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ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISH ACKNOWLEDGES AND RESPECTS THE LƏK®ƏNƏN (LAY-KWUNG-GEN) PEOPLES REPRESENTED BY THE SONGHEES AND ESQUIMALT NATIONS, ON WHOSE TRADITIONAL TERRITORIES WE STAND AND WORSHIP, WHOSE HISTORICAL RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE LAND CONTINUE TO THIS DAY.

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The Love Path

BY JEAN ALLEN

Last week, we looked at how John was expecting the coming of a God of wrath and vengeance — and got Jesus instead! In the Gospel this week, Jesus comments obliquely on John's expectations when he lists his acts for John's disciples to tell John and ends up with, "And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me." Was he aware that John could not only be confused that the Christ was not a roaring lion but also offended that those he deemed broods of vipers were not getting their just punishment? Could John have been consoling himself in prison that Herod and all the Pharisees would soon be swept away in God's wrath.

Later Jesus said that nobody born of a woman was greater than John the Baptist but then he ends on a curious note. "...yet the least in the kingdom of Heaven in greater than he." He wasn't just talking about those who die and go to heaven because Jesus told us that the Kingdom of God is near to us and the Kingdom of God is within. Those who dwell in the Kingdom of Heaven are those who have fully embraced the New Covenant of love, mercy and forgiveness, for themselves and for others. By embracing, fully, the New Covenant we can bring heaven to earth, just as Jesus brought heaven to earth through his forgiveness, love and mercy.

We aren't just mourning in lowly exile here. We are greater than John the Baptist and we have choices. We can bring wrath or we can bring peace. We can swim in resentment or we can forgive those who trespass against us. We can stand rigidly righteous in law or we can dispense the softness of mercy.

If we don't choose the path of love, it's as if we are taking offense at Christ and his Way. We are choosing to not be one of even the least in the Kingdom of heaven.

This Advent – and always – choose love.



The Week of December 12 to December 18 in our Community

Monday December 12 Our Lady Of Guadalupe Patroness of the Americas - Feast Parish Office Closed 6:30am Mass Fr. Sean Flynn presiding 10:00 am CWL General Meeting - Community Room 7:30pm K of C General Meeting - Church Hall

Tuesday December 13 St. Lucy, Virgin, Martyr - Memorial 6:00pm Mass + Agnes Mao 6:00pm Catechism Classes

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

6:30am Mass Fr. Sean Flynn presiding + Mui Fong Kok 6:00pm Mass Special Int. Angelina Calgaro & Family

Thursday December 15
6:30am Mass Fr. Sean Flynn presiding
9:00am Mass Special Int. Graham Killinger
7:30pm RCIA Journey Of Faith - Community Room

Friday December 16 6:30am Mass Fr. Sean Flynn presiding 9:00am Mass + Thelma Faghar Adoration until 12:00 noon

Saturday December 17
6:30am Mass Fr. Sean Flynn presiding
5:00pm Mass + Mui Fong Kok / + Kevin & Mary Loughran
6:00pm Youth Group

Sunday December 18 Fourth Sunday Of Advent 10:00am Mass 6:00pm Mass + Teresa Sequeira

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

Dec 24 ~ Christmas Eve 5:00pm Family Mass 8:00pm Early Vigil Mass 12:00am Midnight Mass

Dec. 25th ~ Christmas Day 10:00am Mass

Dec 31st ~ New Year's Eve 5:00pm Mass

Jan 1st ~ New Year's Day 10:00am Mass 6:00pm Mass



Mass With the Bishop

LIVE-STREAMED FROM THE DIOCESE OF VICTORIA WEBSITE SUNDAY - 9:00 AM MONDAY TO FRIDAY - 7:00 PM

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



DIOCESAN APPEAL UPDATE

Parish Goal: \$58,000.00 Total Pledged to Date: \$34,670.00 Number of Gifts: 99

Our parish projects are:

1) Outreach Mission Project in support of Tofino/Ucluelet Parishes
2) Multi-use outdoor space (paved courtyard next to entrance of the church)

To all who have donated to date, THANK YOU!

THE RACE IS STILL ON...PLEASE CONSIDER HELPING TO REACH OUR GOAL.

WE CAN DO THIS!!!

Donations may be made on-line at: https://www.rcdvictoria.org/growing-together-2022

SACRAMENTS

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.

Sacrament of Marriage: Inquiries must be made 6 months in advance. Register at the office. Marriage preparation class is compulsory.

Sacrament of Baptism: Celebrated on the first Sunday of each month at 11:30am. Please call parish office to register.

Baptism Preparation will be held on the **first Saturday** of each month at 10:00am. Please call parish office to register.

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 is admitted to a hospital and would like a visit from your Pastor, Eucharistic or Pastoral Care Ministers -also Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, who are commissioned at the discretion of the Pastor, please let the Office staff know.

For a hospital emergency call Fr. Sean Flynn at: 250-889-3761.



The office regular hours of operation are:
Tuesday through Friday
8:30am to 3:30pm
(with the exception of stat holidays)

Letter from Bishop Gary: Update COVID-19
October 6, 2022

A letter from Bishop Gary Gordon with updated information for parishes in the Diocese of Victoria during COVID-19 can be found online at:

https://www.rcdvictoria.org/news/responsetocovid19-0

Donation Options

CANADA HELPS ONLINE DONATION:

DONATE NOW - ST JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISH
(CANADAHELPS.ORG)

(IMMEDIATE ELECTRONIC TAX RECEIPT ISSUED BY CANADA HELPS)

E TRANSFERS: FOLLOW STEPS OUTLINED ON YOUR ON-LINE BANKING SITE TO EMAIL: SJTWPARISH@RCDVICTORIA.ORG CATECHISM

CREDIT CARDS:

<u>Payment Authorization Form for Credit Card Donations.pdf</u> (<u>parishpal.com</u>)

PRE-AUTHORIZED DEBIT:

https://000011.parishpal.com/files/docs/PAD_Agreement.pdf

CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION AND LINKS.



CFB ESQUIMALT's ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LESSONS & CAROLS at Our Lady Star of the Sea



CFB Esquimalt's Annual CHRISTMAS LESSONS & CAROLS!

Where: Our Lady Star of the Sea (595 Galiano Crescent, Victoria)
When: DEC 11th at 3:00 pm

Featuring: The Naden Band, The Military Wives Choir & other local musicians

Sing your old favourites + enjoy other fine musical performances!

Come out for this beautiful annual tradition and recount the Christmas story with readings and song!

Donations to the local food bank are gratefully accepted. For more info contact Capt. Justin Peter at **Justin.peter@forces.gc.ca** or call 250 363 4180.

See the event at www.facebook.com/OurLadyStaroftheSeaCFBEsquimalt/

Youth Group

All Youth Grades 6 and up are invited. We meet after Saturday Mass in the School Gym.

For more information, please contact Ruth Real at:

SJTWyouthgroup@gmail.com



Catechism

Please visit the parish website for all the Catechism News
If you have questions , please email: ourcatechismjourney@gmail.com

Children's Liturgy

We welcome all children Ages 4 (Preschool) to Ages 9 (Gr 4) to join us for this kid-centered approach to hearing what God is saying to us through the readings. We also are asking children from Grade 5 and 6 to join us as helpers with the smaller children.

We are always looking for more volunteers. Parents, if you are interested in volunteering, please let the parish office know. Let's create a community of helpers where many hands are making the work light!

St. Andrew's Cathedral Simbang Gabi sa Victoria

We invite you to celebrate the most beautiful time of the year,

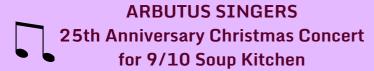
A Nine-day Novena Mass

in anticipation for Christmas.

These Masses will take place from **December 15th to 23rd at 8:30pm** at the Cathedral.

While this is a Filipino custom, all are welcome to attend.

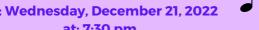
Newsworthy and Noteworthy



Many of you have heard this amazing choir sing at St. Joseph the Worker in past years.

> They will be singing at: St. Patrick's Church on: Wednesday, December 21, 2022 at: 7:30 pm

All proceeds go to the 9/10 Soup Kitchen



CHRISTMAS 2022 AT ANAWIM HOUSE!!

We are asking for your help with donations of **NEW** warm winter clothing. The decorated donation box is now in the entrance to the Church: it will be there until December 18th.

If you would like to make a donation and are unable to attend your Church you can contact Anawim House at info@anawimhouse.com or call 250 382-0283. If you would prefer to make a financial donation you can donate through

https://www.anawimhouse.com/donations/? preview=true or by mail to Anawim House, 973 Caledonia Ave. Victoria, B.C. V8T 1E7.

The very popular Island grown, fresh cut Christmas trees will be on sale at the house from NOVEMBER 30TH Mon.-Fri.: 10am to 8pm, Saturday: 9am to 7pm, Sunday: 11am to 6pm.

Click here to read: Anawim Newsletter

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

LADY OF FATIMA NEW YEAR'S EVE INVITATION

New Year's Eve - December 31st. 2022 6:00 pm to 1:00 am

Come listen to The City Slickers band and ring in the New Year with family and friends at the Our Lady of Fatima Parish hall

Tickets are \$80 each for adults and \$40 each for children (ages 5-12)

Food will be provided by Casa Nova Catering. Doors open at 6:00 pm Please contact Connie Pereira at 250-888-7720 for more information and to buy your tickets.

CALLED & GIFTED WORKSHOP

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, February 4, 2023

Called and Gifted live workshop with Sherry Weddell and Katherine Coolidge:

Location: Holy Cross Parish: 9am to 3:30pm.

An opportunity to discover God's call for your life. God is calling you to a unique purpose in life, a work of love that only you can do.

Please register at:

Holy Cross office@holycrossvictoria.org or St. Patrick's Parish stpat190@telus.net

Click on links below to find out more:

Charisms Brochure Called & Gifted Brochure

UKRAINIAN CHRISTMAS FOOD FAIR & HOT LUNCH

Saturday, December 10 from 11 am - 2 pm

at St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Hall, 1110 Caledonia Ave., Victoria

Featuring: Sale of Baba's best handmade perogies, cabbage rolls, borscht, Ukrainian Christmas breads, sauerkraut, preserves and assorted baking and Ukrainian kobassa.

Proceeds in support of St. Nicholas Parish.

2023 DONATION ENVELOPES ARE READY FOR PICK UP IN CHURCH FOYER

- · If you do not have donation envelopes and would like a box, please let the parish office
- If you would like to discontinue donating by envelopes, please let the parish office know.



CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS

Envelopes are at the back of the church for those who wish to donate to the Christmas floral arrangement. Please print you "In Memory/Intention of" a loved one, write your envelope # and drop in collection box or at the office window.

From the Diocese

Retirement of Diocesan Archives Manager



Please find attached a Memo regarding **Theresa Vogel**, who has tendered notice of her retirement, effective December 31, 2022.

Memo Archives Manager TVogel Retirement



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February 3 - 5, 2023

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Study Guide about Human Trafficking now available

All are invited to the online launch of "Working Towards Freedom", a new study guide about human trafficking. The guide was developed jointly by the Diocese of Victoria, the Archdiocese of Vancouver, and the Diocese of Saskatchewan, and is based on the CCCB's recent Pastoral Letter on Human Trafficking and Sexual Exploitation in Canada. Through prayer and education, the guide leads participants to become more aware of the human trafficking that is occurring in our midst, and helps them learn how to bring to light situations where people may be in danger. The webinar will provide an overview of each section of the guide and recommendations on how to use it. The webinar is free, but advance registration is required at: https://form.jotform.com/222704961965262

Appointment of New CISDV Superintendent - Mr. Paul Rossetti

Click here **Appointment of New Superintendent Mr. Paul Rossetti** to read Memo from Bishop Gary Gordon and Cynthia Bouchard, Chancellor, announcing the appointment of Mr. Paul Rossetti as the new Superintendent of the Catholic Independent Schools of the Diocese of Victoria.

Pastoral Letter from the Ukrainian Rite Catholic Bishops of Canada The War in Ukraine: A Call to Prayer, Fasting, and Action



The Ukrainian Rite Catholic Bishops of Canada have written a pastoral letter to the faithful of Canada and to all people of good will. It is an invitation to a response of faith to the war currently taking place in Ukraine. The letter may be read online at

https://www.rcdvictoria.org/news/the-war-in-ukraine-a-call-to-prayer-fasting-and-action

Contacts in the Parish

Pastor

Deacon

Admin Assistant/Secretary/Bookkeeper | Jennifer Smith/Sandi Duncan/Pat O'Brien

Custodian

Responsible Ministry Coordinator Altar Server Training/Coordinator

Baptism

Contemplative Community

Children's Liturgy of the Word **Children's Religious Education Eucharistic Ministry Contact**

SJTW Pastoral Care Outreach Ministry

Development and Peace

Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA) Youth Group - Grades 6 to 12 St. Joseph's Elementary 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 Commitee

Parish Pastoral Council

Fr. Alfredo Monacelli

Deacon Michael Watkins email: mwatkins@rcdvictoria.org

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Ralph Scheurle

Ann Glas email: annglas@hotmail.com

Angela Grohovac

Call parish office (250) 479-7413

Charlie Allen (778) 433-5772 email: charlieballen@gmail.com

(2nd & 4th Saturdays @ 10am)

Keefer Pollard email: kpollard@cisdv.bc.ca

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Ruth Real email: SJTWyouthgroup@gmail.com

Pre School - Gr. 7 Call school office (250) 479-1232 for more info

President: Gerry Heywood (250) 479-6281 Michael O'Rielly email: mfjeorielly@gmail.com

Stephanie Peters (250) 514-7853 email: stephanie.jm.peters@gmail.com

Meetings every 3rd Wednesday 6:00pm to 8:00pm

looking for a coordinator

Mel Evangelista email: mel.evangelista@gmail.com Bernadette D'Souza email: aberniedsouza@gmail.com

Moira King email: moiraking@shaw.ca

Esmee Rothschild email: rothjones@pacificcoast.net Sr. Marina Smith email: sandseaandsky@gmail.com

Brian Fox (Chair), Mylinh Trinh, George Flint, Karen Wysiecki, Nancy Zacharias,

Gerry Heywood





- Help those in need; Continue your generosity now during the Christmas season...And throughout the year.
- Donate non-perishables to the food cart at the back of the church.
- Cash & cheques using BLUE ENVELOPES, inside donation envelope box.
- Monthly St. Vinny's hat donations after Mass.
- Through our SVDP website

https://www.ssvpvancouverisland.ca

Interested in becoming a conference member?

Please reach out to President Stephanie Peters! stephanie.jm.peters@gmail.com or 250-514-7853



Our communities need Catholic men to answer the call to lead with faith, protect our families, serve other and defend our values.

As **Knights of Columbus**, we stand up for the church, serve the least among us, and strengthen parishes and families. We always need new members and fresh ideas to be the best we can be.

As a member you join a worldwide community of nearly 2 million men, including 12,000 here is BC and Yukon, who stand together.

Will you answer the call?

Visit **kofc.org/joinus** to learn more about the many benefits of membership in the Knights of Columbus.

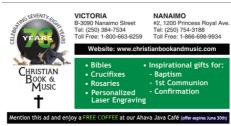
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To report sexual abuse or cover-up by a Bishop, click here or call 1-866-892-3737

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Community Services

The Bible In A Year



Family Life

Bringing help and hope to marriages and families for over 30 years.

A weekly podcast of stories for kids about Catholic Saints,

from the creator of Shining Light Dolls, Chantal Baros. Join us each week for a new short story about the lives of the Saints!



As we are nearing the end of "year 2" of the bible in a year podcast, it appears Fr. Mike Schmitz has given us another opportunity to strengthen our faith by way of reading the Catechism...in a Year!

Check it out!

The Catechism in a Year - Ascension (ascensionpress.com)



Free Christmas Dinners!

Dec 10 - 12-3 pm - Bay Street Armory @ 715 Bay Street. Must pick up free tix from until Dec 6 at The Mustard Seed at 625 Queens. 250 953-1575.

Dec 11 – 9-11 am – Pancake Breakfast – crafts & entertainment – Oaklands Community Association at #1-2827 Belmont Ave. (250) 370-9101.

Dec 14 - 4:30-6 pm - Christmas Dinner - Downtown Community Center @ 755 Pandora. (250) 383-0076.

Dec 15 – 2–6 pm - Turkey Dinner & Gifts – Alliance Club Youth Empowerment Society @ 533 Yates. Back-alley entrance. 250 383-3514. Ages 13 to 19.

Dec 18 – 5 – 8 pm – Seniors Holiday Turkey Dinner - Oaklands Community Association at #1-2827 Belmont Ave. (250) 370-9101.

Dec 20 – 5–6:30 pm – Gordy Dodd's Annual Christmas Dinner – Our Place at 919 Pandora (250) 388-7112.

Dec 21 – 12-1 pm – Christmas Lunch at Our Place. (250) 388-7112. 191 Pandora.

Dec 23 – Noon – Turkey Lunch – Rainbow Kitchen – 500 Admirals St. – Free socks, groceries and toiletries. (250) 384-2069.

Dec 23 - 8:30 to 10 am - 9-10 Club Soup Kitchen @ 740 View St. (778) 440-7687.

Dec 25 – Annual Christmas Dinner To Go – Noon to 2 pm – St Andrews Kirk Hall @ 680 Courtenay St. (250) 384-5734.



Christmas

25th Anniversary

Boncert

Wednesday, December 21, 2022 7:30 to 8:30 with no intermission

Come join Jack Boomer, Director; Robyn McKinnon, Pianist; and the other 60 members of the Arbutus Singers for a fun-filled start to the Christmas season. The choir will present old favourites such as Carol of the Bells, Gloria, and I'll Be Home for Christmas. You won't want to miss this fun evening.

St. Patrick's Catholic Church 2060 Haultain Street, Oak Bay

Admission By Donation

Proceeds to support: 9-10 Club Serving Soup to the Hungry

THE PARTY STREET

www.arbutussingers.com





61st ANNUAL CHARITY APPEAL

KofCdraw.net/C13356 **Click here**

WIN \$100,000 in prizes including a 2023 Toyota RAV4 Grand Prize

PRIZES

1st Prize 2023 Toyota RAV4

\$30,000 4th Prize \$5,000 2nd Prize

3rd Prize \$10,000 5th to 14th \$ 1,000 each! --> Early Bird Draws



Limited Tickets! **BUY TODAY KofCdraw.net/C13356**

Total Prizes

Sales Oct 1, 2022 to Jan 28, 2023, 8pm

Early Bird Draws

Oct 31 (2x\$1000), Nov 28 (4x\$1000), Dec 19 (4x\$1000)

Main Draw Saturday January 28, 2023, 8:01pm

An annual charity appeal of the Knights of Columbus (BC) Charity Foundation **WORKING TOGETHER TO MAKE OUR COMMUNITIES BETTER** Thank you for your Support!

For general inquiries call 604-216-7272 BC Gaming Event License #: 135276 Chances are 1 in 250,000 (total tickets for sale) to win a grand prize. Actual odds depend on number of tickets sold. 19+ to play. Problem Gambling Help Line 1-888-795-6111 w.w.w.bcresponsiblegambling.ca Know your limit. Play within it. Winners are responsible for cost associated with delivery/claiming of prizes.

CBC Radio & Our Place present
A dramatic reading of Charles Dickens' Classic Tale

A Christmas Carol

Friday, Dec. 9, 2022
7:00pm Live Event
First Met United Church
932 Balmoral Rd, Victoria

Tickets: \$15.00 individual \$35.00 family \$15.00 virtual link

Feel the Christmas Spirit and give back in service to our community

Buy tickets: ourplacesociety.com/christmascarol

Featuring CBC Personalities & Special Guests, including:







Gregor Craigie



Liz McArthur



Rohit Joseph



Kathryn Marlow

We are excited to announce that Jack Knox of the Times Colonist and Joe Perkins of CHEK TV will be our guest celebrity readers! Also featuring the music of the West Coast Reach Choir

All proceeds to benefit Our Place Society









+ other musical pieces & performances!

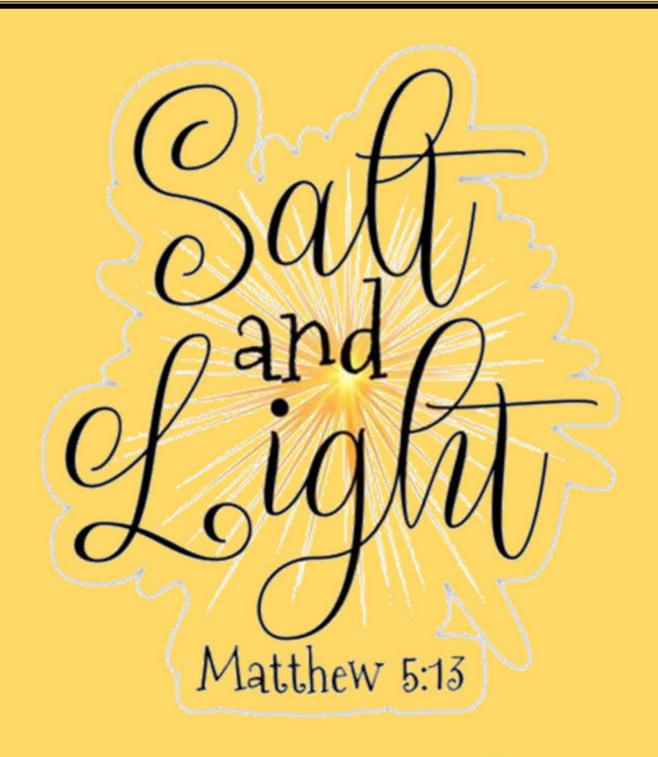
Donations to the local food bank are welcome!

For more info contact Capt. Justin Peter at justin.peter@forces.gc.ca or call 250-363-4180. or see event at www.facebook.com/OurLadyStaroftheSeaCFBEsquimalt/





A journey from Advent to Christmas in word, carol, and song, featuring the music of Ord, Palestrina, Massler, and Clemens non Papa



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