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## The Consequences of Unforgiveness

JEAN ALLEN

This week's Gospel is about the servant who was totally forgiven an enormous debt and then turned around and refused to forgive the relatively tiny debts of those who owed him money. We all listen to it and are a little outraged that someone could be so small minded, especially after receiving such incredible mercy from the master.

But wait a second. There is not one of us who is not supremely guilty of the same sin. God has gifted us with prodigious mercy and forgiveness yet we continually take offense against others and refuse to offer the same grace that has been given to us. We gratefully accept God's forgiveness of our transgressions and for a brief period we are dwelling in the Kingdom of grace. But the moment someone speaks disrespectfully to us, betrays our trust, is critical of our beliefs, ignores our perspectives or acts entitled to our service and we immediately choose to move out of the gracious Kingdom and we angrily choose to live in a realm where we will make that person pay the last penny. It is a realm bereft of grace. It is a hellish place to exist and it is often torture.

But make no mistake. We choose that place.

I am not implying that forgiveness is effortless or a matter of a quick and easy choice. Forgiveness is often horrendously difficult but God sees the heart and the desire to choose to live in the Kingdom of grace. It's not a matter of how well we succeed; it is a matter of how much we try and how hard and consistently we seek for God's help to forgive. We cannot do it without him.

When we forget how much we have been forgiven and refuse to even try to offer the same generous forgiveness and grace to anyone, whether it's a person, a group or even an institution or a government, it makes a mockery of God's merciful heart and it is a complete misrepresentation of Jesus. No wonder people turn away from the faith; they keep witnessing our disturbing distortions of who God really is.

No offense is worth that.



## The Week of September 18th to 24th in our Community

Monday September 18

**Parish Office Closed**

6:30am Mass Fr. Sean Flynn presiding

Tuesday September 19

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

6:30pm **Couples for Christ Choir Practice**

Wednesday September 20 St. Andrew Kim Tae-Gon Priest, Paul Chong Ha-Sang, And Companions, Martyrs Memorial

6:30am Mass Fr. Sean Flynn presiding

12:00 noon **Seniors' Lunch Bunch - Church Hall**

6:00pm Mass + **Jeanette**

Thursday September 21 St. Matthew, Apostle, Evangelist Feast

6:30am Mass Fr. Sean Flynn presiding

9:00am Mass **Special Int. Alex Jr. Almodiel**

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

Friday September 22

6:30am Mass Fr. Sean Flynn presiding

9:00am Mass followed by Adoration until 12:00 noon

**Special Int. Concettina Seminara**

Saturday September 23 St. Pius Of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio), Priest Memorial

6:30am Mass Fr. Sean Flynn presiding

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

5:00pm Mass + **Herculano & Joao Pimentel (Choir Shaw and Jen)**

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

Sunday September 24 Twenty-Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Needs of the Church in Canada (Mission Sunday)

World Day of Migrants and Refugees

10:00am Mass (**Choir Karel and Maya**)

11:15 am **K of C Pancake Breakfast - Church Hall**

11:15 am **Catechism - St. Joseph Elementary School**

6:00pm Mass + **Diana Klooster (Choir Angela Faber)**

## 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.

The regular livestream schedule is 7 pm on weeknights from Sacred Heart Church in Victoria and 9 am on Sundays.

Please note changes to the regular schedule can be found at:

<https://www.rcdvictoria.org/events/daily-mass-livestreamed> and

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

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



**Funeral Mass for Sharon Kelland**

St. Joseph the Worker Parish  
Saturday, September 16 at 11:00am  
link to livestream:

<https://youtube.com/live/oycuSFjq4Vc>

## PASTORAL CARE SESSIONS

THE NINE FREE PASTORAL CARE SESSIONS TO BE HELD VIA ZOOM ON CONSECUTIVE SATURDAYS, SEPTEMBER 23, 2023 UNTIL NOVEMBER 25, 2023 (with no session October 7 for Thanksgiving).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:

MOIRA KING, CHAIR DIOCESE OF VICTORIA HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE

EMAIL: MOIRAKING@SHAW.CA

## RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

### Who Is Jesus Christ? What are Sacraments?

Whether you're just curious about Catholicism or eager to enter the Faith, RCIA may be the journey you're called to this Fall. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the process by which non-Catholics enter the Catholic Faith. Join us to explore what the Holy Spirit has in store for you! Please contact your pastor to have a dialogue and then register with Carmelle & Chris Whiteley to sign up for the initial evening on September 21st. 250-886-2987 or [carmelle.whiteley@gmail.com](mailto:carmelle.whiteley@gmail.com)

## 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.

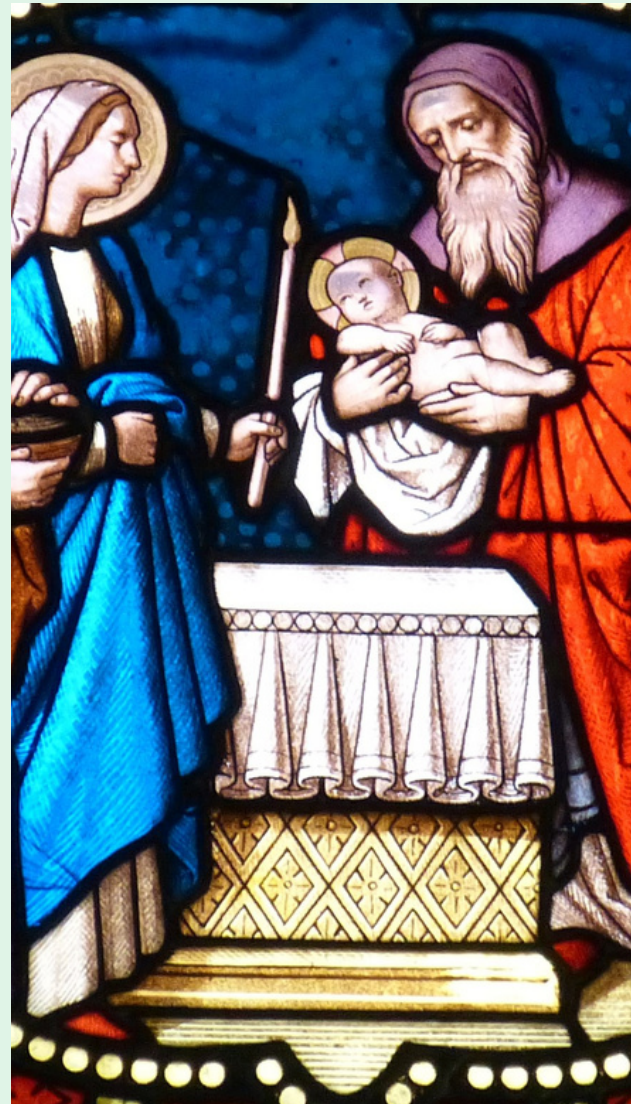
**Sacrament of Baptism:** Celebrated on the **first Sunday** of each month at 11:30am. Please call parish office to register.

**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:**

**The next Diocesan Sanctioned Collection:  
Needs of the Church in Canada (Mission Sunday)  
Sunday, September 24, 2023**

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## Donation Options



**CANADA HELPS ONLINE DONATION:  
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(CANADAHELPS.ORG)**

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

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## Birthright's Annual Strollerthon

**Birthright's\* Annual Strollerthon is coming up**

**Victoria's Annual Strollerthon 5 Ks around James Bay**

in support of Birthright

**Saturday, September 26th at 11:00am**

Fisherman's Wharf Park

Gary Skabeikis will be taking pledges after the Sunday 10 AM Mass.

You can also donate by etransfer to:

<https://birthrightvictoria.org>

\*Birthright is a pro-life crisis pregnancy service offering loving assistance to women in troubled pregnancies.

## Youth Group

All Youth Grades 6 - 12  
are invited

to join us on Saturday evenings following  
5:00pm Mass

Start-up date: September 16

For more information, please contact  
Ruth Real at:

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



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## Gatechism Journey

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

Sunday Morning

11:15am - 12:00 Noon (following the 10 am  
Mass)

St. Joseph's Elementary School  
757 Burnside Rd. W

Grade 1 - Our Heavenly Father

Grade 2 - Jesus Our Life

Level 3 - Jesus Our Life - Sacrament of  
Reconciliation

Level 4 - Our Life with Jesus - Sacrament of  
Confirmation & Holy Communion

Registration Fee: \$30.00 (families with more  
than 1 child please contact the parish  
office)

Mandatory Parents Meeting on:

Sunday Sept 17th @ 11:15am

1st Class on:

Sunday Sept 24th @11:15am

Please provide a copy of your child's  
Baptism Certificate if they were not  
baptized at St. Joseph the Worker.

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## Grade/Level 5

### Post Sacrament Class

Saturdays at 6:00pm starting Sept 9th  
For more information or to register please  
contact Chris Whiteley:

[whiteley.christopher@gmail.com](mailto:whiteley.christopher@gmail.com) or

250-886-2407

# Newsworthy and Noteworthy

## Season of Creation Week 3 Sept 17 - 23

Theme: **Justice.**

**St. Francis shows us how inseparable the bond is between concern for nature, justice for the poor, commitment to society, and interior peace.**" (LS 10) He helps us to take to heart what it means to be human.

The earth is essentially a shared inheritance, whose fruits are meant to benefit everyone. For believers, this becomes a question of fidelity to the Creator. (LS 93) Yet today we see injustice in the distribution of these fruits. In the deterioration of the environment and of society, it is the most vulnerable people on the planet who are most affected. (LS 48) Never have we so hurt and mistreated our common home as we have in the last two hundred years.

Today the Amazon reflects a wounded and deformed beauty. It is a place of pain and violence. Attacks on nature have consequences for people's lives.' (Antonio Spadaro, .S.J.) When nature is viewed solely as a source of profit and gain, this has serious consequences for society. (LS 82)

In a perspective of faith we challenge the dominant view of the economy 'which accepts every advance in technology with a view to profit, without concern for its potentially negative impact on human beings. Employing technology as a mere instrument is nowadays inconceivable. (LS 107) We fail to see the deepest roots of our present failures, which have to do with direction, goals, meaning and social implications of technological and economic growth.' (LS 109) When media and the digital world become omnipresent, their influence can stop people from learning how to live wisely, to think deeply, and to love generously. (LS 47) Politics must not be subject to the economy, nor should the economy be subject to the dictates of an efficiency driven paradigm of technocracy." (LS 189) Intergenerational solidarity is not optional, but rather a basic question of justice. The environment is on loan to each generation, which must then hand it on to the next." (LS 159)

Justice calls for a new view, one which starts with human beings. Humanity is called to recognize the need for a change of lifestyle, production, and consumption." (LS 23)

### **This week 's suggested actions:**

- Begin (or continue) a habit of prayer, daily at least 10 minutes. Especially pray for courage to make the changes necessary "to transform our hearts, our lifestyles, and the public policies ruling our societies."  
"Pray to see technology as an instrument rather than the dominant model."  
Pray for those who hold positions of power and agency to act justly, especially with regards to international climate negotiations.
- Encourage conversations about climate change and its effects on the lives of the people of developing countries.
- Join a group that is working for justice.

Listen to the song: **Wake the World in Joy** by Michelle Sherliza.  
Go to Youtube and type in the title.

## The Roof Project Is Finished

Three contractors bid on the project. It was awarded to Parker Johnston (PJ) in Feb. 2022, but the work could not be completed that summer because of rainy weather, the impacts of Covid, and a heavy work load for the PJ. The price of the original bid was increased from \$190,000 to \$203,000 due to increases in materials costs.

The previous shake roof was installed in 1994. That was the first time that the Church had been re-roofed since its original construction in 1965, thus 29 years for the original roof.

During the 1995 project a total of 2.5" of rigid insulation was installed over the entire roof area of 6500 square feet. This roof lasted until 2023 or 29 years as well.

A 22 Gauge, Kynar coated standing seam metal roof was installed during this project and should last well over 50 years.

During the scope-setting portion of the project we analyzed the carbon emission benefit of adding more insulation and it was determined that the energy savings would not significantly lessen the building's overall carbon footprint. It is necessary to compare the energy/carbon savings from reduced heating requirements against the energy/carbon required to make and install the insulation. The Church is only occupied for short periods of time so energy savings are not very great. Also, the metal roofing option has the lowest Carbon Footprint in comparison to the other commercial roofing options considered such as Duroid or Rubber. Another consideration is that Electric Solar Panels can easily be installed on this type of metal roof.

Extra work on the project consisted of covering the external exposed wooden structural beams with metal cladding, installing new downspouts that should handle the high-water volume during heavy rains, and fixing some of the flashings on the adjacent flat roofs. These extras came at a cost of \$21,585.00.

Parker Johnston was very easy to manage and executed the project without any first-aid incidents or injuries. Their performance was excellent.

To show gratitude to Parker Johnston and their Crews, the newly formed Marian Prayer Group will be saying a St. Joseph the Worker Novena, starting in early October, for their safety and welfare. They perform work in high risk environments and are very conscientious. Please include them in your prayers as well.

**"Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms." 1 Peter 4:10**

A special **THANK YOU** to **Andy Kyfiuk (Project Coordinator)** for his expertise facilitating and acting as liaison for this important project.

# From the Diocese



## Pope Francis' Catechesis on Old Age

An online series exploring Pope Francis' catechesis on old age will **begin on Monday, September 11th**.

Each week, Amanda Achtman and Nicole Scheidl from Canadian Physicians for Life will give a 10 to 15-minute introduction and commentary on the address of that week. The remainder of the meeting will be an opportunity to delve into discussion together on the themes of the Pope's short text. Each of the **18 sessions will run from 5-6 pm PT**, and is designed to be a standalone discussion, so participants can attend as many or as few as they wish. For more information and to register, please visit: <https://form.jotform.com/232203366113241>

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## Trinity Catholic Parish Invitation '15 Day Sit-Spot'

Trinity Catholic Parish in Nanaimo invites everyone in the Diocese to join in their **15 Day Sit-Spot Earth/Spirit Connection Challenge** from **September 15-19**. This is a unique opportunity to experience a meaningful connection to both the natural world and to God through daily prompts of guidance in nature combined with the contemplation of Pope Francis' Laudato Si' letter. To participate, you'll need to find a spot you can visit each day from which you can see some form of nature. To learn more and to register, email: [sdafoe@rcdvictoria.org](mailto:sdafoe@rcdvictoria.org) with the subject heading '15 Day Sit-Spot'.

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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: <https://DofVRedeemingConflict.eventbrite.com>; any questions can be directed to Margaret Gwyn at: [mgwyn@rcdvictoria.org](mailto:mgwyn@rcdvictoria.org) or 250-479-1331 ext 227.

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## D & P - Caritas Canada Collecting Funds

**Development and Peace — Caritas Canada** is collecting funds to support rescue and relief efforts in Morocco after the devastating magnitude 6.8 earthquake which struck the country on September 8. To donate online, please visit: <https://www2.devpo.org/en/civcrm/contribute/transact?reset=1&id=3&gl=24092> and select "Emergency - Earthquake Morocco" where it asks what you are giving towards.

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## The National Council of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Emergency Funds Appeal

The National Council of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul has launched its Emergency Funds Appeal to help people impacted by natural disasters in Canada. Donations will be used by their Conferences and Councils to complement the relief efforts by first responder organisations, focusing on food and clothing. Every dollar donated will be matched by the National Council, up to a limit of \$25,000.

To make a donation online, visit: <https://www.imakeanonlinedonation.org/ssvp-national/DONATION/> and select "National Emergency Fund" where it asks how to direct your donation.

# 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

## 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

## Coffee/Hospitality Committee

## Finance Committee Chair

## Proclaimer Schedule Coordinator

## Proclaimer Training Coordinator

## Liturgy Committee

## Social and Ecological Justice Committee

## Parish Pastoral Council

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Contact Parish Office (250) 479-7413

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Ruth Real email: SJTWyouthgroup@gmail.com

Pre School - Gr. 7 Call school office (250) 479-1232 for more info

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Michael O'Rielly email: mfjeorielly@gmail.com

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

looking for a coordinator

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Sr. Marina Smith email: sandseaandsky@gmail.com

Brian Fox (Chair), Mylinh Trinh, George Flint, Karen Wysiecki, Nancy Zacharias,

Gerry Heywood

SOCIETY OF  
SAINT  
VINCENT  
DE PAUL  
VANCOUVER ISLAND



Thank you to our generous Parish community for food donations in the past 2 months! The need was great, and you all listened and gave from the heart.

**We donated almost 200 kgs of food for July and August!**

*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.

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Serving is a **WIN** for everyone involved.

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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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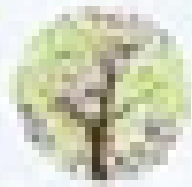


# LOCARNO

You are invited to attend a concert at Holy Cross Parish  
as we continue to celebrate our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup> 2 – 4pm**

Concert features Locarno, a lively Mexican/Latin band  
Admission is free



**SEASON OF  
CREATION**

# **SEASON OF CREATION**

LET JUSTICE AND PEACE FLOW



# *Victoria's Annual Strollerthon*

*5 Ks round James Bay*

*In support of Birthright*



*Saturday, Sept 16, 2023 11:00 AM*

*Fisherman's Wharf Park*

*for further information, contact:*

*[info@birthrightvictoria.org](mailto:info@birthrightvictoria.org)*

*250.478.5372*

# SHOW US YOUR FACE

Oh Lord



RETREAT SPEAKER  
FR. MARK CHERRY

FATHER MARK WAS ORDAINED TO THE PRIESTHOOD FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HALIFAX-YARMOUTH ON APRIL 30, 2005. IN JUNE 2019 HE WAS APPOINTED TO FULL-TIME EVANGELIZATION AND HEALING MINISTRY BY ARCHBISHOP ANTHONY MANCINI.

FATHER MARK HAS PASSION FOR SHARING THE LIFE TRANSFORMING LOVE AND POWER OF JESUS CHRIST THROUGH ANOINTED PREACHING AND TEACHING. HIS DESIRE IS TO SEE PEOPLE SET FREE, HEALED, LIFTED UP AND EMPOWERED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT TO LIVE OUT THEIR DIVINE MISSION.

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## Schedule

Friday, September 29th, 2023

6pm - Registration  
7pm - Retreat begins  
7:05pm - Worship  
7:30pm - Fr. Mark Cherry - Talk #1  
8:20pm - Adoration  
9:00pm - Benediction

Saturday, September 30th, 2023

8am - Doors open (Registration if needed)  
8:45am - Worship  
9:15am - Opening Remarks  
9:20am - Fr. Mark Cherry - Talk #2  
10am - Break  
10:30am - Free-will offering  
10:45am - Worship  
11am - Fr. Mark Cherry - Talk #3  
11:40am - Lunch (Confessions available)  
12:50pm - Worship  
1:00pm - Healing Service  
(with Three-fold Blessing)  
2:45 pm - Holy Mass  
3:30pm - Closing Remarks

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**THE MEN'S RETREAT**

**SEPT 29 - OCT 1, 2023**

*We're restless until we rest in Him.*



# Community Services

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## Family Life

Bringing help and hope to marriages  
and families  
for over 30 years.

A weekly podcast of stories for kids about Catholic Saints, from the creator of Shining Light Dolls, Chantal Baros. Join us each week for a new short story about the lives of the Saints!



## The Bible In A Year



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

Ascension

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You are invited to join us in listening to “The Catechism in a Year” podcast. This 365 day podcast will explain all the teachings of the Catholic Church, in a prayerful, engaging, and approachable way with Fr. Mike Schmitz.

Check it out!

The Catechism in a Year – Ascension ([ascensionpress.com](http://ascensionpress.com))

**THE NINE FREE PASTORAL CARE SESSIONS TO BE HELD VIA ZOOM FOR CONSECUTIVE SATURDAYS, SEPTEMBER 23, 2023 @ 2.5 HOURS EACH (9:30-NOON) EXCEPT FOR THANKSGIVING (OCTOBER 7) TO CONCLUDE NOVEMBER 25, 2023**

**Session 9**  
Spouse  
Caregiving, and  
Healthy Boundaries  
& Self-Care  
November 25

**Session 1**  
Basics of  
Pastoral Care  
September 23

**Session 2**  
The Healing  
Ministry of Christ  
September 30

**Session 8**  
Who Am I as a  
Pastoral Care  
Outreach Visitor?  
November 18

**Session 3**  
Listening and  
Communication  
October 14

**Session 7**  
Grief and  
Bereavement:  
Ministering to  
Families  
Nov 11

**Session 4**  
Elderly Isolation,  
Loneliness and the  
Journey with  
Dementia  
October 21

**Session 6**  
The Grieving  
Process  
November 4

**Session 5**  
Palliative Care  
and the Healing  
Ministry for the  
Dying  
October 28

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NOV. 17-19, 2023

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