



# St. Joseph the Worker Parish

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## *The Solemnity of Mary*

### From the Pastor's Desk

Today, the Solemnity of Mary as the Mother of God marks the beginning of this New Year. This liturgical feast is really appropriate for New Year's, because the *choices* that Mary made, the *growth* that she allowed in her own life, certainly mark her as one of the greatest models of renewal in human history. In recent years however, today, the first day of the New Year, has been designated World Day of Peace. On this day, the Pope asks all of us to pray for peace and to work for peace. There are many places in the world today where there is a great deal of violence and conflict. Untold millions of innocent people are the victims. In light of this special day therefore, what **word** can *reach* people who have said goodbye to a year that was filled with such a variety of peace less experiences? In Afghanistan, Egypt, Syria, Darfur, Eritrea, Columbia ... it all seems so overwhelming at times, does it not?

#### MARY MOTHER OF GOD



What **word** can *speak* to these issues and to all people who face seemingly insurmountable obstacles and losses and attempt to live again, the death of a loved one, the loss of a child or job? What **word** can *speak* to people who look forward to a year with different expectations, a new job, a new beginning? The only **word** I can speak is hidden in today's Gospel, God saves! God saves! The most significant point in today's Gospel, is the naming of Jesus. We may overlook it entirely, because we do not understand the significance of names in Biblical thought. That **name**, that is critical. "Jesus" means literally "Yahweh saves". Jesus could not have been called Joseph or John or Simon. Jesus' name is His reality – the ultimate fulfillment of the blessing promised in today's second reading. As Paul tells us in today's Second Reading, "God sent his Son, born of a woman, born a subject of the Law, to redeem the subjects of the Law and to enable us to be adopted as children." **God gives us all the good things He represents; that is He gives us Himself. Wow!**

If God saves, we must surrender! This year, make a fresh beginning! Turning a new page on the calendar always invites a fresh perspective—even more so when it's a brand new calendar! So lose your chains. You're invited today to let go of the old year, both "what we have done" and "what we have failed to do." Time to give and receive pardon for offenses. Time to craft resolutions and adopt new habits. Time to become people of justice and peace. On this eighth and final day of Christmas, accept the gift of your true identity: a free child of God, heir to a land of relentless hope.

Happy New Year  
Fr. William

#### Youth Ministry

**EDGE:** Hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and are all ready for the new year ahead of us. EDGE will run every Friday as usual starting this Friday, January 6th; all six and seventh graders, come out and join us in the St. Joe's gym from 7-8:30 if you are interested!

\*\*\*Notice:\*\*\* Edge runs every Friday. For parents who wish to spend time with the Blessed sacrament, we will continue to have Adoration in the Church on first Fridays from 7-8pm.

**iGNight:** - starting up again for the New Year on Sunday, January 8th, and we're getting right back into things with a night on the liturgy of the Eucharist. The Catechism says the Eucharist is the "source and summit of the Christian life" (CCC 1324); it is truth, love, and life for our souls; it is the fount that satisfies our deepest needs, it is an unending stream of grace and strength, of light and consolation. It was for the saints their everything, the center of their very lives! Christ still, at EVERY Mass, offers to us that same indescribable gift of Himself; are we ready to take in the God-man, the Word made flesh, the bread of the strong, the body of Christ? Come and join us January 8th following the 6pm Sunday Mass to dig deeper into this mystery of our great faith.

## Ministry Liturgical Schedule...January 7th & 8th, 2012

	Saturday 5:00 pm	Sunday 10:00 am	Sunday 6:00 pm
<b>Altar Servers</b> Coordinator-A. Grohovac/ T. Kerr	MC. A. Mackenzie H. & A. Evangilista	MC. M. Poulin E. & A. Blair	MC. K. Tanguilat C. Hardy, A. Westhaver
<b>Hospitality Ministers</b> Coordinator- Ken Kelly	P. Stevens R. Stevens	K. Kelly J. Roberts Kelly	iGNight
<b>Lectors</b> Coordinator-Linda Chatton	J. Hassett T. Hassett	C. Mury L. Hawkes	S. Fitzmaurice S. Hryhoryshen
<b>Ushers</b> Coordinator-Maryellen Trudeau	M. Trudeau, B. Dunn L. VanDyk, J. Aquino	B. Quinn, A. Vanderkerkhove G. Rossato, E. Rainaldi	IGNight
<b>Presentation of the Gifts</b> Coordinator- Office	A. Pearson	G. Kachaluba M. Delasalle	IGNight
<b>Children's Liturgy</b> Coordinator-Brenda Bella		M. Underdown K. Forget	
<b>Vacuums</b> Coordinator-Ralph Scheurle	J. Aquino R. Scheurle		
<b>Hospital Ministers</b> Coordinator-Claude Mury		C. Yeomans A. Valencia Vargas	

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Saturday at 4:15-4:45 pm or by appointment.

**Sacrament of Marriage:** Inquiries must be made 6 months in advance. Register at the office. Marriage preparation class is compulsory.

**Sacrament of Baptism:** Call the Parish Office at 250-479-7413 for date of next Baptism preparation class. Baptisms are held during all masses of last weekend of each month.

**Catechism and Children's Liturgy, Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Communion:** Contact Laura at 250-479-8282 for more information.

**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 are admitted to a hospital and would like a visit from your pastor or Eucharistic Minister, please call your parish office or VGH/RJ hospital emergency pager 250-889-3761 ask for Fr. Frank Franz or email [ffj.hospital@gmail.com](mailto:fjf.hospital@gmail.com) to make this request.

**Theme: Mary "kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart."** - During the Octave of Christmas, the church has been contemplating the newborn Jesus, God's gift of self to us and all of creation.

**Question for Children:** How can you keep the spirit with the true meaning of Christmas, alive in your hearts all year?

**Question for Youth:** What have been the fruits of your prayers and meditation in this season? What have you been reflecting on in your heart?

**Question for Adults:** What will you take away from this year's celebration of Christmas? How will it stay with you throughout the year?



**Parish Supporter Forms Meetings For Island Catholic Schools - January 17 and 18 2012 between 3 -4pm in the church.** Given the sheer volume of forms and number of requests, these meetings have become necessary and are a requirement for all who seek parish support. Fr. William will answer ALL questions at these meetings. Please do not drop off forms at the office, email or call for this is a time consuming task for my office staff and for me personally. Hence, these meetings are the only time I will discuss and collect the forms for consideration. At St. Joseph the Worker Parish, attendance at mass, being registered here and support of parish are all factors considered in determining who will receive support.

**We regret to inform you** that Father Daniel McCarthy passed away on Monday, December 5, 2011. Please remember him in your prayers.

**"Could you ever come back to the Catholic Church"** - the next 6 week series starts on Jan.4th from 7 - 9pm at St. Joseph the Worker Parish. See bulletin board for more details.

**St. Andrew's Regional High School Grade 7 Parent Meeting** - All Grade 7 parents are encouraged to attend an information meeting on Wednesday, Jan 11th 2012 @ 6:30 pm in our school library at 880 McKenzie.

### Mass Schedule

#### Weekday Masses

Tuesday ~ 7:00pm  
Wednesday~ 10:00am  
Thursday ~ 10:00am  
Friday ~7:00pm  
(Adoration 7-8)  
Saturday ~5:00pm  
Sunday ~10:00am &  
6:00pm

**Thank you for your support of the Arbutus Choir. We raised over \$4,639.50**

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#### Keeping in Contact

We extend our hands and hearts in Christian companionship to you here, celebrating with us, whether long-time residents or newly arrived in the parish. We thank God that you are with us. If you wish to register in the parish please fill out the **pink registration form** located outside the church office or back of church.

## Newsworthy and Noteworthy

### Volunteers Needed

**Vacuamers** - Want to serve your parish? 1- 2 hours only every 6 or 7 weeks. Contact Ralph Scheurle 250-727-6010

**Greeters** - Share our wonderful hospitality by greeting parishioners before Masses - Contact Ken Kelly 250-386-2239

**Presenters of the Gifts** - Carry the Collection, Hosts and Wine to the altar. Please contact Jenny or Sandi in the parish office - 250 479-7413 Ext.0 We are also looking for a coordinator for this ministry.

**Ushers** - Guide people to pews, hand out collection baskets and usher congregation to receive communion. Contact Maryellen Trudeau 250-386-1368

**Volunteers are needed to catalogue books for the library** - Training will be available to volunteers. Please contact Jennifer at the office.

**Diocesan Appeal of Hearts and Hands** - Thank-you to parishioners who have responded to date with gifts and pledges. We Met our pledge of \$ 50,000.

**Adoration** - starting Jan 6, 2012 there will be adoration from 7 - 8 pm in the church every first Friday of the month i.e. Feb 3, March 2, Apr 6, May 4, and June 1. Why not leave your children for Edge and join us upstairs.

**A special thank you to End of the Roll :** Carmen and Victor Araujo have donated flooring for our downstairs hall. This is on top of all the other flooring and donations they have given to us. I ask you to support them in all your carpet and flooring needs. Let us give back to them!

**The Church Part II** - Presented by Dr. Les McKeown @ Holy Cross Parish 4049 Gordon Head Rd on Jan 9, 16, 23, 30, Feb 6, 13; 2012. Call 250-477-5321 to register. Course includes a review of Vatican II documents, collegiality, Catholic social teaching, the role of Mary and envisioning a Vatican II parish.

**Thanks to Ken Kelly** for becoming our new parish Greeter /Hospitality Coordinator.

**Thank you to the Arbutus choir and parishioners** who came out to support the 3rd annual concert in support of Thembaletu Orphanage in South Africa. We raised over \$4,500,00

**Application Forms for St. Andrews High School** - are now being circulated. Please join us on Wed. Jan. 11 2012 at 6:30pm in the school library, 880 McKenzie Avenue.

**2012 Collection Envelopes** - these are in the community room outside the office. Special envelopes for PAD donors are just to the right of the other envelopes.

## Up Coming Events & Start Dates

- Jan 4 "Could you ever come back to the Catholic Church" - 6 week series starts
- Jan 6 7:00pm First Friday Adoration
- Jan 8 11:15am Catechism starts up again
- Jan 8 Children's Liturgy starts up again
- Jan 13 7:00pm Parish Council Meeting
- Jan 17 Parish Supporter Form Meeting 3 - 4pm
- Jan 18 Parish Supporter Form Meeting 3 - 4pm
- Jan 18 12:00noon Lunch Bunch
- Jan 20 7:00pm Social Justice and Environment Meeting

## This Week in our Community

**Monday January 2 St. Basil the Great and St. Gregory Nazianzen Bishops, Doctors**  
**Parish Office Closed**

7:00pm West of Eden Choir

**Tuesday January 3**

7:00pm Mass Spec. Int. 50th Anniversary

7:00pm Couples for Christ Choir Practice - Sanctuary

**Wednesday January 4**

10:00am Mass + Alec Peraz de Tagle

7:00pm "Could you ever come back to the Catholic Church?"

7:00pm Ignight

7:00pm Adult Scripture Study

7:00pm RCIA - Rectory

7:30pm Saturday Night Choir Practice

**Thursday January 5**

10:00am Mass Spec. Int. Lana Fleming

7:30pm Christian Rocks Choir Practice

7:30pm Spirit Led Prayer Group - Hall

**Friday January 6**

7:00pm Adoration Mass + Fr. Richard Veltri

7:00pm Edge Youth - School

**Saturday January 7 St. Andre Bessette, Religious Ordinary Office**

5:00pm Mass + Mary Anne Kazmierski

**Sunday January 8 Epiphany of the Lord**

10:00am Mass (Pro populo) Baptism of Alexander Blair

11:00am Sunday Coffee

11:15am Catechism Classes - School

6:00pm Mass Spec. Int. Joan Alaric

7:00pm Ignight (Hall)

### Prayers Needed

For families in conflict, and for those who find preparing for Christmas burdensome or depressing.

For the sick who have asked for our prayers:  
and for all who care for them and journey with them.

We pray especially for all members of our parish who are sick in mind, body or heart.

**Votive Candle** - suggested donation \$2.00  
Give what you can.



### Parish Supporter Forms

#### 2 Meetings

**Jan. 17 and 18 2012**  
**at St. Joseph Church**  
**3:00pm-4:00pm.**

**Given the sheer volume of forms all questions and queries will be addresses at these 2 meetings.**

**Please do not drop off forms at the office.**

**Hence these 2 meetings are the ONLY time that Father William will discuss and collect these forms.**

### BEQUESTS AND WILLS

In your kindness, please remember St. Joseph the Worker Parish in your bequests and wills. If anyone wishes to make such a bequest in their will, the following clause may be included or added to a will or added by codicil: I give devise and bequeath the sum of \$.....to St. Joseph the Worker Parish in Victoria, BC, to be used for the benefit of the Parish and its pastoral activities.

# Contacts in the Parish

**Pastor**

**Administrative Assistant/Secretary**

**Youth Minister**

**Bookkeeper**

**Baptism**

**Catholic Women's League(CWL)**

**Children's Liturgy of the Word**

**Children's Religious Education**

**Cursillo Movement**

**Development and Peace**

**Adult Scripture Study**

**Could you ever come back -**

**to the Catholic Church?**

**Knights of Columbus**

**Prayer Group (Spirit Led)**

**Rite of Christian Initiation(RCIA)**

**St. Joseph's School**

**St. Vincent de Paul**

**Social Justice and Environment**

**Building and Maintenance Committee**

**Finance Committee**

**Liturgy Committee**

**Social Committee**

**Parish Pastoral Council**

**Fr. William Hann**

Jennifer Smith/Jenny Daniels Office hours 8:30 am-3:30 pm Tuesday-Friday

Donny McGeragle (778) 977-3947 e-mail: ignight.victoria@gmail.com

Liz Hayward

Parish Office (250)479-7413 Jenny and Peter Daniels(250) 658-6782

President: Shirley Cummins (250)479-3383

Brenda Bella (250)474-4700

Laura Gerlinsky (250)479-8282 Sunday 11:15 am

Doreen Keizer (250)380-0158.

Leslie Forest (250)658-2215

Theresa and Gordon Phillips (250)477-9181 Wednesday 7:15 pm

Charlie Allen (778)433-5772 Lecture Series

Shawn Leckie (250)360-2620 2nd Monday of the month 7:30 pm

Dave MacIntyre (250)383-9955 Thursdays 7:30 pm

Fred and Doreen Keizer (250)380-0158

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

Robin Garman (250)479-8806 - 3rd Monday of month

Lorraine Parsons (250) 472-6499

Rick Wysiecki (250)478-7955

Mike Fox (250)391-0160

Shannon Hryhoryshen (778)433-4365

Angela Grohovac (250)744-2213

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