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The Vulnerability of the Ascension

Jean Allen

I'm going to focus on Luke's account of the Ascension in the first reading. The first thing I want to point out is that the disciples asked Jesus, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" They still didn't get it. They were still hoping Jesus would lead Israel into political and religious freedom. No wonder Jesus had to visibly ascend and disappear because as long as he was visibly present to them, they would continue to expect him to lead a huge Maccabean type rebellion and free Israel from Roman tyranny. He had to go in order to make space for his Holy Spirit to come and begin subtly infecting his followers and the world with a whole new way of gaining freedom. Today we would call that a guerilla tactic!

To leave the life of the early church in the hands of these people who just couldn't grasp the basics of his message was also a sign of Christ's willingness to be vulnerable to our human weakness. But he left knowing that the Holy Spirit would come and that, in spite of the spiritual fragility of his followers, the Spirit would begin to spread like yeast in the church and in the world. We are still fragile followers. We still often don't get it. Just look at all the different Christian churches with differing dogmas in the world. Just look at our Catholic Church and all its disagreements and schisms over interpretations as to what is orthodox and what is not. If it was just up to human understanding and ability, our Church and every Christian church would be totally screwed.

But it's not up to us. Yes, Christ ascended in vulnerability, knowing we would continually get it wrong over and over, but he ascended in complete faith, knowing that his Holy Spirit would come and begin to leaven the whole loaf inexorably in spite of our continuing best efforts to thwart him.

Somehow, that's incredibly comforting!



The Week of May 13 to May 19 in our Community

Monday May 13

Parish Office Closed

6:30am Mass Fr. Sean presiding

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

Tuesday May 14 St. Matthias, Apostle, Feast

11:00am **Funeral Service for Marilyn Young**

6:00pm Mass **Special Int. ICU Team at Surrey Memorial Hospital**

Wednesday May 15

6:30am Mass Fr. Sean presiding

12:00 noon **Seniors' Lunch Bunch - Church Hall**

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

6:00pm **St. Vincent de Paul Meeting - Community Room**

6:00pm Mass

Thursday May 16

6:30am Mass Fr. Sean presiding

9:00am Mass **Special Int. Erika and Michaelangelo / + Mike Lawrence**

7:00pm **Love and Respect Marriage Retreat - Community Room**

Friday May 17

6:30am Mass Fr. Sean presiding

9:00am Mass **Special Int. Ridge Meadows Hospital Workers in the ICU and Rehab**

followed by Adoration until 12:00 noon

Saturday May 18

6:30am Mass Fr. Sean presiding

5:00pm Mass + **Ellen Stewart**

No Youth Group this evening

Sunday May 19 Pentecost Sunday

10:00am Mass

6:00pm Mass **Special Int. Sr. Mary Gemma Pires / + Melanie Espinelli**

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 ~ 6:30am

Saturday ~ 5:00pm (livestream)

Sunday ~ 10:00am

Sunday ~ 6:00pm



Syro-Malabar Mass Schedule

Weekend Masses

Saturday ~ 7:00pm

Sunday ~ 12:00 noon

For more information:
Fr. Shijo Ph#: 647-963-0460

Mass With The Bishop

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HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY to all the Women who have blessed and made a difference in the lives of others!

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, May 20 (Victoria Day) and Tuesday, May 21
We will reopen on Wednesday, May 22**

Donation Options

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For more information, please contact
Ruth Real at:

SJTWyouthgroup@gmail.com



Catechism Journey

St. Joseph the Worker Parish
Catechism Program (2023/2024)

Sunday Morning

Grades 1 to 4

11:15am - 12:00 Noon (following the 10
am Mass)

St. Joseph's Elementary School
757 Burnside Rd. W

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 or
250-886-2407

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



Newsworthy and Noteworthy

Bursaries/Awards

The deadline is July 15, 2024
for these Bursaries/Awards

The Jawl Bundon LLP Bursary (\$2500): for a **grade 12 Catholic student** who has been accepted to a post-secondary institution. Preference will be given to Indigenous students, and to students who live outside of Greater Victoria and Nanaimo.

The Blessed Marie Anne Blondin Bursary (\$1000): for a **lay woman who is accepted or enrolled in a program or course for ministry in the Church**, such as religious education, social justice, liturgy, social action, care of the sick, etc.

The Char Deslippe Memorial Award (\$500): for a **teacher working in Catholic Island Schools or a parish catechist** serving in children, youth or adult ministry.

St. Joseph CWL Garage Sale

Saturday, May 11th
9:00 am to 1:30 pm

Free Admission
Hot food, tea, coffee for sale



Birthright Annual Plant Sale

Birthright's Annual Plant Sale is almost here! An outside sale from Peggy's greenhouse, a short five minute drive from Our Lady of the Rosary's old location on Goldstream Ave. We'll have all the usual plants, from perennials and ground covers to shrubs and edibles. Get great prices and selection while you support the crisis pregnancy work of **Birthright Victoria!**

Please see our Plant Sale Poster or visit our website for more details: <https://birthrightvictoria.org/garden-babies-for-birthright-plant-sales/>

Confirmation and
First Holy Communion
St. Joseph the Worker
Sunday, May 12th at 1:00pm

Please pray for our Confirmation
and First Holy Communion candidates.

Gr 4

*Annette, Ronan Tai, Julianna, Kainoa, Nethan, Stella,
Aleydis, Allegra, Elizabeth, Ronan John, Theodore*

Pre Youth Group

*Sofia, Mateo, Jennnifer, Olivia, Simona, Giles, Tala,
Beniesse, Jerrica*

Youth Group

*Mariah, Amanda, Adriana, Elliott, Gabriel, Zachary,
Michael*

HOSTING INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

The **St. Andrew's International Student Program** is in need of additional host families for September 2024 for female students for the full school year. If you would be willing to support a young person on their international high school journey/experience, please consider welcoming one of our international students into your family. Host families receive \$1,275 per month to cover costs. Please contact Nina Timm **ASAP** at : homestay@cisdv.bc.ca / Tel: 403-771-2519

Sacred Music Symposium

Our Lady of the Rosary Young Adults is hosting the Sacred Music Symposium on May 24–25 at The Chapel of Our Lady Star of the Sea (595 Galiano Cres, Colwood). This is an opportunity to learn about Sacred Music, new chants and hymns, as well as sing alongside a professional schola, Sacred Music Sundays, at a Mass. Everyone—musicians and non-musicians alike—are invited to attend. Cost is by donation (\$10 minimum is requested). For more information about the weekend, Sacred Music Sundays, event agenda, and to register, please visit: <httpsbit.ly/OLORYAGRetreat>

From the Diocese



National Family and Life Week (NFLW) takes places this year from May 13 – 19, with the theme **“Love hopes all things”**. Families are invited to cultivate, deepen, and renew Christian hope by drawing on scriptural reflection, family prayer, and the Sacraments. The NFLW website has resources for families including daily prayers and activities and a catechesis with discussion questions. For more information and to access the resources, please visit: <https://www.cccb.ca/faith-moral-issues/family-and-life/national-family-and-life-week/>

Job Posting

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Victoria and Island Catholic Schools are **seeking a part-time fundraising coordinator** for the period of **June 3, 2024 to June 30, 2025**. We are looking for a dynamic individual with donor relationship experience, and excellent organizational, administrative and communication skills. The job posting may be viewed at: <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/employment>

Diocesan Garry Oak Ecosystem Restoration Project

With the celebration of Earth Day last week, the time seems right for an update on our Diocesan Garry Oak ecosystem restoration project. Over the past eight Saturdays, 20 volunteers have cleared invasive species from over 1000 square feet of land, cut ivy off dozens of Garry Oaks, and found a surprisingly large number of golf balls! To learn more, please visit: <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/diocesanblog/garry-oak-ecosystem-restoration-update>. Please also visit and share our Eventbrite page with your friends and family – new volunteers are always welcome: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/garry-oak-ecosystem-restoration-project-867898697367>

Canadian Christian Meditation National Conference Retreat

The Canadian Christian Meditation National Conference Retreat will be held at the University of British Columbia from **July 5-7, 2024**. The theme this year is “From Anxiety to Peace”, and the retreat will be led by Fr. Laurence Freeman OSB, a monk of the Benedictine Congregation of Monte Oliveto Maggiore. Both in-person and remote participation options are available. For more information and to register, please visit: <https://www.wccm-canada.ca/>. **The deadline to register for in-person participation is May 30.**

Victoria Chapter of El Shaddai 20th Anniversary Celebration

The Victoria Chapter of El Shaddai welcomes all to their 20th anniversary celebration on **Sunday, May 19th from 10 am – 4:30 pm at the Mary Winspear Centre** in Sidney (2243 Beacon Ave). Bishop Gary Gordon will celebrate Mass at 11:00 am. **For more information, please call Flor Cadiz at 250-415-7720.**

Diocesan Family Camp Looking For Volunteers

The planning committee for the 10th Annual Family Life Conference and Camp is looking for volunteers to assist with the camp. If interested in volunteering, please email: familycamp@rcdvictoria.org for more information.

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

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St. Joseph's Elementary School

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

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Angela Grohovac

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(2nd & 4th Saturdays @ 10am)

tbd

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Gerri Erickson (250) 216-5558 email: gerri@shaw.ca

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Ruth Real email: SJTWyouthgroup@gmail.com

Pre School - Gr. 7 Call school office (250) 479-1232 for more info

President: Maureen Ingram email: maureena.ingram@gmail.com

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

Lisa Slegg email: lisaslegg@gmail.com

Meetings every Wednesday following 6:00pm Mass

looking for a coordinator

Mel Evangelista email: mel.evangelista@gmail.com

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

Gerry Heywood



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A THANK YOU from our outreach twin in Cucuta, Colombia!!**

"SSVP AMALFI" has several work fronts for the most needy in our municipality. We welcome with great affection and gratitude your suggestions for the use of your financial donations, which we hope to continue receiving for our most needy families. May GOD and Saint Vincent de Paul continue to bless you with good health and your sense of solidarity."

We gladly accept:

-Non-perishables to the Food cart, back of the church.

-Cash & cheques using blue envelopes, inside donation envelope boxes.

-Monthly St. Vinny's hat donations after mass.

-Through our SVDP website <https://www.ssvpvancouverisland.ca>

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St Joseph the Worker Conference Annual Report for 2023 Saint Vincent de Paul, Vancouver Island

In 2023 our conference continued to serve our adopted families and those in need in the community. Here are some highlights of 2023 activities and outreach:

- Donated over \$17 000 to the Social Concern foods program
- Sponsored the toiletry and sundry table at St Andrew's soup kitchen, purchasing a wide variety of essential items to support the homeless.
- Met and gave out numerous emergency food gift cards to families and individuals in need
- Assisted with the KOC 40 Cans for 40 Days food drive
- Held a parish food drive for World Day of the Poor in November and collected 330kg of food for the Social Concern pantry
- Assisted in the delivery of monthly food to a shut-in.
- Held a coffee house for seniors at St Andrew's manor
- Worked alongside the parish youth group to assist over 25 families in Rosalie's Village with Christmas presents

Along with our numerous 'adopted families', we assisted others in the community with numerous emergency needs like food, rental support, utilities, advocacy, and furniture.

Twinning initiatives:

Our conference sponsors two twinning initiatives abroad. In the last year we concluded our financial support to St. Joseph's Conference in Kerala, India and now have two in Colombia. In total \$4 000 was sent to these conferences which allowed them to consistently provide food aid, help with housing, medical aid, and assistance for education. Holy Spirit Conference in Cucuta, Colombia continue their work in the poor areas of Cucuta, in particular Villa de la Paz with food, clothing, medicine and aiding people to help themselves through entrepreneur initiatives. Lastly, Immaculate Conference in Amalfi, Colombia have 20 monthly markets for those in need, subsidize transport to medical exams and to get medication, oversee 25 homes in the city for low income families with a focus on giving children from rural areas a chance to finish their education in the city. They also have a Vincentian spirituality program.

In closing, thank you to all St Joseph the Worker parishioners; your generosity is the reason we can continue our mission of charity. Along with continuing to support our charity work, please consider joining us! The more hands the better.

We feel truly blessed that we can continue the mission of Saint Vincent de Paul by finding and assisting those in need.

Blessings,

Stephanie Peters

President, St Joseph Conference,

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul, Vancouver Island

GREAT BIG LITTLE GARAGE SALE

**Saturday, May 11, 2024
St. Joseph the Worker Church
753 Burnside Road
Around the Back**

**Community Garage Sale with 30 large tables
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**Time: 9:00 AM to 1:30 PM
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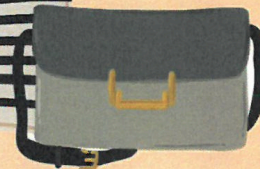


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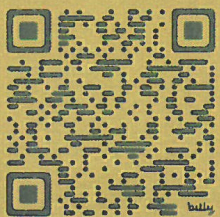
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— DYR 2024 —

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Matthew 25:40


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