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As and So

Jean Allen

"As the Father has sent me, so I send you."



This is a good time to remind you that when Jesus said, "If you forgive the sins of any they are forgiven them," where we read, "If you retain the sins of any they are retained," the second 'sins' was not there in the original Greek scriptures. It was closer to "If you retain (embrace or cherish) anyone they are retained (embraced or cherished).

Jesus entered that locked room with nothing but love for those disciples, most of whom had abandoned or betrayed him. He greeted them with, "Peace be with you." He came to them bringing nothing but peace and forgiveness. He had no words of recrimination, which most of them richly deserved. He didn't demand that they make apologies before they could experience his love. "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." He wanted his disciples to bring love and forgiveness to the world in exactly the same way as he was bringing love and forgiveness to the disciples. He wasn't giving them authority to withhold forgiveness from anyone; he was giving them (and us) authority to forgive, heal and cherish his beloved brothers and sisters.

Thomas was a recipient and beautiful illustration of being embraced by healing forgiveness. His disappointment and doubt were not held against him. Jesus came once again to the locked room in order to heal Thomas. The words, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe," may not have been spoken to Thomas alone. The other disciples had trouble believing even when they were seeing! Thomas didn't require Jesus to eat before he would believe Jesus was alive. He believed immediately. He was the first disciple to proclaim Jesus not only as Lord but also as God. He cried "Ho Theos" or literally, "God the Father!" What a tremendous revelation to behold God in the room with him. What a gift!

As Jesus was sent, so are we. As God embraces, so should we, with peace, love and forgiveness.

How could we possibly do anything else??



The Week of April 8 to April 14 in our Community

Monday April 8 The Annunciation Of The Lord, Solemnity Parish Office Closed

6:30am Mass Fr. Sean presiding 10:00am CWL General Meeting - Community Room 7:30pm K of C General Meeting - Church Hall

Tuesday April 9 6:00pm Mass

Wednesday April 10 6:30am Mass Fr. Sean presiding 6:00pm Mass Special Int. Jenny Sequeira 7:00pm Legion of Mary - Church Hall

Thursday April 11 St. Stanislaus, Bishop, Martyr, Memorial 9:00am Mass

Friday April 12

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

Saturday April 13

10:00am Contemplative Community - Community Room 5:00pm Mass + Mr. and Mrs. Mathias / + Mr. and Mrs. Joseph 6:00pm Youth Group - School Gym

Sunday April 14 Third Sunday Of Easter 10:00am Mass 11:15am Catechism 6:00pm Mass Special Int. Joline Sequeira / + Carolyn Ledohowski

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

https://www.youtube.com/ c/RCDVictoriaLiveOne



Knights of Columbus Parish Food Drive

Thank you fellow parishioners for your generous donations to our annual 40 Cans for 40 Days food drive. With monetary donations received, additional food was purchased, raising a grand total of 1224 kgs. of food. The food is donated to the Social Concern Office of St. Vincent de Paul to replenish the shelves of their food bank. You have made a meaningful difference to the lives of the working poor and homeless in Victoria. God bless you!



SACRAMENTS

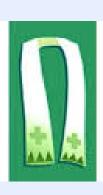














Sacrament of Reconciliation: Fr. Alfie will be available for Reconciliation, in the church, 1/2 hour before evening Masses on Saturday and Sunday, or by appointment. Please call parish office 250-479-7413 to arrange.

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)

Upcoming Sanctioned Collection
Pope's Pastoral Works
(Peter's Pence)
May 5, 2024

Donation Options

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

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<u>DONATE NOW - ST JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISH</u>
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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:

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





Do you know someone who needs help with filing their taxes?

You are eligible if you have a modest income:

- •\$35,000 for one person
- •\$45,000 for one person w/dependent (plus \$2,500 for each additional dependent)
- •\$45,000 for a couple (plus \$2,500 for each dependent)

 You are eligible if you have a simple tax situation:

A) No income

B) Your income comes from sources such as employment, and pension; Benefits such as CPP, disability, CCB, EI, and social assistance programs; RRSP; Support payments such as scholarships, fellowships, bursaries, or grants; Or interest (under \$1,000)

Available at the Downtown Social Concern Office 833 Yates St.

First come, first served!

Drop-in March and April (Mon, Tues, Wed)

9am to 11am

Drop-in May 8 to July 31 (Wed only)

9am to 11am



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".

Bishop's Appeal 2023 - Final Report

A final report for the 2023 Bishop's Appeal, *Tapestry* of *Faith* has been received.

Our Goal: \$46,000 Total Pledged: \$49,405.26 # of Pledges: 133

Thank you to all those who contributed to help make this Appeal a success!

St. Joseph the Worker Potluck Dinner



The Memorial of St Joseph the Worker, our patron saint, will be celebrated on **Wednesday May**1st. A potluck dinner including musical entertainment is planned for after the 6:00pm mass. There will be a cash bar for beer and wine sales. Let us all gather to celebrate our patron saint and church community. Sign up sheets are at the back of the church.

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

K of C Announcements

- Next pancake breakfast will be held on **April 21st**, a week earlier than usual.
- Men of the Word continues to be sponsored by the Knights. Next session is Tuesday, April 23rd at 7:00pm

Attention former & current staff / former students - St. Andrew's Regional High School:

A Memorial Mass will be held for former SARHS teacher, Mick Goodger (who passed away in early January) on Friday, April 26th, 2024 at 5:00pm – Holy Cross Church. Mass will be followed by a pot-luck supper in the Hall where we will share memories about Mick. Please contact Joanie Bidlake at: officeassistant@holycrossvictoria.org for pot-luck registration: to bring a salad, main dish or dessert. Refreshments will be provided.
Thank you – Fr. William Hann and friends of Mick."

The Prayer Shawl Ministry:

invites suggestions of those in need of a gift of comfort. The members of this CWL ministry will **resume meeting downstairs on Thursdays @ 10am** for fellowship, combined with making beautiful shawls. We welcome interested crafters to our gatherings. 778-400-5714.

From the Diocese



Online Questionnaire About COVID-19

he Diocese of Victoria is participating in an international research project about how religious communities experienced the COVID-19 pandemic. All parishioners are invited to complete an anonymous online questionnaire about your experiences during the pandemic. For more information and to access the questionnaire, please visit: https://www.research.net/r/covidandreligion. The questionnaire will be available until mid-April.

Reclaiming Redemptive Suffering

The Canadian Catholic Bioethics Institute have shared a recording of their presentation "Reclaiming Redemptive Suffering: A Spiritual Approach to the Meaning of Suffering". Many of us have lost any sense of 'meaning' in suffering. Some want to avoid it at all costs, even choosing early death. Our Catholic faith talks about 'redemptive' suffering, but what does that mean? Presenter Erin Kinsella will discuss this through the lens of her experience of chronic illness and developing spirituality of suffering. To view the presentation, please visit: https://youtu.be/5iwV87jPynA

"A Great Symphony of Prayer"

In preparation for the 2025 Jubilee Year, Pope Francis has announced that 2024 will be a "Year of Prayer". The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops invites all to participate in their webinar series, titled "A Great Symphony of Prayer". Dr. Josephine Lombardi from St. Augustine's Seminary will present two four-part sessions, one in April and one in October. The webinars will be recorded and made available after the completion of the final session; please register for at least one session if you wish to receive a notification when the recordings are available. For more information and to register, please visit: https://cccbca.zoom.us/webinar/register/8017107746637/WN_E7HPS7PeQAOXnuBjlLt9Qg#/registration.

Anawim Companions Society Job Posting

Anawim Companions Society is recruiting an Executive Director. This new staff position will oversee the Society's operations and work closely with the Board to implement strategic plans. The application deadline is April 18; for more information and to apply, please visit: https://ca.indeed.com/job/executive-director-5ae8f5e75c13e4bb. Any questions about the position can be sent to anawimcompanionssociety@gmail.com

Diocesan Youth Retreat

Registration is now open for the Diocesan Youth Retreat. Since 2003, the DYR (formerly the Diocesan Youth Conference) has been the premier youth ministry event in the Diocese of Victoria. Grade 8-12 students and their chaperones are invited to the faith and fun-filled event, to be held on Friday, May 10 and Saturday, May 11 at Camp Imadene. For more information and to register, please visit: https://www.rcdvictoria.org/dyr

Women of Faith and Fellowship Breakfast

A Women of Faith and Fellowship Breakfast will be held on Saturday, April 13 from 8:00 - 10:30 am at the Horseshoe Club of Victoria (620 Kenneth Street). This in-person event is a wonderful opportunity to come together in community with women of faith for a morning of inspiration, connection, and delicious food. The guest speaker will be Bishop Gary Gordon. Advance registration is required and space is limited. For more information and to register, please visit:

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/april-women-of-faith-and-fellowship-breakfast-tickets-870723125307

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.

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

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Angela Grohovac

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(2nd & 4th Saturdays @ 10am)

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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

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

Gerry Heywood





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Donations are eagerly received at 2 locations. Langford Store - 2784 Claude Rd. 250-478-0282 Mon - Sat: 9:30am - 4:30pm

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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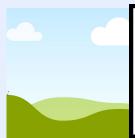


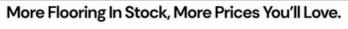












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MOTHERS DAY SHOE BOX PROGRAM 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

The YMCA-YWCA on Vancouver Island, with the assistance of the Knights of Columbus and others, is spearheading a Mother's Day Shoe Box Program. Young single mothers off the streets or coming out of abusive relationships, who chose life over abortion and looking for a fresh start, are gifted a shoe box full of pampering items. These moms would not normally indulge themselves but rather spend on necessities for their children. The shoe boxes contain about \$50 worth of pampering items, such as chocolate, bath bombs, essential oils, and small household items such as dish cloths/towels, inspirational journal, socks, etc.

The boxes will be gift wrapped with the top wrapped separately from the bottom, to allow inspection of the contents. For safety reasons items like candles, knives, etc. are not permitted.

St. Joseph the Worker Knights of Columbus Council #13356 supports young mothers and voted funds towards this program. Hopefully, these mothers may journey with their children to healthier, safer lives and reconnect to find support and feel valued. Shoe boxes are distributed on Mother's Day.

Brother Gerry Poitras is leading the Knights portion of this project. He requests the assistance of parishioners to provide monetary support or gift-wrapped boxes, containing approximately \$50.00 worth of appropriate "mom-pampering" items. These gifts would be especially appreciated by young moms, struggling to provide for their families. Donated funds will purchase more boxes for distribution. Please place donations into an envelope marked "K of C Shoe Boxes" and into the collection basket. Pick up can also be arranged by calling/emailing Gerry. Address cheque donations to "K of C #13356" with a note "Shoe Box Program".

Shoe boxes will be delivered to the YMCA-YWCA by May 1st, 2024, for distribution. Please contact Gerry Poitras at 250-812-7611 or email: kimnger40@gmail.com for further information. Thank you.



Wednesday, April 24, 2024

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

St. Patrick's Parish

2060 Haultain Street, Victoria

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

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

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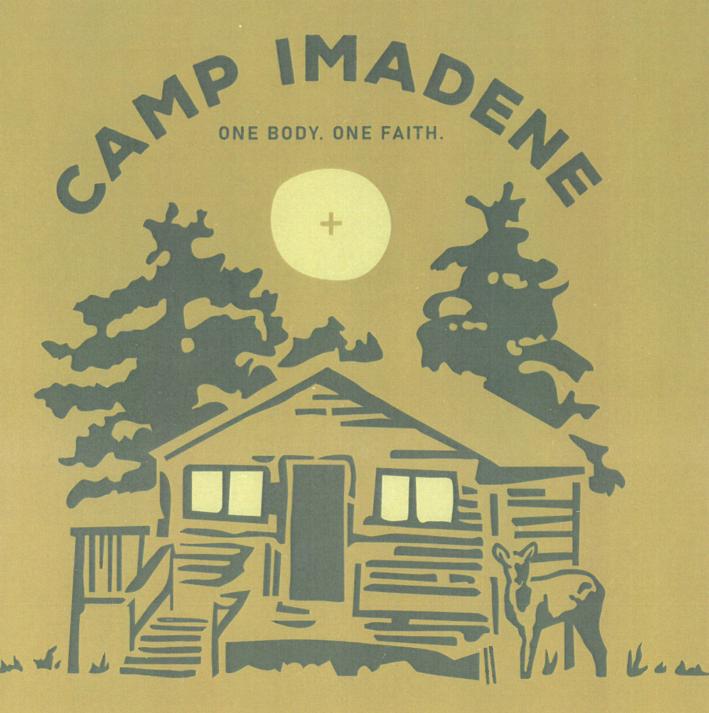
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— DYR 2024 —

Diocesan Youth Retreat





Register on Eventbrite!

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Join us May 10 & 11, 2024 for the Diocesan Youth Retreat at Camp Imadene!

> Grades 8-12 Register by April 19



Featured speaker

Leah Perrault



Talk 1: The Call

Talk 2: The One Thing

Talk 3: The Response

Talk 4: The Gifts



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