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Information Week October 21-22

The 2023 Appeal theme, **Tapestry of Faith**, invites us to trust that the Holy Spirit is working in us and through us. This year's Appeal encourages us all to bring our unique gifts, challenges and perspectives to our faith community and create a welcoming Church that brings people together in faith.

Please give prayerful consideration towards our Appeal and know that you are making a significant difference right here at home.

Please pledge to the Bishop's Appeal:

<https://www.rcdvictoria.org/bishops-appeal>

Parish Goal: \$ 46,000

Your pledge will also benefit our parish. As in the past, 20% of donations will be retained by our parish. This year your donation will go to support:

- 1) Anawim House for Women
- 2) Church and School Digital Sign

Every donation of ANY size contributes to our mission.



The Week of October 23 to October 29 in our Community

Monday October 23

Parish Office Closed

6:30am Mass + **Mui Fong Kok** (Fr. Sean Flynn presiding)

10:00am CWL Executive Meeting - Community Room

Tuesday October 24

6:00pm Mass **Special Int. Deceased Relatives of Lorne & Sandra Keller**

Wednesday October 25

6:30am Mass Fr. Sean Flynn presiding

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

6:00pm Mass + **Maddy Wrath**

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

Thursday October 26

6:30am Mass Fr. Sean Flynn presiding

9:00am Mass **Special Int. Theophilous Mainsa-Rifem /
Special Int. Gabriel Sequeira**

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

Friday October 27

6:30am Mass Fr. Sean Flynn presiding

9:00am Mass + **Phyllis Schaefer / + Pablo Felipe & Ana Constanza Solano**
followed by Adoration until 12:00 noon

Saturday October 28 St. Simon and St. Jude, Apostles (Feast)

6:30am Mass Fr. Sean Flynn presiding

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

5:00pm Mass + **Herculano & Joao Pimentel**

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

Sunday October 29 Thirtieth Sunday In Ordinary Time

10:00am Mass

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

11:15am **Catechism - School**

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

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)

Fr. Alfie is away in Denver, Colorado from:
Thursday, October 19th through Sunday, October 22nd

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

Donation Options



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

(IMMEDIATE ELECTRONIC TAX RECEIPT ISSUED BY CANADA HELPS)

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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.

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 precut 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.

For over 40 years, The Soup Kitchen has been a comfort, and in some instances a lifeline, for the downtown community. Please consider joining our dedicated team of volunteers - you will find it personally rewarding.

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

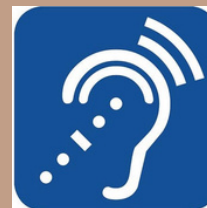
For more information please contact:
OurCatechismJourney@gmail.com

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.

The next two Early bird Draws of \$1,000 each will happen on Monday October 23rd. Get your tickets now!

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 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

SATURDAY

NOVEMBER 4

9 AM - 1 PM

4040 Nelthorpe St

Info: deniseowen@shaw.ca

250-580-0066

TABLE \$25

FREE Admission +
Parking

Wheelchair Access

Bring Cash & Bags

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/>

SAVE THE DATE!

Serving with Spirit:

Transformation from the inside out

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

St. Edward The Confessor Church

All are Welcome!

November 25, 2023

9 am -pm

Registration details coming soon!

Leah Perrault speaks across Canada and writes from her home in Swift Current, Saskatchewan. She and her family are active members at Christ the Redeemer Parish. You can read more about her at: www.leahperrault.com

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



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-ccb-president-to-the-catholic-faithful-in-canada-on-the-recent-escalation-of-conflict-in-the-holy-land/>.

Universal Phase of Synod 2021-2024

For the past two weeks, over 300 delegates from around the world have been meeting in Rome, participating in the first session of the Universal Phase of Synod 2021-2024. There are many opportunities to learn more about the Synod:

- On Thursday, October 26th, the Serra Club Victoria (in formation) will be hosting a talk about the Synod's meaning, process, and expectations with guest speaker **Fr. Eduardo Da Silva Santos**. The talk will be held at Our Lady of Fatima Parish in Victoria (4635 Elk Lake Drive) at 7:00 pm; all are invited to come early and participate in Adoration at 6 pm and Mass at 6:30 pm. For more information please email victoria@serrainternational.org
- The Vatican News YouTube channel is sharing Masses, prayers, briefings and presentations from the Synod at: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLC9tK3J1RlaYQkeP7SncFikqNe-gD7u2A>
- The official Synod website is sharing the texts of homilies and presentations at: <https://www.synod.va/en/highlights/xvi-general-ordinary-assembly-of-the-synod-of-bishops.html>
- The Vatican News website has a full listing of articles related to the Synod at: <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/taglist.chiesa-e-religioni.Eventi.-synod2023.html#1>

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 Bishops' 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://ccb-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

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

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

Deacon Michael Watkins email: mwatkins@rcdvictoria.org

Melissa Hogg/Sandi Duncan/Pat O'Brien

Office hours 8:30am - 3:30pm Tuesday-Friday

Ralph Scheurle email: rbscheurle@shaw.ca

Rosanna O'Higgins

Angela Grohovac

Call parish office (250) 479-7413

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

(2nd & 4th Saturdays @ 10am)

tbd

Christine Armstrong email: ourcatechismjourney@gmail.com

Jenny Di Castri email: jdicastri@gmail.com

Contact Parish Office (250) 479-7413

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

Mel Evangelista email: mel.evangelista@gmail.com

Bernadette D'Souza email: aberniedsouza@gmail.com

Moira King email: moiraking@shaw.ca

Esmee Rothschild email: rothjones@pacificcoast.net

Sr. Marina Smith email: sandseaandsky@gmail.com

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



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.

As **Knights of Columbus**, we stand up for the church, serve the least among us, and strengthen parishes and families. We always need new members and fresh ideas to be the best we can be.

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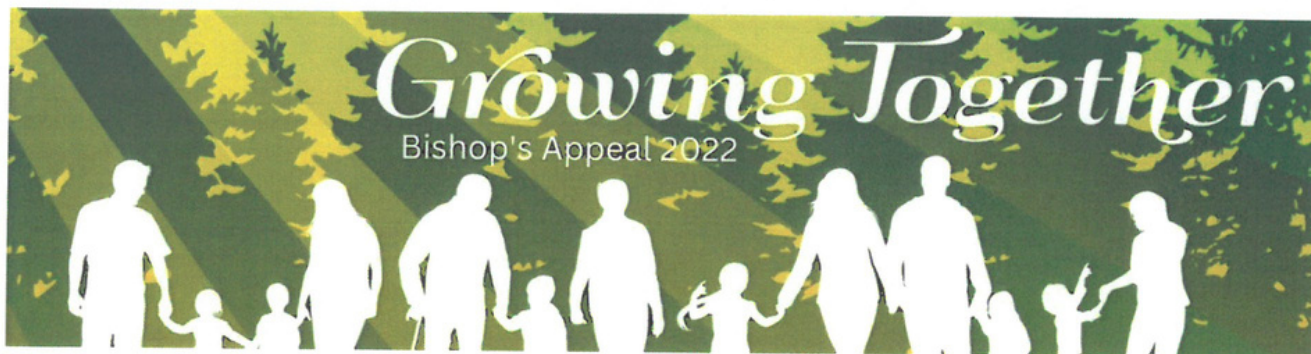
We are in a new season as we move forward.
This is an invitation for you to share your *talent and time* by joining one of our parish ministries.
Serving is a **WIN** for everyone involved.

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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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**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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PRIZES

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



Limited Tickets!

BUY TODAY for Council 13356

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

An annual charity appeal of the Knights of Columbus (BC) Charity Foundation

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Thank you for your Support!

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BC Gaming Event License #: **144568**

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- 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/>



**JOIN US FOR OUR
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with Ann Garrido

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SATURDAY, NOV. 4, 2023

8:30 AM - 3:30PM

(FOLLOWED BY 4PM MASS)

HOLY CROSS PARISH

4049 GORDON HEAD ROAD, VICTORIA

TO REGISTER:

[HTTPS://DOFVREDEEMINGCONFLICT.EVENTBRITE.COM](https://DOFVREDEEMINGCONFLICT.EVENTBRITE.COM)



COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE #2

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9 AM - 1 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



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.

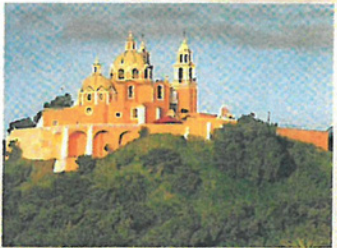
Feb. 25 We start the day with a tour to the old city, the Cathedral, Dominican Cloister and the Rosary Chapel. Continue to Tlaxcala and the Shrine of San Miguel del Milagro. Celebrate Mass at the site where St Michael the Archangel appeared to Diego Lazaro in 1631 directing him to the Grotto and to a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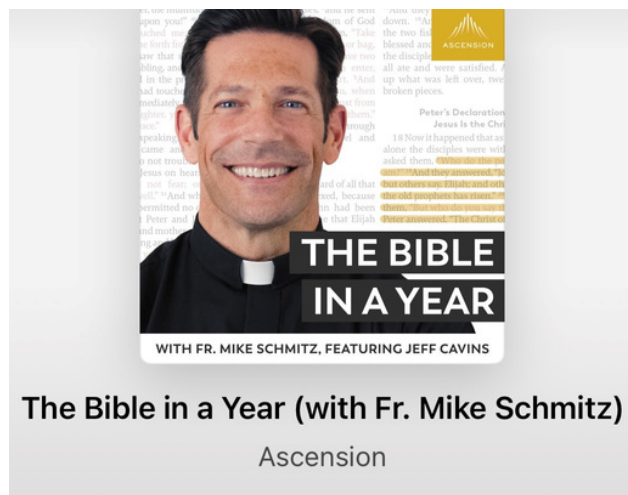
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