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## Let Them All Come

BY JEAN ALLEN

There is a strange juxtaposition of two events in today's Gospel. In the first part, Jesus evades the Pharisees challenge regarding divorce and in the second part, Jesus is telling the disciples to let the little children come to him. It's not readily apparent but in both parts Jesus was displaying solidarity with two very vulnerable and downtrodden segments of the Jewish society: women and children.



The Jews had built up a multitude of laws regarding divorce and these laws favoured men and were not kind to women. It was extremely easy for a man to divorce his wife just by saying, "I divorce you," leaving her in poverty with no rights whatsoever. I'm not sure what woman would risk divorcing her husband under those circumstances! Children, too, had absolutely no status or rights.

Jesus' heart is always in solidarity with the poor, the downtrodden, the abused, the ones who seem not to matter and the ones who are left without resources when it comes to injustice. When Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them: for it is to such as these that the Kingdom of heaven belongs," he was not only speaking about children; he was speaking about the powerless. The Kingdom is a life where power is not valued, status holds no sway and those who are abused in any way are welcomed in to find warm shelter and receive dignity and love.

Jesus is there welcoming every small one in. He gathers each one in his arms.

And he blesses them.



## The Week of Oct 4 to Oct 10 in our Community

**Monday October 4 Memorial St. Francis Of Assisi  
No Mass**

**Tuesday October 5  
6:00pm Mass**

**Wednesday October 6  
6:00pm Mass**

**Thursday October 7 Memorial Our Lady Of The Rosary  
9:00am Mass + Nick Holdstock**

**Friday October 8  
9:00am Mass + Hazel Connaughton**

**Saturday October 9  
5:00pm Mass + Len Mooney**

**Sunday October 10 Twenty-Eighth Sunday In Ordinary Time  
10:00am Mass  
6:00pm Mass**

**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**

For the general health and safety of our congregation, especially those who are not yet eligible for vaccination or unable to receive a vaccine, masks have been made mandatory during the Mass. Thank you for your support.

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

**Click below to watch**

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## Mass With the Bishop

**LIVE-STREAMED FROM THE  
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**TO:**

**SUNDAY - 9:30 AM**

**MONDAY TO FRIDAY - 7:00 PM**

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**JUST A QUICK NOTE TO LET YOU KNOW THAT  
BISHOP GARY'S SUNDAY MORNING  
LIVESTREAM HAS A FEW TIME CHANGES THIS**

**MONTH DUE TO HIS TRAVELS:**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3RD: 10:45 AM**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17TH: 9:00 AM**

# Bishops Announce \$30M National Pledge to Support Healing & Reconciliation

On September 27, 2021, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops issued the following news release regarding a nation-wide collective financial commitment of \$30M to support healing and reconciliation initiatives for residential school survivors:

<https://www.rcdvictoria.org/special-announcements/cccbnewsrelease20210927>



**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](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 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 - 8:30am to 3:30pm (with the exception of stat holidays)  
Closed Thursday, September 30

We now require face coverings for all people born in 2009 or earlier for all activities in church buildings in the Diocese of Victoria, including worship services.

Bishop Gary Gordon

## Donation Options

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

**SANCTIONED COLLECTIONS  
EVANGELIZATION OF NATIONS (WORLD MISSION SUNDAY)  
OCTOBER 24 2021**

## APPLE PICKING INVITATION TO OUR PARISHIONERS

There are still loads of apples on the trees at the Rectory. They are delicious to munch on, or would make lovely apple pies. Bring your basket or cloth sack and enjoy the picking!

## Job Postings

### JOB POSTING COMPUTER TECH

Island Catholic Schools Roman Catholic Diocese of Victoria is seeking a full-time Computer Technician to assist and support Island Catholic Schools and the Roman Catholic Diocese of Victoria.

Click below for details:

### JOB POSTING COMPUTER TECH

### ASSISTANT, VICTORIA MARRIAGE TRIBUNAL

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Victoria is seeking an Administrative Assistant (part-time 15 hours per week) to act on behalf of the Judicial Vicar and the Marriage Tribunal. Click below for details:

### POSTING MARRIAGE TRIBUNAL



# Newsworthy and Noteworthy

## Wishing To Become A Catholic?

We invite all people who are interested in becoming a full member of the Roman Catholic Church to consider journeying with us through the **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)**. It is open to all people who are not Catholic but are considering following the Catholic Christian way of life, those who were baptized in the Catholic Church but never received any further instruction in the faith and the sacraments of Confirmation and/or First Eucharist. If you are interested, please contact the parish office. We will start up at the beginning of October.

## LIFE CHAIN

This year's **Life Chain** will take place on **Sunday, Oct. 3 from 2 pm to 3 pm at the intersection of Blanchard and Finlayson Streets.**

Posters will be provided. **SAVING LIVES FROM COAST TO COAST - JOIN THOUSANDS ACROSS CANADA STANDING UP AGAINST ABORTION IN THIS PEACEFUL DEMONSTRATION!** We will refrain from engaging the public in debate. Please arrive 20 minutes earlier to sign for your poster and get into position. This event is co-sponsored by Choose Life Victoria and the Knights of Columbus. For more information contact Glenda Wilmot at 250-661-2613 or Joe Cavin at 250-381-3969.

## Alarm Responder Needed

We are looking for a parishioner who lives close by to respond to any false alarm activations that may occur outside of office hours. Please contact parish office 250-479-7413 if you are interested in this volunteer position.

**THANK YOU** Frank Portlock for all your years of service.

## Children's Religious Education Registration

Our Catechism Journey classes will be in person, starting on **October 24th. We will meet at the church at 8:45am for 1 hour, prior to the 10am Mass.** Please see the parish website for Class Schedule. Consistent attendance is required to receive the Sacraments. We ask for a \$30 fee to be dropped off to the parish office to help cover the cost of materials and resources for our classes.

**Registration is now open online via our website**  
**September 15th through to October 1st.**

## 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:

OCT 5: WHAT'S THE ROSARY? WHY THE ROSARY?

OCT 12: THE 15 PROMISES OF MARY TO THOSE WHO PRAY THE ROSARY?

OCT 19: THE ROSARY AND SUPERNATURAL GRACE!

OCT 26: THE ROSARY AND MARIAN APPARITIONS!

NOV 2: THE ROSARY AND THE LIFE OF JESUS!

NOV 9: THE ROSARY. A FLAMING SWORD!

NOV 16: THE ROSARY. A MYSTICAL ROSE!!!

# From the Diocese

## **Bishop's Annual Appeal! Spirit of Hope Healing & Reconciliation**

### **Kickoff Week October 2-8**

This week we kick off the Bishop's Appeal along with all other parishes and missions throughout our Diocese. The 2021 Appeal theme, Spirit of Hope – Healing & Reconciliation, encourages us to create a path of accompaniment and relationship with Indigenous peoples. With the help of the Holy Spirit and through your generosity we can support the need for healing & reconciliation. Please consider pledging to this worthwhile endeavour. Parish Goal: \$ 58,000. Stay tuned for our parish project!

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### **Invitation to participate in National Liturgy Webinar on Eucharistic Transformation**

The National Liturgy Office of the CCCB is offering a free three-part webinar on November 8, 9, and 10 from 11 am – 1 pm each day. The aim of this webinar is to reflect more deeply on the meaning of the Eucharist in order to invigorate how we celebrate, live out, and give witness to what the Eucharist means. Registration is open to clergy, religious, liturgy committee members, pastoral council members, chaplains, and any interested parishioners. For more information and to register, please visit:

<https://www.cccb.ca/liturgy-sacraments/resources-in-english/national-liturgy-webinar/>.

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### **Statement of Apology by the Catholic Bishops to Indigenous Peoples**

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# Contacts in the Parish

<b>Pastor</b>	<b>Fr. Alfredo Monacelli</b>
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<b>Altar Server Training/Coordinator</b>	Angela Grohovac
<b>Baptism</b>	tbd
<b>Contemplative Community</b>	Charlie Allen (778)433-5772 email: charlieballen@gmail.com (2nd & 4th Saturdays @ 10am)
<b>Children's Liturgy of the Word</b>	tbd
<b>Children's Religious Education</b>	Angela Grohovac, Beth Geras & Lily Blair email: ourcatechismjourney@gmail.com
<b>Eucharistic Ministry Contact</b>	Jenny Di Castri email: jdicastri@gmail.com
<b>SJTW Pastoral Care Outreach Ministry</b>	tbd
<b>Development and Peace</b>	Sister Marina Smith SSA email: sandseaandsky@gmail.com
<b>Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA)</b>	Chris & Carmelle Whiteley (250) 886-2987 email: carmelle.whiteley@gmail.com
<b>Youth Group - Grades 6 to 12</b>	Claudia and Oscar Hinojosa email: cigro112@gmail.com
<b>St. Joseph's Elementary School</b>	Pre School - Gr. 7 Call school office (250) 479-1232 for more info
<b>Catholic Women's League (CWL)</b>	President: Barbara Strong (250) 881-8612
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<b>Parish Pastoral Council</b>	Brian Fox, Mylinh Trinh, George Flint, Karen Wysiiecki, Nancy Zacharias

A message from



*I would like to embrace the whole world in a network of charity.*

*- Blessed Frederic Ozanam.*

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- Through the online portal *Canada Helps*.
- Through our SVDP website- <https://www.ssvpvancouverisland.ca>.
- Please reach out directly to our Conference President Stephanie Peters [stephanie.jm.peters@gmail.com](mailto:stephanie.jm.peters@gmail.com) or 250-514-7853 with questions about becoming a member.

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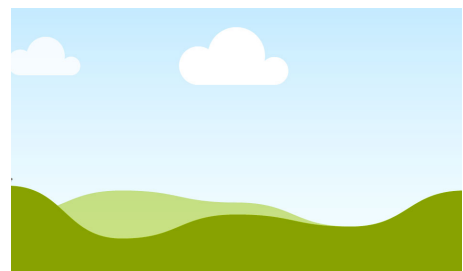
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