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## People Of The Dawn

JEAN ALLEN

This is Gaudete Sunday, a reminder to rejoice that the coming of the Lord is near. At first glance, the Gospel where John is telling various groups what they need to do to produce good fruit, seems to have little to do with rejoicing. However, John's simple instructions to share, to not extort money and to be satisfied with what they have somehow created great hope in the people. The religious expectations placed on them up until then must have been soul crushing. When dark and heavy complexity is changed to light-filled simplicity, something happens to the spirit. Rejoicing happens.

The Gospel says that after listening to John the people were filled with expectation. That's what hope does. It creates a sense of goodness and rightness to come and makes us look beyond the messy and stressful tensions of day-to-day life. It makes us anticipate the Light. It fills the heart with rejoicing.

The Advent Wreath has 3 dark purple candles and one pink one, which is lit on Gaudete Sunday. Everyone knows this. We've seen it all our lives. But on this Gaudete Sunday, look closely at the Wreath and contemplate how that pink candle is like a pure and simple light in the darkness. It seems to whisper, "He is coming! Yes! He is coming!" That one candle is like the pink glimmer of dawn in a dark purple holy night. It is the promise of the simplicity of a new day.

Simple does not mean easy but it does mean that the answer you seek to all your wounds and struggles is not dark, heavy and complex. Sometimes we can't see the glimmer of dawn because we don't recognize how simple hope can be. Hope lifts burdens; it doesn't add to them. Look to the dawn, allow yourself to hope...

...And rejoice!



## The Week of Dec 13 to Dec 19 in our Community

Monday December 13 Memorial St. Lucy, Virgin, Martyr  
Parish Office Closed  
No Mass

Tuesday December 14 Memorial St. John Of the Cross,  
Priest, Doctor  
6:00pm Mass + Jim Redmond

Wednesday December 15  
6:00pm Mass + Joe Hammacher

Thursday December 16  
9:00am Mass

Friday December 17  
9:00am Mass + Norman Lowes  
10:00am - 12:00 noon Adoration

Saturday December 18  
5:00pm Mass + Teresa Sequeira  
6:00pm Youth Group in School Gym

Sunday December 19 Fourth Sunday Of Advent  
10:00am Mass  
6:00pm Mass + Carlos Pinentel

## CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

Friday, Dec. 24 ~ Christmas Eve  
The Nativity of the Lord

5:00 pm Family Mass  
7:00 pm Family Mass  
9:00 pm Early Vigil Mass  
12:00 pm Midnight Mass (Incense)

Saturday, Dec. 25 ~ Christmas Day  
The Nativity of the Lord

10:00 am Mass

Sunday, Dec. 26 ~  
Feast of the Holy Family

10:00 am  
6:00 pm

Friday, Dec. 31 ~ New Year's Eve

5:00 pm

Saturday, Jan. 1 ~ New Year's Day  
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

10:00 am  
5:00 pm

St. Joseph the Worker  
Regular Sunday Mass  
live-streamed

Click below to watch:

Saint Joseph the Worker - Victoria,  
B.C. - YouTube

\*Mass With the Bishop

Live-Streamed from the Diocese of  
Victoria website  
go to:

[www.youtube.com/RCDVictoriaLiveOne](http://www.youtube.com/RCDVictoriaLiveOne)

Sunday - 9:30 am  
Monday to Friday - 7:00 pm

\*Please refer to Page 6 of bulletin for  
changes to Bishop's Livestream Schedule

# ADVENT

## AWAITING OF THE HEART

### **During Advent Fr. Alfie will be available for Reconciliation on:**

Tuesday and Wednesday - 5:00 pm (before 6:00 pm Mass)  
Thursday and Friday - following 9 am Mass  
Saturday - 4:00 pm (before 5:00 pm Mass)  
Sunday - 5:00 pm (before 6:00 pm Mass)

After each Mass we will pray The Angelus, as a sign of our hearts awaiting for Christ.

### **During Advent Fr. Sean Flynn will be celebrating Mass on:**

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 6:30 am  
**All are welcome.**

### **Sacred Heart Advent Parish Mission Save these dates!**

Theme: Sufferance and Forgiveness  
Tues, Dec 14 to Thurs, Dec 16 - at 6 pm

### **Sacred Heart Parish Advent Reconciliation**

Thursday, Dec 16th at 6:00 pm followed by Mass  
**All are welcome.**



**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Fr. Alfie will be available for Reconciliation, in the church, 1/2 hour before evening Masses on Saturday and Sunday, or by appointment. Please call parish office 250-479-7413 to arrange. Please see above regarding Advent.

**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 is 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.**

Rejoice!

The parish office is open during regular hours of operation  
Tuesday through Friday - 8:30am to 3:30pm  
(with the exception of stat holidays)

**\*Please Note correction:**

The parish office will be closed for the Christmas break from:  
**Monday, Dec. 27th through \*Monday, Jan. 10th**  
Office will reopen on **\*Tuesday, Jan. 11th**  
Bulletin will resume on weekend of **\*Jan. 15/16th**

We now require face coverings for all people born in 2016 or earlier  
(ages 5 yrs and up) for all activities in church buildings in the  
Diocese of Victoria, including worship services.  
Bishop Gary Gordon

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## Donation Options

CANADA HELPS ONLINE DONATION:  
[DONATE NOW - ST JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISH](https://www.canadahelps.org/donate-now-st-joseph-the-worker-parish)  
([CANADAHELPS.ORG](https://www.canadahelps.org))



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CANADA HELPS)

E TRANSFERS: FOLLOW STEPS OUTLINED ON YOUR ON-  
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[SJTWPARISH@RCDVICTORIA.ORG](mailto:SJTWPARISH@RCDVICTORIA.ORG)

**CREDIT CARDS:**

Payment Authorization Form for Credit Card Donations

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PAD Agreement

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## From November 29th

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Click below for more information or to register:

<https://praymoreretreat.org/>

## Diocesan Appeal Update

Total Pledged to date:

**\$ 61,430.00**

*Thank  
you!*

FOR ALL YOUR DONATIONS AND  
PRAYERS!

**WE HAVE EXCEEDED OUR GOAL!!!**

Any donations received from now on for  
the Appeal will mean that St. Joseph's will  
retain 80%.

Donations received prior to  
December 31st will generate an income  
tax receipt for 2021.

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## Job Postings

Island Catholic Schools is Hiring!

Click on links below for a full  
description of each position:

teachers on call  
educational assistants  
out of school care workers

Contact us today at [cisdv.bc.ca](https://www.cisdv.bc.ca)  
If you are interested in joining one of  
our vibrant teams, click on link below:

[https://www.cisdv.bc.ca/employment-  
opportunities.php](https://www.cisdv.bc.ca/employment-opportunities.php)

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**WANTED:  
LIVESTREAM  
TECHNICIANS**

to volunteer and help with:

St. Joseph the Worker  
Saturday, 5:00pm Mass.

If interested please send

email to:

[sjtwmedia@icloud.com](mailto:sjtwmedia@icloud.com)

# Newsworthy and Noteworthy

## CHRISTMAS 2021 AT ANAWIM HOUSE

Anawim House has been providing caring acceptance and support to those that come through the house door for 30 years. (1991- 2021)

**We are asking for your help with donations of new warm clothing, underwear and socks. A decorated box for your donations is at the entrance to your Church.** If you are not attending Church yet and would like to donate you can contact Anawim House at: [info@anawimhouse.com](mailto:info@anawimhouse.com)

If you would prefer to make a financial donation you can donate through: <https://www.canadahelps.org> or by mail to Anawim House, 973 Caledonia Ave. Victoria, B.C. V8T 1E7.

### Island grown, fresh cut Christmas trees on sale

**December 1st. Monday - Friday 10am to 8pm**

**Saturday: 9am to 7pm**

**May the peace, love and joy of the Christmas season be with each you.**

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**PRIZES**

1 <sup>st</sup> Prize \$60,000	4 <sup>th</sup> Prize \$10,000
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize \$40,000	5 <sup>th</sup> Prize \$3,000
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize \$15,000	6 <sup>th</sup> to 12 <sup>th</sup> \$1,000 each! --> Early Bird (Dec 4)

**Limited Tickets!**  
**BUY TODAY** [KofCDraw.net/C13356](http://KofCDraw.net/C13356)

**Total Prizes \$135,000**

Sales Oct 18, 2021 to Jan 29, 2022, 7pm  
Early Bird Draw Saturday Dec 4, 2021, 7:15pm  
Main Draw Saturday January 29, 2022, 7:15pm

An annual charity appeal of the Knights of Columbus (B.C.) Charity Foundation. WORKING TOGETHER TO MAKE OUR COMMUNITIES BETTER. Thank you for your support!

For general inquiries call 604-216-7272 B.C. Gaming Event License #130037  
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Problem Gambling Help Line 1-888-795-4111 www.bccresponsiblegambling.ca Know your limit. Play within it.  
Winners are responsible for cost associated with delivery/claiming of prizes.

For only \$3 you could WIN \$135,000 cash prizes including a \$60,000 grand prize.

### Don't miss out on the EARLY BIRD DRAW DECEMBER 4TH!

Funds raised under this program are donated to a variety of K O C charitable causes at the provincial and local Victoria levels. To purchase your ticket on-line click here:

<http://kofcdraw.net/c13356>

## 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 box or at the office window.

## Memo Revised Directives and General and Liturgical Directives update December 7, 2021

Please click on link below to read a memo from Bishop Gary Gordon regarding new directives for maximum capacity and mask wearing during worship services:

[Memo\\_revised\\_directives\\_Dec\\_7\\_2021](#)

Please click on link below to read the corresponding updated General and Liturgical Directives:

[General\\_and\\_Liturgical\\_Directives\\_-\\_Dec\\_7\\_2021](#)

## 2022 Donation Envelopes

Donation envelopes for 2022 are now ready for pickup in the Community Room (across from the office window). All the boxes are arranged in alphabetical order, according to family last name.

If you are unable to locate your box, please contact the parish office and we will provide you with one.

## Beware of Email Fraud and Money Scams

It's that time of year when email scams increase in numbers.

### Please note:

Priests or Bishops **will NOT** send personal email requests for donations, or gift cards.

**Do not open. Do not reply.**

**DELETE, DELETE, DELETE!**

Click link below to read Memo from Diocese:

[Email fraud and Money Scams](#)

# From the Diocese

## Communion, Participation and Mission: A Synodal Journey

<https://www.rcdvictoria.org/news/communion-participation-and-mission-a-synodal-journey>



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### Pastoral Ministry Appointments

Please click on link below to read Memo pertaining to Pastoral Ministry Appointments.

[https://000011.parishpal.com/files/docs/Appointment\\_Memo\\_December\\_2021\\_.docx.pdf](https://000011.parishpal.com/files/docs/Appointment_Memo_December_2021_.docx.pdf)

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### 2021 Advent Mission

Everyone in the Diocese of Victoria is invited to participate in the Advent 2021 Mission, sponsored by St. Rose of Lima and Our Lady of the Rosary Parishes.

Click below to access online Masses via Youtube or Zoom

<https://www.rcdvictoria.org/diocesanblog/2021-advent-mission>

**Sunday, December 12th:** Mass at 9:00 am from St. Rose of Lima Parish  
**Monday, December 13th:** Mass at 6:30 pm from St. Rose of Lima Parish  
**Tuesday, December 14th:** Mass at 9:00 am from St. Rose of Lima Parish  
**Wednesday, December 15th:** Mass at 9:00 am from St. Rose of Lima Parish

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### Please note the following changes to the Bishop's Livestream Masses for December

**Sunday, Dec. 12:** Livestream at 9 am from St. Rose of Lima, Sooke (Advent Mission)  
**Monday, Dec. 13:** Livestream at 6:30 pm from St. Rose of Lima, Sooke (Advent Mission)  
**Tuesday, Dec. 14:** Livestream at 9 am from St. Rose of Lima, Sooke (Advent Mission)  
**Wednesday, Dec. 15:** Livestream at 9 am from St. Rose of Lima, Sooke (Advent Mission)  
AND 8:30 pm from St. Andrew's Cathedral (Simbang Gabi)  
**Dec. 16 - Dec. 18:** Livestream at 8:30 pm from St. Andrew's Cathedral (Simbang Gabi)  
**Sunday, Dec. 19:** Regular livestream at 9:30 am from St. Andrew's Cathedral,  
AND 8:30 pm from St. Andrew's Cathedral (Simbang Gabi)  
**Dec. 20 - 22:** Livestream at 8:30 pm from St. Andrew's Cathedral (Simbang Gabi)  
**Thursday, Dec. 23:** Livestream at 8:15 pm from St. Andrew's Cathedral (Simbang Gabi)  
**Friday, Dec. 24:** Livestream at 5 pm from Port McNeill  
**Saturday, Dec. 25:** Livestream at 11 am from St. Andrew's Cathedral  
**Friday, Dec. 31:** Livestream at 5 pm from St. Andrew's Cathedral  
**Saturday, Jan. 1:** Livestream at 10 am from St. Andrew's Cathedral

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### CCCB Palliative Care Toolkit

Further to Bishop Gary's memo on November 4th, the CCCB's new Palliative Care Toolkit is now available online:

<https://www.cccb.ca/faith-moral-issues/suffering-and-end-of-life/horizons-of-hope-a-toolkit-for-catholic-parishes-on-palliative-care/>

This link gives everyone full access to the entire toolkit containing all of the high-quality and easy-to-use instructional materials. All of the content, including video files, social media images, and promotional posters, can be downloaded and used freely at no cost.

# Contacts in the Parish

## Pastor

### Admin Assistant/Secretary/Bookkeeper

## Custodian

### Responsible Ministry Coordinator

### Altar Server Training/Coordinator

## Baptism

### Contemplative Community

### Children's Liturgy of the Word

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### Eucharistic Ministry Contact

### SJTW Pastoral Care Outreach Ministry

### Development and Peace

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### Youth Group - Grades 6 to 12

### St. Joseph's Elementary School

### Catholic Women's League (CWL)

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### Coffee/Hospitality Committee

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A message from



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*- Blessed Frederic Ozanam.*

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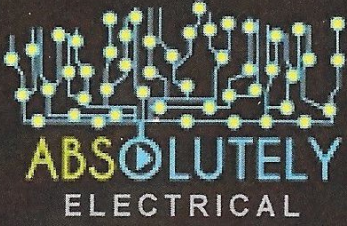
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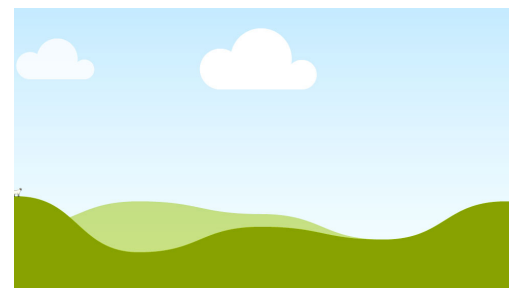
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