

# ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

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## Wisdom

Jean Allen

The first reading and Gospel this week focus on wisdom. What we all need to understand is that wisdom is not the same as knowledge because sometimes we get the two mixed up. In the parable of the 10 bridesmaids, five were foolish and five were wise. The thing is, the five foolish bridesmaids entered into waiting with full knowledge. They knew they were bridesmaids. They knew they could be waiting as long as two years because the groom had to finish building a home for his bride before he would come. They knew to bring lamps. They had all the knowledge needed to be bridesmaids but they lacked wisdom. They lacked the commitment to their calling to seek to make sure they had enough oil for the waiting.

What does the oil symbolize in our waiting upon the Lord? It certainly doesn't symbolize knowing about everything. Knowledge can be good and wonderful - but it doesn't constitute spiritual wisdom and it doesn't provide fuel for our lamps in the night. So, what does?

Spiritual wisdom comes to a humble heart turned toward God in patient and faithful waiting and hopeful expectation. Wisdom is the fruit of waiting, trusting, paying attention and understanding that black and white knowledge is not the whole story. Wisdom dwells in the spaces in between the black and the white and snap judgements do not allow wisdom to penetrate the heart like an oil that keeps everything meshing in peaceful harmony. Wisdom is the word of love that brings light to another's heart. Knowledge rarely does that. Knowledge, on its own, most often promotes judgement and condemnation of others and ourselves.

The first reading says, "Wisdom is radiant and unfading." Radiant. Unfading. What beautiful words to yearn after in our spiritual walks! The five wise bridesmaids were completely ready and full of light to welcome the bridegroom. Another word that goes hand in hand with wisdom is 'gracious'. Wisdom "goes about seeking those worthy of her and graciously appears to them in their paths and meets them in every thought."

This is truly worth seeking!





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

Monday November 13

**Parish Office Closed**

6:30am Mass Fr. Sean Flynn presiding

10:00am **CWL General Meeting - Community Room**

7:30pm **K of C General Meeting - Church Hall**

Tuesday November 14

**Parish Office Closed**

6:00pm Mass **Special Int. "In Thanksgiving" Clarence Fernandez**

Wednesday November 15

6:30am Mass Fr. Sean Flynn presiding

6:00pm Mass **Special Int. Carmelle and Chris Whiteley**

6:00pm **St. Vincent de Paul Monthly Meeting - Community Room**

7:00pm **Legion of Mary - Church Hall**

Thursday November 16

6:30am Mass - Fr. Sean Flynn presiding

9:00am Mass + **Phyllis Schaefer**

7:30pm **RCIA Journey of Faith - Church Hall**

Friday November 17 St. Elizabeth Of Hungary, Religious, Memorial

6:30am Mass Fr. Sean Flynn presiding

9:00am Mass + **Deceased Members of Trinh and Le Families**

followed by Adoration until 12:00 noon

Saturday November 18

6:30am Mass Fr. Sean Flynn presiding

5:00pm Mass + **Herculano and Joao Pimentel /**

**+ Souls of Rodrigo and Amparo**

6:00pm **Youth Group - School Gym & Church Hall**

Sunday November 19 Thirty-Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

World Day of the Poor

10:00am Mass

11:15am **Catechism - School**

6:00pm Mass + **Joe de Lima Sr. and Jr.**

# 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

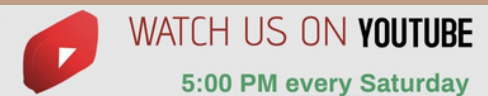
Weekend Masses

Saturday ~ 6:30 am

Saturday ~ 5:00pm (livestream)

Sunday ~ 10:00am

Sunday ~ 6:00pm



**Join Bishop Gary 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/RC DVictoriaLiveOne/about>.

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





**Our Goal: \$46,000**

**Pledged to Date: \$ 17,910.00**

**No. of Families : 43**

The Bishop's Appeal, Tapestry of Faith, is still accepting 2023 donations. Please consider making a financial commitment to the Bishop's Annual Appeal. Not only are you helping our parish, but you are making a real difference to our greater Diocesan faith community, our religious leaders, and Local Mission Parishes. Donations may be made on-line at: <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/bishops-appeal>

## 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](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, 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)

**Please Note:**  
**Parish Office will be closed on:**  
**Tuesday, November 14 in lieu of**  
**Remembrance Stat Holiday**

**Next Sanctioned Collection**  
**Sunday, November 26, 2023**  
**Catholic Missions in Canada**

## Donation Options



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**TO EMAIL: [SJTWPARISH@RCDVICTORIA.ORG](mailto:SJTWPARISH@RCDVICTORIA.ORG)**

**CREDIT CARDS:**  
**[Payment Authorization Form for Credit Card Donations.pdf](#)**  
**([parishpal.com](http://parishpal.com))**

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**[https://000011.parishpal.com/files/docs/PAD\\_Agreement.pdf](https://000011.parishpal.com/files/docs/PAD_Agreement.pdf)**

**CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION AND LINKS.**

**CISDV - AGM: The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Catholic Independent Schools Diocese of Victoria** (CISDV) Society will be held on **Wednesday, November 22**. There will be a private ballot 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](mailto:schools@cisdv.bc.ca) and must be completed and sent to the Nomination Committee at [schools@cisdv.bc.ca](mailto:schools@cisdv.bc.ca) **no later than Friday, 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 Parish Priest.

**For further information**, contact the Island Catholic Schools office at: 250-727-6893.

## 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](mailto:SJTWyouthgroup@gmail.com)



## Catechism Journey

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

Sunday Morning

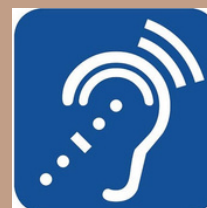
Grade's 1 to 4  
11:15am - 12:00 Noon (following the 10  
am Mass)  
St. Joseph's Elementary School  
757 Burnside Rd. W

For more information please contact:  
[OurCatechismJourney@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:whiteley.christopher@gmail.com) or  
250-886-2407

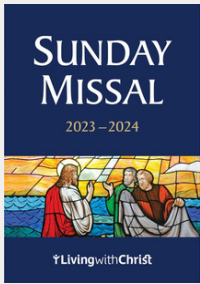
Our worship area is  
equipped with an  
**Assistive Listening**  
system. If you  
would like to use  
this, please contact  
the parish office.





# Newsworthy and Noteworthy

## Sunday Missals 2023-2024 for Sale



**Living With Christ  
Sunday Missals  
are now available  
at the back of the church.  
\$5.00 each  
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change to drop in box.**

### Serving with Spirit:

#### Transformation from the inside out

**Saturday, November 25** is the date for our annual Diocesan Faith Day - this year's theme is **"Serving with Spirit: Transformation from the Inside out"**. Join us for a day of learning in community with our guest speaker, Catholic speaker and author Leah Perault, as we consider how the Holy Spirit leads us within a changing church and world. The Faith Day will be held from **8:30 am - 3:30 pm at St. Edward's Church in Duncan**. For more information and to register please visit:

<https://DioConferenceServewithSpirit.eventbrite.com>

### 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 pre-cut 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.

## World Day of the Poor

On **November 19th**, Pope Francis invites us to celebrate the World Day of the Poor. The theme this year is "Do not turn your face away from anyone who is poor". According to the Government of Canada, one in 10 Canadians lives below the poverty line, and Vancouver Island is no different. For more than 175 years, thanks to the generosity of parishioners, the Society of Saint-Vincent de Paul has helped those less fortunate in our communities. Next weekend, please bring non-perishable high protein food items to put in our food basket at the back of the church or consider making a financial contribution at: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/society-of-st-vincent-de-paul-of-vancouver-island/> and specify St. Joseph the Worker Conference. Please be generous.

### Save the Date

#### ARBUTUS SINGERS CHRISTMAS CONCERT

**Wednesday, December 6, 2023**

**7:30pm to 8:30pm (no intermission)**

**St. Patrick's Parish**

**Tickets: \$20 each or \$50 Family Pack**

**Call Julie at 250-384-2840**

### Knights of Columbus Charity Appeal

Proceeds from the **Knights of Columbus Charity Appeal** ticket sales support numerous charitable, community and religious causes.

Total prizes amount to \$100,000.

**The more tickets purchased the cheaper the per ticket price!**

Buy tickets through the on-line link:

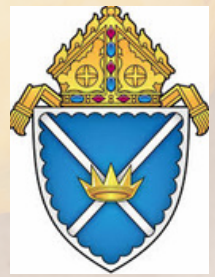
<http://kofcdraw.net/c13356> or our Council 13356 Facebook page.

**We will be back in the church foyer selling tickets first 2 weekends in November.**

### 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](mailto:mhogg@rcdvictoria.org)

# From the Diocese



## Mass of Remembrance

On Tuesday, **November 14**, Bishop Gary will celebrate a Mass of Remembrance for the clergy and religious who served in our Diocese who have died in the past year. The Mass will be held at noon; all are invited to participate, either in person at St. Andrew's Cathedral in Victoria (740 View St), or via the Diocesan livestream at:

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

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## Affordable Housing Seminar

On **Saturday, November 18**, the Mennonite Church of British Columbia is holding a seminar on affordable housing and how church communities in BC can use their land resources to help. The seminar will run from 9 am – 12 pm at Emmanuel Mennonite Church in Abbotsford, or online via Zoom at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88278975499?pwd=NjBZc1QwNHZqM3BITkxia2FtYzEyUT09>

For more information, please visit: <https://mcbc.ca/article/13022-affordable-housing-seminar>

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## Diocesan Health Care Committee New “Care of the Dying” Webpage

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](mailto:jdressler@rcdvictoria.org) or 250-479-1331 ext 230

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## 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/>.

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## “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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## Save The Date - Advent Carol Service

**St. Patrick's School** invites all to join them for an **Advent Carol Service** on Tuesday, **December 12th at 6:00 pm** at St. Andrew's Cathedral in Victoria (740 View Street).



# Contacts in the Parish

## Pastor

## Deacon

## 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

## 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 Committee

## Parish Pastoral Council

## Fr. Alfredo Monacelli

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Angela Grohovac

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

(2nd & 4th Saturdays @ 10am)

tbd

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Gerri Erickson (250) 216-5558 email: gerri@shaw.ca

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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

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Bernadette D'Souza email: aberniedsouza@gmail.com

Moira King email: moiraking@shaw.ca

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



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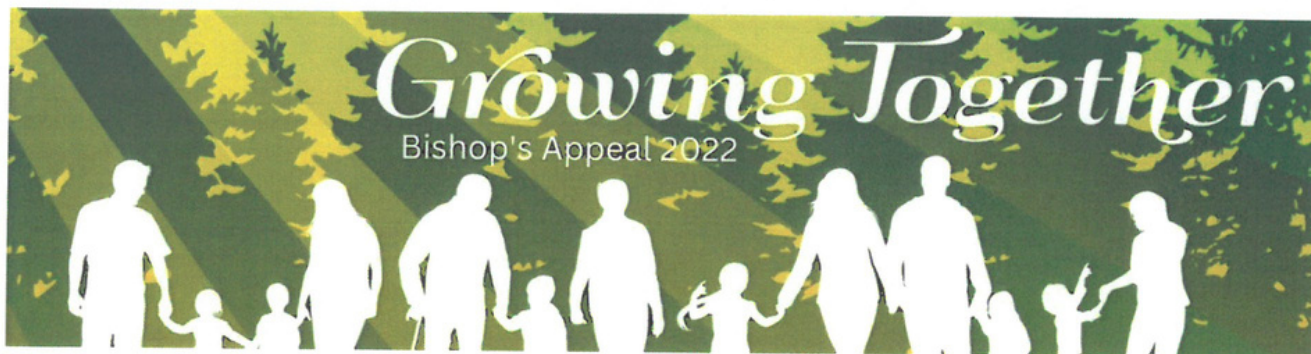
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To report sexual abuse or cover-up by a Bishop, click here or call 1-866-892-3737

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**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
<b>Total</b>	<b>727,000</b>

**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:

- \$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.
- \$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>



# 62<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL CHARITY APPEAL

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



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**Oct 9 (2x\$1000), Oct 23 (2x\$1000), Nov 6 (2x\$1000)**

**Nov 20 (2x\$1000), Dec 2 (2x\$1000)**

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## BIRTHRIGHT FUDGE IS COMING SOON!

**Birthright** is selling specialty Fudges after all Masses on **Nov 25/26**. The Fudges freeze well and make lovely stocking stuffers or gifts for the holiday table.

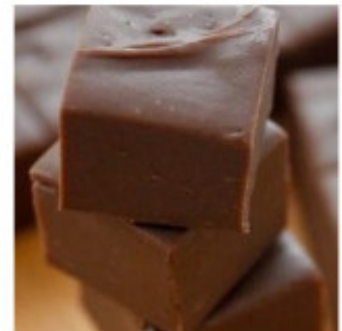
All **Birthright Fudges\*** are **\$6** (each package = 1/4 of an 8 inch square pan).



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



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



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**MAPLE RIBBON**  
*a ribbon of maple sandwiched between layers of dark chocolate*



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



**ROCKY ROAD**  
*walnuts, marshmallow in a traditional sweet chocolate fudge*



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



**CHOCOLATE APRICOTS**  
*for those who like their chocolate a little less rich (6 good-size dipped apricots for \$3)*



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



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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  
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All are Welcome!

November 25, 2023

9 am – 3 pm

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**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](http://www.leahperrault.com)





ARBUTUS SINGERS

# CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Wednesday, December 6, 2023

7:30pm to 8:30pm  
(no intermission)

St. Patrick's Parish  
2060 Haultain Street, Victoria

**Tickets: \$20 Each or \$50 Family Pack**

Purchase from an Arbutus Singers member  
or call Julie at 250 384 2840

Come join Jack Boomer, Director; Robyn McKinnon, Pianist; and the other 70 members of the Arbutus Singers for a fun-filled start to the Christmas season. Song selections will include Feliz Navidad, Don't Save It All For Christmas, Heaven Everywhere, Song for a Winter's Night and many other holiday favourites.

*You won't want to miss this fun evening.*

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# 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)



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.

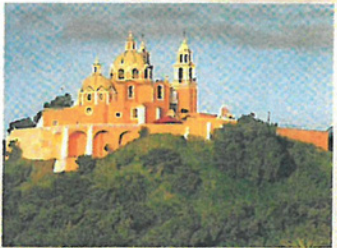
Feb. 25 We start the day with a tour to the old city, the Cathedral, Dominican Cloister and the Rosary Chapel. Continue to Tlaxcala and the Shrine of San Miguel del Milagro. Celebrate Mass at the site where St Michael the Archangel appeared to Diego Lazaro in 1631 directing him to the Grotto and to a 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.

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The Bible in a Year (with Fr. Mike Schmitz)

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