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No Quid Pro Quo

Jean Allen

Many scripture scholars and theologians struggle with this week's parable of the king who slaughtered all those who ignored his invitation to the wedding banquet and then threw out a guest because he wasn't dressed properly, because the most common interpretation that sees the king as representative of God portrays God as violent and vengeful, which does not jive with Christ's total message of compassion and forgiveness. Below, I will offer another possible interpretation that more than one scholar has come up with.

They believe that the king here is not representative of God but is representative of the violent and vindictive tendencies of human power. The powerful king first sends out invitations to all the well to do but the moment he is spurned he turns into a raging tyrant and angrily slaughters those who reject him. Then the king invites the poor and the lowly. The poor can't turn him down because they are powerless and afraid after seeing what happened to the first lot of invitees. Then when this fearsome tyrant walks among his guests, he is brought up short by a guest with no proper garment. Confronted, the guest is 'speechless'. He is silent.

Might this unfortunate guest be Jesus, a man who had little and would only be considered good enough for the second tier of invitations and a man who did not strive to fit with the norm? Very shortly after this parable, Jesus was silent before his accusers and then he was bound and cast out into the darkness.

But how could Jesus say, "The Kingdom of heaven is like..." and then describe a violent despot similar to Herod? In Matthew 11, Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven suffers violence and the violent take it by force." So, God's kingdom is not invulnerable to human violence; however, the Kingdom does not inflict violence in return. Hence the silent, unresisting guest, who allows himself to be bound and cast out.

So, beware: we can, and do, inflict violence on the Kingdom of Heaven.



The Week of October 16 to October 22 in our Community

Monday October 16 St. Marguerite D'Youville, Religious Memorial

Parish Office Closed

6:30am Mass Fr. Sean Flynn presiding

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

Tuesday October 17 St. Ignatius Of Antioch, Bishop, Martyr Memorial

6:00pm Mass + **Phyllis Schaefer**

Wednesday October 18 St. Luke, Evangelist Feast

Parish Office Closed

6:30am Mass Fr. Sean Flynn presiding

6:00pm Mass **Special Int. "In Thanksgiving" Clarence Fernandez /
+ Paul Spencer**

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

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

Thursday October 19

6:30am Mass Fr. Sean Flynn presiding

9:00am Mass **Special Int. Alexander Campbell** (Fr. Sean Flynn presiding)

7:30pm **RCIA Journey of Faith - Community Room**

Friday October 20

6:30am Mass Fr. Sean Flynn presiding

9:00am Mass + **Aunt Bess / + Dianne Durkin** (Fr. Sean Flynn presiding)

followed by Adoration until 12:00 noon

Saturday October 21

6:30am Mass Fr. Sean Flynn presiding

10:00am **Contemplative Community - Community Room**

5:00pm Mass + **Lynn Nicholls** (Fr. Marc Parent presiding)

6:00pm **Youth Group - School Gym**

Sunday October 22 Twenty-Ninth Sunday In Ordinary Time

World Mission Sunday

10:00am Mass (Fr. Marc Parent presiding)

11:15 am **Catechism**

6:00pm Mass + **Joy McAlpine** (Fr. Mike Favero presiding)

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/RCDVictoriaLiveOne/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.

“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: <https://DofVRedeemingConflict.eventbrite.com>; any questions can be directed to Margaret Gwyn at: mgwyn@rcdvictoria.org 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)

Please Note:
Parish Office will be closed on
Wednesday, October 18th for
Parish Support Staff Meeting and Retreat

Next Sanctioned Collection:
Evangelization of Nations (World Mission Sunday)
October 22, 2023

Donation Options



CANADA HELPS ONLINE DONATION:
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Payment Authorization Form for Credit Card Donations.pdf
(parishpal.com)

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

CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION AND LINKS.

2023 Bishop's Appeal - Tapestry of Faith

This week, all parishes and missions throughout our Diocese kick off the Bishop's Appeal.

The 2023 Appeal theme, **Tapestry of Faith**, provides opportunities for parishioners to build faith relationships, support Local Mission Parishes, and support our Clergy, Religious Sisters, Seminarians, and vocations, as together we weave a Tapestry of Faith for our Diocese.

For more information and to pledge, please visit:
<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

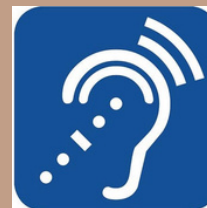
Grade's 1 to 4
11:15am - 12:00 Noon (following the 10
am Mass)
St. Joseph's Elementary School
757 Burnside Rd. W

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 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

Knights of Columbus Charity Appeal / Plus Pancake Breakfast

Proceeds from 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.

Buy tickets through the on-line link:
<http://kofcdraw.net/c13356>
or from Brother Jack Moreau.

The next Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast will be held on:

Sunday October 29th after the 10:00 am Mass.

Knights will also be selling Charity Appeal tickets at this event.

All forms of payment are accepted.



Our Fall 40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil
September 27 to November 5, 2023

Location: Helmcken Road Overpass on sidewalk in front of the Park & Ride
(Near Victoria General Hospital)

For more information:

Call or text Glenda at 250-661-2613

CWL SACRED HEART GARAGE SALE

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WE'RE HIRING!

Island Catholic Schools is recruiting! We are in search of enthusiastic people who are certified, talented, love what they do and wish to work in vibrant school environments! If you are interested in joining one of our teams, please visit: <https://cisdv.bc.ca/employment-opportunities/>

You're Invited

Please join us for an informative
Estate Planning Session

Making a gift in your lifetime or leaving one in your will.
Deciding what is right for you & your family.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19TH
4:00PM-5:30PM
VIA ZOOM

Hosted by Society of St. Vincent de Paul
Vancouver Island & CIBC Wealth

*This session is suitable for anyone early or mid-career, nearing retirement or in retirement".

Please RSVP to administration@svdpvictoria.com
by **October 11th**

Zoom link will be sent to you

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**.

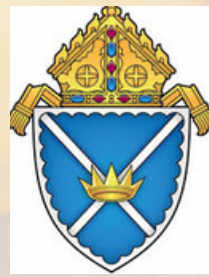
The study is based upon a practice called Lectio Divina taught by St Benedict (born 480 in Italy) to his monks.

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



Laudate Deum/Universal Phase of Synod 2021-2024

Pope Francis has released the Apostolic Exhortation "**Laudate Deum**" to all people of good will on the climate crisis. A copy of the exhortation may be found online at:

https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_exhortations/documents/20231004-laudate-deum.pdf.

October 4 marked the opening of the first session of the **Universal Phase of Synod 2021-2024**. His Eminence Mario Cardinal Grech, General Secretary of the Synod of Bishops, has invited the faithful to participate in prayer for the Synod. For more information, please visit: <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/vatican-city/news/2023-09/cardinal-mario-grech-invitation-episcopate-priests-prayer-synod.html>

Rite Relations: Developments in Indigenous Catholic Leadership and Unity

On **Tuesday, October 17**, Star of the North Retreat Centre is hosting an online talk by Noah MacDonald, who is a Canon Lawyer with the Archdiocese of Toronto, a proud Anishinaabe member of Michipicoten First Nation, and an advocate for the rights and leadership of Indigenous Catholics. Noah will speak on "Rite Relations: Developments in Indigenous Catholic Leadership and Unity". The talk will be offered **via Zoom from 6 – 7:30 pm PDT**. For more information and to register, please visit: <https://www.starofthenorth.ca/register/event-calendar/?id=734>

Secular Franciscans of Western Canada's Fine Arts & Poster Contest

All children and youth are invited to participate in the Secular Franciscans of Western Canada's Fine Arts & Poster Contest. The theme for this year's contest is "**The Greccio Nativity Scene**", to celebrate the story of St. Francis of Assisi creating the first nativity scene 800 years ago in a cave near Greccio, Italy. Entries must be postmarked by Wednesday, **November 15th**. For more information and the contest entry form, please visit: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1PFMW1T3uUKV1yoGmOBPcGYx0JoCdmsPo>

Webinar Series - The Four Constitutions of Vatican II

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

2023 Diocesan Faith Days

This year's theme is "**Serving with Spirit: Transformation from the inside out**". All are invited to join us for a day of learning in community with guest speaker Leah Perrault, as we consider how the Holy Spirit leads us within a changing church and world. The Faith Day for all parishioners will be held on **Saturday, November 25 from 9 am – 3 pm at St. Edward's Church in Duncan**. Registration details coming soon!

Contacts in the Parish

Pastor

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Responsible Ministry Coordinator

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Baptism

Contemplative Community

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Children's Religious Education

Eucharistic Ministry Contact

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Knights of Columbus

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Legion of Mary

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Proclaimer Schedule Coordinator

Proclaimer Training Coordinator

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Social and Ecological Justice Committee

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Angela Grohovac

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(2nd & 4th Saturdays @ 10am)

tbd

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

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Meetings every Wednesday following 6:00pm Mass

looking for a coordinator

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Please continue to help the Society of St. Vincent de Paul bring respite and hope to local people who need it the most.

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

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



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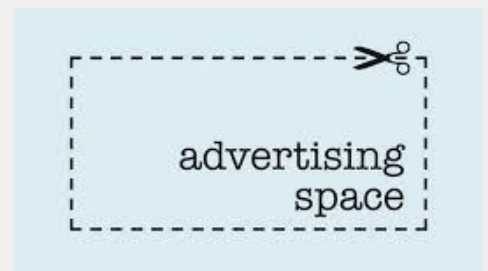
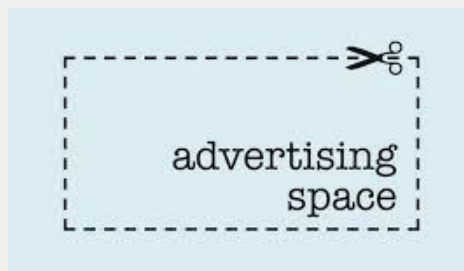
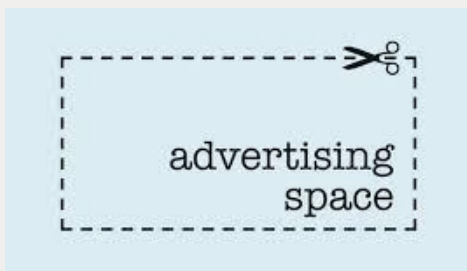
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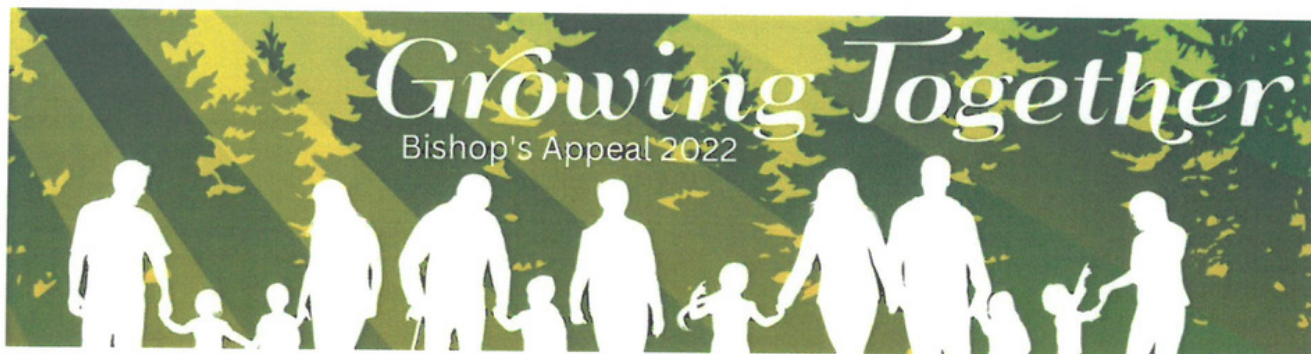
We are in a new season as we move forward.
This is an invitation for you to share your ***talent and time*** by joining one of our parish ministries.
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To report sexual abuse or cover-up by a Bishop, click here or call 1-866-892-3737

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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
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:

- \$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>



62nd ANNUAL CHARITY APPEAL

Click here 

For Council 13356

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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

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- Administrative Assistant - Queen of Angels School
- Educational Assistants - Queen of Angels School
- One-on-One Support Worker - Queen of Angels School
- 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: <https://cisdv.bc.ca/employment-opportunities/>



You're Invited

Please join us for an informative

Estate Planning Session

Making a gift in your lifetime
or leaving in your will.
What is right for you & your family.

Thursday, October 19th
4:00–5:30pm
via ZOOM

Hosted by Society of St. Vincent de Paul Vancouver Island
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Please RSVP by October 11th to
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Details & zoom link will be sent to you.



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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



PILGRIMAGE TO MEXICO

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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.

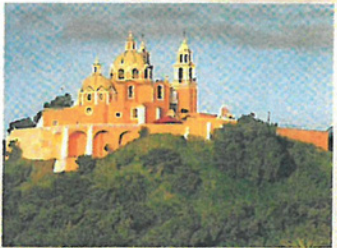
Feb. 25 We start the day with a tour to the old city, the Cathedral, Dominican Cloister and the Rosary Chapel. Continue to Tlaxcala and the Shrine of San Miguel del Milagro. Celebrate Mass at the site where St Michael the Archangel appeared to Diego Lazaro in 1631 directing him to the Grotto and to a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