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ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISH ACKNOWLEDGES AND RESPECTS THE LƏK'ƏNƏN (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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Tripping Hazard Part III

BY JEAN ALLEN



Jesus is very serious about the damage skandalon does to a community and to us as individuals. Territorialism, resentments exclusion, anger and all the things we do to cause others to stumble and keep ourselves imprisoned are foreign to the Kingdom of God and that's why Jesus says we should cut off our hands or feet rather than cause someone to stumble.

When someone hurts us, it is better to enter into the Kingdom as a broken person than it is to retaliate, thereby starting another circle of hell where we absolutely refuse to forgive, stubbornly maintain our own rightness and build defensive walls against others. God doesn't need to toss us into hell; we create our own hells – and what hells they are!

When you hold deep grudges against another person, another faith, group, race or even a government entity and refuse to budge from your position because you 'are definitely right and the other is so wrong', isn't that like an everlasting fire? It's a burning that never goes out and can be fanned into hot flames time and time again with very little provocation. And are not resentments and angers like worms that never die? They niggle and eat away at us without cease. It wouldn't take any one of us long to recall something someone said or did years ago that still eats at us, and not one of us can claim to never have said or done something to someone else years ago that still causes them to ache and struggle. The hell of it is real.

This is not how we're meant to live. Jesus longs for us to dwell in the peaceable Kingdom, even if we have to limp in battered and broken. But we keep refusing. It's easier to maintain our self-righteous anger than it is to let go of it.

Forgiveness is your one hope in hell.



The Week of Sept 27 to Oct 3 in our Community

**Monday September 27 Memorial St. Vincent De Paul, Priest
World Tourism Day**

10:00am Mass to celebrate Feast of St. Vincent

Tuesday September 28

6:00pm Mass

**Wednesday September 29 Feast St. Michael, St. Gabriel, St.
Raphael, Archangels**

6:00pm Mass Special Int. Sister Gemma Pires

**Thursday September 30 Memorial St. Jerome, Priest, Doctor
9:00am Mass**

**Friday October 1 Memorial St. Therese Of The Child Jesus,
Virgin, Doctor**

9:00am Mass + Brenda Bersuk

Saturday October 2 Memorial The Holy Guardian Angels

5:00pm Mass + Mary Ellen Trudeau

Sunday October 3 Twenty-Seventh 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**

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Mass With the Bishop

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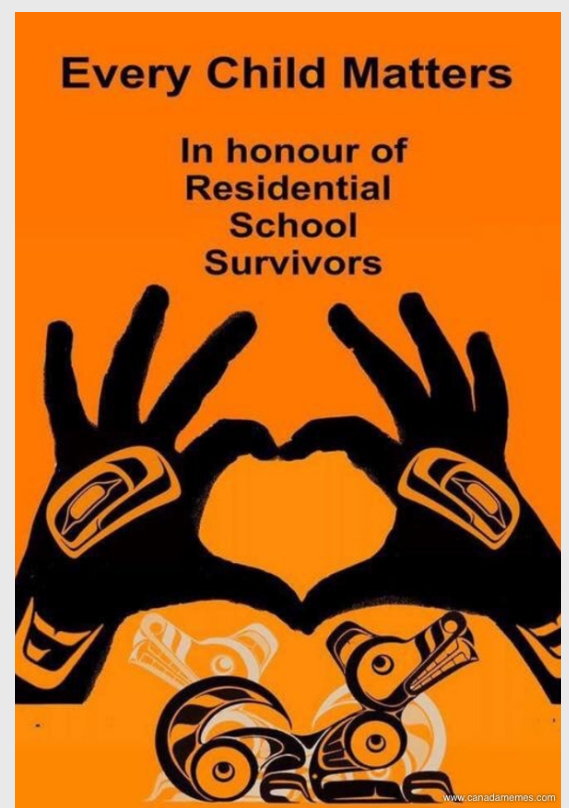
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MONDAY TO FRIDAY - 7:00 PM

Truth and Reconciliation Day September 30th

Please find attached a letter from Bishop Gary Gordon regarding the **Truth and Reconciliation Day (September 30th)** a new statutory holiday to commemorate the history and ongoing trauma caused by residential schools. In recent years, September 30th has been known as "Orange Shirt Day", named after the residential schools' experience of the campaign's founder, Phyllis Webstad. Support of this national day of commemoration is a direct response to one of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action. As such, please note that the Pastoral Centre, parish offices, and all Catholic schools in the Diocese of Victoria will be closed on **September 30th** to encourage staff to commemorate Truth and Reconciliation Day.

Please click here: [Truth and Reconciliation](#)



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

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)

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

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Bring your basket or cloth sack and pick from 3 loaded apple trees at the rectory.
(2 red and 1 green)

Let the harvest begin!



**SANCTIONED COLLECTIONS
NEEDS OF THE CHURCH IN CANADA (MISSION SUNDAY)
SEPTEMBER 26**

SIMBAYANA - 500 YEARS OF CHRISTIANITY IN THE PHILIPPINES

Join the Filipino community as they celebrate 500 years of Christianity in the Philippines. **A special Mass will be held at St. Andrew's Cathedral on September 28th, 2021 at 7pm** (the Feast Day of San Lorenzo Ruiz - the first Filipino Saint). Bishop Gary Gordon will preside over Mass, along with the Filipino clergy in our Diocese.

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.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

From **September 22 to October 31**, you're invited to join other Christians for **40 Days for Life** – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Victoria General Hospital 1 Hospital Way, Victoria, BC and also to help spread the word about this important community outreach. If you'd like more information – and especially if you'd like to volunteer to help, please contact: Glenda Wilmot at 250-661-2613 or visit:

<https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/victoria>

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**



St. Vincent de Paul Invite

St. Joseph's Conference of St. Vincent de Paul warmly welcomes everyone to join us at St. Joseph the Worker for a dedicated mass for the **Feast of St. Vincent de Paul on: Monday September 27th at 10am**

We sincerely hope parishioners will join us.

From the Diocese

The Pastoral Care Outreach Training series will again be offered online this fall. Nine free sessions will be held **via Zoom on Saturday mornings from 9:30 – noon, starting on September 25** and running til November 27, 2021 (with a break on October 9 for Thanksgiving). Participants who attend all sessions will receive a Certificate of Completion.

Consider these questions: How can I encourage people to talk and share their stories? Can I really have an effect on someone's health with my visit? What is meant by the Ministry of Presence? Whether you are a member of your parish Pastoral Care Team or an Extraordinary Minister of Communion, a member of the Knights of Columbus, CWL or St. Vincent de Paul, a caregiver to a family member, or someone who is considering adding these skills and would like to get involved, this training program is important. It will show why those who visit the sick are unique, and how they can offer more than a friendly visit – they can be the hands and face of Christ to others. Until pastoral access to homes, hospitals, nursing homes, and health care facilities is fully available, Bishop Gary Gordon feels "it is important to have parishioners trained at the ready to provide a caring and compassionate experience to those who are most in need."

Participants will require a phone number and email address, a computer, tablet or smartphone with speakers, microphone and webcam, and a reliable internet connection. **To register, please email sjtwparish@rcdvictoria.org.** For further information, please email moiraking@shaw.ca

Weekday Evening Mass with the Bishop
Join Bishop Gary at the Cathedral
on Mondays and Wednesdays
at 7 pm for Mass
Entry is via the View Street side door
(with the ramp)

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**Season of Creation 2021:
Renewing the Oikos of God**

Information and resources for the celebration the Season of Creation 2021, which begins September 1st:

<https://www.rcdvictoria.org/news/season-of-creation-2021-renewing-the-oikos-of-god>

Contacts in the Parish

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Children's Liturgy of the Word

Children's Religious Education

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Development and Peace

Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA)

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A message from

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VANCOUVER ISLAND



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 or 250-514-7853 with questions about becoming a member.

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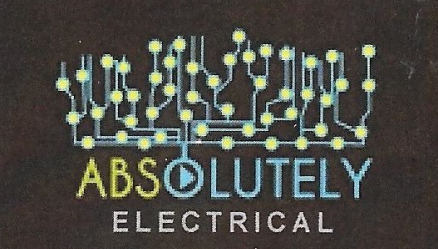
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