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Twenty-Eighth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Celebrating Thanksgiving

The colourful season of Fall generates a 'magic' air to breathe in our hearts; it is a time to be thankful for many things, for the crops of the farms, the fruits and all the bounty of the earth given to us.

In celebrating Thanksgiving, we become more aware of the graces of God upon us, aware that we are loved.

In return we are called to share this love with others, by sharing a meal together with family.

Let us also be mindful in our prayers for those who are without a family, without the bounty that we have in our homes, for those who are less fortunate than us, that they also may experience the Love of God.

Have a great and blessed Thanksgiving.

Fr. Alfie

Robes Required

It always bothered me that the king in this parable singled out a guest with no wedding robe and had him bound and tossed out. The invited guests were not the wealthy patricians. What if this poor man simply couldn't afford a wedding robe? Where was the sin? I decided to do some deep research on ancient Jewish weddings.

At the time of this parable, the host of a wedding banquet provided all male guests with a white garment called a 'kittel' to wear into the banquet. It looked a little like a bathrobe and it had no pockets. The robe was white to signify unity with the bride, who wore white to signify purity. The robe had no pockets, which symbolized marrying for love, not for what material possessions could be gained through marriage. There was no excuse for a guest to enter a wedding banquet with no robe.

It would have been obnoxious and rude. The guest in Christ's parable had been caught out; he was not there in unity with the bride but was there for whatever he could get. Perhaps he intended to stuff his pockets with food or with small valuables.

The bride of Christ is the whole body, the community with whom we celebrate the banquet of the Eucharist. Do we ever attend Mass, (actually or virtually) with no thought of being in unity with the bride? Are we there for what we can get, not for what we can give and not so that we can be there in solidarity with our brothers and sisters everywhere?

This weekend is the weekend of the Thanksgiving banquet. In this pandemic time, our banquets will no doubt be very limited in size and there will be many who aren't able to participate in any community meal because of health concerns. While giving thanks for all you have got, spare some time, food or prayer for those who haven't got a banquet to attend.

Get your kittel on!

A blessed Thanksgiving to you all.

Jean Allen



Ministry liturgical Schedule to be continued at a later date

WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE DIOCESE

New hope, new look! We have updated the Annual Appeal as *Horizons of Hope* after 10 years under the *Journey of Hearts & Hands* banner. We have a new look and feel...although it may be a little cloudy at the moment. Watch Bishop Gary's video and stay tuned for there will be more to come as we launch the Bishop's Appeal in the days ahead!

Link to the Diocesan Blog: <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/diocesanblog/newhopenewlook>

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

The month of October is traditionally known as a "Marian month", and today we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. Please find below the link to the latest Diocesan Blog, which features Our Lady of the Rosary Parish in Langford. We continue to pray that our Blessed Mother will intercede for us during these challenging times.

<https://www.rcdvictoria.org/diocesanblog/our-lady-of-the-rosary>

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, "Many are invited, but few are chosen." (Matthew 22:14)

Adults: What will you do this week to show God that you understand the relationship between faith and works?

Children: What three things can you do this week to show that you are a follower of Jesus?

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

Revised 2020 Sanctioned Collections

October 18th World Mission Sunday

<https://www.missionsocieties.ca/propagation-of-the-faith-spf/>

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/>



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 Osso Buco.

[Click Here To Watch](#)



ONLINE MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE

During this time, we are offering our Marriage Preparation Course fully online, and couples will be able to work through the program at their own pace. The cost is \$125 per couple, and the price also includes an online individualized couple assessment as well as a liturgy planning guide. For more information, go to: <https://bit.ly/3hzgRGW> or find the course on Eventbrite. You may also find the information on the Diocese website. Questions? Contact Louis Melendez

at lmelendez@rcdvictoria.org or 250-479-1331 ext. 237.

Newsorthy and Noteworthy

Please Note: The Parish Office will be closed on
Monday, October 12th and
Tuesday, October 13th
Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving!

Diocesan Appeal Kick Off...

This week we kick off the Bishop's Appeal along with all other parishes and missions throughout our Diocese. The 2020 Appeal, *Horizon of Hope*, encourages us to look for hope in our current global circumstances, and through your generosity we can ensure that all parishes in our Diocese are able to provide and nourish every soul with the life-giving word of God. We know these are challenging times for everyone and your gift will support our parish projects:

- 80% of the money we raise will go towards a parish that, especially during these unprecedented times, needs assistance. We have chosen St. Peter & Paul in Gold River.
- 20% of the money we raise will help our own parish with operating costs, which have a shortfall due to the pandemic situation.

Your donation to the Bishop's Appeal will make such a difference to many of our faithful, within our own parish, as well as St. Peter & Paul in Gold River.

As we approach World Food Day and celebrate Thanksgiving, the Grades 3's and 4's (and some hardy parishioners!) are pleased to kick things off, having harvested over 1800 pounds of potatoes. This is our best harvest yet, being grown in a garden half its regular size! These potatoes will be dispersed to The Soup Kitchen (located at the Cathedral), and the SVdP's Social Concerns Office, on a bi-weekly basis. Many thanks to all our gardeners!

Message from Jamie Zwicker

2020 - 2021 Sunday Missals

Our Sunday Missals have arrived.

Drop by the parish office during office hours to pick one up.

Cost \$5.00



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 12

Parish Office Closed

7:00pm Mass for pre-registered Parishioners

Tuesday October 13

Parish Office Closed

No Mass

Wednesday October 14

7:00pm Mass for pre-registered Parishioners

+ Francis Raj

Thursday October 15 Memorial St. Teresa Of Jesus, Virgin,

Doctor

No Mass

Friday October 16 Memorial St. Marguerite D'Youville,

Religious (World Food Day)

7:00pm Mass for pre-registered Parishioners

+ Clive D'Souza

Saturday October 17 Memorial St. Ignatius Of Antioch, Bishop,

Martyr

6:00pm Mass for pre-registered Parishioners

+ Francis Raj

Sunday October 18 Twenty-Ninth Sunday In Ordinary Time

(World Mission Sunday)

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

- All Masses are fully registered to the **MAXIMUM** of 50. It is requested that registered Mass attendees arrive 10 minutes prior to Mass start time.
- We have created an "extra" wait list for all Masses for the next available spot if attendance is not at full capacity.
- We need accurate contact information for every person who attends Mass.
- You may sign up for only one Mass per week. This Mass that you sign-up for **will be the same and only Mass that you may attend** during the week, until new directives are given.
- You must check in with Usher upon arrival and wait to be invited in.

Attention: Out of Town/Out of Province Visitors Mass Live Streamed - As a visitor, please join the Bishop for Mass streamed online here:

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

Children's Religious Education

Our Catechism program is now accepting registrations. Please see the parish website for the Program Plan and Registration:

<https://www.stjosephtheworkerparish.com/childrens-religious-ed.php>

We have started, however, it is not too late to sign up!

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