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ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISH ACKNOWLEDGES AND RESPECTS THE LÁK'WƏNƏN (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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Choosing To Listen

Jean Allen

"See my eyes, I can hardly see. See me stand, I can hardly walk.

I believe you can make me whole.

See my tongue I can hardly talk.

See my skin, I'm a mass of blood. See my legs I can hardly stand. I believe you can make me well. See my purse, I'm a poor poor man." (Jesus Christ Superstar)



Jesus told the leper not to go broadcasting his healing to the world, a command the leper completely ignored. Consequently, Jesus couldn't move freely in the towns and had to set up camp out in the country. Since he could heal people whether he was in the populated areas or out in the countryside, obviously Jesus's primary purpose was not healing. It was teaching. It was hard to teach when there were multitudes beseeching him for healing.

Healing naturally flowed out of Jesus's loving compassion and mercy and when the leper said "If you choose...", Jesus immediately said, "I do choose!" But while he had compassion on the sick, Jesus did not want his ministry to be simply about long lineups of people only wanting to be touched. He wanted to teach people about the real nature of God and he wanted to free people from the unbearable burden of the laws that had been laid on their shoulders. That was his main mission before his ultimate mission of the cross.

Jesus still chooses to heal but the critical question is, "Do we choose to listen?" Do we go to him when we have needs but fail to seek him to hear what he wants to teach us about himself, about God and about ourselves as we go about our day-to-day living? Are we aware that there is far more to Christ than what he can physically give us? If we don't sit at his feet to hear the Word meant personally for us, we simply become part of the clamoring crowd looking for an answered prayer but not being concerned about the desires of the one we are clamoring to.

He is here for you. Are you here for him?



The Week of February 12 to February 18 in our Community

Monday February 12

Parish Office Closed

6:30am Mass Fr. Sean Flynn presiding

10:00am **CWL General Meeting - Community Room**

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

Tuesday February 13

6:00pm Mass

Ash Wednesday February 14

6:30am Mass Fr. Sean Flynn presiding

7:00pm Mass

Thursday February 15

6:30am Mass Fr. Sean Flynn presiding

9:00am Mass **Special Int. Violeta Magnaye**

7:30pm **RCIA Journey of Faith - Church Hall**

Friday February 16

6:30am Mass Fr. Sean Flynn presiding

9:00am Mass + **Hartman D'Souza**

followed by Adoration until 12:00 noon

7:00pm **Stations of the Cross (Knights of Columbus)**

Saturday February 17

6:30am Mass Fr. Sean Flynn presiding

5:00pm Mass

No Youth Group

Sunday February 18 First Sunday Of Lent

10:00am Mass

No Catechism

1:00pm **Horizons of Hope - Community Room**

6:00pm Mass

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



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Wednesday

February 14

Mass at

7:00pm

Syro-Malabar Mass Schedule

Weekend Masses

Saturday ~ 7:00pm

Feb 3, 10, 17, 24

Sunday ~ 12:00 noon

Feb 4, 11, 18, 25

Stations of the Cross

Fridays 7:00pm



February 16 - Knights of Columbus

February 23 - Children's Catechism

March 1 - St Vincent de Paul

March 8 - Proclaimers

March 15 - Youth Group

March 22 - Social Eco Justice

Save the Date:
St. Joseph the Worker
Reconciliation Service,
Wednesday, March 20
7 pm



Easter Schedule coming soon

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:

**The Parish Office will be closed on:
Monday, February 19th and
Tuesday Feb 20th (in lieu of Stat Holiday - Family Day)
We will reopen on Wednesday, February 21st**

Donation Options



**CANADA HELPS ONLINE DONATION:
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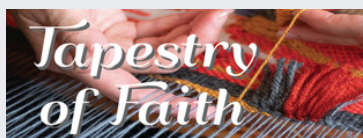
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TO EMAIL: SJTWPARISH@RCDVICTORIA.ORG**

**CREDIT CARDS:
[Payment Authorization Form for Credit Card Donations.pdf](#)
(parishpal.com)**

**PRE-AUTHORIZED DEBIT:
https://000011.parishpal.com/files/docs/PAD_Agreement.pdf**

CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION AND LINKS.

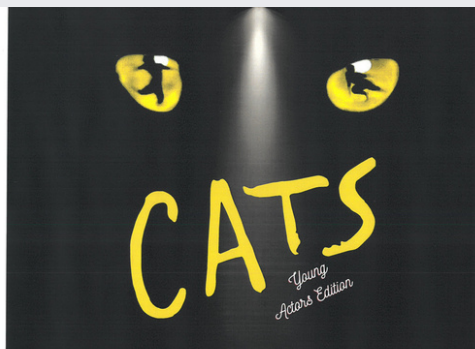
Bishop's Appeal



**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](https://www.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

Grade's 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

Knights of Columbus Life Insurance Webinar



Members of the parish are invited to attend the following webinar about Life Insurance in the Knights of Columbus.

Monday, February 12, 2024 @ 7:00PM

Available On-Line or LIVE at St. Paul's Hall
in Richmond, BC.

What is Life Insurance?

Things you didn't know your

Knights of Columbus Membership gets you.

To join the webinar, please click this link:

<https://global.gotowebinar.com/pjoin/9037275732494046556/9155546899759027804>

Also please notify garys235@outlook.com if you are planning to join the webinar.

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.

Come and experience the presence, power, and the glory of the Lord in a fresh new way in your life.

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).

Prayer in the style of Taizé

St. Philip Anglican Church,
2928 Eastdown rd

Friday February 16 and March 15 at 6:00pm

Everyone welcome in this '...way of searching for God in silence and prayer in the midst of daily life.'

www.taiz.fr

World Day of the Sick

The World Day of the Sick is celebrated every year on **February 11th**.

“The sick, the vulnerable and the poor are at the heart of the Church; they must also be at the heart of our human concern and pastoral attention.”

- Pope Francis

Message: XXXII World Day of the Sick

2024 Donation Envelopes

A few donation 2024 envelope boxes are left for pick up in the church foyer. **Please destroy OLD ENVELOPES FROM THE PREVIOUS YEAR** and only use the new ones. The office staff **greatly appreciates** names and addresses written on the new envelopes to ensure names and assigned numbers match.

Rite of Election Mass

On Sunday, February 18, the Diocese will celebrate the **Rite of Election during the 11 am Mass at St. Andrew's Cathedral**. In this liturgical rite, catechumens, (unbaptized people who wish to join the Church) are presented to the Bishop and ask to be allowed to participate in the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist at Easter. All are invited to participate in the Mass, either in person or via the livestream at:

<https://www.youtube.com/@RCDVictoriaLiveOne>

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 Parish 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.

From the Diocese



Online course “Integral Ecology: From Laudato si’ to Laudate Deum”

Registration is now open for the online course “Integral Ecology: From Laudato si’ to Laudate Deum”. Offered by the Pontifical Universities and Atheneums of Rome, the course is led by a renowned faculty of academics, leaders, and activists from around the world, representing some of the major institutions and groups involved in the area of creation care. The course runs until June, and consists of six 90 minutes modules, a workshop in March, and an online conference in May. **The first module will be released on January 25**, but people can join the course any time **before March 31**. The course fee is 30 Euros (approximately \$45 CAD). For more information and to register, please visit:

<https://www.unigre.it/en/events-and-communication/communication/news-and-press-releases/registration-open-online-course-on-integral-ecology/>.

CCCB Pastoral Letter on the use of social media

The CCCB Episcopal Commission for Justice and Peace has today released its Pastoral Letter on the use of social media titled: “Let Your Speech Always Be Gracious.” The release is timed with the liturgical memorial of Saint Francis de Sales, who was known for his graciousness in speech and who is invoked as a patron saint of writers and publishers. Acknowledging the prominent role social media has come to play at an individual and societal level, this timely Pastoral Letter considers the benefits and dangers of social media from the perspective of Catholic Social Teaching. It provides tools for moral reflection and self-examination, and suggests seven commitments by which to be guided for a more ethical use of social media.

The Letter can be read online at: <https://www.cccb.ca/announcement/bishops-release-a-pastoral-letter-on-the-use-of-social-media>

Star of the North Retreat Centre offering two Truth & Reconciliation Events

- **On Saturday, February 10**, Lewis Cardinal will lead a retreat from 8 am - 3:30 pm on the value of Indigenous healing practices, and how communities thrive when they have a strong and vibrant connection to culture and traditions. Lewis is the Project Manager for “*kihcihkaw askiy-Sacred Land*” in Edmonton, the first designated urban Indigenous ceremony grounds in Canada. **The registration fee for online participants is \$70 before February 1**, or \$90 for those who register later. For more information and to register, please visit: www.starofthenorth.ca/cardinal or call 780-459-5511.
- **On Thursday, February 15**, Elders Jo-Ann and Jerry Saddleback will give a talk at 6:00 pm on “A Plains Cree Perspective of Treaty 6.” **The suggested donation is \$20**. For more information and to register, please visit: www.starofthenorth.ca/reconciliation or call 780-459-5511.

Job Posting

The **Society of Saint Vincent de Paul of Vancouver Island** is looking for a Membership and Volunteer Development Coordinator to work at their 4353 West Saanich Road, Victoria office. To learn more about this spiritually rewarding career opportunity, please view the job posting at: <https://www.ssvpvancouverisland.ca/job-board/view/168-membership-and-volunteer-coordinator>.

Diocesan Health Care Committee New “Care of the Dying” Webpage

The Diocesan Health Care Committee is pleased to share a new “**Care of the Dying**” webpage: <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/care-of-the-dying>. The page includes a short video intro to CCCB’s “Horizons of Hope: A Toolkit for Catholic Parishes on Palliative Care” and a link to download the toolkit, as well as many other valuable resources and links.

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

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Knights of Columbus

St. Vincent de Paul

Legion of Mary

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Finance Committee Chair

Proclaimer Schedule Coordinator

Proclaimer Training Coordinator

Liturgy Committee

Social and Ecological Justice Committee

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

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Ruth Real email: SJTWyouthgroup@gmail.com

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

President: Gerry Heywood (250) 479-6281

Michael O'Rielly email: mfjeorielly@gmail.com

Stephanie Peters (250) 514-7853 email: stephanie.jm.peters@gmail.com

Meetings every 3rd Monday 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



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



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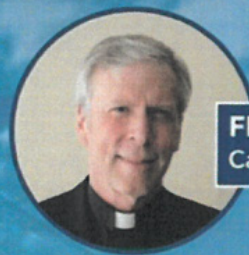
LENTEN MISSION
WITH FR. MARK CHERRY



February 26-28, 2024

or 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.



FR. MARK CHERRY
Catholic Evangelist

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

Based on "Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats" by T.S. Eliot

Music by: Andrew Lloyd Webber

St Joseph's Elementary School Presents:



CATS

*Young
Actors Edition*

Thursday

MARCH 7TH AT 6:30 P.M.

Friday

MARCH 8TH AT 6:30 P.M.

Saturday

MARCH 9TH AT 11:00 A.M.

Saturday

MARCH 9TH AT 2:30 P.M.

Tickets are \$15 - General Admission
Purchase tickets from the school office, through QR Code or
visit [Eventbrite.ca](https://www.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'S CATHEDRAL
AT 11:00AM.



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Care of the Dying

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[www.rcdvictoria.org/
care-of-the-dying](https://www.rcdvictoria.org/care-of-the-dying) or
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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

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The Bible In A Year



The Bible in a Year (with Fr. Mike Schmitz)
Ascension

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)