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ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISH ACKNOWLEDGES AND RESPECTS THE L∂Κ́w∂Ŋ∂N (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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Mountain Metanoia

Jean Allen

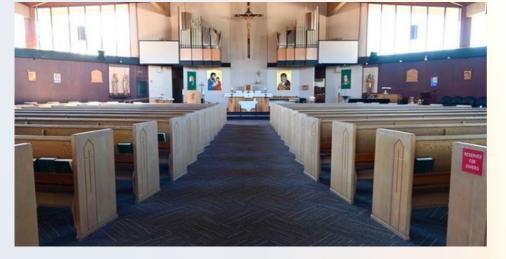
Up on the Mount of Transfiguration, Peter, James and John had a conversion experience. Up until that event they had upended their lives to follow Jesus and believed that he was the Messiah. They spoke with him, listened to his teachings and witnessed miracles of healing and deliverance but up on the mountain their perceptions were shifted and their minds were changed based on new information – in other words, they experienced metanoia.

From where we stand, we know that they didn't receive complete understanding of who Jesus was. They had no idea that Jesus would be crucified and rise from the dead and they spent their journey down the mountain trying to get their heads around what rising from the dead meant. They weren't successful because they still had more conversions and more metanoia to experience. But the experience of seeing Jesus with Moses and Elijah and hearing God's voice in the cloud took them from one level of knowing Jesus to a whole different way of perceiving him. Another piece of the puzzle was put in place.

We can never say, "Been there. Done that. Don't need to go any further." We will never have a complete picture until we go Home and any images and understandings we have of Jesus and the spiritual life will always be incomplete. There are more mountains to climb with Jesus and more moments of revelation where more scales fall from our eyes. But we can choose to stay where we are with the way things have always been for us; God does not force metanoia upon us.

Where were the rest of the disciples in the Transfiguration story? Did they decline to climb the mountain? Were they too tired? Did they love Jesus a lot but weren't looking for anything more or different than what was already happening so said, "Nah. You guys can go. We'll wait down here. Anyway, he probably just wants to pray like he always does. Same old, same old." Whatever their reasons for staying at the bottom, they missed metanoia. They missed a crucial shift.

Just like we will if we decline the climb.



The Week of February 26 to March 3 in our Community

Monday February 26 Parish Office Closed 6:30am Mass Fr. Sean Flynn presiding 10:00am CWL Executive Meeting - Community Room 7:30pm K of C Executive Meeting - Church Hall

Tuesday February 27 6:00pm Mass + Jon Evans 7:00pm Men of the Word Bible Study - Community Room

Wednesday February 28 6:30am Mass Fr. Sean Flynn presiding 6:00pm Mass Special Int. "In Thanksgiving" 7:00pm Legion of Mary - Church Hall

Thursday February 29 6:30am Mass Fr. Sean Flynn presiding 9:00am Mass + John Fleck 7:30pm RCIA Journey of Faith - Church Hall

Friday March 1 6:30am Mass Fr. Sean Flynn presiding 9:00am Mass Special Int. "In Thanksgiving" followed by Adoration until 12:00 noon 7:00pm Stations of the Cross (St. Vincent de Paul)

Saturday March 2 No 6:30am Mass today 8:30am CWL League Development Day - Church Hall 5:00pm Mass + Sharon Kelland 6:00pm Youth Group - School Gym

Sunday March 3 Third Sunday Of Lent 10:00am Mass 11:15 am Catechism 6:00pm Mass + Recuerdo Cuizon

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

Malayalm Way of Cross Fridays ~ 8:00pm

Stations of the Cross Fridays 7:00pm



February 16 - Social Eco Justice February 23 - Children's Catechism March 1 - St Vincent de Paul March 8 - Proclaimers March 15 - Youth Group March 22 - K of C

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Save the Date:

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

Easter Schedule coming soon



Save the Date:

Diocese of Victoria will celebrate its annual Chrism Mass at St. Andrew's Cathedral Thursday, March 21, 2024 7 pm

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: Next Sanctioned Collection Sunday, March 17, 2024 Development & Peace (Shared Lent)

Donation Options

PRE-AUTHORIZED DEBIT:

BANK ACCOUNT PAD AGREEMENT

E TRANSFERS: FOLLOW STEPS OUTLINED ON YOUR ON-LINE BANKING SITE TO EMAIL: <u>SJTWPARISH@RCDVICTORIA.ORG</u>

CREDIT CARDS: <u>PAYMENT AUTHORIZATION FORM FOR_CREDIT CARD</u> <u>DONATIONS</u>

CANADA HELPS ONLINE DONATION: <u>DONATE NOW - ST JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISH</u> (<u>CANADAHELPS.ORG</u>) (IMMEDIATE ELECTRONIC TAX RECEIPT ISSUED BY CANADA HELPS)

CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION AND LINKS.

Bishop's Appeal



Pledges for the 2023 Appeal will be accepted until February 29th, 2024. This will allow more parishes to meet their goal.

All donations received in 2024 will receive a 2024 tax receipt (next year). The official Appeal numbers will be released at the beginning of March.

St. Joseph's Elementary School Presents:



Thursday, March 7th at 6:30pm Friday, March 8th at 6:30pm Saturday, March 9th at 11:00am Saturday, March 9th at 2:30pm

Tickets are \$15 - General Admission Purchase tickets through school office or visit Eventbrite.ca and search "Cats"

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.



Newsworthy and Noteworthy

Knights of Columbus Lenten Food Drive

During Lent, at all the weekend masses, the Knights will be handing out food bags with the assistance of St. Joseph's Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SSVP). This is our **annual 40 Cans for 40 Days food drive** with proceeds going to the SSVP Social Concern food bank on Yates St.

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.

Come, Save The Oaks!

Would you like to be part of an ecologically conscious crew dedicated to restoring the properties of St. Andrew's High School, the Pastoral Centre, and Sacred Heart Parish?

Every Saturday morning starting on March 2, all are invited to come and help remove English Ivy, Scotch Broom, and Himalayan Blackberry and plant native plants. The work party will meet in the Sacred Heart parking lot (4040 Nelthorpe Street) and run **from 10 am – 12 pm**, **rain or shine**. Pruners and shovels are provided; please bring your own gloves, safety glasses, and water. For more information and to sign up, please email **jseale1234@gmail.com**

Bishop Thomas J Lobsinger OMI Memorial Bursaries

The B. C. and Yukon State Council of the Knights of Columbus offers the Bishop Thomas J. Lobsinger, OMI Memorial Bursary Program. **There are 14 bursaries available at \$1000 each.** Applicants must be Catholics, enrolling in the 1st or subsequent year of higher education in BC, and be under the age of 26.

> 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.

Spring 2024 40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil

February 14 - March 24

Vigil location: Helmcken Road Overpass on Sidewalk in Front of the Park & Ride Vigil hours: 7:00 am to 7:00 pm Daily To Volunteer – Call or Text Glenda @ 250-661-2613 Learn more ... get involved ... and sign up for prayer times by visiting our campaign at the web address at: 40daysforlife.com/Victoria, BC

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, February 27th at 7:00pm.** We meet for 1 hour and discuss the lesson plan for that month.



Knights of Columbus Silver Rose

The Silver Rose program demonstrates the unity between Knights of Columbus in Canada, the US and Mexico through a series of prayer services promoting the dignity of all human life and honoring our Lady.

The pilgrimage of the Silver Rose makes a stop at St Joseph the Worker church in Victoria and provides a rosary-centred occasion for Knights, parishioners and community members to pray for respect for life, for the spiritual renewal of each nation and for the advancement of the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

The event will take place after the 5:00 pm mass on Saturday Feb. 24th. Please join us.

An Invitation to Coffee at Holy Cross Join us for coffee with Karno

Tues. Feb 27, 2:00 pm Holy Cross Church, Parish Centre, 4049 Gordon Head Rd.

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From the Diocese



Journey Through Lent Video Series

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops has launched its 2024 Journey Through Lent video series. Beginning on Ash Wednesday, and for **each Sunday in Lent**, a video will be shared the CCCB website featuring pastoral reflections based on the Readings for the Sunday Eucharistic Celebration. This series is meant to offer spiritual inspiration and guidance on how to prepare well for the Easter season. To view the videos, please visit: <u>https://www.cccb.ca/evangelization-catechesis-catholic-education/video-resources/journey-through-lent/</u>.

St. Vincent de Paul Volunteer Treasurer

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul of Vancouver Island is seeking a **volunteer Treasurer to join their Board**. *"Jesus spoke with authority and his reputation spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee."* As his disciples, we can also speak with authority when we put our faith into action. If you are a CPA and are ready to answer the call, please send your expression of interest to Brian Mann, Board Chair at <u>brian.mann7@gmail.com</u>

Update and an Appeal from Development and Peace – Caritas Canada,

Before the imminent launch of our next Share Lent campaign, we would like to share a final update on our **Stand for the Land**, which will soon draw to a close.

Our program officer Mary Durran has filed a **field report from Honduras**, from the Guapinol community that the campaign is supporting.

The licence of the mine that has been polluting their rivers has expired, but its powerful owners are lobbying to have it renewed for 30 years. The community, which has opposed the mine repeatedly, unanimously and on pain of imprisonment and death, is now mobilizing to block the renewal of its permit.

They have reiterated their appreciation of Canadians' efforts to amplify their voices, which are still going largely unheard. That is why we need more people to **sign our campaign letter** before it is delivered to the Honduran ambassador to Canada next month.

We are still some ways short of our target of 32,000 signatures, and I am hoping you can help us meet it! Please do all you can to give this campaign one last big push in your parish bulletins, on your website and through your social media channels. The direct link for accessing the campaign letter online is **devp.org/act**.

As ever, thanks a lot for your continued support and cooperation.

Lenten Catholic Mission Feb 26 - 28, 2024 with Fr. Mark Cherry

St. Andrew's Cathedral will be hosting a parish mission led by Fr. Mark Cherry from the Diocese of Halifax-Yarmouth. **The mission will take place February 26 - 28**, with an option of morning or evening sessions offered each day. Morning sessions will be from 9:00 am – 11:30 am

Evening sessions from 7:00 pm – 9:30 pm. Each session will begin with Mass (morning session) or worship (evening session), followed by a talk by Fr. Mark and a time of Eucharistic adoration (days 1-2), or prayer ministry (day 3). **There is no cost** to attend the parish mission, however a free-will offering will be taken on the final day to support the cost of hosting the mission.

A Canadian Pastoral Letter on Ukraine, Canada, and the Church

February 24 marks the second anniversary of Russia's invasion of Ukraine. National representatives of Orthodox, Catholic, and Protestant communities, in collaboration with the World Evangelical Alliance's Peace and Reconciliation Network, the Evangelical Fellowship of Canada, and the **Canadian Council of Churches**, have signed a **Pastoral Letter on Ukraine, Canada, and the Church**, inviting all to join in praying for peace.

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Contacts in the Parish

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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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Local St. Vincent de Paul Thrift stores need household items! Housewares (pots and pans, dishes) small electronics and appliances (TVs, DVDs, lamps) Winter Clothing Sweaters, warm coats and outerwear

> 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



Our communities need Catholic men to answer the call to lead with faith, protect our families, serve others and defend our values.

As **Knights of Columbus**, we stand up for the church, serve the least among us, and strengthen parishes and families. We always need new members and fresh ideas to be the best we can be.

As a member you join a worldwide community of nearly 2 million men, including 12,000 here is BC and Yukon, who stand together.

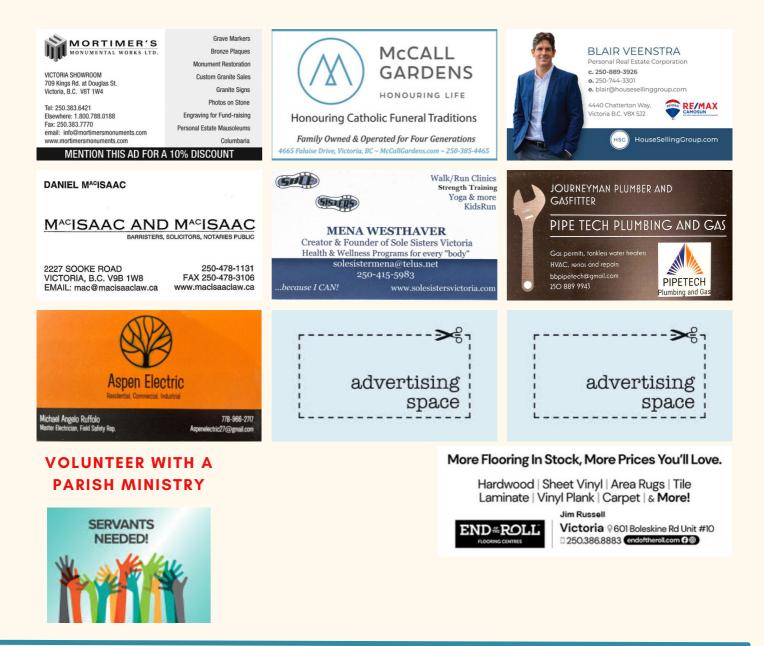
Will you answer the call?

Visit <u>kofc.org/joinus</u> to learn more about the many benefits of membership in the Knights of Columbus.

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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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MEET KARNO BATIRAN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, PAYOPAYO, INDONESIA

Join us for coffee with Karno

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OUR RIGHTS

Development and Peace

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February 14-March 24

HELP SAVE LIVES IN VICTORIA, BC!

You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization to pray and fast for an end to abortion!

Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired 1,000,000+ volunteers!

With God's help, here are the proven results in 30 coordinated campaigns:

Over **20,000 babies** saved from abortion Over **200 abortion** workers converted Over **100 abortion** centers closed Here's how to take part in 40 Days for Life in our community:

Vigil location: Helmcken Road Overpass on Sidewalk in Front of the Park & Ride

Vigil hours: 7:00 am to 7:00 pm Daily

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

LET THE KING OF GLORY ENTER

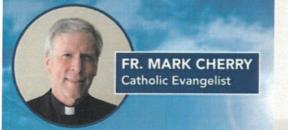
LENTEN MISSION WITH FR. MARK CHERRY

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Febrary 26-28, 2024 Morning Sessions 9:00 am - 11:30 am Evening Sessions 7:00 pm - 9:30 pm

St. Andrew's Cathedral,

Corner of View & Blanshard St.



Jesus Christ is the King of Glory! He has come to restore to us what was lost in the fall of our first parents, Adam and Eve. He has opened the way back to the Father and restored direct access to His Presence that Adam and Eve experienced in their state of original justice. Come explore in depth how Jesus has accomplished this for us through His passion, death and resurrection. The Mission offers the opportunity to experience the presence, power and the glory of the Lord in a fresh new way in our lives. In His Presence there is healing, freedom, breakthroughs and miracles. Come with an expectation of receiving a touch from the Lord as we hear His word and enter into His Presence with thanksgiving, praise and worship for all He has done for us

Monday and Tuesday Morning Sessions

8:30 am Doors Open 9:00 am Mass 9:50 am Fr Mark's talk 10:30 -11:30 am Adoration *optional 11:30 am Reconciliation/11:40 Rosary

Wednesday Morning Session

8:30 am Doors Open 9:00 am Mass with Talk 3 in Homily and a free-will offering 10:00 - 11:30 am Prayer Ministry (mission ends) *optional 11:30 am Reconciliation/11:40 am Rosary

Monday and Tuesday Evening Sessions

Doors open 6:00 pm 7:00 - 9:15 pm Fr Mark's talks, Worship and Adoration. *Tuesday evening Reconciliation during Adoration

Wednesday Evening

7:00 pm Mass with Talk 3 in Homily (+ free-will offering) 8:10 - 9:15 pm Prayer Ministry (mission ends)



For more information, contact Cathedral office 250-388-5571

Music by: Andrew Lloyd Webber

St Joseph's Elementary School Presents:







Joung Actors Edition



Tickets are \$15 - General Admission Purchase tickets from the school office, through QR Code or visit Eventbrite.ca and search "Cats"





YOU ARE INVITED TO THE ORDINATION OF REVEREND MISTER

Joseph Philippe Yuson

TO THE ORDER OF PRESBYTERS CONFERRED BY

BISHOP GARY GORDON

SATURDAY 22 JUNE, 2024 10:00AM

> 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.



Together, we are called to discover that death is a part of life and that there can be life in the dying process.



Horizons of Hope: a toolkit for Catholic parishes on palliative care For more information, see https://www.rcdvictoria.org/care-of-the-dying

PRAYER IN THE STYLE OF TAIZE



St Philip Anglican Church

North along Foul Bay Ave. Right on Neil St for two blocks, to church on the left. 5:45pm for **6pm - 3rd Fridays – Jan, Feb, March, 2024** January 19th February 16th March 15th

Let us enter together into the mystery of God's presence.

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

Community Services

Family Life

Bringing help and hope to marriages and families for over 30 years.

A weekly podcast of stories for kids about Catholic Saints, from the creator of Shining Light Dolls, Chantal Baros. Join us each week for a new short story about the lives of the Saints!



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)