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ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISH ACKNOWLEDGES AND RESPECTS THE L∂K™∂Ŋ∂N (LAY-KWUNG-GEN) PEOPLES REPRESENTED BY THE SONGHEES AND ESQUIMALT NATIONS, ON WHOSE TRADITIONAL TERRITORIES WE STAND AND WORSHIP, WHOSE HISTORICAL RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE LAND CONTINUE TO THIS DAY.

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Are you ready to experience the Season of Creation?

The season is approaching when we join our ecumenical family to contemplate God's creation as sisters and brothers, this year especially praying for "justice and peace to flow" like a "mighty river".

This Season of Creation has been celebrated in our Church since 1989. For four weeks, from **September 1 – October 4**, we have an opportunity to listen to God speaking through and about the earth. It invites us to renew our relationship with our Creator and with creation.

We offer you a reflection for each week.

Week One- September 1 - September 9

Be grateful for God's gift to us of our earth. Listen to this song: (sung by Louis Armstrong)

I see trees of green, red roses too
I see them bloom for me and you
And I think to myself
What a wonderful world
I hear babies cry, I watch them grow
They'll learn much more
Than I'll ever know
And I think to myself

What a wonderful world

Yes, I think to myself, what a wonderful world.

From the earth, we receive beauty, and calm. We receive food and water. We receive materials to build our homes. Think of all that you have received from the earth, and thank God for it.



The Week of September 4th to 10th in our Community

Monday September 4

Parish Office Closed

6:30am Mass Fr. Sean Flynn presiding

Tuesday September 5

Parish Office Closed 6:00pm Mass Special Int. "In Thanksgiving" Daniel Fernandez 7:30pm K of C Executive Meeting - Church Hall

Wednesday September 6
6:30am Mass Fr. Sean Flynn presiding
6:00pm Mass + Eleanor Gorges

Thursday September 7
6:30am Mass Fr. Sean Flynn presiding
9:00am Mass Special Int. Nicholas Orango / + Joanne Miller

Friday September 8 The Nativity Of The Blessed Virgin Mary, Feast 6:30am Mass Fr. Sean Flynn presiding 9:00am Mass followed by Adoration until 12:00 noon Special Int. "In Thanksgiving" Clarence Fernandez + Dianne Durkin

Saturday September 9
6:30am Mass Fr. Sean Flynn presiding
5:00pm Mass + Herculano & Joao Pimentel
(Choir Shawn and Jen)

Sunday September 10 Twenty-Third Sunday In Ordinary Time 10:00am Mass (Couples for Christ) 6:00pm Mass Special Int. Addison Taylor Special Int. Marj and Bob Elevado "Safe Travel" (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/dailymasslivestreamed 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.



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

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:

The Parish Office will be closed on:
Monday, September 4 and Tuesday, September 5
and will reopen on Wednesday, September 6
in celebration of Labour Day

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: <u>SJTWPARISH@RCDVICTORIA.ORG</u>

CREDIT CARDS:

<u>Payment_Authorization_Form_for_Credit_Card_Donations.pdf</u> (parishpal.com)

PRE-AUTHORIZED DEBIT:

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

CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION AND LINKS.

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 and up are invited to join us on Saturday evenings following 5:00pm Mass

Corrected Start-up date: September 16

For more information, please contact
Ruth Real at:
SJTWyouthgroup@gmail.com



Catechism 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

Grade 3 - Jesus Our Life - Sacrament of

Reconciliation

Grade 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)

Please click on link below to register: Catechism Registration Form 2023-2024

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.

We look forward to welcoming your family.

Newsworthy and Noteworthy

New Anawim Home for Women Opening in September

We are excited that a new Anawim Home for Women is opening in September.

We are asking for gift donations to add to already collected gifts. Each woman will find one large gift bag for each new resident.

Ideas: Journal, day timer, book, stationary, chocolate, nuts, throw, sweater, jacket, night gown, socks, tights, umbrella, mirror, wallet, watch, purse, toiletries, hair, retail, or Starbuck's gift card...

Many thanks for donating to the **ANGEL** Project in helping women on their way.

Show Us Your Face, Lord Catholic Retreat with Fr. Mark Cherry



Throughout Scripture, we see references to our longing to see the face of God. This longing is now fulfilled with the coming of Our Lord Jesus Christ. In September, Fr. Mark Cherry, a retreat and mission speaker from Halifax, will lead a retreat in Victoria with the theme "Show Us Your Face, Lord" to bring us closer to Him.

The retreat will take place

September 29 – 30 (Friday evening and Saturday) at St. Joseph the Worker Parish

(753 Burnside Road W)

with three talks, adoration and benediction, worship, a healing service and Mass. Confession will also be available.

Space is limited. Early bird registration is \$35 before Aug 31st and \$45 as of Sep 1st.

Lunch is not included – bring a bag lunch.

To register, please visit our website at: www.tinyurl.com/showusyourface2023.

For more information, email catholicretreat7@gmail.com or phone 250-383-7746.

Embracing the Gifts of The Holy Spirit: Nurturing Young Catholic Hearts

Attention parents & guardians of our vibrant young faithful! We're excited to introduce a unique program designed for Grade 5 youth who have recently completed sacramental prep. In this program we will explore, learn, and plan how we can live a fruitful Catholic life with a focus on building community, the Gifts of the Holy Spirit, and growing in relationship with Jesus through prayer. Our group will meet Saturdays at 6:00pm starting Sept 9th.

For more information or to register please contact Chris Whiteley:

whiteley.christopher@gmail.com or 250-886-2407

Jars Needed for Fundraiser

Brian and Karen Douglas are in need of 250 ml mason jars for a fundraiser to purchase bark mulch for St. Joe's garden.

The blackberry jam will be made from berries donated by George Flint, who has been picking and sharing the delicious berries all harvest season.



Thank you for donating!

BACK TO SCHOOL PARKING LOT ETIQUETTE

As you know, for the next couple of weeks, there will be **heavier than usual traffic**, in and around our church and school.

If attending morning Mass, once in the parking lot, please follow all traffic signs and directions from school staff and volunteers.



From the Diocese



Returning to Spirit Roots of Reconciliation Workshop

Returning to Spirit is holding a Roots of Reconciliation workshop for Indigenous people aged 18+. Roots of Reconciliation is four-day workshop essential to the Returning to Spirit reconciliation model (<u>A post has ju</u>). The insights developed during the workshop create space for participants to discover how previously-held behaviours, judgment, assumptions or perceptions have kept them stuck in a disempowering story.

The workshop will run from Monday, September 25 - Thursday, September 28, 2023 at Alberni Valley United Church in Port Alberni from 9:00 am – 4:30 pm each day.

For more information or to register, please visit: https://www.returningtospirit.org/workshopcalendar/roots-of-reconciliation-4, email info@returningtospirit.org, or call 1-855-244-3963.

Men's Retreat: Yeshua

From September 29 – October 1, Life Restoration Ministries will be holding a men's retreat at RockRidge Canyon in Princeton, BC. Are you yearning to know the real Jesus? The Men's Retreat: Yeshua, delves deep into the heart of Christ. Join Jake Khym and Peter White for transformative talks, the Holy Mass, and space of adventure in the outdoors of Rockridge Canyon. Rediscover. Reconnect. Recommit. For more information and to register, please visit: https://www.liferestoration.ca/mensretreat.

Star of the North Retreat Centre Learning Modules 2023/2024

Star of the North Retreat Centre is offering three learning modules in 2023/2024 as part of its "Aurora Living: Word and Creation" program:

- Fall 2023 Good News: An Invitation to Everyone with facilitators Sr. Teresita Kambeitz, Dr. Linda Gibler, Ron Rolheiser, & more www.starofthenorth.ca/goodnews
- Winter 2024 Communion: Words for a New Community with facilitators Dr. Sylvia Keesmaat, Lewis Cardinal, Ron Rolheiser & more www.starofthenorth.ca/communion
- Spring 2024 New Creation: Hope in Troubled Times with facilitators Becky Moritz Bonham, Dr. Michel Andraos, Ron Rolheiser & more www.starofthenorth.ca/newcreation

More information and online registration can be found at the links above. Please note that the **early-bird registration deadline for the Fall 2023 module is this Friday, September 1st**

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Vancouver is offering a weekend marriage retreat this fall from Oct. 27-29, 2023. Rekindle the romance, remind yourselves why you fell in love and learn how to make a good marriage even better! **Register before September 5** for the early bird rate. For more info and to register, please visit:

https://beholdvancouver.org/events/couple-retreat-by-worldwide-marriage-encounter.

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 and select "National Emergency Fund" where it asks how to direct your donation.

Contacts in the Parish

Fr. Alfredo Monacelli **Pastor**

Deacon Michael Watkins email: mwatkins@rcdvictoria.org Deacon

Admin Assistant/Secretary/Bookkeeper Melissa Hogg/Sandi Duncan/Pat O'Brien

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

Custodian Ralph Scheurle

Responsible Ministry Coordinator to be announced Angela Grohovac

Altar Server Training/Coordinator Baptism Call parish office (250) 479-7413

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

(2nd & 4th Saturdays @ 10am)

Children's Liturgy of the Word Kate Pettem email: kpettem@me.com **Children's Religious Education**

Christine Armstrong email: ourcatechismjourney@gmail.com

Jenny Di Castri email: jdicastri@gmail.com Contact Parish Office (250) 479-7413

Development and Peace 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

Coffee/Hospitality Committee looking for a coordinator

Finance Committee Chair Mel Evangelista email: mel.evangelista@gmail.com **Proclaimer Schedule Coordinator** Bernadette D'Souza email: aberniedsouza@gmail.com

Proclaimer Training Coordinator Moira King email: moiraking@shaw.ca

Liturgy Committee Esmee Rothschild email: rothjones@pacificcoast.net **Social and Ecological Justice Commitee** Sr. Marina Smith email: sandseaandsky@gmail.com

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

Gerry Heywood



Eucharistic Ministry Contact

Youth Group - Grades 6 to 12

Knights of Columbus

St. Vincent de Paul

St. Joseph's Elementary School Catholic Women's League (CWL)

SJTW Pastoral Care Outreach Ministry

Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA)



Please help the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul (SSVP) bring respite and hope to the less fortunate in our community.

The food pantry at the Social Concern Office in downtown Victoria (833 Yates Street) is running low on food and is asking for help.

You can make a donation of food and/or funds:

- To your local parish Saint Vincent de Paul Conference;
- · At the following website by clicking on the red button to donate ssvp vancouver island.ca.

Alternatively, you can also make a financial contribution via Canada Helps,

canadahelps.org/en/charities/society-of-st-vincentde-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.

As a member you join a worldwide community of nearly 2 million men, including 12,000 here is BC and Yukon, who stand together.

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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.

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

RESPONSIBLE MINISTRY & SAFE ENVIRONMENT | RCD (RCDVICTORIA.ORG)



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 250.478.5372

SHOW US YOUR FACE







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.

LOCATION: ST JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISH 753 BURNSIDE RD WEST, VICTORIA

\$35 PRE-REGISTRATION HAS TWO STEPS:

1) FILL OUT FORM AT: HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/SHOWUSYOURFACE2023

2) E-TRANSFER TO: CATHOLICRETREAT7@GMAIL.COM

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS OR NEED ASSISTANCE WITH REGISTRATION :

EMAIL: DIANEPICKEN@GMAIL.COM

OR

PHONE: 250-383-7746



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

llam - Fr. Mark Cherry - Talk #3

ll:40am - Lunch (Confessions available)

12:50pm - Worship

1:00pm - Healing Service

(with Three-fold Blessing)

2:45 pm - Holy Mass

3:30pm - Closing Remarks

liferestoration.ca/mensretreat



We're restless until we rest in Him.



Community Services

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



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)

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

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Pastoral Care
September 23

Session 2 The Healing Ministry of Christ September 30

Session 8
Who Am I as a
Pastoral Care
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Session 3
Listening and
Communication
October 14

Session 4

Session 7
Grief and
Bereavement:
Ministering to
Families
Nov 11

Session 6
The Grieving
Process
November 4

Elderly Isolation,
Loneliness and the
Journey with
Dementia
October 21
Palliative Care
and the Healing

For further information, please contact:
Moira King, Chair

Diocese of Victoria Health Care Committee

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Ministry for the

Dying

October 28