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December 15th and 16th 2018

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Third Sunday Of Advent

On this *Gaudete* Sunday, we rejoice as we look forward to the return of Christ. His coming in glory fills us with confidence and prayer - all fear is removed and our hearts sing for joy.

Zephaniah presents a vision of a great festival where God's love and forgiveness will be celebrated and his mercy shared with all. Saint Paul reminds the Philippians to be happy and prayerful as they await the return of Christ. John the Baptist proclaims the good news of the kingdom in the Gospel, and challenges his listeners to act with justice and generosity.

Daily Universal Prayer and Commentary



***We've done it! We have reached our goal!!!
Congratulations to all those who contributed
to the Diocesan Appeal.***

**We have exceeded our goal of \$54,000
Total pledged to date: \$55,946.13
Number of Gifts: 155
% of Goal Pledged: 103.60%**

Ministry Liturgical Schedule December 22nd and 23rd, 2018

	Saturday 5:00 pm	Sunday 10:00 am	Sunday 6:00 pm
Altar Servers Coordinator-Jeanine Woodman	MC B. Newton M. Zidek, J. Price	MC J. Grohovac A. Blair, C. Mykyte	MC M. Faber S. Faber
Hospitality Ministers Coordinator-Karen Douglas	C. Hunt M. Wood	R. Garman J. Parks	B. McCloskey K. McCloskey
Lectors Coordinator-Linda Chatton	L. Chatton M. Kelland	R. Baillet A. Grohovac	S. Fitzmaurice G. Palahicky
Ushers ** recruit Presenters of Gifts Coordinator- looking for one	M. Trudeau, W. Burgess T. Butler, J. Aquino **	J. Ross, S. Leckie A. Vandekerkhove **	tbd
Children's Liturgy Coordinator-Martin Poulin	Seeds 10:00am Mass Christmas Break	Promise 10:00am Mass Christmas Break	Good News 10:00am Mass Christmas Break
Vacuuumers Coordinator-Ralph Scheurle	M. Sullivan		
Music Ministry	Jen and Shawn	Christian Rocks	Angela Faber Wing and A Prayer
Hospital Ministers Coordinator-Denise Kyfiuk		tbd	

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 which will be held on **January 19th, 2019**. 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.

From today's Gospel: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. (Philippians 4:4-5)

Adults: To whom have your past acts of kindness brought joy? What act of kindness could you do this week?

Children: What kind thing have you done for someone lately? Whom could you make happy by your kindness this week?

Celebrate a French Christmas at St. Jean-Baptiste Parish! Join Fr. Rolf Hasenack O.P. on **Christmas Day**, beginning with Carolling at 1pm followed by Christmas Mass at 1:30pm. Then stay and enjoy a Christmas Potluck after Mass. Continue the festivities on January 1st, 2019 at 1:30pm with a New Year Mass, followed by another sumptuous potluck.

St. Joseph's School Grade 5 Christmas Bottle Drive and K of C Christmas Tree Chipping on Saturday, **December 29th** and Saturday, **January 5th**, from 10:00am to 2:00pm in St. Joseph's School Parking lot. Bring any beverage containers that have a recycling surcharge (beer bottles/cans, alcohol bottles, wine bottles/bag in a box, pop bottles/cans, juice boxes/cartons; water bottles). Please no milk or milk type containers.

HOSPITAL EMERGENCY CALLS: Please note that Fr. Ian Stuart, Hospital Chaplain, is currently on medical leave from his responsibilities. At the moment, eight different pastors in Victoria, in addition to their regular duties, will carry the hospital phone for emergency calls only (250-889-3761) on a weekly rotation basis.

Bishop Gary Gordon's Letter to Executive Director, Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace is posted up our our parish website and bulletin board. It mentions "that a moratorium is in place for funding partners who are not clearly promoting integral human development in communion with the expressed faith and morals of the Catholic Church. We are now pleased to send our 2018 Share Lent Campaign collection". Please go to our parish website to read the entire letter.

New event coming to Our Lady of the Rosary Parish in Langford! Join us for our first annual "Men's Supper" on Saturday, **January 26th**, 2019. Doors open at 6:00pm and dinner at 6:30pm. The evening will consist of dinner, drinks (Your favorite beer!). Guest Speakers Fr. Dean Henderson and Danny Brock, prizes! and car show! Call or email Tyson Babcock for tickets (\$20 each, dinner included) or more information, 250-818-1503 or tyson.babcock@gmail.com.

Mass Schedule
Weekday Masses
Monday ~ No Mass
 Tuesday ~ 9:30am
 Wednesday ~ 9:30am
School Mass
 Thursday ~ 9:30am
 Friday ~ 9:30am
 Saturday ~ 5:00pm
 Sunday ~ 10:00am
 Sunday ~ 6:00pm

Anawim House welcomes your financial donations and also Christmas gifts of new clothing for the poor to be placed in the Christmas box at the entrance of the church during the Advent Season.

Christmas Trees on sale now at Anawim House

Thank you for being partners with us in caring for God's precious poor, the "anawim".

For Rent
 St. Joseph the Worker
 Parish Hall
 \$75.00/per hour or
 \$500.00/event
 Contact the Parish Office
 @ 250-479-7413 or
sjtwoffice@shaw.ca
 for more information

Newsorthy and Noteworthy

Please note:

St. Joseph the Worker Parish office **will be closed** for the Christmas break from:

Monday, December 24th through Tuesday, January 1st

The parish office **will reopen** on:

Wednesday, January 2nd, 2019

There will be no bulletin printed the weekend of December 29th/30th 2018

Thank you all who came out to support the Children's Shelter in Thembalethu and listen to the fabulous Arbutus Choir. Our concert, plus donations, brought in \$6761.05. That will go a long way for these children. (Social Eco-Justice Committee)

Thank you to all who contributed donations to the Angel Event 2018. We collected over 100 gifts for Women In Need in our Victoria community. (JoAnne Di Castri)

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

FROM ST. ANDREW'S REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL - Come and celebrate the reason for the season with Advent carols and readings by the award-winning music ensembles from St. Andrew's Regional High School. Our annual Advent raffle featuring chocolate, spa items, coffee and more will also take place following the performances. All are welcome to join us at 7pm on **Wednesday, December 19th** in the school gym!

Save the date! February 9th, 2019. Enjoy a FUN-filled, community building, family Valentine Dinner and Barn Dance in the school gym. Tickets will be on sale starting **January 5/6, 2019**. More details to follow. All proceeds to benefit the SJTW/Masithuthukisane organic farming project to help feed the poor in South Africa and St. Joseph's School (PAG) for student needs. Contact the parish office: (250) 479-7413 or sjtwoffice@shaw.ca
Save the date for a Liturgy Matters Workshop on Saturday, **February 23rd** at Ascension Parish in Parksville and a Credible Christian Course starting **January 23rd** for 6 evenings at the Pastoral Centre. More information and registration on the Diocesan Website. <https://www.redvictoria.org/> or gpalahicky@redvictoria.org

Up Coming Events & Start Dates

Dec 19	7:00pm Advent Carol Service - St. Andrew's Regional High School Gym
Dec. 24	Christmas Eve 6:00pm Family Mass (with pageant) 8:30pm Vigil Mass 12:00am Midnight Mass
Dec. 25	Christmas Day 10:00am Mass
Dec. 31	New Year's Eve 6:00pm Mass
Jan. 1	New Year's Day 10:00am Mass
Dec 29/Jan 5	10:00am K of C Tree Chipping and St. Joseph's School Grade 5 Christmas Bottle Drive
Jan 23	Credible Christian Course - Pastoral Centre
Feb 9	Valentine Dinner and Barn Dance - St. Joseph Elementary School Gym

This Week in our Community

Monday December 17

Parish Office Closed

No Mass

Tuesday December 18

9:30am Mass + Teresa Sequeira

6:30pm St. Vincent de Paul Meeting - Community Room

7:00pm Christian Rocks Choir Practice - Church

7:00pm Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Reconciliation

Wednesday December 19

9:30am School Mass + John Mendes

7:00pm Couples for Christ Choir Practice - Church

Thursday December 20

9:30am Mass + Walter Slugoski

Manna Gathering Discussion Group - starts up again

January 10 2019

Friday December 21

9:30am Mass + Mary LaPierre

Adoration from 10:00am to noon - Come and adore and listen - Church

Saturday December 22

10:00am Contemplative Community - Community Room

5:00pm Mass + Reid Kyfiuk

Youth Group starts up again on January 12 2019

Sunday December 23 Fourth Sunday Of Advent

no Catechism Classes

10:00am Mass

11:15am Sunday Coffee - Community Room

6:00pm Mass Special Int. Members of the Monacelli

Family Living and Deceased

2019 Envelopes are ready for pick up at the back of the church. Please DO NOT USE UNTIL JANUARY. After December 31st, please discard all 2018 envelopes. Any parishioner who did not receive a box and would like one, please contact parish office.

The Victoria Monthly Community Rosary will take place on Friday, **December 22nd** at 7:00pm, here at St. Joseph the Worker Parish. Please join us for praising songs, prayer requests, Angelus/angel prayer, Rosary/Hail Holy Queen, etc. Family, friends and all are invited. For more information, please contact Marie Fabiola at mf7777@live.ca

Pastoral Care Sessions Continued

(9:00 am - 3:00 pm) at St. Peter's Parish

Saturday, **January 19, 2019** Session 3:

The Grieving Process and Ministering to Families

Saturday, **February 23** 2019, Session 4:

Who "Am I as a Pastoral Care Visitor?"

Bring a bag lunch.

To register, call the parish office 250-753-3570 or email

stpetersnainimo@shaw.ca

"Friendship the experience of an Encounter".



Youth Group

**Back on
January 12th**

Contacts in the Parish

Pastor

Admin Assistant/Secretary/Bookkeeper
Custodian
Diocesan Responsible Ministry Coordinator
Altar Server Training/Coordinator
Baptism
Contemplative Community
Children's Liturgy of the Word
Children's Religious Education
SJTW Pastoral Care Outreach Ministry
Development and Peace
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
Building and Maintenance Committee
Coffee/Hospitality Committee
Finance Committee Chair
Lector Schedule Coordinator
Lector Training Coordinator
Liturgy Committee
Masithuthukisane/SJTW (2015-2020) Project
Social and Ecological Justice Committee
Parish Pastoral Council

Fr. Alfredo Monacelli

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