



St. Joseph the Worker Parish

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December 12th and 13th 2020

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Third Sunday Of Advent

Just Who Do You Think You Are?

If anyone asks us the above question today we know it's not a friendly question; it's an abrasive challenge. It's meant to point out to us that we are not as important as we think we are.



The three characters in the three readings on this Gaudete Sunday, Isaiah, Mary and John, have beautiful perspectives not only on who they think they are, but also on who they *know* they are, knowledge that causes them to rejoice and leads them to inner joy. They are not the moon; they are fingers pointing to the moon. They are not the One Who is to Come; they are the exultant proclaimers of his coming. Just because they are not the Christ and don't consider themselves to be the most central figure in whatever is happening to them doesn't mean that they don't fully grasp how utterly blessed and beloved they are by God.

Isaiah claims he is anointed but he knows he's not anointed to be an important man. His exultant anointing is to serve and point to the one who will be the True Servant. Mary acknowledges her lowliness but knows that her exultant anointing is to be a vessel of Christ. John says he is not fit to untie the thong on Christ's sandal but understands that his exultant anointing is to bear witness to the one who is the Christ.

Not one of them claimed importance or status. John said in another text, "I must decrease and he must increase." They all knew they were not the main character but in this knowledge they did not resent their lack of status, which would make it difficult to rejoice. They rejoiced in how beloved they were and this led them to deep inner joy. All three of them could have claimed they had rights: a right to be treated as an important person, a right to be heard and not challenged, a right to dignity and freedom. But insisting on rights doesn't bring joy. Rejoicing in who you really are brings joy.

You are Beloved.

Jean Allen

Ministry liturgical Schedule to be continued at a later date

WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE DIOCESE

The Canadian Catholic Indigenous Council, founded by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) in 1998, proposed that the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe (December 12) be a National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples. Please find below the link to the Diocesan blog post for this week which features St. Ann's Parish in Duncan.

<https://www.rcdvictoria.org/diocesanblog/st.-anns-duncan-open-hearts-and-minds>

ADVENT MISSION with Bishop Gary: The Bishop will lead an Advent Mission entitled "Light on the Horizon" reflecting on the Luminous Mysteries from **December 14-18, 2020** following the live-streamed Masses at 7 pm from St. Andrew's Cathedral. The live-stream may be accessed via the Diocesan website or the link below:

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

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

2020 Horizon of Hope Diocesan Appeal

Many, Many Thanks to all who have donated to the Bishop's Appeal!

Total pledged to date: \$65,403.42

All donations received prior to December 31st will generate an income tax receipt for 2020

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

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 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**.

St. Joseph's Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul

The needs of the less fortunate is great and carries on during Christmas and the pandemic. Be it through the food cart in the back of the church, donations in person or on-line to St Vincent de Paul, your donations are appreciated ever so much... Thank you for your generosity! "If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one." St. Mother Teresa.

Please email stephanie.jm.peters@gmail.com with questions.

To donate on line please visit <https://www.ssvpancouverisland.ca>

Christmas 2020 at Anawim House

This year we are not able to have our Christmas boxes in the church for donations. We still need donations of new clothing, underwear, toiletries and food items. Donations can be dropped off at Anawim House 973 Caledonia Ave (V8T 2E7) or you can contact us at info@anawimhouse.com to make arrangements. If you would like to make a financial donation you can send in mail to Anawim House (see address above) or donate through <https://www.canadahelps.org>

Local fresh cut Christmas trees will be available at the house **from November 27th on**.

Click here to read our newsletter: [Anawim Winter 2020 Newsletter](#)

Mass Schedule

All Masses are suspended until further notice

By pre-registration only up to 50 people per Mass

Weekday Masses

Monday ~ 7:00pm

Wednesday ~ 7:00pm

Friday ~ 7:00pm

Saturday ~ 7:00pm

Sunday ~ 7:00am

Sunday ~ 9:00am

Sunday ~ 11:00am

Sunday ~ 6:00pm

Sunday ~ 9:00am

Sunday ~ 11:00am

Sunday ~ 6:00pm



We hope you are trying the recipes from Fr. Alfie, enjoying the process, and sharing the meal with your family. Thank you for watching.

[Duck à l'Orange](#)

Newsworthy and Noteworthy

Please be advised that all Masses will remain suspended until January 8, 2021, due to the latest announcement issued on December 7th, by Dr. Bonnie Henry and the Ministry of Health.

The parish office remains open during regular hours of operation.

Masks are required upon entering the premises.

Job Posting: Superintendent (CISDV)

Please click on link below to read about the above posting:

[Job Posting Superintendent CISDV](#)

A full description of the role of the Superintendent is available at:

https://www.cisdv.bc.ca/Policy_Manual/Nov_2016_300s/301_Superintendent_Role_Mar_2012.pdf

Interested applicants are invited to forward a cover letter, a current resume, two letters of reference, and a letter of recommendation from their pastor by **February 8, 2021** to: Diocese of Victoria – Superintendent Search Committee
Attention: Fr. William Hann, Episcopal Vicar for Catholic Schools

4044 Nelthorpe Street

Victoria, BC V8X 2A1

Email: jobs@rcdvictoria.org

We thank all applicants for their interest, only those short-listed for an interview will be contacted.

I Heard God Laugh

Thank you Gordon and Theresa Philips for your generous gift of the book "*I Heard God Laugh*" to St. Joseph the Worker and Sacred Heart parishioners.

"IS YOUR LIFE WORKING? Most of us are trying to put together the jigsaw puzzle we call life without a very important piece. Over time this becomes incredibly frustrating. In this extraordinary book, Matthew Kelly powerfully demonstrates that we cannot live the life we have imagined, or experience the joy we yearn for, unless we learn to tend the soul. From there, with his classic style of practical wisdom, he teaches us how to remedy this problem".

This book is an invitation to flourish and thrive like never before.

The gifted books are available for pickup at the parish office during office hours.

Knights of Columbus Charity Appeal Ticket Sales

Due to COVID-19 the Charity Appeal Program for this year has moved to an on-line platform. Funds raised under this program are donated to a variety of Knights of Columbus charitable causes at the provincial and local Victoria levels. Please click on <https://kofcdraw.net/c13356> to purchase your ticket on-line. You can also visit our parish website under the Knights of Columbus Charity Appeal page to purchase your ticket. Thank you for your support. Any questions, please contact Gary (garys235@outlook.com)

This Week in our Community

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

Parish Office Closed

No Mass

Tuesday December 15

Mass celebrated privately

Wednesday December 16

Mass celebrated privately

Thursday December 17

Mass celebrated privately

Friday December 18

Mass celebrated privately

+ Teresa Sequeira

Saturday December 19

6:00pm Live Stream Mass

+ Edward (Ted) Adamowski

Sunday December 20 Fourth Sunday Of Advent

Mass celebrated privately

St. Joseph the Worker Parish Has Gone Live-Stream!

Saturday 6:00pm Mass will be live-streamed every week

[Please click here for the link to the live-streamed Mass on our website](#)

Do you love working with children? Would you want to work casually?

Island Catholic Schools is looking for on-call Educational Assistants. For more information visit:

<http://cisdv.bc.ca/employment-opportunities.php>

How To Donate On-Line

Online and remote options are available for those who can contribute:

Canada Helps online donation platform:

Click on the following link:

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/129950804R0024-st-josephs-parish/>

(immediate electronic tax receipt issued by Canada Helps)

E transfers:

Go to your on-line banking site and follow the steps outlined by your bank. Direct funds to:

developmentoffice@rcdvictoria.org

In the memo/description box include your name, address and name "St. Joseph the Worker Parish" as the parish you would like the funds donated to.

Credit Cards:

Click on attached form and complete:

[PAD for Credit Card Donations](#)

Pre-authorized Debit:

Click on attached form and complete:

[PAD Agreement](#)

We are very grateful that you are part of our Catholic parish family. May God bless you and your families.

Contacts in the Parish

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Admin Assistant/Secretary/Bookkeeper
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Responsible Ministry Coordinator
Altar Server Training/Coordinator
Baptism
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Children's Liturgy of the Word
Children's Religious Education
Eucharistic Ministry Contact
SJTW Pastoral Care Outreach Ministry
Development and Peace
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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
Social and Ecological Justice Committee
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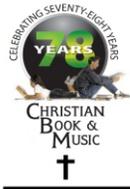
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