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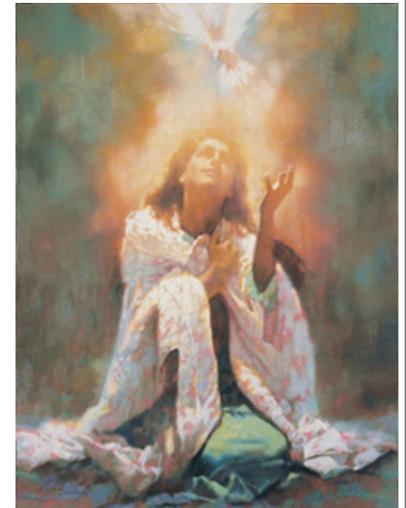
May 8th and 9th 2021

Website: [stjosephtheworkerparish.com](http://stjosephtheworkerparish.com)

*Sixth Sunday Of Easter*

## Now Is The Time

The Gospel this week is a direct continuation of last week's Gospel. Because we are still in the season of Easter it's easy to hear this Gospel and think of it as a post-resurrection discourse. It's not. It's part of a farewell discourse at the Last Supper. He spoke the words while knowing very well what was coming. But even in this potential time of extreme anguish and stress he instructs his disciples to keep his commandments and abide in him, *"...just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in him."*



Jesus abided in the Father. That means he did not fade away or take his eyes off his Father in spite of knowing what was coming in the future. Neither did he fade away to the past with regrets or with resentment against those who never understood him or his message. Jesus knew that in order to be able to follow God's commands to love, forgive and head into his painful future, his only hope was to abide in the Father in the present moment. The present moment was where his Father was and therefore where his source of truth, grace and peace was. Jesus never asks us to do anything that he himself didn't do in his humanity.

"Yeah, but he was God. He had divine resources that we don't have." Really? Did he not come in order to share all the divine resources he was privy to? The priest prays in the Liturgy of the Mass, "By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share in the divinity of Christ who humbled himself to share in our humanity." In a couple of weeks we celebrate Pentecost where Christ shared his divinity with his community. We have all the same resources and graces available to us as he had in his life but those resources and graces are difficult to access if we keep fading away.

Love. Forgive. Abide. It's not easy but it's joy.

Jean Allen

# Ministry liturgical Schedule to be continued at a later date

## What's Happening Around The Diocese

**Mass With the Bishop Live Streamed** from the Diocese of Victoria website go to:

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

- Sunday - 10:00 am
- Monday to Friday - 7:00 pm

### Canada's National Week for Life and Family May 9<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>, 2021:

You probably know that Sunday, May 9<sup>th</sup> is Mother's Day. But did you know it's also the start of the National Week for Life and the Family? The week is celebrated annually by the Church in Canada; this year's theme is "Family, the Domestic Church: A sign of Hope and Life".

Archbishop Richard Gagnon, the President of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, has published a [letter to families](#) to mark the occasion. In it, he talks about the Church's mission to proclaim the good news: "This mission to the world is meant to be carried out not only by bishops, priests, and religious, but it is for lay people and families too". He prays that through the grace of baptism and the intercession of the Holy Family, Catholic families will be able to live their lives as a domestic church. "Empowered by the Holy Spirit, you will be a sign of hope and life attracting others to the beauty of God's saving love in Christ Jesus."

**BURSARIES and AWARDS** are available through the Diocesan website: <https://www.rcdvictoria.org> under Programs. **Deadline for submittals is July 15th.**

### Appointment of New Principal St. Joseph's Elementary School:

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Keefer Pollard as the incoming Principal of St. Joseph's School, effective the 2021-22 school year. Some of you may know Keefer as the Primary French Teacher at the school. What you may not know is that Keefer has been a dedicated long-term employee with CISDV for more than 30 years. Having worked in a number of our schools, he has served as a teacher, vice-principal, principal and most recently as District Principal. Keefer possesses a Bachelor of Education, Master of Education, and a certificate on Religious Education. Keefer is an active member of St. Patrick's Parish here in Victoria and he is looking forward to his new appointment as principal of St. Joseph's School.

[Beverly Pulyk](#)

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** By appointment only. Please call parish office 250-479-7413 to arrange.

**Sacrament of Holy Communion:** Fr. Alfie will be available for Holy Communion only, in the church, on Sundays, from 10am to 12pm (noon).

**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](mailto: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 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**.

**Indoor Worship Services continue to be suspended until further notice at the direction of the Provincial Health Officer.**

**Cancelled**

We will update you on any news as soon as we receive further information.



Here is the latest edition of Fr. Alfie's Table, with a lovely, tasty salad.

Enjoy the video and the dish!

[Italian Salad](#)

### St. Joseph's Conference The Society of St. Vincent de Paul

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## Newsorthy and Noteworthy

*Happy Mother's Day!*  
*We honour and love you*

As restrictions continue, please note that Fr. Alfie will be available on Sundays from 10:00 am until 12:00 noon for **Holy Communion only** in the church. You must sign in when you arrive and observe COVID-19 restrictions and safety protocols. The church is limited to a maximum of 10 persons at a time.



### Oh, How The Garden Grows! (AND SO DO THE WEEDS)

We are looking for volunteers to help with the weeding around the church property, now and during the summer months. If you want to get out of the house and get some sunshine, this is for you! Only qualification is gloves and a trowel. **THERE IS PLENTY TO DO.** Please contact parish office, or better still, just show up and we'll give you a patch.

### Responsible Ministry and Safe Environment



As the weeks and months go by, we are aware that one day, in the future, we will be able to gather again "in person" and continue to volunteer and serve in our parish.

As Bishop Gary recently wrote in a letter to the parishes, "The Diocese has mandated policy, protocols, screening and training for Responsible Ministry and Safe Environment in our communities for many years. The existing policies and protocols were revised as we reconfirm our commitment to ensure a safe environment for all. The RMSE Protocols have been modified in the hope of being clearer and more accessible and the Diocesan website has been updated with information for quick reference."

<https://www.rcdvictoria.org/responsible-ministry>

Please click on the link below to access frequently asked questions (and answers), that will encourage your continued participation and invite new people to volunteer.

[FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS](#)

### Garden Babies for Birthright Plant Sales

Birthright is taking orders now for tomato plants and other edibles, perennials and shrubs. Please see the website below for more details. Orders to be collected from Peggy's Langford greenhouse approximately mid-May.

<https://birthrightvictoria.org/garden-babies-for-birthright-plant-sales/>

Upcoming Date for Sanctioned Collections  
Pope's Pastoral Works May 9, 2021  
<https://www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html>

## This Week in our Community

**Monday May 10**

No Mass

**Tuesday May 11**

No Mass

**Wednesday May 12**

Canada Health Day

Mass celebrated privately

**Thursday May 13**

**Friday May 14 Feast St. Matthias,**

**Apostle**

Mass celebrated privately

**Saturday May 15**

6:00pm Mass live-streamed

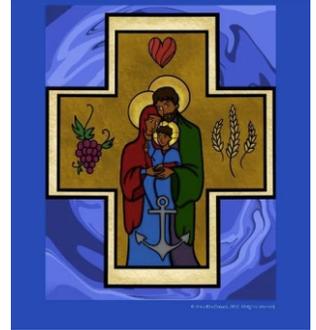
**Sunday May 16 The Ascension Of The Lord**

Pope's Pastoral Works

World Communications Day

Mass celebrated privately

Family, the Domestic Church:  
A Sign of Hope and Life



### Mass Intentions

May 12 - + Tara Miron

May 14 - + Thomas Gibbons

May 15 - + Rose Aline Leclair/+ Joe & Jose Manuel Delima

### St. Joseph and Sacred Heart Regular Sunday Mass Celebrations

live-streamed every week on Saturdays at 6:00pm  
will alternate weekly between both parishes

April 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> & May 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>

[Please click here for the link to live-streamed Masses](#)

### How To Donate On-Line

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- 1) Go to your on-line banking site
- 2) Select Transfer/Pay bills
- 3) Select e-transfer (or electronic transfer)
- 4) Follow the steps outlined by your bank
- 5) Send funds to [sjtwp@rcdvictoria.org](mailto:sjtwp@rcdvictoria.org)  
No password is needed
- 6) Any special instructions may be added to notes/memo

**Credit Cards:**

Click on attached form and complete:

[PAD for Credit Card Donations](#)

**Pre-authorized Debit:**

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[PAD Agreement](#)

## Contacts in the Parish

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**Youth Group - Grades 6 to 12**  
**St. Joseph's School**  
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**Knights of Columbus**  
**St. Vincent de Paul**

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