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Caution: Tripping Hazard

BY JEAN ALLEN

This week's Gospel is from Mark but in the Gospel of Matthew, when Jesus said to Peter, "Get behind me Satan," he added, "for you are a stumbling block to me." The word translated as 'stumbling block' is 'skandalon' from which the modern word 'scandal' comes from. A stumbling block in Jesus' eyes was anyone who hindered another from imitating Jesus or the Father. Jesus used the word 'skandalon' many times when he was teaching his disciples how to avoid pitfalls in the spiritual life. Peter's well-intentioned rebuke scandalized Jesus and made it difficult for Jesus to freely choose his Father's path for him.

We scandalize someone when we create obstacles to their faith and to their desire to be like Jesus or God. We can see the more publically recognized examples of this kind of skandalon in the Residential School revelations or the sexual abuse crisis but skandalon lives close at home too. Every time we criticize someone and imply they should act like us and have the same perspectives as us, we are scandalizing that person. Our (often well-intentioned) desires that another person be more like us often sets up resentment or stirs up self-doubt and anxiety in the other. In these states it becomes almost impossible for the other to detach from our expectations and their reactions to our expectations. They become defensive and lose sight of Jesus. We have become a stumbling block rather than a helpful influence.

We are often tempted to invite others to imitate us and adopt our perspectives and goals, but we definitely should not go there! Our perspectives and goals may not be what God has in mind at all for the other person and it takes an extremely humble person to understand that. Unless we ourselves are totally detached from everything, including end results, we will eventually find ourselves struggling with disappointment and resentment because someone did not heed our advice or follow our expectations. Then we are scandalized. Meanwhile, nobody can see Jesus over the big pile of stumbling blocks...
...which might as well be millstones around our necks.

The Week of Sept 13 to Sept 19 in our Community

Monday September 13 Memorial St. John Chrysostom, Bishop, Doctor
Parish Office Closed
No Mass

Tuesday September 14 Feast The Exaltation Of The Holy Cross
6:00pm Mass

Wednesday September 15 Memorial Our Lady Of Sorrows
6:00pm Mass + Selma Brooks

Thursday September 16 Memorial St. Cornelius, Pope, And St. Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs
9:00am Mass

Friday September 17
9:00am Mass + Katharina Zillinger

Saturday September 18
5:00pm Mass

Sunday September 19 Twenty-Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time
10:00am Mass
6:00pm Mass + Francis Raj

MASS INTENTIONS NOW AVAILABLE TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS

Mass Schedule

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

Weekend Masses
Saturday ~ 5:00pm
Sunday ~ 10:00am
Sunday ~ 6:00pm

WORSHIP SERVICES ARE EXEMPT FROM THE PROVINCIAL MASK MANDATE; HOWEVER, WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT FACE COVERINGS BE WORN BY ALL PEOPLE BORN IN 2009 OR EARLIER DURING WORSHIP SERVICES.

St. Joseph the Worker
Regular Sunday live-streamed Mass Celebrations

Click below to watch

Saint Joseph the Worker - Victoria, B.C. - YouTube

Mass With the Bishop

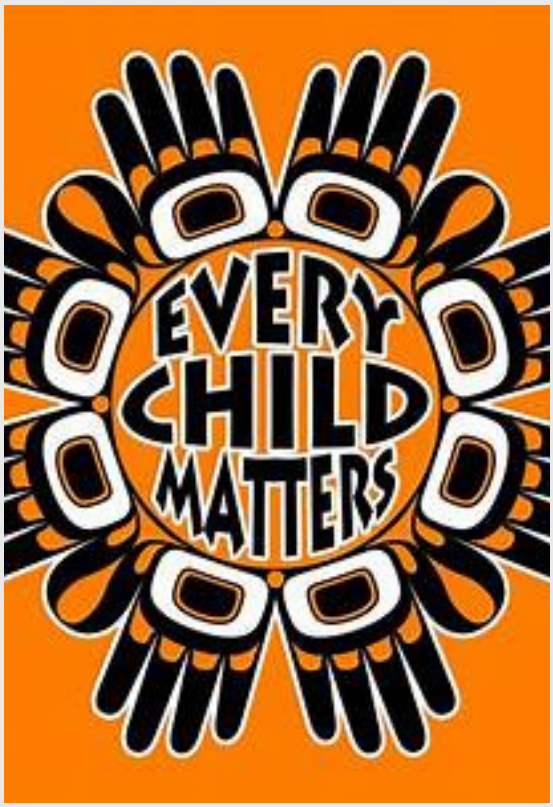
LIVE-STREAMED FROM THE DIOCESE OF VICTORIA WEBSITE

GO TO:

HTTPS://WWW.YOUTUBE.COM/C/RCDVICTORIALIVEONEŸ SUNDAY - 10:00 AM

MONDAY TO FRIDAY - 7:00 PM

Truth and Reconciliation Day



Please find attached a letter from Bishop Gary Gordon regarding the **Truth and Reconciliation Day** (September 30th) **a new statutory holiday** to commemorate the history and ongoing trauma caused by residential schools. In recent years, September 30th has been known as “Orange Shirt Day”, named after the residential schools' experience of the campaign’s founder, Phyllis Webstad. Support of this national day of commemoration is a direct response to one of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission’s Calls to Action. As such, please note that the Pastoral Centre, parish offices, and all Catholic schools in the Diocese of Victoria will be closed on **September 30th** to encourage staff to commemorate Truth and Reconciliation Day.

Please click here: Truth and Reconciliation Day

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: 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 is 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.

The parish office is open during regular hours of operation Tuesday through Friday - 8:30amto 3:30pm (with the exception of stat holidays)

Donation Options

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

(IMMEDIATE ELECTRONIC TAX RECEIPT ISSUED BY CANADA HELPS)

E TRANSFERS: FOLLOW STEPS OUTLINED ON YOUR ON-LINE BANKING SITE TO EMAIL SJTWPARISH@RCDVICTORIA.ORG

CREDIT CARDS:

Payment Authorization Form for Credit Card Donations.pdf (parishpal.com)

PRE-AUTHORIZED DEBIT:

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

CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION AND LINKS.

SANCTIONED COLLECTIONS

CHURCH IN THE HOLY LAND : SEPTEMBER 12

NEEDS OF THE CHURCH COLLECTION : SEPTEMBER 26

Job Postings

THE CATHOLIC INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS OF THE DIOCESE (ISLAND CATHOLIC SCHOOLS) HAS VARIOUS POSITIONS AVAILABLE.
APPLICATION FORMS AND DETAILS:
HTTP://CISDV.BC.CA/EMPLOYMENT-OPPORTUNITIES.PHP

MOUNT ST. MARY HOSPITAL IS LOOKING TO HIRE A P/T SPIRITUAL CARE PROVIDER
FORWARD RESUME TO:
HUMAN RESOURCES
EMAIL: HR@MOUNTSTMARY.CA
FAX: 480-3106
VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR JOB DESCRIPTION
WWW.MOUNTSTMARY.CA

Share your tale with us!

Newsworthy and Noteworthy

Catechism Announcement

Catechism is set to resume in October. We are looking for 2 teachers to add to our program, grade 2 - Walking with Saints- Pre Sacrament year and grade 5 - Faith in Action, post Confirmation and Communion - this is the class that bridges Catechism with youth group.

Registration will open online via our website Sept 15th through to October 1st.

Altar Servers Call Back

Altar servers will be added back into the Mass celebrations soon and we will need to have everyone have a refresher and/ or training. We have set up 2 training dates to help accommodate busy schedules.

Sept 14th and 16th at 7pm in the Church. You will only need to attend one of the evenings. Please email Angela at: **sjtwservers2021@gmail.com** to register and let us know which training night you can attend and which Mass you would like to attend and be scheduled.

Mount St. Mary Bottle Drive Fundraiser

7 "Talks" on the Merits of Praying the Rosary Daily

WHEN: TUESDAY EVENINGS AFTER 6:00PM MASS

BEGINNING: OCTOBER 5TH

ENDING: NOVEMBER 16TH

Join Alan Grohovac in the Church

THERE WILL BE A DIFFERENT THEME EACH WEEK

St. Vincent de Paul Invite

St. Joseph's Conference of St. Vincent de Paul warmly welcomes everyone to join us at St. Joseph the Worker for a dedicated mass for the **Feast of St. Vincent de Paul on: Monday September 27th at 10am**

We sincerely hope parishioners will join us.

From the Diocese

The Pastoral Care Outreach Training series will again be offered online this fall. Nine free sessions will be held **via Zoom on Saturday mornings from 9:30 – noon, starting on September 25** and running til November 27, 2021 (with a break on October 9 for Thanksgiving). Participants who attend all sessions will receive a Certificate of Completion.

Consider these questions: How can I encourage people to talk and share their stories? Can I really have an effect on someone's health with my visit? What is meant by the Ministry of Presence? Whether you are a member of your parish Pastoral Care Team or an Extraordinary Minister of Communion, a member of the Knights of Columbus, CWL or St. Vincent de Paul, a caregiver to a family member, or someone who is considering adding these skills and would like to get involved, this training program is important. It will show why those who visit the sick are unique, and how they can offer more than a friendly visit – they can be the hands and face of Christ to others. Until pastoral access to homes, hospitals, nursing homes, and health care facilities is fully available, Bishop Gary Gordon feels "it is important to have parishioners trained at the ready to provide a caring and compassionate experience to those who are most in need."

Participants will require a phone number and email address, a computer, tablet or smartphone with speakers, microphone and webcam, and a reliable internet connection. **To register, please email sjtwparish@rcdvictoria.org by Thursday, September 16th**. For further information, please email moiraking@shaw.ca

An Evening of Truth, Reconciliation, Healing, and Affirming the Path of Friendship

Reflections on an evening of truth, reconciliation, healing, and affirming the path of friendship, held at Our Lady of the Rosary:

https://www.rcdvictoria.org/special-announcements/truth-reconciliation-healing-and-affirming-the-path-of-friendship

Season of Creation 2021: Renewing the Oikos of God

Information and resources for the celebration the Season of Creation 2021, which begins September 1st:

https://www.rcdvictoria.org/news/season-of-creation-2021-renewing-the-oikos-of-god

Contacts in the Parish

Pastor	**Fr. Alfredo Monacelli**
Admin Assistant/Secretary/Bookkeeper	Jennifer Smith/Sandi Duncan/Pat O'Brien Office hours 8:30am - 3:30pm Tuesday-Friday
Custodian	Ralph Scheurle
Responsible Ministry Coordinator	Ann Glas email: annglas@hotmail.com
Altar Server Training/Coordinator	Angela Grohovac
Baptism	tbd
Contemplative Comunity	Charlie Allen (778)433-5772 email: charlieballen@gmail.com (2nd & 4th Saturdays @ 10am)
Children's Liturgy of the Word	tbd
Children's Religious Education	Angela Grohovac, Beth Geras & Lily Blair email: ourcatechismjourney@gmail.com
Eucharistic Ministry Contact	Jenny Di Castri email: jdicastri@gmail.com
SJTW Pastoral Care Outreach Ministry	tbd
Development and Peace	Sister Marina Smith SSA email: sandseaandsky@gmail.com
Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA)	Chris & Carmelle Whiteley (250) 886-2987 email: carmelle.whiteley@gmail.com
Youth Group - Grades 6 to 12	Claudia and Oscar Hinojosa email: cigro112@gmail.com
St. Joseph's Elementary School	Pre School - Gr. 7 Call school office (250) 479-1232 for more info
Catholic Women's League (CWL)	President: Barbara Strong (250) 881-8612
Knights of Columbus	Shawn Leckie email: kofc13356@gmail.com
St. Vincent de Paul	Stephanie Peters (250) 514-7853 email: stephanie.jm.peters@gmail.com (Meetings every 3rd Wednesday 5:00pm to 7:00pm
Coffee/Hospitality Committee	Barbara Strong (250) 881-8612 email: barbara.victoria127@gmail.com
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A CENTURY OF SERVICE ON VANCOUVER ISLAND

St. Joseph's Conference
The Society of St. Vincent de Paul
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Email stephanie.jm.peters@gmail.com
if you are curious about joining St. Vincent de Paul
to help those in need in our local communities.

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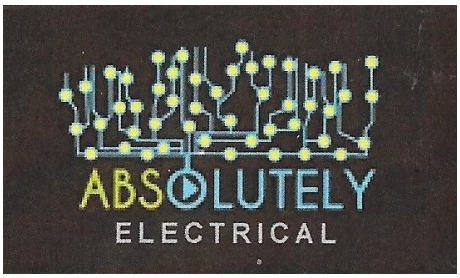

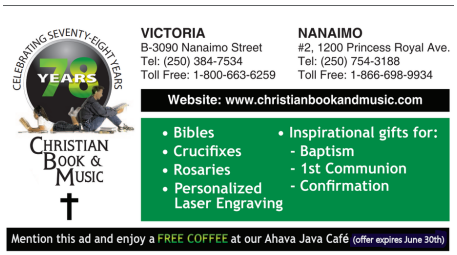

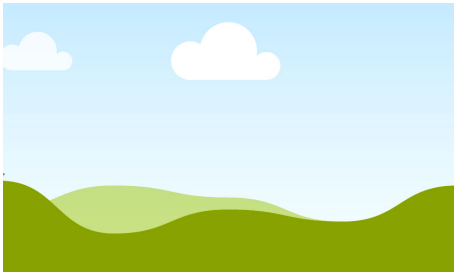

Report Sexual Abuse

To report sexual abuse by a clergy member, religious, employee, or volunteer, call
1-800-968-3146

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

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