



# St. Joseph the Worker Parish

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December 10th and 11th, 2016

*Third Sunday of Advent*

*O Lord, we beg Thee incline Thy ear to our prayers and enlighten the darkness of our minds by the grace of Thy visitation. Through Christ our Lord Amen.*



*Thank You Fr. Alfie and St. Joseph the Worker Parish!*

We are pleased and extremely grateful to Fr. Alfie and St. Joseph the Worker Parish for their generous sharing of the proceeds from the Ministry of Transportation's 4.6 million dollar expropriation of the land required for the McKenzie Interchange.

The proceeds from this sale has been allocated by Fr. Alfie and St. Joseph's Parish to the following priorities:

1. Re-paving the parking lot
2. Repaying the remaining loan on the parish addition
3. Building a joint facility that would house our Music Program. Preschool, and a multipurpose room(s) shared with the parish
4. Establish an endowment fund to assist with providing tuition assistance for St. Joseph's Elementary School students.

There is no obligation on the part of the parish to share this windfall with the school, but in the true sense of community, Fr. Alfie and the parish have made a tremendously generous gesture in support of Catholic education in general, and St. Joseph's Elementary school. Our heart-felt thanks go out to them!

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**2016 DIOCESAN APPEAL "ROCK THE MISSION!"**

**WE DID IT, WE DID IT!!!**

**CONGRATULATIONS! WE HAVE SURPASSED OUR GOAL!**

***Thank you for all of your efforts with the 2016 Appeal***

***We will receive the next official update from the Diocese on December 21st and print it in the weekend bulletin following.***

# Ministry Liturgical Schedule..December 17th & 18th, 2016

	Saturday 5:00 pm	Sunday 10:00 am	Sunday 6:00 pm
<b>Altar Servers</b> Coordinator-Pam Corpus	MC B. Newton, L. Torok A. Lebedynsky-Fraser	MC M. Edwardson C. Mykyte, J. Edwardson	MC H. Evangelista A. McRae, N. Sabado
<b>Hospitality Ministers</b> Coordinator-Karen Douglas	U. Betts J. Betts	PL. Ross J. Ross	D. Walker
<b>Lectors</b> Coordinator-Linda Chatton	M. Kelland W. Kyle	J. DiCatri S. DiCatri	B. Douglas K. Douglas
<b>Ushers</b> Coordinator-Maryellen Trudeau	M. Trudeau, D. Stevens J. Green, L. VanDyk	B. Quinn, J. Ross J. Vukovic, L. Bartle	tbd
<b>Presenters of the Gifts</b> Coordinator-Ursule Betts	U. Betts J. Betts	N. Rainaldi E. Rainaldi	tbd
<b>Children's Liturgy</b> Coordinator-Martin Poulin	<b>Seeds 10:00 Mass</b> tbd	<b>Promise 10:00am Mass</b> F. DeMontigny	<b>Good News 10:00am Mass</b> tbd
<b>Vacuums</b> Coordinator-Ralph Scheurle	F. Fernandes J. Fernandes		
<b>Music Ministry</b>	Steve and Michelle	Jen and Shawn	Couples for Christ
<b>Hospital Ministers</b> Coordinator-Denise Kyfiuk		S. Flaherty C. MacDonald	

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Saturday at 4:15-4:45 pm or by appointment.  
**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 to be held on Saturday, **January 21st 2017**. Next Baptisms will take place on **January 28th/29th**. All 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:** Contact the Parish Office at 250-479-7413 for more 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 or VGH/RJ hospital emergency pager 250-889-3761 and ask for Fr. Ian Stuart to make this request.  
**From today's Gospel:** Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he." (Matthew 11:11)  
**Question for Adults:** What would Jesus see to praise about you right now?  
**Question for Children:** What good thing have you done so far during Advent to be like Jesus?

**Third Simbang Gabi in Victoria - December 15th - 23rd** at St. Patrick's Church. Novena at 6:00pm. On Saturday, December 17th, Mass will be at 5:00pm. For more information contact Fr. Vince 250-813-3402.

**The St. Patrick's Youth Ministry leaders and youth** would like to invite everyone, especially the senior parishioners, to a Christmas Party - **December 16th**, 7:00-8:30pm in St. Patrick's Parish Hall. The youth will be setting up tables with themes such as: gift wrapping, technology support, cards and board games, chapel buddies etc. Bring your whole family to this festive evening of Christmas cheer and joy. P.S. - The best ugly Christmas sweater will win a prize! For more information - email: [stpatsyouthmin@gmail.com](mailto:stpatsyouthmin@gmail.com)

**Grade 5 Christmas Bottle Drive** in conjunction **with The Knights of Columbus Christmas Tree Chipping** - Many thanks to the Knights of Columbus for offering this wonderful opportunity to raise funds to help offset the cost of the Grade 5's class trip to Camp Pringle June 2017. Dates: Saturday, **December 31st** 2016 and **January 7th**, 2017 from 10:00am to 2:00pm in St. Joseph's Parking Lot. See bulletin board for details.

**Advent Carol Service at St. Andrew's High School** - Come on out Wednesday, **December 14th** at 7:00 pm to enjoy an evening of seasonal celebration with our award winning choir, concert and jazz bands as well as performances from our drama department. Their will also be wonderful gift baskets raffled off with all proceeds going to our music department.

## Mass Schedule

### Weekday Masses

Monday ~ **No Mass**  
 Tuesday ~ 9:30am  
 Wednesday ~ 9:30am  
 Thursday ~ 9:30am  
 Friday ~ 9:30am  
 Saturday ~ 5:00pm  
 Sunday ~ 10:00am & 6:00pm

### N.B. Victoria 2017 Pastoral Care Outreach Program

sessions will be held on Feb. 11th, Mar 18th @ St. Patrick's Parish. April 15th and May 20th @ St. Joseph the Worker.

### 7 Sacraments of the Church

13 week course begins Tuesday **Jan. 3rd** @ 7:00pm - 9:00pm  
 St. Andrew's Cathedral  
 register: [rookept@shaw.ca](mailto:rookept@shaw.ca)  
 or call 250-388-5571 to acquire Patricia's phone #

### Save The Date

*Rocking Good Fun-Raiser*  
 in support of SJTW  
 Masithuthukisane Project  
 and St. Joseph School Parent's  
 Advisory Group (PAG)  
 Dinner and Dance  
 \$25.00/person  
 Dinner prepared by our very  
 own "Chef Fr. Alfredo"  
 Feb 10th at 7:00pm  
 St. Joseph the Worker  
 Parish Hall

## Newsorthy and Noteworthy

**Please Note: Christmas Office Hours**  
**The Parish Office will be closed from:**  
**Monday, December 26th to:**  
**Tuesday, January 3rd**  
**The Parish Office will re-open on:**  
**Wednesday, January 4th**

**2017 Collection Envelopes** are ready for pick up at the back of the church. **After December 31st**, please discard all 2016 envelopes. Any parishioner who did not receive a box and would like one, please contact parish office (including those donating through PAD and Credit Card).

**Christmas Flower Donations** - Envelopes are ready at the back of the church for those who wish to contribute to our Christmas floral display. Print your "In Memory/Intention of" a loved one, write your envelope # in space provided and drop in collection basket.

**Senior's Lunch Bunch** - Come and join us on Wednesday, **December 14th** for our last one before the New Year! To sign up, please contact Allan Sequeira at 479-2333.

**St. Vincent de Paul's monthly collection is next week December 17th and 18th.** This will also be our Christmas collection for single parent families so please open your hearts. St. Vincent donation envelopes for those wanting receipts are available in rack beside office and in foyer of church. God bless you and your families and may He bring all of you peace and joy during this season of hope and love. From all of us at St. Josephs Conference of The Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

**Message from Parish Social Eco-justice Committee - Three days to go!** You won't want to miss this opportunity to hear the **Arbutus Choir** and support our parish outreach project - **Thembalethu**. We look forward to seeing you here, at St. Joe's, on Wednesday, **December 14th** at 7:30pm.

**Anawim welcomes your financial donations and also Christmas gifts** for the poor this Christmas Season. Christmas Trees are available. Thank you for being partners with us in caring for God's precious poor, the anawim.

**Coats for Kids** - The Knights of Columbus have a few remaining new coats of various sizes. If you are in need or know of anyone please contact Ron Vincent at (250) 889-5736 or email [rmjvincent@gmail.com](mailto:rmjvincent@gmail.com)

### Up Coming Events & Start Dates

Dec 14	12:00 noon Senior's Christmas Lunch Bunch
Dec 14	7:30pm Jenny Daniels Memorial Thembalethu Christmas Concert featuring the Arbutus Singers
Dec 18	11:15am K of C Pancake Breakfast
Dec 24	<b>Christmas Eve</b> Family Mass - 6:00pm Vigil Mass - 8:30pm Midnight Mass
Dec 25	<b>Christmas Day</b> Mass 10:00am
Dec 31	<b>New Year's Eve Mass</b> 5:00pm
Dec 31	10:00am Gr 5 Bottle Drive and Knights of Columbus Tree Chipping
Jan 1	<b>New Year's Day</b> Mass 10:00am and 6:00pm
Jan 7	10:00am Gr 5 Bottle Drive and Knights of Columbus Tree Chipping

## This Week in our Community

**Monday December 12 Feast Our Lady Of Guadalupe Patron Of The Americas**  
**Parish Office Closed**

**No Mass**

10:00am CWL Movie Day - Church Hall

7:00pm Pivotal Leaders - Church, Community Room

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

**Tuesday December 13 Memorial St. Lucy, Virgin,**

**Martyr**

9:30am Mass + Regina D'Souza

7:00pm - Couples for Christ Choir Practice - Church

7:00pm Social Eco Justice Committee Meeting - Community Room

**Wednesday December 14 Memorial St. John Of The Cross, Priest, Doctor**

9:30am Mass + Angela Pereira

12:00 noon Senior's Lunch Bunch - Church Hall

7:00pm - RCIA - Rectory

7:30pm Jenny Daniels Memorial Thembalethu Christmas Concert with the Arbutus Singers - Church

**Thursday December 15**

9:30am Mass + Cora Valentin

7:00pm Christian Rocks Choir Practice - check your email

**Friday December 16**

9:30am Mass + Mary Symons

10:00am Adoration followed by Benediction - Come and adore and listen - Church

**Saturday December 17**

10:00am Contemplative Community - Rectory

5:00pm Mass Special Int. Paul Fitzgerald

Baptism Thea Walton

6:00pm Youth Ministry - School Gym - last one before New Year - will resume January 14, 2017

**Sunday December 18 Fourth Sunday of Advent**

10:00am Mass

11:15am K of C Pancake Breakfast

11:15am No Catechism/Sacramental Prep Classes

6:00pm Mass + Teresa Sequeira

### Arabic Translators Required

The Diocese of Victoria is seeking the kind assistance of Arabic speakers as conversational interpreters, to help volunteer parish refugee settlement committees in preparation for the anticipated arrival, sometime in the New Year, of eight to nine Syrian families. If you are fluent in Arabic and English, and are available to volunteer in this capacity, please contact Jim O'Reilly, Religious Education Coordinator, at the Pastoral Centre 250-479-1331, or [jeoreilly@redvictoria.org](mailto:jeoreilly@redvictoria.org).

Under Diocesan Policy, all volunteers, including interpreters, must be screened and approved to work with children and vulnerable adults. This process includes the completion of a Volunteer Application Form, signing a Covenant of Care Agreement and applying for and receiving a criminal record check Clearance Letter from the BC Ministry of Justice, Criminal Record Review Program.

# Contacts in the Parish

## Pastor

Administrative Assistant/Secretary

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Diocesan Responsible Ministry Coordinator

Altar Server Training/Coordinator

Baptism

Contemplative Community

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Children's Religious Education

Development and Peace

Eucharistic Ministry of the Liturgy

SJTW Pastoral Care Outreach Ministry

Rite of Christian Initiation(RCIA)

Jesus Youth - Grades 8 to 12

St. Joseph's School

Catholic Women's League(CWL)

Knights of Columbus

St. Vincent de Paul

Building and Maintenance Committee

Coffee/Hospitality Committee

Finance Committee

Lector Schedule Coordinator

Lector Training Coordinator

Liturgy Committee

Masithuthukisane/SJTW (2015-2020) Project

Social and Ecological Justice Committee

Parish Pastoral Council

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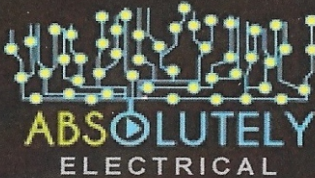
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