



St. Joseph the Worker Parish

Diocese of Victoria

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October 24th and 25th 2020

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Thirtieth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Simplicity

By asking Jesus what the greatest commandment is, the Pharisees may have been setting a subtle trap to see if what he believed and taught was orthodox but he answered with what any observant Jew would have answered: *"Hear O Israel. The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might."* The Israelites were commanded by God in Deuteronomy to memorize this law called 'The Shema' (which means 'hear' or 'listen'), to teach it to their children and bind the words on their hands, foreheads and doorposts. Look at the image with this reflection. The small boxes on the man's hand and forehead, called tefillins or phylacteries, actually contain scrolls with the words of the Shema.



However, there was disagreement as to the second greatest law. Ultra conservative Jews believed it was "Keep the Sabbath." Jews who were less strict, and perhaps more in tune with the spirit of the law rather than the letter of it, would have answered as Jesus did: *"Love your neighbour as you love yourself."* The lawyer, among other things, was probably trying to discover what school of thought (Yoke) Jesus ascribed to.

When Hillel the Elder, a famous Jewish scholar of the time, was asked to summarize Judaism, he reputedly replied, "What you hate for yourself, do not do to your neighbour. This is the whole law; the rest is just commentary."

Obviously Jesus agreed. What today's Gospel says to us is that often we forget the most important law and get caught up in the commentary. The Pharisees were usually trying to trap Jesus within the commentary but he kept refusing to be caught – because that's not where he lived, moved and had his being.

Love God by loving your neighbour as you love yourself. You can't go wrong.

Jean Allen

Ministry liturgical Schedule to be continued at a later date

WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE DIOCESE

Mass Live Streamed link from the Diocese of Victoria website, go to: <https://www.youtube.com/c/RCDVictoriaLiveOne>

- Sunday - 10:00 am
- Monday to Friday - 7:00 pm

CISDV - AGM: The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Catholic Independent Schools Diocese of Victoria (CISDV) Society will be held **virtually** (via zoom) on **Tuesday, November 24 at 7:00 pm**. There will be an election for two positions to the CISDV Board of Directors at this meeting. Each position is for a three-year term. Nomination forms may be requested from schools@cisdv.bc.ca and must be completed and send to the Nomination Committee at schools@cisdv.bc.ca **no later than Tuesday, November 10**. Potential Board Members must meet the following requirements for nomination:

1. Be a practising Catholic and an active member of a Catholic Parish in the Diocese of Victoria.
2. Not be an employee of the CISDV, an immediate relative of an employee of the CISDV, nor a student of a school under the jurisdiction of CISDV.
3. Read and understand the [constitution and bylaws](#), [policies 200 and 201](#) and the method of election.
4. Have a signed nomination form which includes two sponsors and the person's Parish Priest.

For further information, contact Bev Pulyk, Superintendent of Schools (250-727-6893 ext 242).

Sacrament of Reconciliation: ½ hr before evening Masses on Saturday and Sunday or by appointment with Fr. Alfredo. 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**.

From today's Gospel: Jesus said to him " 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' " (Matthew 22:37-39)

Adults: In a practical sense, what is one thing that would change in your life if you loved your neighbour as yourself?

Children: Why is it hard sometime to love your neighbour? How can you do a better job of following Jesus' commandment?

Please find below the latest Blog post, written by Bishop Gary Gordon, which highlights the Pope's Prayer intention for the month of October. We pray that " by the virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church".

<https://www.rcdvictoria.org/diocesanblog/the-laitys-mission-in-the-church>

Revised 2020 Sanctioned Collections

Nov 8/20 Development & Peace - Share Lent

<https://www.devp.org/en/donate/sharelent>

Nov 29/20 Catholic Missions in Canada

<https://cmic.info/how-to-help/give/>

Mass Schedule

at St. Joseph the Worker
By pre-registration only
up to 50 people per Mass
We are accepting names on
a waiting list

Weekday Masses

Monday ~ 7:00pm

Wednesday ~ 7:00pm

Friday ~ 7:00pm

Weekend Masses

Saturday ~ 6:00pm

Sunday ~ 9:00am

Sunday ~ 11:00am

Sunday ~ 6:00pm



Checkout Fr. Alfie's talents and gifts as a chef with some great cooking recipes and tips. - Here is the latest edition of Fr. Alfie's Table, featuring Wild Mushrooms.

[Wild Mushrooms](#)

Newsworthy and Noteworthy

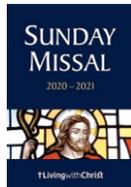
Diocesan Appeal

This week is commitment week for the Bishop's Appeal. The Bishop's Appeal is such a vital cause in our Diocese. Not only are you helping our own parish but you are aiding countless other parishes that desperately need help with essentials. The Diocese is committed to our success; please consider making your own commitment.

- Our parish projects this year are: financial assistance to the St. Peter and St. Paul Parish in Gold River and financial assistance to our own operating costs.
- For every dollar raised up to the goal - 50% will go towards our own operating expenses, which have been affected by the pandemic situation.
- For every dollar raised up to the goal - 50% will go towards assisting the St. Peter and St. Paul Parish in Gold River.
- For every dollar raised beyond 200% of the goal - 100% is for our projects, our own operating needs and the St. Peter and St. Paul Parish.
- If we reach our parish goal of \$54,000, we will have \$10,800 for our two projects.

2020 - 2021 Sunday Missals

Our Sunday Missals have arrived.
Drop by the parish office during office hours
to pick one up.
Cost \$5.00



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 K of C 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).

40 Days For Life Prayer Vigil

Our 40 Days For Life Vigil is between September 23, 2020 to November 1, 2020. It is a peaceful Vigil of Prayer and Fasting. Come join us in our Vigil and Prayer for the lives of the unborn and their parents. We will be having 2 Information / Training Sessions and we will be standing at our Vigil Site to Pray For the Unborn. Glenda W. is looking for Volunteers and Helpers for our Vigil. A Home Prayer Vigil is also being organized for Volunteers who want to Support the Unborn through Organized Prayer. To Volunteer:
Please Call or Text Glenda W @ 250-661-2613

This Week in our Community

Monday October 26

Parish Office Closed

7:00pm Mass for pre-registered Parishioners

Special Int. Gabriel Sequeira

Tuesday October 27

No Mass

Wednesday October 28 Feast St. Simon and St. Jude, Apostles

7:00pm Mass for pre-registered Parishioners

+ Luis and Purification Bersola

Thursday October 29

No Mass

Friday October 30

7:00pm Mass for pre-registered Parishioners

+ Cam Roset

Saturday October 31

6:00pm Mass for pre-registered Parishioners

+ James Henn

Sunday November 1 Solemnity Of All Saints

9:00am Mass for pre-registered Parishioners

11:00am Mass for pre-registered Parishioners

6:00pm Mass for pre-registered Parishioners

If you are unable to attend Mass in person, you can watch Fr. Alfie's pre-recorded weekend Mass by clicking on the following link to our parish website:

www.sjtw.ca

Bishop's New Directives - Use of Parish Hall

You will read in the Bishop's new directives that, if prescribed conditions are met, the Parish Hall may be used to accommodate more parishioners to physically attend the Mass in the hall through a 'live video-feed' or broadcast.

Please note that we currently do not have the necessary equipment and capability for a 'live video-feed' Mass in our Parish Hall at St. Joseph the Worker.

It is in the initial stages of planning and will take some time for the normal process of gathering quotes, approval, installation, and testing before its implementation.

Registrations to attend Mass in the Parish Hall will not open until the installation of all necessary audio/visual components are complete, and when we are confident that safety protocols and mandates directed by the Bishop and Dr. Henry can be adhered to.

We are not accepting pre-registrations at this time.

Your understanding and patience is much appreciated.

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
Children's Religious Education
Development and Peace
Eucharistic Ministry Contact
SJTW Pastoral Care Outreach Ministry
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
Coffee/Hospitality Committee
Finance Committee Chair
Proclaimer Schedule Coordinator
Proclaimer Training Coordinator
Liturgy Committee Chair
Social and Ecological Justice Committee
Parish Pastoral Council

Fr. Alfredo Monacelli

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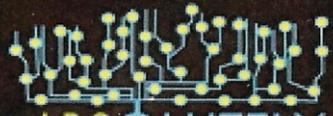
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