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Resolution Without Violence

JEAN ALLEN



In the days of Christ, conflict resolution was handled by the Bait Din or the House of Justice. Highly educated rabbis would listen to both parties and award a judgement based on the Jewish law, not the Roman law. It was supposed to be an impartial judgement by impartial judges but the Bait Din was more of an old boys' club and men weren't necessarily appointed for their upstanding morality. Positions and judgements could be bought or attained by nepotism or favoritism. It was a corrupt system because Jews were just as corruptible as anyone.

Jesus knew that when his newly formed faith community ran into conflicts, they would not receive fair justice at the hands of the Bait Din. Indeed, Jesus himself would receive no true justice from the Jewish authorities. So, he gave his followers a map, a plan about how to resolve conflict within the community and this plan is what is in today's Gospel. Someone who is intent on doing their own thing, no matter how much it hurts others or the whole community, is offered more than one opportunity to repent and come into fellowship once again. If the person refuses to reconcile with the community, Jesus gives permission for the community to let the person go their own way. No one is forced by law to be in union with the community. There is no harsh punishment; there is only an open door out of the community.

Jesus did not condone normal retributive justice. No floggings. No stoning. No death sentences. The Jews were 'officially' not supposed to put a man to death but they had ways around that. Look at Stephen's stoning. Giving a person ways to make amends and then allowing the person to choose to leave was as far as he would go. He wanted restoration of the wayward one, not punishment. Violence was not to be part of the Kingdom of God.

Because that's who God is.



The Week of September 11th to 17th in our Community

Monday September 11

Parish Office Closed

6:30am Mass Fr. Sean Flynn presiding

10:00am **CWL General Meeting - Community Room**

7:30pm **K of C General Meeting - Church Hall**

Tuesday September 12

6:00pm Mass + **Mo**

6:30pm **Couples for Christ Choir Practice**

Wednesday September 13 St. John Chrysostom, Bishop, Doctor,
Memorial

6:30am Mass Fr. Sean Flynn presiding

6:00pm Mass + **Mui Fong Kok**

Thursday September 14 The Exaltation Of The Holy Cross, Feast

6:30am Mass Fr. Sean Flynn presiding

9:00am Mass **Special Int. Alexandra Moi-meme / + Bobby Dodds**

Friday September 15 Our Lady Of Sorrows, Memorial

6:30am Mass Fr. Sean Flynn presiding

9:00am Mass followed by Adoration until 12:00 noon

Special Int. Reniere Seminara

Saturday September 16 St. Cornelius, Pope, And St. Cyprian, Bishop,
Martyrs, Memorial

6:30am Mass Fr. Sean Flynn presiding

11:00am **Funeral Mass for Sharon Kelland** with reception to follow in
Church hall

5:00pm Mass + **Valerie Norris (Choir tbd)**

6:00pm **Youth Group - School Gym**

Sunday September 17 Twenty-Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time

10:00am Mass (**Choir Shawn and Jen**)

11:15 am **Catechism Parents' Meeting - Church Hall**

6:00pm Mass + **Joe de Lima Sr. and Jr. (Choir Couples for Christ)**

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

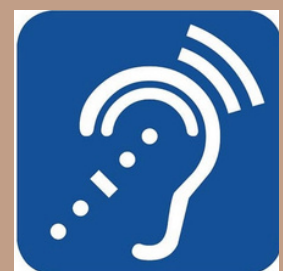


Join Bishop Gary Gordon as he
celebrates the Mass.

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](https://www.rcdvictoria.org/events/dailymasslivestreamed) and
[https://www.youtube.com/c/RCDVi
ctoriaLiveOne/about](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:

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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 next Diocesan Sanctioned Collection:
Needs of the Church in Canada (Mission Sunday)
Sunday, September 24, 2023**

Donation Options



**CANADA HELPS ONLINE DONATION:
DONATE NOW - ST JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISH
(CANADAHELPS.ORG)**

(IMMEDIATE ELECTRONIC TAX RECEIPT ISSUED BY CANADA HELPS)

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FOLLOW STEPS OUTLINED ON YOUR ON-LINE BANKING SITE
TO EMAIL: SJTWPARISH@RCDVICTORIA.ORG**

**CREDIT CARDS:
[Payment Authorization Form for Credit Card Donations.pdf](#)
(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

Season of Creation Week 2

Theme: Be **respectful** of the earth, taking care of it. It is God's world, and God has gifted it to us to share with all people.

Unfortunately, many people have acted as if they owned the earth, depleting the earth's natural resources which are limited. They have not respected the natural rhythms of the earth, but rushed to take from it. Meanwhile, some people do not have access to these resources, while others have more than they need.

"The habit of wasting and discarding has reached unprecedented levels. The exploitation of the planet has already exceeded acceptable limits," says Pope Francis.

Gradually move away from what I want to what the world needs. In this way, we can be freed from greed and compulsion. Before buying an item in a store, or from Amazon, ask yourself if you really need it. Search your heart and examine where the true desire for this item comes from! Reflect on how your lifestyle affects the environment, and make sustainable lifestyle changes on an individual level. Live more simply.

Listen to the song: [It's a Beautiful World to live in](#). Go to: **"IT'S A BEAUTIFUL WORLD"** ("Laudato Si" - Pope Francis) (It begins with a sail boat on water.) Author is fetuu tavo



We have two dedicated St. Joe's volunteers, who are retiring from two very important ministries:

- **Angela Grohovac - Retiring Catechism Coordinator**
- **Ann Glas - Retiring Responsible Ministry Safe Environment Coordinator (RMSE)**

THANK YOU VERY MUCH, for all your talent, time, effort, and hard work. You have truly been a **blessing** to this parish!

We would like to welcome:

- **Christine Armstrong - Catechism Coordinator**
- **Rosanna O'Higgins - Responsible Ministry Safe Environment Coordinator (RMSE)**

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

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



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.

Registration is \$45

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.

Help Needed Vacuum Ministry

Our Vacuum ministry is a group of parishioners (5 people) who volunteer 1 ½ hours every month to vacuum our church carpet.

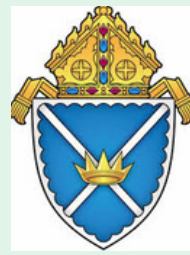
We would appreciate new members to help us in this task.

Contact the parish office or Ralph at:

rbscheurle@shaw.ca.



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 ([A post has ju](#)). 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.imakeanonline donation.org/ssvp-national/DONATION/> and select "National Emergency Fund" where it asks how to direct your donation.

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

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 Committee

Parish Pastoral Council

Fr. Alfredo Monacelli

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Melissa Hogg/Sandi Duncan/Pat O'Brien

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

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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

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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

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

looking for a coordinator

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Sr. Marina Smith email: sandseaandsky@gmail.com

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

Gerry Heywood



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.vancouverisland.ca.

Alternatively, you can also make a financial contribution via Canada Helps, canadahelps.org/en/charities/society-of-st-vincent-de-paul-of-vancouver-island



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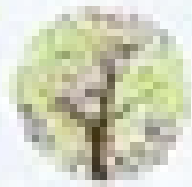
We are in a new season as we move forward.
This is an invitation for you to share your ***talent and time*** by joining one of our parish ministries.
Serving is a **WIN** for everyone involved.

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

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**SEASON OF
CREATION**

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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

Oh Lord



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

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1) FILL OUT FORM AT:
[HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/SHOWUSYOURFACE2023](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
11am - Fr. Mark Cherry - Talk #3
11:40am - 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

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THE MEN'S RETREAT

SEPT 29 - OCT 1, 2023

We're restless until we rest in Him.



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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)

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Session 9
Spouse
Caregiving, and
Healthy Boundaries
& Self-Care
November 25

Session 1
Basics of
Pastoral Care
September 23

Session 2
The Healing
Ministry of Christ
September 30

Session 8
Who Am I as a
Pastoral Care
Outreach Visitor?
November 18

Session 3
Listening and
Communication
October 14

Session 7
Grief and
Bereavement:
Ministering to
Families
Nov 11

Session 4
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Loneliness and the
Journey with
Dementia
October 21

Session 6
The Grieving
Process
November 4

Session 5
Palliative Care
and the Healing
Ministry for the
Dying
October 28

**For further information, please contact:
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