

# **ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER**

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ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISH ACKNOWLEDGES AND RESPECTS THE L∂Ќ∞∂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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#### Just Desserts?

#### Jean Allen

The parable this week is of the vineyard workers who murdered the envoys sent by the landowner and finally murdered the landowner's son. When Jesus asked the chief priests and elders what the landowner should do after his son has been murdered, they replied that the landowner should 'put the wretches to a miserable death'. This was what their idea of justice was and a very common idea of justice even today.

We can easily equate the slaves the landowner sent to the prophets God sent to the Israelites. They were pretty proficient at killing their prophets. And we can equate the son to Jesus sent by God to the vineyard of Israel whom the tenants did indeed eventually put to death. But there the parallels end. The priests' and elders' judgement as to how the tenants should be treated was never the end of the story.

Could you imagine the tenants' shock and confusion if the landowner brought his son back to life, forgave the tenants for their murderous crimes and offered to allow them to tend the vineyard alongside his son?

"Unfair!" we cry. "That is so not justice! That's not what should happen to those tenants!" Yet that's what God did and Jesus wholeheartedly supported the plan. Our perceptions of justice are often pretty far off the mark when it comes to God's idea of justice. We really want all those perceived by us as the bad guys to receive our brand of justice and we project our desires onto God. But God says to us, "My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are my ways your ways. As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts."

By willingly participating in God's idea of mercy and justice, Jesus became the cornerstone of our faith, the cornerstone that was rejected. We often refuse to open our eyes and hearts to God's way of justice and insist on our own brand of justice.

Then we, too, are rejecting the cornerstone of our faith.



#### The Week of October 9 to October 15 in our Community

Monday October 9 Thanksgiving Day Parish Office Closed 6:30am Mass Fr. Sean Flynn presiding



Tuesday October 10 Parish Office Closed 6:00pm Mass Special Int. Deceased Relatives of Lorne and Sandra Keller

Wednesday October 11 6:30am Mass Fr. Sean Flynn presiding 6:00pm Mass + Sharon Kelland

Thursday October 12 6:30am Mass Fr. Sean Flynn presiding 9:00am Mass Special Int. Dakota Flynn / + Edward Pires 7:30pm RCIA Journey of Faith - Community Room

Friday October 13 6:30am Mass Fr. Sean Flynn presiding 9:00am Mass + Joseph Nguyen / + Nick Leone followed by Adoration until 12:00 noon

Saturday October 14 6:30am Mass Fr. Sean Flynn presiding 5:00pm Mass + Herculano and Joao Pimentel 6:00pm Youth Group - School Gym

Sunday October 15 Twenty-Eighth Sunday In Ordinary Time 10:00am Mass 11:15 am Catechism 6:00pm Mass + Joe de Lima Sr. and Jr.

#### 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/RCDVi ctoriaLiveOne/about.



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

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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: <u>https://DofVRedeemingConflict.eventbrite.com</u>; any questions can be directed to Margaret Gwyn at: <u>mgwyn@rcdvictoria.org</u> 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)

Next Sanctioned Collection: Evangelization of Nations (World Mission Sunday) October 22, 2023 Please Note: The Parish Office will be closed on: Monday October 9th and Tuesday October 10th to celebrate Thanksgiving

### **Donation Options**



CANADA HELPS ONLINE DONATION: <u>DONATE NOW - ST JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISH</u> (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.

#### ST. PATRICK'S CWL (FALL & WINTER) GOOD USED CLOTHING & BOOK SALE

Oct 13 - 9:30 am - 4 pm & Oct 14 - 9:30 am - 2 pm

#### FALL BAZAAR

Oct 14th 9:30 am - 2 pm Large Variety of Kiosks + Quality Silent Auction Tombola - Grand Prize \$300 St. Patrick's Parish Centre 2060 Haultain St.

#### **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**

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

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 250-886-2407

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## **Newsworthy and Noteworthy**

#### Knights of Columbus Charity Appeal

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. Please read the poster in the bulletin (page 10 online bulletin) or church website for details on the 4 main draw prizes as well as the 10 early bird draws. Also, see the new pricing structure for tickets that makes them cheaper the more you buy. Last year we had one local winner of a \$1,000 early bird ticket.

> Buy tickets through the on-line link: http://kofcdraw.net/c13356 or from Brother Jack Moreau. All forms of payment are accepted.

#### Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary

#### Holy Trinity Parish in Nanaimo

invites everyone to join them at their church (6234 Spartan Rd)

#### Saturday, October 7 at 3:00 pm

to celebrate the feast day of Our Lady of the Rosary, where they will pray for the healing of ancestral rifts within family trees through the 'Healing of the Family Tree Rosary'.

For more information, please contact the parish office at <u>holytrinity@rcdvictoria.org</u> or (250) 390-2612.

#### 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/employmentopportunities/



#### Our Fall 40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil September 27 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

#### You're Invited

Please join us for an informative

#### **Estate Planning Session**

Making a gift in your lifetime or leaving one in your will. Deciding what is right for you & your family.

#### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19TH 4:00PM-5:30PM VIA ZOOM

#### Hosted by Society of St. Vincent de Paul Vancouver Island & CIBC Wealth

\*This session is suitable for anyone early or mid-career, nearing retirement or in retirement".

Please RSVP to administration@svdpvictoria.com

**by October 11th** Zoom link will be sent to you

#### 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** 

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# From the Diocese



#### Laudate Deum/Universal Phase of Synod 2021-2024

Pope Francis has released the Apostolic Exhortation **"Laudate Deum"** to all people of good will on the climate crisis. A copy of the exhortation is attached to this email, and may also be found online at: https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost\_exhortations/documents/20231004-laudate-deum.pdf.

October 4 marks the opening of the first session of the Universal Phase of Synod 2021-2024. His Eminence Mario Cardinal Grech, General Secretary of the Synod of Bishops, has invited the faithful to participate in prayer for the Synod. For more information, please visit: <u>https://www.vaticannews.va/en/vatican-city/news/2023-09/cardinal-mario-</u> grech-invitation-episcopate-priests-prayer-synod.html

#### National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Statement

On September 30, the **National Day for Truth and Reconciliation**, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops **released a statement** welcoming the Day, and inviting the Catholic faithful of Canada to respond to this National Day in a spirit of charity and compassion. To read the statement, please visit: <u>https://www.rcdvictoria.org/indigenous/cccb-welcomes-truth-and-reconciliation-day-2023</u>

#### Local Indigenous Reconciliation Fund Committee

The local Indigenous Reconciliation Fund Committee is pleased to announce they are now starting their **second year of grant funding**. They are eager to encourage projects from Indigenous groups anywhere on Vancouver Island and the surrounding Islands that foster good medicine for people harmed by the legacy of residential schools. For more information, please visit: https://www.rcdvictoria.org/indigenous/indigenous-reconciliation-fund-supports-thegood-work-of-reconciliation

#### 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 8th.

To donate online, please visit:

<u>https://www2.devp.org/en/civicrm/contribute/transact?reset=1&id=3&gl=24092</u> and select "Emergency – Earthquake Morocco" where it asks what you are giving towards.

#### 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.

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# Contacts in the Parish

Pastor Deacon

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 Commitee **Parish Pastoral Council** 

#### Fr. Alfredo Monacelli

Deacon Michael Watkins email: mwatkins@rcdvictoria.org Admin Assistant/Secretary/Bookkeeper 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) Kate Pettem email: kpettem@me.com 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 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





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-stvincent-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.

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

#### Will you answer the call?

Visit kofc.org/joinus to learn more about the many benefits of membership in the Knights of Columbus.

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# We are accepting advertising Please call 250-479-7413





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

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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:

- o \$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.
- o \$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



## WIN \$100,000 in prizes including a 2023 Toyôta RAV4 Hybrid Grand Prize PRIZES

TICKETS 1 for \$5 10 for \$25 50 for \$50

**1**<sup>st</sup> Prize 2023 Toyota RAV4 Hybrid **2**<sup>nd</sup> Prize \$30,000 4<sup>th</sup> Prize \$5,000 **3**<sup>rd</sup> Prize \$10,000 5<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> \$ 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 WORKING TOGETHER TO MAKE OUR COMMUNITIES BETTER Thank you for your Support!

For general inquiries call 604-216-7272BC Gaming Event License #: 144568Chances are 1 in 410,000 (total tickets for sale) to win a grand prize. Actual odds depend on number of tickets sold. 19+ to play.<br/>Problem Gambling Help Line 1-888-795-6111 w.w.w.bcresponsiblegambling.caKnow your limit. Play within it.<br/>Winners are responsible for cost associated with delivery/claiming of prizes.



#### WE'RE HIRING!

Are you looking for a work environment that makes for a great day? Look no further ~ 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! We are currently searching for:

- Administrative Assistant Queen of Angels School
- 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: <u>https://</u> <u>cisdv.bc.ca/employment-opportunities/</u>

# You're Invited

Please join us for an informative

# Estate Planning Session

Making a gift in your lifetime or leaving in your will. What is right for you & your family.

> Thursday, October 19th 4:00-5:30pm via ZOOM

Hosted by Society of St. Vincent de Paul Vancouver Island & CIBC Private Wealth

> Please RSVP by October 11th to administration@svdpvictoria.com Details & zoom link will be sent to you.



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# [FALL & WINTER] GOOD USED CLOTHING & BOOK SALE

Oct 13 9:30 am - 4 pm & Oct 14, 2023 9:30 am - 2 pm

Accepting Debit & Credit Cards

**Oct 14, 2023** 9:30 am - 2 pm

FALL BAZAAR

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS DELISH SNACK BAR

SUPER FU KIDS ZON

> Large Variety of Kiosks + Quality Silent Auction Tombola - Grand Prize \$300

#### The Local charities we support are:

The event of the year!

Anawim House, ANCOP, Birthright, Development and Peace, Cdn Foundation for the Children of Haiti, Coady International, Missions in Canada and abroad, Mount St. Mary Hospital, Oak Bay Volunteers Services Society, St. Patrick's/St. Andrew's Schools and Student Bursaries, St. Vincent de Paul Society, Sandy Merriman House, The Soup Kitchen, Youth at risk charities, St. Patrick's Parish needs DONATION PICK UP

> Carol Kittleson 778-678-6788

Lorrie Van Somer 250- 595-5981

St. Patrick's Parish Centre 2060 Haultain St.

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# Redeeming CONFLICT

# ONE MESSY SITUATION AT A TIME

# 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 SATURDAY Nov. 4th 2023 9 AM - 1 PM

@4040 Nelthorpe Street Sacred Heart Church Hall Info: deniseowen@shaw.ca (250)580-0066

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COMMUNITY

New and old items – Bring cash and bags Tea, coffee, baked goods, YUMMY EBO. FREE admission + free parking + Wheelchair access

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# **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)











Travel arrangements by

TICO #4274452

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.

TEL: 877-999-8868 TEL: 416-444-6666

## FAX: 905-886-9769

For information and registrations call: Stan – ext. 339 or 647-463-9057 <u>stan@ihtours.com</u> Liliana – ext. 324 liliana@ihtours.com

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# **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)