

# **ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER**

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ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISH ACKNOWLEDGES AND RESPECTS THE LƏK̈wƏŊƏN (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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#### Hard Reality

Jean Allen

"So, some Greeks tell Philip they wish to see Jesus. Philip tells Andrew and they both go to Jesus. Then what Jesus says is a total non sequitur, leaving one wondering why his words were preceded by the Greeks wanting to see him. What does that have to do with anything Jesus said?

But perhaps it's that it's Greeks who want to see Jesus is significant. The Greek culture was a philosophical one where debates over ideas and speculations about the nature of reality were valued and where clever arguments were applauded and nothing was ever settled. These Greeks were probably upper class since they had the time and means to travel to find Jesus. Did the Greeks just want the experience of debating with Jesus and engaging him in a philosophical discussion of ideas? Jesus abruptly brings everything back to earth. Jesus's culture was one of seeds dying and crops growing, a harsh world of hard labor. Jesus's reality was that he was about to be crucified. He wasn't about to engage in a philosophical discussion with well-to-do Greeks who had no knowledge of the realities of a harsh life. He, instead, challenged them with words about how loving one's life would cause one to lose it.

One would hope that the Greeks heard him. One would hope that Jesus's words pierced their hearts and made them take a hard look at their own ideas of reality. One would hope they experienced metanoia.

We all need to search our hearts to see if there are areas where we are operating on interesting ideas rather than on the true reality of a life in Christ where seeds must die in order to bring forth fruit. Look at what you not only believe but also what you know in your heart of hearts. Do you absolutely know that you must die in order to live? Do you cling to any ideas that undermine that reality of Christ's life?

Metanoia may be in order.



#### The Week of March 18 to March 24 in our Community

Monday March 18 Parish Office Closed 6:30am Mass Fr. Sean presiding

Tuesday March 19 Saint Joseph, Spouse Of The Blessed Virgin Mary, Principal Patron of Canada, Patron of the Universal Church, Solemnity 6:00pm Mass

Wednesday March 20 6:30am Mass Fr. Sean presiding 9:00am Mass Special Int. "In Thanksgiving" Daniel Fernandez 12:00 noon Senior's Lunch Bunch - Church Hall 6:00pm St. Vincent de Paul Meeting - Community Room 7:00pm Penitential Service 7:00pm Legion of Mary - Church Hall

Thursday March 21 6:30am Mass Fr. Sean presiding 9:00am Mass + Lolita Dumbrique 10:00am Prayer Shawl Ministry - Church Hall 7:30pm RCIA Journey of Faith - Community Room and Church

Friday March 22 6:30am Mass + Mui Fong Kok (Fr. Sean presiding) 9:00am Mass + Enid Duvall (followed by Adoration until 12:00 noon) 7:00pm Stations of the Cross (K of C)

Saturday March 23 6:30am Mass Fr. Sean presiding 10:00am Contemplative Community - Community Room 5:00pm Mass + Nathal Rodriguez No Youth Group tonight

Sunday March 24 Palm Sunday 10:00am Mass 11:15am K of C Pancake Breakfast - Church Hall No Catechism today 6:00pm Mass Special Int. Xavier Orango 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

#### Easter Triduum

Holy Thursday March 28 7:00pm (followed by adoration) Good Friday Service, March 29 3:00pm Saturday Vigil Mass, March 30 8:00pm (livestream) Easter Sunday, March 31 10:00am & 12:00 noon



Syro-Malabar Mass Schedule Weekend Masses

Saturday ~ 7:00pm Sunday ~ 12:00 noon Malayalm Way of Cross Fridays ~ 8:00pm



#### Stations of the Cross Fridays 7:00pm

March 15 - Youth Group March 22 - K of C

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St. Joseph the Worker Parish Reconciliation Service, Wednesday, March 20, 2024 7 pm

#### Easter Flower Offerings

Easter flower envelopes are now available at the back of the church. If you would like to contribute to our Easter flowers and remember a loved one, please pick up an envelope, complete and drop in collection basket or donation box.

# 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** 

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The parish office regular hours of operation are: Tuesday through Friday 8:30am to 3:30pm (except Statutory Holidays) Please Note: Next Sanctioned Collection Sunday, March 17, 2024 Development & Peace (Shared Lent)

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#### **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**

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: <u>whiteley.christopher@gmail.com</u> 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.



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#### **Newsworthy and Noteworthy**



TAX RECEIPTS ARE READY FOR PICKUP IN THE CHURCH FOYER!

#### **SAVE THE DATE**

Thursdays - May 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30 LOVE AND RESPECT Marriage Retreat 7 pm - 9 pm St. Joseph the Worker Parish Workbook will be provided

#### St. Joseph's CWL Prayer Shawl Ministry



**Do you enjoy knitting or crocheting?** St. Joseph's CWL is organizing a prayer shawl ministry. **Come and join us on Thursdays at 10:00am in the church hall.** 

Our volunteers receive requests and pray for the recipient while making a beautiful shawl. Each gift shawl is made for someone in need of comfort, in hospital, in pain, or immobile. Donations of soft, new, yarn are greatly appreciated.**Call Maureen @ 778 400 5714** for more information.



#### **Shoe Box Program**

Knights of Columbus are conducting a **Mother's Day Shoe Box Program**.

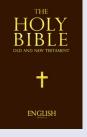
Young single mothers who chose life rather than abortion, are gifted a shoe box containing \$50.00 in pampering items for Moms, on Mother's Day.

Your donation of either a filled shoe box, or a cash donation may be dropped at the parish office or by calling **Gerry Poitras at 250-812-7611, or e-mail:** kimnger40@gmail.com, prior to April 29.

Cheques can be written to "K of C #13356 St Joseph The Worker Council" with a note, "Shoe Box Program".

#### Men of the Word

The Knights continue to sponsor a monthly Bible study called Men of the Word The next session will be held in the Community Room on **Tuesday, March 26th at 7:00pm.** We meet for 1 hour and discuss the lesson plan for that month. All men of the parish are invited to join us.



#### Your Appeal Dollars at Work!

St. Joe's Parish and School are excited to join the digital age of signage.



#### Knights of Columbus Lenten Food Drive

Our annual 40 Cans for 40 Days food drive is wrapping up on **Palm Sunday, March 24**. Please have any donations of food or money brought into the church or collection basket by this date. Food bags are available in the foyer of the church to take with you after mass. Those wishing to donate by cheque or cash should provide their envelope number and write K of C Food drive on the envelope (if by cash) or in the memo space of the cheque. **Please issue cheques to "St Joseph's Conference SSVP".** Thank you in advance for helping make this food drive a success.

#### WOW!



I just had to share with all our parishioners how incredible the **musical show at St. Jo's Elementary School** was. The **young actors' edition of CATS** was simply phenomenal. It was such a joy to watch these talented kids put on such a high-caliber production. If you missed it, you missed out on something truly special!

A huge thank you to the visionary behind it, Adrienne Grange, and to all the incredible individuals involved in making it happen. Your hard work and dedication have truly brought joy to our community. Sandi

#### K of C Pancake Breakfast Coming Up



The pancake breakfast is on Palm Sunday March 24, a week earlier, due to Easter Sunday.

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# From the Diocese



#### Memo from Bishop Gary Gordon Chief Financial Officer Appointed

I am very pleased to welcome Jackie Marchand, CPA, CA, who will serve as Chief Financial Officer for our Diocese effective April 4th, 2024. Jackie comes to us with over twenty years of operational and financial leadership experience in both for profit and non-profit sectors. She values integrity, compassion, honesty, and teamwork. Her extensive career as a strategic leader and relationship builder will serve her well in this new role. Jackie welcomes the opportunity to share her diverse gifts and be of compassionate service to others. I am very grateful to **Leah MacKenzie**, our current CFO of 16 years, who has graciously offered to support Jackie as she adapts to her new role. Please join me in extending a very warm welcome to Jackie and immense gratitude to Leah. I also humbly ask for your continued prayer and support for all those in positions of leadership in our Diocese.

#### Join Bishop Gary As He Celebrates A Special Mass

Bishop Gary Gordon will celebrate a special Mass at **4:00 pm on Saturday, March 16** in honour of the dedication of those who work or volunteer in health care. Everyone is invited to participate, either in person at **Sacred Heart Church** in Victoria (4040 Nelthorpe St, Victoria, BC), or via livestream at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pFqxWFAvwJE. A reception will follow in the parish hall for those attending in person.

#### Solidarity Sunday - Bishop Gary's Letter

March 17 is Solidarity Sunday, an opportunity to support Development and Peace – Caritas Canada in its work with the poorest and most marginalized of our human family. Bishop Gary has written a letter to the people of the Diocese of Victoria, introducing this year's focus on small-scale farmers and peasant communities, and encouraging all to embody Christ's love through generosity and solidarity. To read Bishop Gary's letter, please visit: https://www.rcdvictoria.org/news/bishop-gary-gordons-message-for-share-lent-2024

#### **Celebration Of The Chrism Mass**

All people of the Diocese of Victoria are invited to join in the celebration of the **Chrism Mass on Thursday, March 21 at 7:00 pm.** At this yearly liturgy, sacred oils are blessed and given to representatives from each parish in the diocese. These will be presented in each church on Holy Thursday and used during the coming year for Baptisms, Confirmations, and Anointings of the Sick. This year's Chrism Mass will be celebrated at St. Andrew's Cathedral in Victoria (740 View Street), and also livestreamed at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CMGHYEro3bg

#### Lenten Retreat at Sacred Heart Parish

Sacred Heart Parish in Victoria (4040 Nelthorpe Street) will be holding a Lenten Retreat on **Forgiveness and Reconciliation** from **March 23-27**. It will be led by Fr. David Reilander, the president of Catholic Missions in Canada, and all are welcome. For more information, please contact the parish at **sacredheart@rcdvictoria.org** or 250-479-1611.

#### **Diocesan Family Camp**

This year marks the **10th anniversary of the Diocesan Family Camp.** This year's theme is **"On the Way Together"**, and the guest speakers will be Bishop Gary Gordon, Sr. John Mary Sullivan (Associate Director of Ministries and Outreach for the Archdiocese of Vancouver) and Joelle Dressler (Director of Faith Formation and Evangelization for the Diocese of Victoria). The camp will run from **August 15 – 18 in Nanoose Bay. Please Save the Date! More information will be coming soon**.

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# 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 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

Legion of Mary

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 Melissa Hogg/Sandi Duncan/Pat O'Brien Office hours 8:30am - 3:30pm Tuesday-Friday Ralph Scheurle email: rbscheurle@shaw.ca Rosanna O'Higgins email: rosanna.ohiggins@gmail.com Angela Grohovac Call parish office (250) 479-7413 Charlie Allen (778) 433-5772 email: charlieballen@gmail.com (2nd & 4th Saturdays @ 10am) tbd Christine Armstrong email: ourcatechismjourney@gmail.com Jenny Di Castri email: jdicastri@gmail.com Gerri Erickson (250) 216-5558 email: gerri@shaw.ca 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: SITWyouthgroup@gmail.com Pre School - Gr. 7 Call school office (250) 479-1232 for more info President: Maureen Ingram email: maureena.ingram@gmail.com 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 Lisa Slegg email: lisaslegg@gmail.com Meetings every Wednesday following 6:00pm Mass 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





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Cloverdale Store - 735 Cloverdale Ave. 250-590-8390 Mon - Sat: 9:30am - 4:00pm Simply drop items off at these places. Make a difference to someone in our town community! Become a member of St. Vincent de Paul! Email stephanie.jm.peters@gmail.com



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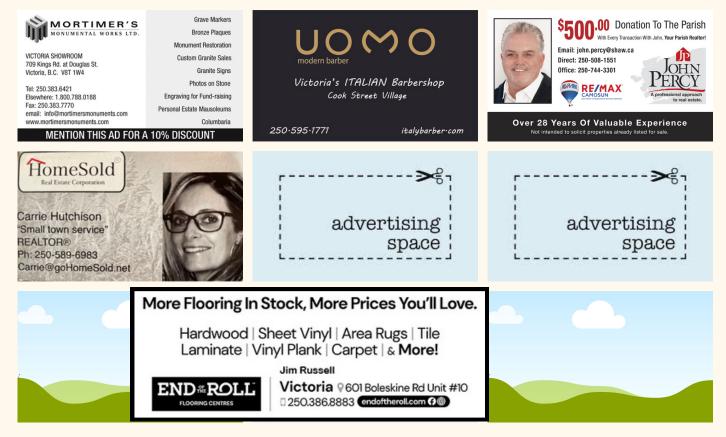
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# Join Bishop Gary Gordon as he celebrates

# **A Special Mass**

in honour of the dedication of those who work or volunteer in Health Care

# Saturday, March 16, 2024 4:00 p.m.

# **Sacred Heart Parish**

4040 Nelthorpe Street, Victoria BC reception to follow

Attend in person or participate via livestream at https://youtube.com/live/pFqxWFAvwJE



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Local contact: Call or Text Glenda at 250-661-2613

Learn more ... get involved ... and sign up for prayer times by visiting our campaign at the web address shown below!

# 40daysforlife.com/Victoria,BC

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2024

Wednesday, April 24, 2024

7:30pm to 9:15pm (with short intermission)

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#### Tickets: \$20 Each or \$50 Family Pack

Purchase from an Arbutus Singers member or call Julie at 250–384–2840

Come join Jack Boomer, Director, Robyn McKinnon, pianist and Brad Hawkes, percussionist, for a night of great tunes including John Denver, Carole King, ABBA and Christopher Cross. You will not want to miss this enjoyable night with proceeds going to the ChoirKids Program of the Victoria Conservatory of Music. Light refreshments to follow.





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> St. Andrew's Cathedral 740 View Street Victoria, BC

"You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek" (Ps 110:4) THE FIRST MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED IN THANKSGIVING ON SUNDAY 23 JUNE 2024 AT ST ANDREW'SCATHEDRAL AT 11:00AM. Diocesan Bursary of the Catholic Women's League "In Memory of Freda Smith"

\$750 Bursary awarded annually to a Catholic student graduating from a secondary school or a home schooling program within the Diocese of Victoria who plans on pursuing further education at a post secondary institution.

> For more information, and to apply, please visit: https://cwldov.org/bursaries Application deadline: March 31st

#### Bishop Thomas J Lobsinger OMI Memorial Bursaries

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Application forms must be requested from the Bursary Chairman: Christopher Chen, #333-1231 Pacific Blvd, Vancouver, BC V6Z 0E2 Email: chrischen.kofc@gmail.com. Completed applications must be received by June 30, 2024.

### TRULY, I SAY TO YOU, AS YOU DID IT TO ONE OF THE LEAST OF THESE MY BRETHREN, YOU DID IT TO ME Matthew 25:40

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