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The Tradition Problem

Jean Allen

In today's Gospel, Jesus speaks of the 'traditions of men' and how these traditions cannot make a person holy. Does the Catholic Church have any traditions of men? Absolutely! However, note that Jesus never said the traditions of men are useless or evil. They only become problems when they are depended upon to signify holiness to one's self or to others.

It is a good exercise to be mindful of the traditions you practice and why you practice them. So many things we do without a lot of thought: genuflecting before entering a pew, blessing ourselves with holy water or with the sign of the cross, kneeling or standing at certain points during the Mass, bowing or not bowing just before receiving the Eucharist, wearing or not wearing a head covering to Mass, holding or not holding hands during the Lord's Prayer...there are too many traditions to list but you get the idea.

The times to be most mindful of are the times when you glance at someone who is not doing what you always do and a minor judgement passes through your mind. "They should be kneeling now!" or "Those people should receive on their hand instead of on the tongue." (Or vice versa).

Those are the times when the Lord murmurs, "Their hearts are far from me." Perhaps there is a small sigh, wondering how, after over 2000 years, there can still be these holiness judgements based on actions that can never guarantee holiness. The best they can do is predispose the heart to receive grace if one desires grace. They don't guarantee grace. The judgements we make on what others do or don't do are what defile us and actually block us from the graces we desire.

God does not block us from grace; we block ourselves from grace. How can we receive what we are refusing to accord to another? The Pharisees followed traditions to attain a blessing from God yet they could not see their way to blessing others around them.

Think of that the next time you sense a minor judgement coming on!



The Week of September 2 to September 8 in our Community

Monday September 2

Parish Office Closed

6:30am Mass (Fr. Sean presiding)

Tuesday September 3 St. Gregory The Great, Pope, Doctor, Memorial

Parish Office Closed

6:30am Mass (Fr. Sean presiding)

6:00pm Mass + **Gabriel Sequeira Senior / Special Int. Tabornal Family for safe travel**

Wednesday September 4

6:30am Mass (Fr. Sean presiding)

4:00pm **Legion of Mary - Community Room**

6:00pm Mass

Thursday September 5

6:30am Mass (Fr. Sean Flynn presiding)

9:00am Mass + **Leony Gajo**

Friday September 6

6:30am Mass (Fr. Sean Flynn presiding)

9:00am Mass **Special Int. Tabornal and Elevado Family for safe travel**

No Adoration

Saturday September 7

6:30am Mass (Fr. Sean presiding)

5:00pm Mass **Special Int. Nicholas Orango**

Sunday September 8 Twenty-Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

10:00am Mass

6:00pm Mass + **Recuerdo Cuizon / Special Int. Tabornal and Elevado Family for safe travel**

Mass Schedule

Weekday Masses

Monday ~ 6:30am

Tuesday ~ 6:30am & 6:00pm

Wednesday ~ 6:30am & 6:00pm

Thursday ~ 6:30am & 9:00am

Friday ~ 6:30am & 9:00am

Weekend Masses

Saturday ~ 6:30am

Saturday ~ 5:00pm (livestream)

Sunday ~ 10:00am

Sunday ~ 6:00pm



JOB POSTING

“**Holy Cross Parish** in Victoria is seeking a **part-time Administrative Assistant**. For more information about the position and how to apply, please visit: <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/employment>.”

The posting will remain open until the position is filled.

A reminder to all parishioners who feel they are not hearing everything at Mass:



We have an “**Assistive Listening**” system exactly for this purpose. It is simple, effective and free for you to use. Please contact Brian Fox (briandfox@gmail.com) or the parish office for more information.

RCIA

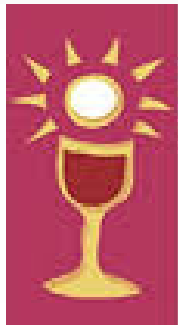
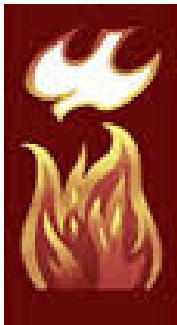
(Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

Are you interested in becoming Catholic? Or perhaps were you baptized Catholic as a child, but have not yet celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist? Parishes in the city of Victoria are collaborating to offer an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. The first night of the RCIA is scheduled for **Thursday, September 19th @ 7:30 pm at St. Joseph the Worker Parish at 753 Burnside Road.** For more information or to register for the 2024-25 year, please contact the parish office.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation will be celebrated on Sunday, **September 1, 2024.** This year's theme, "Hope and Act with Creation", is inspired by the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans (Rom 8:19-25). To read Pope Francis' Message for the Day and for more information, please visit: <https://www.humandevlopment.va/en/news/2024/messaggio-papa-francesco-giornata-mondiale-di-preghiera-per-creato.html>

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.

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

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:
Monday, September 2nd (Labour Day)
and Tuesday, September 3rd.
We will reopen Wednesday, September 4th.**

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Our web based registration process is currently active until **September 22**. Please refer to our St. Joseph The Worker Parish website:

<https://www.stjosephtheworkerparish.com/> under **Children's Religious Education** tab for the most up to date information regarding class registration processes, schedules and deadlines. Please direct catechism related inquiries to: ourcatechismjourney@gmail.com

Gatechism Journey

**St. Joseph the Worker Parish
Catechism Program (2024/2025)**

**INFORMATION ON OUR WEBSITE
www.stjosephtheworkerparish.com
under Children's Religious Education
Click [HERE](#) to register**

Grade/Level 5 Post Sacrament Class

2024/2025

**INFORMATION ON OUR WEBSITE
Click [HERE](#) to register**

For more information please contact
Chris Whiteley at:
whiteley.christopher@gmail.com or
250-886-2407

Youth Group

2024/2025

**INFORMATION ON OUR WEBSITE
Click [HERE](#) to register**

**All Youth Grades 6 - 12
are invited**

**to join us on Saturday evenings
following the 5pm Mass**

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



Newsworthy and Noteworthy

Bible Study

The Prophets: Messengers of God's Mercy is a powerful Bible study that will draw you closer to Christ. The prophets afflict the comfortable and comfort the afflicted, calling us to return to our covenant relationship with God.

The Study course will run from:
Wednesday Oct. 2 to Wednesday Dec. 4 2024.

Classes will be offered at 2pm (in-person) at the Parish Centre (640 View Street, Victoria), as well as at 6:30PM (online) by zoom meeting. Register at the Cathedral Office. Course workbooks will be available at a cost of \$35.00 (this is for a hardcopy and subsidy is available for anyone who needs it). Alternatively online access to a digital only copy of the workbook is available for \$10.00.

Urgently Needed! Soup Makers

The Soup Kitchen, located in the basement of St. Andrew's Cathedral in Victoria, needs volunteers to prepare our fresh daily soups.

Position details:

- One morning a week from Monday to Friday including holidays.
- Hours: 4:00 am – 6:00 am.
- This can be a one or two-person position.
- Onsite training provided.
- Food Safe certificate required – will be paid for by The Soup Kitchen.

Please contact **Sheila Connelly at 250.598.4339** to find out more about becoming a soup maker. So spiritually rewarding to help those in need in our city!

The Soup Kitchen – Feeding Community

Prayer in the Style of Taize

TOGETHER AGAIN! Prayer in the style of Taize resumes FALL 2024, at

St Michael and All Angels Anglican Church,
4733 West Saanich Road,

**6pm on the 3rd Friday of the month:
September 20, October 18, and November 15.**

Please come. *'Feeling we are not alone can strengthen our life.'* www.taize.fr

MINI-PILGRIMAGE SUNDAY SEPT 1

The **Social Eco Justice Committee** invites you to join in a mini-pilgrimage on **Sunday, September 1 after the 10 o'clock Mass, to honour The World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation.** The walk to Hyacinth Park via Marigold Road takes 15 minutes. If you prefer to drive, there is good parking on Marigold by the tennis courts. The walk will start from the parking lot around 11:15 AM and be about 1 KM along Swan Creek paths, taking less than 30 minutes.

In the Arms of Mary: A Devotional Rosary Experience following 6pm Mass Tuesday Sept. 17 - Nov. 5

Discover the life-changing power of the Rosary with Alan Grohovac, who has experienced firsthand, profound spiritual growth through this devotion. This 7-series talk will teach you how to make the Rosary a daily habit that brings peace and protection, gifting you with the greatest graces possible for your life. Don't miss the chance to deepen your faith and learn from Alan's inspiring journey. Join us and start your own journey with the Holy Rosary!

Nov 15-17: Beloved Catholic Women's Retreat 2024

Registration is open for the 2024 Beloved Catholic Women's Retreat. The retreat will be held on Quadra Island at Camp Homewood this **November 15-17, 2024.** Women aged 19+ are invited to come for a weekend of rest and relaxation, with time for spiritual growth. The keynote speaker for this year's Retreat will be Sarah Kaczmarek. For more information, please email:

vicatholicwomensretreat@gmail.com

Looking for Accommodation

Looking for rental accommodation for single woman from Barcelona, who plans on staying in Victoria for four months to improve her English. She will be arriving on **Sept. 7th.**

Please contact parish office 250-479-7413.

From the Diocese



Pastoral Care Outreach Sessions

"God calls us to touch the lives of our aging, lonely, ill, palliative and dying sisters and brothers with accompaniment, kindness and compassion as the hands and face of Christ. In these sessions, you learn basic tools necessary to accompany those who are in need of the healing ministry of Christ." Most Reverend Gary Gordon, Bishop of Victoria.

This valuable and free Pastoral Care Outreach Training series will be offered online again. **Nine sessions** will be held **via Zoom on Saturday mornings, 9:30 am to noon, from September 28 until November 30, 2024 (no session on October 12 for Thanksgiving)**. Participants who attend all sessions will receive a Certificate of Completion. Participants will require a phone number and email address, a computer, tablet or Smart Phone with speakers, microphone, a webcam, a reliable Internet connection, and access to Zoom. **Please register through your parish by September 13.**

For further information, please email moiraking@shaw.ca

"I strongly recommend this Program to all Priest and Brothers, Religious and not only to Parish Visiting Volunteers, but other parish ministries [the Knights, CWL and St. Vincent de Paul] including family members and spouse care givers. It should be recommended to all of our Catholic/Christian communities." A participant

Life Restoration Ministries' Men's Retreat

Registration is now open for Life Restoration Ministries' Men's Retreat, to be held from **September 20-22, 2024 at RockRidge Canyon in Princeton, BC**. The theme of this year's retreat is **"Perfect Storms"**. Through inspiring talks, the Sacraments, and outdoor adventures, Jake Khym (founder of Life Restoration Ministries) and Sam Blair (retired US Navy SEAL) will guide participants through a prayerful weekend, helping them receive the perfect and transforming love of Jesus amidst life's storms. For more information and to register, please visit: <https://www.liferestoration.ca/mens-retreat>.

"Grief to Grace" Retreat

"Grief to Grace" will be holding a retreat in **September 2024 in Kelowna**. This program is for people who have endured neglect, physical, emotional, sexual, and/or spiritual abuse in their family of origin, their community, from spouses/partners, and/or coworkers or supervisors. Through a retreat program facilitated by mental health professionals and centered on Jesus Christ, participants are helped to find healing and journey to wholeness. For more information please email: griegtogracekelowna@gmail.com or make a confidential call to 250-808-6403.

World Wide Marriage Encounter

Join the World Wide Marriage Encounter weekend marriage retreat this fall, **Oct 25 to 27, 2024**. Rekindle the romance, remind yourselves why you fell in love, and learn to make a good marriage even better! **Early bird pricing until September 9. Registration closes October 14.** Please visit: <https://beholdvancouver.org/events/couple-retreat-by-worldwide-marriage-encounter>

Rachel's Vineyard Hosting Retreat

Rachel's Vineyard will be hosting a retreat on Vancouver Island from **October 24 - 27, 2024**. This ministry is a safe place for people to renew, rebuild and redeem hearts broken by abortion. Weekend retreats offer a supportive, confidential and non-judgmental environment where women and men can express, release and reconcile painful post-abortive emotions to begin the process of restoration, renewal and healing. For more information and to register, please contact **Nicola** at: rachelsvineyardvancouverisland@gmail.com or 250-514-3973.

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

Usher Coordinator

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

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Rosanna O'Higgins email: rosanna.ohiggins@gmail.com

Angela Grohovac

Call parish office (250) 479-7413

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(2nd & 4th Saturdays @ 10am)

tbd

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Sister Marina Smith SSA email: sandseaandsky@gmail.com

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

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
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2024/25 Catechism and Youth Group Registration



Did you know that St. Joseph the Worker Parish offers a robust sacramental preparation pathway for children ages 6 and up?

In order for your child(ren) to receive their sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation they must complete their sacramental preparation journey through our parish.

We also offer fun weekly junior and senior youth groups for those keen on continuing to develop their relationship with Christ.

Registration for sacramental preparation classes closes Sep 22, 2024.

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER

If the above button doesn't work, click or copy <https://forms.gle/BycyBUWze1siYLCr6>
For more information, email ourcatechismjourney@gmail.com.

Message for the Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation 2024

"Hope and act with creation"

(Rom 8:19-25)

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO HOPE AND ACT WITH CREATION?



Pope Francis encourages us to:

- **Live an incarnational faith**, one that can enter into the suffering and hope-filled "flesh" of others.
- **Join forces** and help rethink the question of human power, its meaning and its limits.

In *Fratelli tutti*, the Holy Father invites us to live a **spirit of social friendship, marked by universal fellowship**, Christian peace and the stewardship of our common home.

HOW CAN WE LIVE OUT THIS SPIRIT OF UNIVERSAL FELLOWSHIP?



The Holy Spirit calls faith communities:

- To extend this harmony between human beings to creation, with **responsibility for a humane and integral ecology**, the path to salvation of our common home and of ourselves who inhabit it.
- To **conversion, a change of lifestyle**, to resist environmental degradation.
- To engage in that social critique which is above all a **witness to the possibility of change**.

“The protection of creation is therefore not only an ethical issue, but one that is also eminently theological. It is the point where the mystery of man and the mystery of God intersect.”

Looking ahead to **Jubilee 2025**, we are moving towards "a life that becomes a song of love for God, for humanity, with and for creation, and that finds its fullness in holiness."



"Hope and act with creation"

World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation
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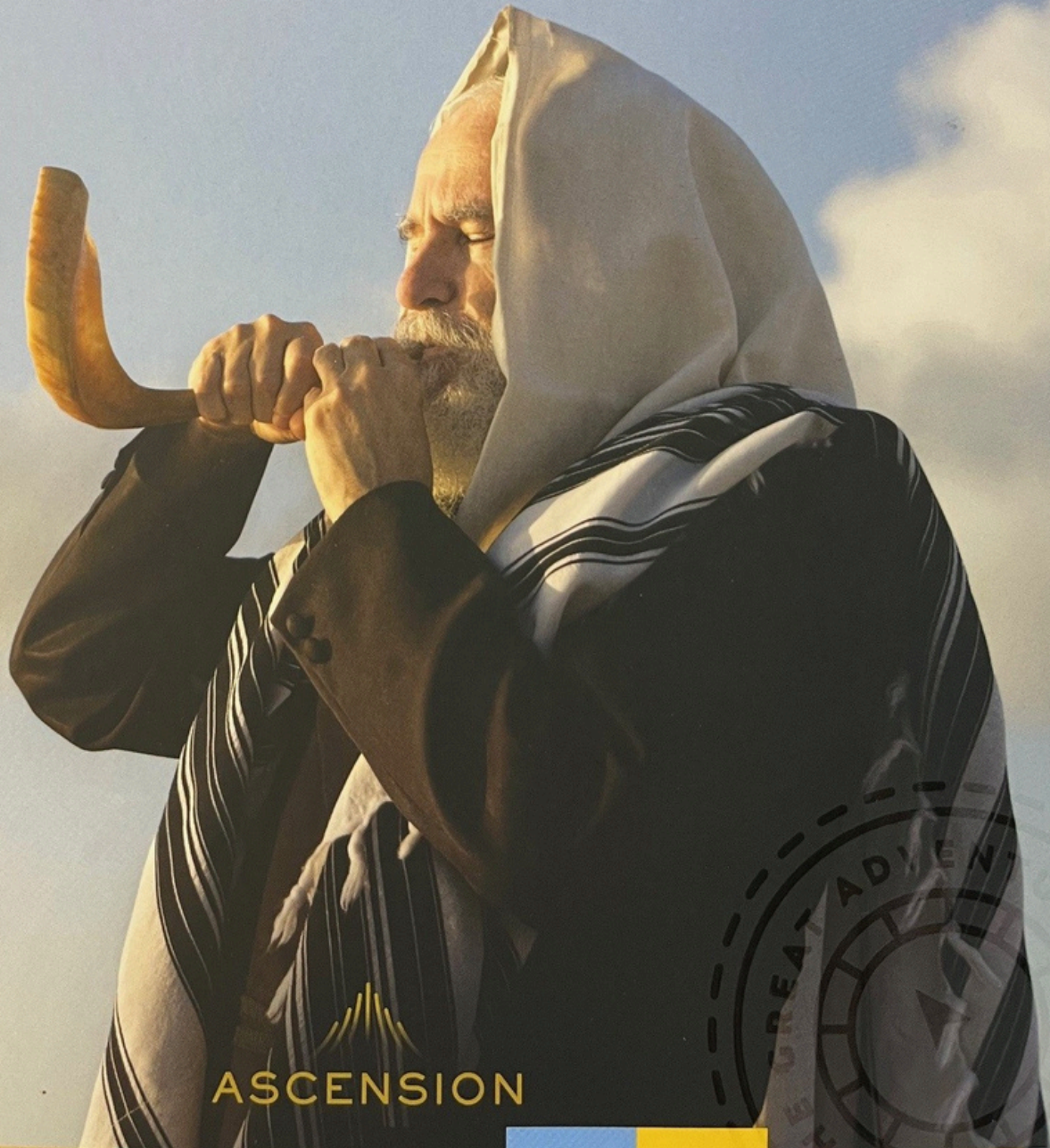
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Exile and Return


ASCENSION

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Nine free online sessions

Saturdays from 9:30 am - noon

September 28 - November 30 2024 (no session October 12)

Session 9
**Spouse
Caregiving, Healthy
Boundaries, and
Self-Care**
Nov 30

Session 1
**Basics of
Pastoral Care**
Sep 28

Session 2
**The Healing
Ministry of Christ**
Oct 5

Session 8
**Ministry of
God's Presence
and Compassion**
Nov 23

Session 3
**Active Listening
and
Communication**
Oct 19

Session 7
**Bereavement:
Ministering to
Families**
Nov 16

Session 4
**Elderly Isolation,
Loneliness, and
the Journey with
Dementia**
Oct 26

Session 6
**The Grieving
Process**
Nov 9

Session 5
**Palliative Care
and the Healing
Ministry for the
Dying**
Nov 2

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Diocese of Victoria Health Care Committee: moiraking@shaw.ca

