Parish

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## Sixteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

### The Kingdom of God is...Inevitable!

Did you know that 3 measures of flour is equivalent to 8 ½ gallons or 38 liters? That's not a single small loaf of bread! Why would Jesus specifically mention 3 measures? Because the number 3 signifies God's purpose or will.

Or did you know that once a mustard seed is sown, it is scarcely possible to get the place free of it? Today we would call that an invasive species.



The Kingdom of God is not stingy nor is it easily defeated once it has been sown. We are the ones who think small in terms of scarcity and defeat but meanwhile God is lavishly subversive, taking deep and widespread root in the world despite the many attempts to eliminate his abundant growth.

Even when the enemy sows weeds in the good crops, God's not worried. He's not concerned the weeds will overtake and kill the good plants. He defeats the enemy's intentions by ignoring those intentions because he knows that what he has planted is hardy and healthy and can totally withstand competition and like the mustard tree is resistant to being eliminated. Natural yeast can be killed but the yeast of Kingdom keeps on invisibly spreading and leavening the whole loaf.

God's purpose and will is to infuse the world with his yeast of forgiveness and compassion. It is his purpose and will to invade the world with the mustard seeds of his faith. It is his purpose and will in the end to harvest the weeds of deception and despair along with the lush crops of truth and hope because he knows how to separate one from the other (while we often fail in that regard) and leave us with a kingdom of prodigious love. The Kingdom of God is incorrigible!

If you are feeling discouraged with and despondent over the state of the world today, an enemy has been planting seeds. What you get to say is,

“Not today Satan!”

Jean Allen

## Ministry liturgical Schedule to be continued at a later date



### WHAT'S HAPPENING VIRTUALLY



A **Youtube page** has been created for "**Fr. Alfie's Table**". Just go to the homepage on our website and click on all his mouth watering recipes. **This week is "Lamb Chops"!**

If you are unable to attend Mass in person, you can watch **Fr. Alfie's pre-recorded weekend Mass** from Sunday morning on by clicking the link on our website.

Here is a chance to **sing along** with Kathy Lokhorst from Christian Rocks Choir during social distancing. Check daily on our website homepage for the newest hymn.

All are invited to join Bishop Gary Gordon from the comfort and safety of your homes as he celebrates Mass through a live stream from St. Andrew's Cathedral. To access the **live stream link** from the **Diocese of Victoria** website simply google: Diocese of Victoria or:

<http://www.rcdvictoria.org/diocese-of-victoria-live-stream>  
SUNDAY 10 AM and MONDAY TO FRIDAY 7 PM

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** ½ hr before evening Masses on Saturday and Sunday or by appointment with Fr. Alfredo.

**Sacrament of Marriage:** Inquiries must be made 6 months in advance. Register at the office. Marriage preparation class is compulsory.

**Sacrament of Baptism:** Call the Parish Office at 250-479-7413 to register for the next Baptism Preparation Class (date to be determined). Typically, Baptisms are held during all Masses of the last weekend of each month.

**Catechism and Children's Liturgy, Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Communion and Youth Group:** Contact Parish Office for information.

**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 are 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**.

**From today's Gospel:** Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. (Romans 8:26)

**Adults:** What weakness can the power of the Spirit help you overcome?

**Children:** When will you need the help of the Holy Spirit this week?

**Available Listing at St. Clare Villa, #206 - 2045 Carrick Street.** For further information, please visit: <https://www.primeteam.ca>

**Just a reminder that** the Mass Groups of 50 must remain fixed, as directed by Bishop Gary Gordon, Bonnie Henry and Work Safe BC - in other words, no seat swaps and if you cannot attend your fixed time slot, your assigned seat will remain empty. We are taking names to add to our growing Waiting List (via email or phone call to parish office). Fr. Alfredo is considering adding another Mass for those who have been patiently waiting to attend Mass. We are making every effort to accommodate all those who wish to celebrate the Eucharist in person.

**ONLINE MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE** – During this time, we are offering our Marriage Preparation Course fully online, and couples will be able to work through the program at their own pace. The cost is \$125 per couple, and the price also includes an online individualized couple assessment as well as a liturgy planning guide. For more information, go to: <https://bit.ly/3hzgRGW> or find the course on Eventbrite. You may also find the information on the Diocese website. Questions? Contact Louis Melendez at [lmelendez@rcdvictoria.org](mailto:lmelendez@rcdvictoria.org) or 250-479-1331 ext. 237.



If you're interested in going on pilgrimage to pray with the Holy Father and hundreds of thousands of other Catholic young adults (ages 19 –35), Fr. Eduardo Santos & Fr. Harrison Ayre will be organizing this pilgrimage.

Please contact Rebecca at Holy Family Notre Dame: [rc-portalberni@shaw.ca](mailto:rc-portalberni@shaw.ca) or 250-723-8912

### Mass Schedule

at St. Joseph the Worker  
By pre-registration only  
up to 50 people per Mass  
We are accepting names  
on a waiting list

**Weekday Masses**

Monday ~ 7:00pm

Wednesday ~ 7:00pm

Friday ~ 7:00pm

**Weekend Masses**

Saturday ~ 6:00pm

Sunday ~ 11:00am

Sunday ~ 6:00pm

## Newsworthy and Noteworthy

**Any Parishioners interested in assisting in cleaning and sanitizing main church, pews, foyer and restrooms after Masses (during COVID-19), please contact the parish office 250-479-7413. Training is provided.**

**The Views at St. Joseph's**, a non-profit Catholic health care organization, was previously owned and operated by the Bishop of Victoria and is now operated by Providence Living. Bishop Gordon serves as a founding member of the Society. The Views, inspired by the healing ministry of Jesus Christ, is dedicated to meeting the physical, emotional, social and spiritual needs of those served through compassionate care, teaching and research. The Views is committed to maintaining an elder-centered community fostering companionship and opportunities for spontaneous interactions.

The Views was featured in a recent news story (links below) that highlighted the healing power of pets (Merlin would agree)!

- **Global TV:** <https://globalnews.ca/news/7156004/seniors-home-pets-coronavirus/>
- **CKNW:** <https://omny.fm/shows/the-jill-bennett-show/2-46-pm-the-jill-bennett-show>

Jane Murphy, President and CEO, previously served as President and CEO of St. Joseph's Hospital from 2011 to 2017. During Jane's tenure she led the organization through major transitions and will continue to do so at the Views at St. Joseph's, as the Providence Living facility will build one of the provinces first dementia villages and is expected to open in 2024.

**The Social Concerns Office** food bank of The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is in URGENT NEED of egg cartons to distribute bulk eggs they get to their clients. Contact George Pine, Donna Ingram or Debora at their office at 250- 382-0712 to arrange delivery or drop off.



**Masithuthu Garden Upkeep: Tired looking at your 4 walls? Want to dedicate some time to others in need?**

Perform a Corporal Work of Mercy in the peace and quiet of our Masithuthu Garden. Spend your solitude talking with God while tending to the garden by performing such tasks as light weeding, minor harvesting, and "waving to the locals" who constantly walk by. Bring your sunhat, water bottle and sunscreen. All required tools are provided. Best yet - **no experience** is required. Contact Jamie at 250.391.1280, [sjvmasithuthugarden@gmail.com](mailto:sjvmasithuthugarden@gmail.com), or sign up for a slot on our Masithuthu Garden Calendar at the following site: <https://signup.com/go/PbBWSJA>

Due to COVID-19 and necessary social distancing protocols, only those who have signed up are allowed access to the Garden.

## This Week in our Community

### Monday July 20

Parish Office Closed

7:00pm Mass for pre-registered Parishioners

### Tuesday July 21

Parish Office Closed

No Mass

### Wednesday July 22 St. Mary Magdalene, Disciple Of The Lord, Feast

Parish Office Closed

7:00pm Mass for pre-registered Parishioners

Special Int. Dwayne Sequeira

### Thursday July 23

Parish Office Closed

No Mass

### Friday July 24

Parish Office Closed

7:00pm Mass for pre-registered Parishioners

### Saturday July 25 St. James, Apostle

6:00pm Mass for pre-registered Parishioners

Special Int. Selma Sequeira

6:00pm Mass for pre-registered Parishioners

### Sunday July 26 Seventeenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

11:00am Mass for pre-registered Parishioners

6:00pm Mass for pre-registered Parishioners

## Pastoral Ministry Changes and Appointments

Bishop Gary has, in consultation with the Priest Personnel committee, made the following appointment as a result of changes in pastoral ministry:

### **Effective Immediately:**

Fr. Devane Sam, on loan from the Diocese of Bellary, who has been in India since February, will not return to serve in the Diocese of Victoria due to the global pandemic.

### **Effective July 15, 2020:**

Fr. John Vines, retired from the Diocese of Whitehorse, who has provided pastoral ministry at St. Louis de Montfort in Lake Cowichan the last few years, will move to the United States to be closer to his family.

Fr. Mel Bayron, in addition to serving as Pastor of All Saints Parish (Ladysmith and Chemainus), will provide sacramental ministry to St. Louis de Montfort Parish in Lake Cowichan.

We remain grateful for the dedicated and faithful priests who minister in our Diocese as they assume additional responsibilities in service to the People of God. Your support and prayers for the ongoing pastoral needs of our Diocese are greatly appreciated.

Bishop Gary Gordon  
Cynthia Bouchard, Chancellor

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**Contemplative Community**  
**Children's Liturgy of the Word**  
**Children's Religious Education**  
**Development and Peace**  
**Eucharistic Ministry Contact**  
**SJTW Pastoral Care Outreach Ministry**  
**Rite of Christian Initiation(RCIA)**  
**Youth Group - Grades 6 to 12**  
**St. Joseph's 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 Chair**  
**Masithuthukisane/SJTW (2015-2020) Project**  
**Social and Ecological Justice Committee**  
**Parish Pastoral Council**

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