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The Second Greatest Commandment

Jean Allen

The most important commandment has been debated forever by the Jews and in Jesus's day, various rabbis and teachers had their favored beliefs as to what was the most important commandment. The lawyer who asked Jesus his opinion was most likely trying to find out what yoke Jesus was under. Disciples of any rabbi were considered to be under that rabbi's yoke. Of course, Jesus was under his Father's yoke and his disciples were under Jesus's yoke.

Jesus proclaimed the Shema as the most important commandment and no doubt they would have, given the chance, asked what the second most important commandment was. Many Torah scholars maintained it was, "Honor the Sabbath and keep it holy". Not Jesus. He said it is to love your neighbor as you love yourself. They probably thought Jesus was a disciple of Rabbi Hillel, who, when challenged to teach the whole Torah while standing on one leg, famously taught, "What is hateful to you, do not do to your neighbor. This is the whole Torah; the rest is commentary. Go and learn."

How seriously do we take Jesus's opinion of the second greatest commandment? How often do we get caught up in the commentary and forget that throughout the Old Testament (as we heard in the first reading) God's concern was not for rules or sacrifice; it was for the widows, the orphans, the strangers and the marginalized. He cried from his heart, "I would have mercy, not sacrifice!"

If, when we die, God asks us about our lives, it would be to make us ultra-aware of where we could have done better since he knows our whole lives intimately. If he actually asks you about your life, will mercy and compassion shine through like bright stars in your past life? Will you be able to look at the threads of your tapestry and see the gold and silver threads of love for those you encounter woven into a beautiful story of your life?

Or are you caught up in the commentary?



The Week of October 30 to November 5 in our Community

Monday October 30 Parish Office Closed 6:30am Mass Fr. Sean Flynn presiding 7:30pm K of C Executive Meeting

Tuesday October 31 6:00pm Mass Special Int. Susan Aronson

Wednesday November 1 All Saints, Solemnity 6:30am Mass Fr. Sean Flynn presiding 6:00pm Mass followed by All Saints' Party - Church Hall 7:00pm Legion of Mary - Community Room

Thursday November 2 The Commemoration Of All The Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day) 6:30am Mass + Mui Fong Kok - Fr. Sean Flynn presiding 6:00pm Mass 7:30pm RCIA Journey of Faith - Church Hall

Friday November 3 6:30am Mass Fr. Sean Flynn presiding 9:00am Mass Special Int. Deceased Relatives Lorne and Sandra Keller / Special Int. Staff of St. Joe's Elementary School followed by Adoration until 12:00 noon

Saturday November 4 St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop, Memorial 6:30am Mass Fr. Sean Flynn presiding 10:00am Baptism Preparation - Community Room 5:00pm Mass Special Int. "In Thanksgiving" Clarence Fernandez / + Niel Jones 6:00pm Youth Group - School Gym

Sunday November 5 Thirty-First Sunday In Ordinary Time 10:00am Mass 11:15am Catechism - School 6:00pm Mass + Recuerdo Cuizon

Mass Schedule

Weekday Masses Monday ~ 6:30am Tuesday ~ 6:00pm Wednesday ~ 6:30am & 6:00pm Thursday ~ 6:30am & 9:00am Friday ~ 6:30am & 9:00am

Weekend Masses Saturday ~ 6:30 am Saturday ~ 5:00pm (livestream) Sunday ~ 10:00am Sunday ~ 6:00pm



Join Bishop Cary Gordon as he celebrates the Mass. 7 pm on weeknights from Sacred Heart and 9 am on Sundays from St. Andrew's Cathedral. Please note changes to the regular schedule can be found at:

https://www.rcdvictoria.org/events/ dailymasslivestreamed and https://www.youtube.com/c/RCDVi ctoriaLiveOne/about.

> All Saints' Day Mass Wednesday. November 1st 6:00pm

All Souls' Day Mass Thursday, November 2nd 6:00pm

The Book of Remembrance will be in the foyer for the month of November. for you to enter the names of your loved ones.

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"REDEEMING CONFLICT: ONE MESSY SITUATION AT A TIME"

All are invited to our Diocesan Conference **"Redeeming Conflict: One Messy Situation at a Time"** with Catholic speaker and author, Ann Garrido. The conference will be held at Holy Cross Parish in Victoria on **Saturday**, **November 4 from 8:30 am – 3:30 pm**, followed by Mass with the Holy Cross community at 4:00 pm. As Christians, we tend to associate conflict with sin, but how we handle our tensions with one another can be one of the most profound witnesses we offer in the world.

Speaking out of her own experience as a part-time theology nerd and part-time conflict mediator, author Ann Garrido will share insights into how we can make our tensions part of our spiritual journey. For more information and to register please visit: <u>https://DofVRedeemingConflict.eventbrite.com</u>; any questions can be directed to Margaret Gwyn at: <u>mgwyn@rcdvictoria.org</u> or 250-479-1331 ext 227.

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 parish office regular hours of operation are: Tuesday through Friday 8:30am to 3:30pm (except Statutory Holidays)

Fr. Alfie will be attending Clergy Study Days in Parksville from: Tues. Nov 7 through Thurs. Nov 9 There will be NO weekday Mass celebrated at St. Joe's during this time. You are invited to attend Mass at Sacred Heart Parish: 12:05pm Tues. - Thurs. Nov 7th - 9th (Celebrant: Fr. Frank Franz)

Donation Options



CANADA HELPS ONLINE DONATION: <u>DONATE NOW - ST JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISH</u> (CANADAHELPS.ORG)

(IMMEDIATE ELECTRONIC TAX RECEIPT ISSUED BY CANADA HELPS)

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CREDIT CARDS: <u>Payment_Authorization_Form_for_Credit_Card_Donations.pdf</u> (parishpal.com)

PRE-AUTHORIZED DEBIT: https://000011.parishpal.com/files/docs/PAD_Agreement.pdf

CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION AND LINKS.



The 2023 Appeal theme, **Tapestry of Faith**, was developed in response to the Bishop's Appeal Survey's feedback calling for opportunities to weave faith connection in our parishes, support our religious leaders and help our Local Mission Parishes.

Specifically, Appeal funds will be dedicated to:

- Parish Community and Relationship Building
- Clergy, Sisters, Seminarians and Vocations support
- Local Mission Parishes: West Coast, North Island, Cowichan Valley support
- 20% given to parishes for their projects.

Our Parish Projects: 1) support new Anawim House for Women 2) new digital sign for church and school Our Goal: \$46,000 Pledged to Date: \$5,820

Please give prayerful consideration towards make a pledge and know that you are making a difference. https://www.rcdvictoria.org/bishops-appeal

Youth Group

All Youth Grades 6 - 12 are invited to join us on Saturday evenings following For more information, please contact Ruth Real at: SJTWyouthgroup@gmail.com



Catechism Journey

St. Joseph the Worker Parish Catechism Program (2023/2024)

Sunday Morning

Grade's 1 to 4 11:15am - 12:00 Noon (following the 10 am Mass) St. Joseph's Elementary School 757 Burnside Rd. W

For more information please contact: OurCatechismJourney@gmail.com

Grade/Level 5 Post Sacrament Class

Saturdays at 6:00pm For more information or to register please contact Chris Whiteley at: whiteley.christopher@gmail.com 250-886-2407

Our worship area is equipped with an Assistive Listening system. If you would like to use this, please contact the parish office.



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Newsworthy and Noteworthy

Knights of Columbus Charity Appeal / Plus Pancake Breakfast

Proceeds from the **Knights of Columbus Charity Appeal** ticket sales support numerous charitable, community and religious causes. This year's program runs from October 1 to December 16. Total prizes amount to \$100,000.

The next two Early bird Draws of \$1,000 each will happen on Monday Nov 6th. The more tickets purchased the cheaper the per ticket price! Buy tickets through the on-line link: <u>http://kofcdraw.net/c13356</u> or our Council 13356 Facebook page. We will be back in the church foyer selling tickets before and after mass on the first 2 weekends in November. The next Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast is on Sunday October 29th after the 10:00 am Mass.

Like to Cook? The Soup Kitchen Needs You!

The Soup Kitchen, operating in the basement of St. Andrew's Cathedral in Victoria, is looking for a Wednesday morning cook to prepare our nutritious soup, in a 70 litre commercial kettle for up to 150 diners. This can be a one or two person job. Hours are 4:00 am to 6:00 am. Duties include making the soup with precut ingredients and cleanup. Onsite training is provided. A current Food Safe certificate is needed, which will be paid for by The Soup Kitchen. Keen to learn more? Please contact Sheila Connelly at (250) 216-7249.

Birthright Fudge Is Coming Soon!

Birthright will be selling specialty Fudges **after weekend Masses on Nov 25/26.** The packets make great stocking stuffers or gifts for the holiday table and freeze well! All **Birthright Fudges** are **\$6** (each package = 1/4 of an 8 inch square pan).

Birthright assists women in difficult or crisis pregnancies, offering hope and encouraging Mothers to give the precious gift of Life to their babies - how fitting as we prepare for the Christ Child!

Please consider supporting this worthwhile cause.

RCIA SPONSORS NEEDED!

We are seeking 2-3 encouraging & faithful **SJTW parishioners to be RCIA Sponsors!** Walking a journey of faith, answering questions, and exploring topics with RCIA catechumens during their RCIA program and beyond. Contact Carmelle Whiteley: <u>carmelle.whiteley@gmail.com</u> or 250-886-2987

SAVE THE DATE!

Serving with Spirit:

Transformation from the inside out

Join us for a day of learning in community as we consider how the Holy Spirit leads us within a changing church and world.

> St. Edward The Confessor Church, Duncan November 25, 2023 8:30am - 3:30pm To register:

https://DioConferenceServewithSpirit.eventbrite.com

Men of the Word

The Knights are sponsoring a Bible Study called *Men of the Word*. It will be held in the community room at **7:00 pm on the 4th Tuesday of the month starting on October 24th.**

The study is based upon a practice called Lectio Divina taught by St Benedict (born 480 in Italy) to his monks.

1. **Listen** to the short bible verses for a verse that speaks to your heart and relates to your life experience.

2. **Meditate/ Reflect** on the message the Holy Spirit seems to be saying to you. Talk with the Lord about what the passage brought to your heart.

3. **Rest** with God. Be aware of God's presence with you. Be silent. Listen for His voice.

4. **Copy** your verse on a card (provided) for memorization. You can keep the verse in your pocket. Keep saying your verse between meetings. In this way you are hearing God's voice in your daily life.

Eucharistic Ministry to the Homebound

We are grateful to those who give of their time and care to bring Holy Communion to our parishioners who cannot make it to church each week due to sickness or infirmity. If you know of anyone who would like to receive Communion in their home, please contact Melissa at the parish office by phone or by email: **mhogg@rcdvictoria.org**

From the Diocese



CCCB statement on the conflict in Holy Land

The president of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, Bishop William T. McGrattan has issued a statement in response to the escalation of the conflict in the Holy Land. The statement may be found online at: https://www.cccb.ca/announcement/statement-by-the-most-rev-william-t-mcgrattan-bishop-of-calgary-and-cccb-president-to-the-catholic-faithful-in-canada-on-the-recent-escalation-of-conflict-in-the-holy-land/.

Diocesan Health Care Committee New "Care of the Dying" Webpage

As we move into the month of November, traditionally a time to remember those who have died, the Diocesan Health Care Committee is pleased to share a new "**Care of the Dying**" webpage: https://www.rcdvictoria.org/care-of-the-dying. The page include a short video intro to CCCB's "Horizons of Hope: A Toolkit for Catholic Parishes on Palliative Care" and a link to download the toolkit, as well as many other valuable resources and links.

Please note: Parishes and communities are encouraged to use the **Horizons of Hope Toolkit** to facilitate gatherings where people can explore palliative care in the context of a prayerful, caring community. For more information and assistance, please contact Joelle Dressler, the Director of Faith Formation and Evangelization, at: jdressler@rcdvictoria.org or 250-479-1331 ext 230

Webinar Series - The Four Constitutions of Vatican II

A On **Tuesday, November 7**, The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishop's Office for Evangelization and Catechesis will begin a webinar series on *"The Four Constitutions of Vatican II"*. Pope Francis has invited us to begin preparing for the Jubilee year in 2025 by taking time to study Vatican II; in particular, the Holy Father hopes that young people will experience the richness of the documents and grow in their appreciation of their importance to the Church today. The series will be offered over **four Tuesdays in November from 10 – 11:30 am PT** each day. All sessions will be recorded and packaged with a reflection guide for later release. If you wish to attend any of the sessions or to be notified when recordings are made available, please visit: https://cccb-ca.zoom.us/webinar/register/3016939203502/WN_Xf09Vsi_SjiilwdLPzWMdQ#/registration

"The Epiphany of the Liturgy: Welcoming the Closeness of God"

The Diocesan liturgical conference **"The Epiphany of the Liturgy: Welcoming the Closeness of God"** will take place on **January 5 and 6, 2024** at **St. Joseph the Worker Church** in Victoria. This conference is an opportunity to enter into a richer experience of the Trinity in our Eucharistic Celebrations, and will be valuable both for those who serve in liturgical ministries and those who participate in the assembly. The presenters will be Dr. Glenn Byer and Dr. David Pitt, liturgical and musical educators at Catholic colleges in the U.S. Registration is free, and available at: https://EpiphanyLiturgyConference.eventbrite.com

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Contacts in the Parish

Pastor

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Custodian

Responsible Ministry Coordinator Altar Server Training/Coordinator Baptism Contemplative Community

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

Legion of Mary

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 Melissa Hogg/Sandi Duncan/Pat O'Brien Office hours 8:30am - 3:30pm Tuesday-Friday Ralph Scheurle email: rbscheurle@shaw.ca Rosanna O'Higgins Angela Grohovac Call parish office (250) 479-7413 Charlie Allen (778) 433-5772 email: charlieballen@gmail.com (2nd & 4th Saturdays @ 10am) tbd Christine Armstrong email: ourcatechismjourney@gmail.com Jenny Di Castri email: jdicastri@gmail.com Gerri Erickson (250) 216-5558 email: gerri@shaw.ca Contact Parish Office (250) 479-7413 Sister Marina Smith SSA email: sandseaandsky@gmail.com Chris & Carmelle Whiteley (250) 886-2987 email: carmelle.whiteley@gmail.com 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 Lisa Slegg email: lisaslegg@gmail.com Meetings every Wednesday following 6:00pm Mass 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





Please continue to help the Society of St. Vincent de Paul bring respite and hope to local people who need it the most. **The downtown Social Concern Office appreciates donations** of:

- high protein soups
- peanut butter
- protein bars
- non-perishable items that are easy to open

Donations gladly taken in the food cart in the church foyer! Also, any financial contribution allows purchases of dairy products, meat, and other needed items. Approx. 23,000 people, locally, including 4,000 children each year rely on it. Make your gift at:

https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/society-of-st-vincent-de-paul-of-vancouver-island/



Our communities need Catholic men to answer the call to lead with faith, protect our families, serve others 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 <u>kofc.org/joinus</u> to learn more about the many benefits of membership in the Knights of Columbus.

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We are in a new season as we move forward. This is an invitation for you to share your talent and time by joining one of our parish ministries. Serving is a WIN for everyone involved.

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2022 Bishop's Appeal: *Growing Together* Final Report

Growing Together dedicated funds to support Catholics of all generations while striving to heal and grow the Church. Details on how funds from this Appeal were disbursed are below:

2022 Appeal Distribution of Funds	Amount \$
Parish Community and Relationship Building Grants	60,000.00
Catholic Schools Capital Plan	325,000.00
Clergy and Seminarian Support	65,000.00
Indigenous Community and Relationship Building	50,000.00
Twenty Percent Given to Parishes for Local Projects	162,000.00
Overhead fees	65,000.00
Total	727,000

2022 Bishop's Appeal: Growing Together Community and Relationship Building Grants - List of Events

As part of the 2022 Appeal, Parishes can apply for grants from the Diocese to undertake projects that support community and relationship building. Some wonderful events have taken place to date:

- o \$12,860.18 was reimbursed to Holy Cross Parish for their Called and Gifted workshop.
- \$10,000 was provided to the Our Lady of the Rosary Parish to assist in the emergency repair and relocation of the parish office, meeting rooms and chapel.
- \$5000 was granted to Christ the King to facilitate the creation of a food hamper plan to support local Ukrainian families.
- o \$3000 was given to St. Peter's Parish to hold a Parish Reorganization Retreat.
- \$2500 was provided to Sacred Heart Parish to host a meal for the Feast of The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.

More information and images are available on the website at: https://www.rcdvictoria.org/2022-appeal-parish-community-building-grants



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Limited Tickets! BUY TODAY for Council 13356 Total Prizes \$100,000

Sales Oct 1, 2023 to Dec 16, 2023, 8pm Early Bird Draws Oct 9 (2x\$1000), Oct 23 (2x\$1000), Nov 6 (2x\$1000) Nov 20 (2x\$1000), Dec 2 (2x\$1000) Main Draw Saturday December 16, 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 604-216-7272BC Gaming Event License #: 144568Chances are 1 in 410,000 (total tickets for sale) to win a grand prize. Actual odds depend on number of tickets sold. 19+ to play.
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- Administrative Assistant Queen of Angels School
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- After School Care Worker Queen of Angels School
- After School Care Worker St. Joseph's School
- After School Care Worker St. Patrick's School
- Teachers on Call
- Educational Assistants on Call
- Casual Bus Drivers

If you are interested in joining one of our teams, please visit: <u>https://</u> <u>cisdv.bc.ca/employment-opportunities/</u>

JOIN US FOR OUR DIOCESAN CONFERENCE

Redeeming CONFLICT

ONE MESSY SITUATION AT A TIME

with Ann Garrido

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SATURDAY, NOV. 4, 2023 8:30 AM - 3:30PM (FOLLOWED BY 4PM MASS) HOLY CROSS PARISH 4049 GORDON HEAD ROAD, VICTORIA TO REGISTER: HTTPS://DOFVREDEEMINGCONFLICT.EVENTBRITE.COM SATURDAY Nov. 4th 2023 9 AM - 1 PM

@4040 Nelthorpe Street Sacred Heart Church Hall Info: deniseowen@shaw.ca (250)580-0066

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BLACK FOREST our best-seller, dark chocolate, cherries almonds



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ROOT BEER FLOAT a very pretty fudge, decadent chocolate with the taste of Root Beer over ice cream!



MACADAMIA MADNESS dark chocolate, macadamias (portion is a little smaller as the nuts are pricey)



CLASSIC CHOLCOLATE softer, sweeter, more traditional (no nuts~trace amounts may be present)



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MIDNIGHT MINT silky dark chocolate with a hint of crème de menthe (no alchohol)



ROCKY ROAD walnuts, marshmallow in a traditional sweet chocolate fudge



CARAMEL CORN & CARAMEL CORN LIGHT full strength and a low calorie version (enough to fill a sandwich bag \$3)

Serving with Spirit: Transformation from the inside out



Save the Date!

Join us for a day of learning in community as we consider how the Holy Spirit leads us within a changing church and world.

In Duncan at

St. Edward The Confessor Church

All are Welcome!

November 25, 2023

9 am – 3 pm

Registration details coming soon!

Leah Perrault speaks across Canada and writes from her home in Swift Current, Saskatchewan on Treaty 4 territory. She and her spouse, Marc, are enjoying raising their four children and are active members at Christ the Redeemer Parish. You can read more about her at www.leahperrault.com

PILGRIMAGE TO MEXICO

Under spiritual leadership of Fr. Dean Henderson, Pastor Our Lady of the Rosary in Langford

Feb. 23 - Mar. 1, 2024 - 8 days - \$3,390.00 (Vancouver Dep, Incl. all taxes and tips)











Travel arrangements by

TICO #4274452

Feb. 23 Afternoon departure from Victoria via Vancouver to Mexico City. Upon arrival transfer to hotel for overnight.

- Feb. 24 After breakfast we are transferred to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe for welcome Mass. Continue to the "City of Angels"- Puebla for dinner and overnight.
- Feb. 25 We start the day with a tour to the old city, the Cathedral, Dominican Cloister and the Rosary Chapel. Continue to Tlaxcala and the Shrine of San Miguel del Milagro. Celebrate Mass at the site where St Michael the Archangel appeared to Diego Lazaro in 1631 directing him to the Grotto and to a well of miraculous waters. See the image of Our Lady of Ocotlan burnt into a tree trunk after she appeared to Diego Bernardino in 1531. Perfectly preserved, the image in a tree resides in the Basilica of Our Lady of Ocotlan. Dinner and overnight in Puebla.
- Feb. 26 After breakfast we visit the small Indian baroque church of Tonantzintla and Cholula Church constructed on the top of Great Pyramid. Continue to the famous "Silver City"- Taxco. We get acquainted with the history of silver mining in Mexico, visit jewels of baroque style architecture - St Priscilla and St Sebastian Church where we celebrate Mass. Dinner and overnight in Taxco.
- Feb. 27 This morning we depart to Mexico City. Upon arrival we visit the Square of the Three Cultures and continue to the Old and the New Basilica dedicated to Our Lady of Guadalupe, visited by several million pilgrims every year, built near the location where Our Lady of Guadalupe appeared to Juan Diego in 1531. We celebrate Mass and learn about the history of Our Lady of Guadalupe and Blessed Juan Diego. Dinner and overnight in Mexico City.
- Feb. 28 After breakfast we travel to Teotihuacan and the largest American Pyramids, the pyramid of the Sun and the Moon as well as the Pyramid of the "Feathered Dragon", ranked among the biggest in the world. Special lunch on the way included. Some time for leisure. In the evening an optional performance of Ballet Folklórico de México in the Opera House and overnight.

Feb. 29 Full day in Mexico City. We explore magnificent city center built on top of the ruins of the Aztec capital city. We stop at the Zocalo (main square), Palacio National, celebrate Mass in the Cathedral and drive along famous Paseo de la Reforma. Afternoon some free time for leisure. Return to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

Mar. 01 Morning transfer to the airport for a flight to Victoria via Vancouver. Early afternoon arrival.

TEL: 877-999-8868 TEL: 416-444-6666

FAX: 905-886-9769

For information and registrations call: Stan – ext. 339 or 647-463-9057 <u>stan@ihtours.com</u> Liliana – ext. 324 liliana@ihtours.com

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Community Services

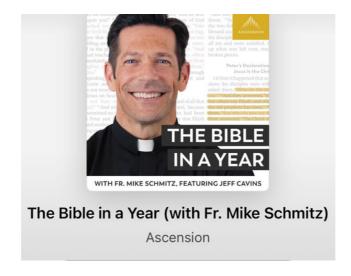
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The Bible In A Year



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