

# Our Lady Queen of Peace Church (since 1930)

## SHRINE TO INFANT JESUS of PRAGUE (since 2003)



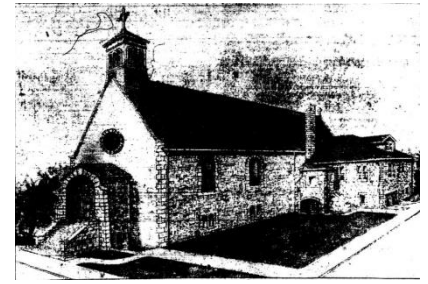
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TRADITIONAL LATIN Mass: Rev. John Domotor  
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**OUR LADY QUEEN of PEACE, 849 OLD ESQUIMALT Road, VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA V9A 4W9**

**MONDAYS: PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED** ☎ 250.384.3884  
**Parish Office OPEN TUESDAY - FRIDAY 9.30 a.m. - 3.30 p.m.** **Contact e-mail:** office@qop.ca **Fax:** 250.384.3664

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>12:00</b>	<b>2:30 am</b> <b>3:30 on 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month</b>	<b>2:00 pm</b> <b>on 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month</b>
	<b>HOLY MASS</b>	<b>TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS</b>	<b>ORDINARIATE OF THE CHAIR OF SAINT PETER</b>	<b>HUNGARIAN MASS</b>

	<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b>
ORDINARIATE OF THE CHAIR OF SAINT PETER <a href="http://www.VICTORIAORDINARIATE.COM">www.VICTORIAORDINARIATE.COM</a>	9:30 am	9:30 am	9:30 am	9:30 am	10:00 am	9:30 am
TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS	-	-	-	-	8:30 am	-
ROSARY	-	11:30	11:30	11:30	11:30	-
WEEKDAY MASS	-	12:10	12:10	12:10	12:10	-
HOLY MASS	-	-	-	-	-	5:00pm
<b>CONFESSION:</b> Please ring the bell, enter when green light is on * 1 <sup>ST</sup> SATURDAY of the month	-	11:30	11:30	11:30	11:30	4:00 – 4:45 3:00 -4:00*
Devotion to <b>MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-
Devotion to <b>INFANT JESUS OF PRAGUE</b>	-	after the Noon Mass	-	-	-	-

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**The CWL:** meets monthly on the 2<sup>nd</sup> WEDNESDAY after the Noon Mass  
 PRESIDENT: ELSIE LAMBTON  
 (No meetings in July & August)

**KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS:**  
 Contact: Don Lambton ☎ 250.995.1531  
 e-mail: lambton@shaw.ca

**KEEPING IN CONTACT:** We extend our hands and hearts in Christian fellowship 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 we may assist you, please fill out the form below and place in the collection basket or mail to the PARISH OFFICE (address on top). Please mark the proper BOX

New Parishioner

I am going to be in the hospital, please call on me

I would like Sunday Collection Envelopes

Have moved here is my new address:

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

☎ HOME ..... ☎ WORK .....

e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_

## 'Legacies'

Our Lady Queen of Peace acknowledges with gratitude past legacies which we use to maintain the integrity of our Church.

Please include us in your 'LAST WILL', how will we survive without it?

Legacies are a way of providing assurance that the parish has income or savings in the event of unforeseen emergencies.

The monthly 'Building Fund and Collection' pays for maintenance/replacement items.

### Report Sexual Abuse to an Independent Agency

To report sexual abuse by a clergy member, religious, employee, or volunteer visit:

<https://www.rcdvictoria.org/responsible-ministry>

or call: 1-800-968-3146

To report abuse or cover-up by a Catholic Bishop, visit:

<https://bishopreportingsystem.ca/>

or call: 1-866-892-3737

### A National Indian Residential School Crisis Line

A National Indian Residential School Crisis Line has been set up by the Indian Residential School Survivors Society (IRSSS) to provide support for former students and those affected. **People can access emotional and crisis referral services by calling the 24-hour line at 1-866-925-4419**

### Vancouver Island Crisis-Line

The Vancouver Island Crisis Society is contracted by **Island Health**. We are a registered non-profit agency whose services include: **24-hour crisis lines: 1-888-494-3888**

**Crisis Text Services: 250-800-3806**

(from your mobile) 6pm - 10pm - 7 days a week

**Crisis Chat Services:** 6pm - 10pm - 7 days a week

We work in partnership with Island Health to provide public access to Mental Health & Substance Use services in the communities administered by Island Health.

### Sacramental Information

**Baptism:** Call the office at least 3 months in advance to arrange an appointment with the Pastor. It is assumed that the family has Our Lady Queen of Peace parish connection and practices the faith by attending Sunday Mass on a weekly basis. You may meet with the Pastor and take the course even if your child has not yet been born. **Parents are expected to participate in the Baptismal preparation.** At least one Godparent or both must be baptized and confirmed and are practicing Catholics. **Non-parishioners are required to have a Letter of Recommendation from your Pastor to have your child Baptized in our parish.**

**Marriage:** at Our Lady Queen of Peace because the Church is deeply concerned about each marriage, couples are asked to give a minimum of six months' notice prior to the intended date of their wedding. Church policy requires that marriages be performed in your home parish – unless you are registered and attend elsewhere.

**Funeral:** at Our Lady Queen of Peace individual arrangements with a priest. Begin by calling the parish office.

## 'MASS INTENTIONS'

Mar 12	TUESDAY	
Mar 13	WEDNESDAY	in thanksgiving Jean Halliwell
Mar 14	THURSDAY	
Mar 15	FRIDAY	Stations of the Cross - 7pm
Mar 16	SATURDAY	Holy Souls Ann VanNoordt
Mar 19	TUESDAY	
Mar 20	WEDNESDAY	
Mar 21	THURSDAY	
Mar 22	FRIDAY	Stations of the Cross - 7pm
Mar 23	SATURDAY	Holy Souls Ann VanNoordt
Mar 26	TUESDAY	†John Ovens Elsa Ovens
Mar 27	WEDNESDAY	
Mar 28	THURSDAY	†Marie-Louise Macklin Charlene Cogle
Mar 29	FRIDAY	Stations of the Cross - 7pm
Mar 30	SATURDAY	Holy Souls Ann VanNoordt

**Please remember the following persons who are ill in your prayers:** Ann VanNoordt, Tony VanNoordt, Regina Brown, Marge Haake, Christine Stornebrink, John & Connie Lerner, Martha Fox, Marge Haacke

**Please Note:** If you suffer from Celiac disease, we are able to offer a low-gluten Host. Please inform the priest in the sacristy before Mass.

### Donations



**Our parish offers the following options for your financial contributions to the parish:**

- pre-numbered boxed collection envelopes or
- pre-authorized debit (PAD - weekly or monthly)

If you are a new parishioner, please print clearly on the "Parish Registration" form found on the table in the vestibule in order to receive an income tax receipt at the end of the year. If you've recently moved/changed your telephone number or email address, please contact the parish at 250-384-3884 or email [office@gop.ca](mailto:office@gop.ca) ASAP. Your personal contact information is held in strict confidence.

### Bursaries & Awards

**K of C Bishop Thomas Lobsinger Bursary (\$1000):** for post-secondary Catholic students in British Columbia up to the age of 25. Fourteen awards are available. For more information, see: <https://kofcbc.org/bishop-lobsinger-bursary-program>



### Stations of the Cross

During Lent, Stations of the Cross devotions will be offered **every Friday at 7:00pm**



## Catholic Women's League

CWL meeting is on **Wed. Mar 13<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm** in the Msgr. Wood Rm.

## Victoria Diocesan Catholic Women's League

### "In Memory of Freda Smith" Bursary

Freda Smith (1901-1999) a long-time resident of Victoria, retired as church organist in her parish Our Lady Queen of Peace in Esquimalt at the age of 85. She came to Canada in 1926, settling in Regina; relocating to Victoria in 1946 promoting education whenever possible. She was an active member of the Catholic Women's League, earning the League's highest honour in 1958. The Bursary (\$750.00) is awarded annually to a graduating Catholic student within the Diocese of Victoria. This Bursary will be awarded to a student proceeding on to a form of higher education. More information and applications can be found on-line by [clicking here](#), **Deadline is Mar 31<sup>st</sup>**. More awards are available on the Diocesan website: [www.rcdvictoria.org](http://www.rcdvictoria.org) – On the top menu, click on Programs, then see the list of Bursaries and Awards

### Reconciliation Service

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

### Diocese of Victoria – "Chrism Mass"



All people of the Diocese of Victoria are invited to join in the celebration of the Chrism Mass. 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. **The Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, March 21, 2024 at St. Andrew's Cathedral at 7:00 p.m.**, and also livestreamed at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CMGHYEro3bg>

This information may also be found online at: <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/events/2023-chrism-mass>

### Sacred Heart Catholic Church-Lenten Mission

**March 23 to 27, 2024** Conducted by Rev. David Reilander

Sat., Mar. 23-4pm Mass, Sun., Mar. 24-9am Mass

**Monday, March 25** - The Anatomy of Reconciliation

12:05 pm & 7:00 pm

**Tuesday, Mar. 26** - Offering Forgiveness 12:05 pm & 7pm

**Wed., Mar. 27** - Asking for Forgiveness 12:05 pm & 7pm

**from 6 pm Reconciliation Service**

### Health Care Worker Mass

Do you deliver care and services to the sick and ailing? Do you work or volunteer in the health care sector in any capacity, either in a facility, your parish, or in the community? In these trying times of significant personal demands on those who provide care and health services, the Diocese of Victoria Health Care Committee would like to share with you a spiritual gift to give you strength and support.

**Bishop Gary Gordon will celebrate a special Mass at 4:00pm on Saturday, March 16, in honour of the dedicated work of those in health care.** Everyone is invited to attend, either in person at Sacred Heart Church in Victoria, or via livestream at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pFqxWFAvwJE>

A reception will follow in the parish hall for those attending in person.

## HOLY WEEK

### **Palm Sun Anticipated Sun Mass,**

(Palms blessed before Mass)

**Sat. March 23<sup>rd</sup> - 5:00pm**

### **Palm Sun Mass, March 24<sup>th</sup>**

(Palms blessed before Mass)

10:00am: Mass

12:00noon: Latin Mass

### **Tuesday, March 26<sup>th</sup>**

12:10pm: Mass

### **Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>**

12:10pm: Mass

### **Holy Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup>**

#### **No Noon Mass**

7:00pm: English - Mass of the Last Supper

8:30pm: Latin Mass

(Adoration immediately following Mass until midnight)



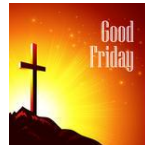
### **Good Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup>**

#### **No Noon Mass**

2:00pm: Stations of the Cross

3:00pm: Solemn Afternoon Service

(Veneration of the Cross & Holy Communion)



### **Holy Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup>**

8:00pm: Easter Vigil



### **Easter Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>**

10:00am: Mass

12:00noon: Latin Mass



### **Easter Monday, April 1<sup>st</sup>**

NO NOON MASS

### **Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>**

NO NOON MASS

### **Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>**

NO NOON MASS

### **Thursday, April 4<sup>th</sup>**

NO NOON MASS

### **Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup>**

NO NOON MASS

### **Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup>**

5:00pm: Mass

### **Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>**

10:00am: Mass

12:00noon: Latin Mass

## **Importance of Holy Thursday – Mar. 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

Except for the resurrection on Easter, Holy Thursday is possibly one of the most important, complex, and profound days of celebration in the Catholic Church. Holy Thursday celebrates the institution of the Eucharist as the true body and blood of Jesus Christ and the institution of the sacrament of the priesthood.

During the Last Supper, Jesus offers himself as the Passover sacrifice, the sacrificial lamb, and teaches that every ordained priest is to follow the same sacrifice in the exact same way. Christ also bids farewell to his followers and prophesizes that one of them will betray him and hand him over to the Roman soldiers.

In the evening – because Passover began at sundown – the Holy Thursday Liturgy takes place, marking the end of Lent and the beginning of the sacred "Triduum," or three, of Holy Week. These days are the three holiest days in the Catholic Church. This Mass stresses the importance Jesus puts on the humility of service, and the need for cleansing with water, a symbol of baptism. Also emphasized are the critical importance of the Eucharist and the sacrifice of Christ's Body, which we now find present in the consecrated Host and Chalice. At the conclusion of the Mass, the faithful are invited to continue Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament just as the disciples were invited to stay up with the Lord during His agony in the garden before His betrayal by Judas. After Holy Thursday, no Mass will be celebrated again in the Church until the Easter Vigil celebrates and proclaims the Resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ.

## **Collection - Good Friday – March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

A collection will be taken for the Needs of the Church in the Holy Land. This collection is requested by the Holy See to help maintain the Church's holy places in the Holy Land, so important to the faith of Christians everywhere, and also to support the faithful who struggle to survive under political and economic oppression and persecution. A special envelope is included in the boxed set of collection envelopes. Otherwise, please use your own envelope or a "Visitor Envelope" please print your name and complete address.

## **Divine Mercy Novena**

On Good Friday, 1937, Jesus requested that Saint Faustina make a special novena before the Feast of Mercy, from Good Friday through the following Saturday. He, Himself, dictated the intentions for each day. By means of a specific prayer she was to bring to His Heart a different group of souls each day and thus immerse them in the ocean of His mercy, begging the Father – on the strength of Jesus' Passion – for graces for them (See 1209). Since Saint Faustina was commanded to write down the novena, Our Lord must have intended the novena to be used by others, too. Once published, it immediately became very popular, and people prayed the novena, not only in preparation for Mercy Sunday, but at other times as well. The wide range of intentions, which do not include personal needs, makes the great popularity of this novena all the more astounding. In this novena, we truly make the Lord's intentions our own – a beautiful expression of the Church's privilege and duty, as the Bride of the Lord, to be the intercessor at Christ's side on the throne of mercy.

## **Easter Vigil – Holy Saturday – Mar.30<sup>th</sup>,**

Although celebrated Holy Saturday evening, it is the dramatic Easter vigil liturgy that marks the beginning of Easter. We are awaiting our master's return with our lamps full and burning, so that he will find us awake and seat us at his table (cf. Luke 12:35ff). All Catholics should try to attend this beautiful service.

Light conquers darkness The vigil opens with a service of light. Like the Jewish Passover, our Easter celebration coincides with the beginning of spring, when the sun offers new warmth and earth is ready to flower again. Our words "lent" (from the Middle-English word for spring, "lengthening days") and "Easter" (possibly Germanic or Anglo-Saxon in origin, signifying "the east", "the rising sun") point to the long tradition of seeing this holy mystery through signs of the natural world. The lighting of the fire and the Easter candle go back to rites that long preceded Christianity. The candle, carried with loving reverence and lyrically praised in word and song, is a sign of Christ, "the light of the world," and celebrates the victory of light over darkness that humanity has ever longed for. God's love endures forever A series of readings recalls the great interventions of God in history, from creation to the redemption of Israel from Egypt, and ends with the story of Jesus' resurrection. The great "alleluia" proclaims with quiet joy the triumph of God's Son. Those preparing for Baptism then celebrate the Sacrament; those to be received are welcomed and then this entire group celebrates the Sacrament of Confirmation. The blessed water sprinkled over others signifies the blessing of new life. Rejoice! This night says as it brings before us the deepest symbols of our hopes and fears. The darkness, sign of evil and death, has been overcome by light. A lamp, a candle has been lit; a fire is enkindled in our hearts; a nourishing water flows through our lives; a baptism destroys what is unclean and brings to life again. Rejoice! this night says to all creation. The Word who made all things, as a new Adam, freshly proclaims God's promise of life. All creation celebrates God's love.

## **Development and Peace**

During Lent we are encouraged to Fast, Pray and Give Alms. On Alms **Sunday, March 17**, we have the opportunity to give to Development and Peace, the Catholic Bishop's own organization for the support of the people in the Global South. You can make your cheque out to Development & Peace, indicating Share Lent in the note line. Put your cheque in the envelope provided in your monthly donation box or in an envelope you will find in your pew. Be sure to include your name and address if you want a tax contribution receipt. These are sent out at the end of the current year. The envelope can be deposited in the regular collection and our great financial officers will sort out the contributions. If you would be interested in a monthly gift (Share Year Round), please see your representative, Margaret Varga, after Mass. Development and Peace has a master donor for new donors to this program. They are ready to match your donation for the year. Please come to Alms Sunday ready to roar with your support.



## News from the Diocese

### • **Diocesan Livestream Mass**

<https://www.rcdvictoria.org/events/dailymasslivestreamed>  
<https://www.youtube.com/c/RCDVictoriaLiveOne/about>

• Bishop Robert Barron's video series "The Mass" is now available online. The series was developed to help Catholics understand how to fully, consciously, and actively participate in the source and summit of the Christian life. To view the series, please visit:

<https://videos.wordonfire.org/themassepisode1>

• 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>

• 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>

• Our Garry Oak Ecosystem Restoration project has begun! A small but hardy band of volunteers has started the work of removing invasive plants from the properties of St. Andrew's Regional High School, Sacred Heart Parish, and the Diocesan Pastoral Centre. For more information and some great pictures, please visit:

<https://www.rcdvictoria.org/diocesanblog/restoring-our-garry-oak-ecosystem>.

The project will continue through the spring, summer, and fall - all are welcome to join us on any Saturday morning from 10 am – noon, rain or shine.

• World Wide Marriage Encounter will be offering a virtual WWME experience April 19-21st, 2024. Even when a marriage is going smoothly, there are always opportunities to make it work better. The Marriage Encounter experience helps you listen, share, and connect more deeply in order to uncover the secrets to a lasting, supportive, transformational marriage. Any questions can be directed to Doug and Candice Chappell at 778-479-7900 or [Doug.candice.chappell@wwme.org](mailto:Doug.candice.chappell@wwme.org)  
To apply, please visit: <https://wwme.org/>

• The Diocese of Nelson is recruiting for a Diocesan Financial Administrator to be based at their Catholic Pastoral Centre in Kelowna. The Financial Administrator is responsible for oversight of all financial operations of the Diocese and provides strategic financial guidance and effective advisory support to the Bishop, for more information and to apply, please visit:

[https://www.nelsondiocese.org/apps/jobs/show\\_job.jsp?REC\\_ID=1550](https://www.nelsondiocese.org/apps/jobs/show_job.jsp?REC_ID=1550)

• Grief to Grace is a retreat program facilitated by mental health professionals and centered on Jesus Christ which helps those who have endured neglect, physical, emotional, sexual, and/or spiritual abuse in their family of origin, their community, from spouses/partners, and/or coworkers or supervisors, find healing and journey to wholeness. The next retreat in Canada is May 14 – 18, 2024 in Kelowna. For more information, please Email: [griegtograncelowna@gmail.com](mailto:griegtograncelowna@gmail.com) or make a confidential call to 250-808-6403.

• Faith Through Film, hosted by Holy Family Notre Dame Parish in Port Alberni, continues with screenings every Wed. afternoon 1-3 pm and Thurs. evening 6-8 pm.

With funding made available through the Bishop's Appeal, all screenings are free of charge, and complimentary popcorn and other snacks will also be offered. Pre-registration is encouraged but not mandatory; please phone 250-723-8912 or email [hfnd@rcdvictoria.org](mailto:hfnd@rcdvictoria.org)

• Salt and Light Catholic Media Foundation is searching for a new Chief Executive Officer to oversee their organization. This unique position offers an exciting opportunity for a motivated, mission-based executive to make a significant and positive impact on the Roman Catholic faith, Canadians, and people around the world. For more information and to view the job description, please visit:

<https://slmedia.org/job-opportunity-ceo>

### St Joseph the Worker Parish

Syro-Malabar Liturgy, Fr. Shijo Ottaplackal invites you to join in the celebration of the liturgy of the Syro-Malabar Catholic Church, held at St. Joseph the Worker parish:

• Saturdays at 7:00 pm

• Sundays at 12:00 pm

The Syro-Malabar Catholic Church is the second largest of the 23 Eastern Catholic Churches (the largest being the Ukrainian Catholic Church), which are in full communion with the Pope and with the Roman Catholic Church.

### 40 Days for Life

Birthing - 40 Days for Life, Please Volunteer! Once again, Victorians united in prayer for life call on Christian congregations in this city to help us promote our twice-annual 40 Days for Life prayer vigil, near the General Hospital, running **to Mar. 24.**

To join 40 Days for Life Victoria call Glenda at 250 661 2613  
Many good works of the Church are widely admired but this one is widely reviled. We do this, nonetheless, knowing the Pro-Life movement is fully opposed to the spirit of this age and its belief that individual rights trump the right to life. Mostly we need patience and warm clothing but sometimes we need courage and forbearance in the face of those whose values we challenge. To join in, please call Glenda at 250-661-2613

## **DYR Diocesan Youth Retreat, Camp Imadene!**

**Friday, May 10, 6:00 pm until Saturday, May 11 7:00 p.m.**  
Grades 8-12 Students and their Chaperones This is our first event after a 4-year hiatus! **Youth fee is \$145 and includes a T-shirt No charge for Adult Chaperones and Volunteers**

### **1 - Step Registration for ADULTS**

**ADULT Chaperones/Volunteer Google Registration Form**

<https://forms.gle/mzAcyCXAgCQP4Fsp8>

### **2 - Step Registration for YOUTH Gr. 8-12**

Eventbrite Payment (no extra fees)

Google Form Registration



**YOUTH Eventbrite  
Registration Payment Link**

**YOUTH Google Registration Form**  
<https://forms.gle/YvJq1QxMoG21qGif7>

### **Announcement of Ordination: Deacon Joseph Yuson**

It is with great joy that I announce, after consulting with the Diocesan Consultors, that Deacon Joseph Yuson, a seminarian for the Diocese of Victoria, presently in formation at St. Joseph's Seminary in Edmonton, Alberta, will be ordained to the Ministerial Priesthood on **Saturday, June 22, 2024 at 10:00 am at St. Andrew's Cathedral in Victoria.**

This is good news indeed for our Diocese. All are invited to join the celebration by participating in Deacon Joseph's ordination Mass, either in person at St. Andrew's or via the livestream at:

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

Your prayers for Joseph and his intentions are appreciated as he prepares for service as a ministerial priest to the People of God in the Diocese of Victoria. Please also pray that we all may discern the vocation which God has planned for us, and respond generously and whole-heartedly to His call.

— Bishop Gary Gordon



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March 5, 2024

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As we continue our journey through Lent, I wish to draw your attention to the 2024 Share Lent Campaign. Share Lent is a time to highlight the mission of Development and Peace – Caritas Canada (DPCC), the official international solidarity organization of the Catholic Church in Canada. It provides an opportunity for the faithful to learn about the causes of poverty and injustice in the world, to pray and get involved for peace, and to give generously so DPCC may continue its work with the poorest and most marginalized in our human family. This year's campaign, "Reaping our Rights", aims to build solidarity with small-scale farmers and peasant communities worldwide, recognizing their crucial role in global food production and rural development. Peasant communities face numerous challenges such as armed conflicts, land grabbing, and climate change, threatening their rights to land, water, justice, and a safe environment.

The campaign seeks to raise awareness and advocate for the protection of these rights. In line with Pope Francis' message of interconnectedness, Canadians are called to support peasants' rights globally. I encourage you to learn more about the Share Lent campaign at <http://www.dev.org/lent>, and to donate as you are able on Solidarity Sunday, March 17th. DPCC relies on your support for the success of the Share Lent campaign, which is vital to our ability as the Church in Canada to raise much needed funds to support those who suffer from poverty and injustice in the global south. Let us embody Christ's love through our generosity and solidarity, working towards righteousness and justice for all.

In Communion,

Most Reverend Gary Gordon Bishop of Victoria



*Feast of Saint  
Joseph  
March 19*

**The Solemnity of St. Joseph,  
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
is celebrated on Tues., March 19<sup>th</sup>  
St. Joseph is the Patron Saint of:**

▪ The universal church, because he watched over and protected Jesus during his tender years.

- Fathers, because he raised and instructed Jesus as he grew toward maturity.
- Unborn children, because he graciously accepted God's call to take Mary as his wife and guard her while she was pregnant with Jesus.
- Workers, because he supported Mary and Jesus through his labour as a carpenter, and taught Jesus his craft.
- Travelers, because he traveled with the pregnant Mary to Bethlehem, and afterward with the newborn Jesus to Egypt.
- Immigrants, because after Jesus was born, he obeyed God by leaving everything behind and fleeing with Mary and Jesus into Egypt, where they lived as foreigners until it was safe to return home.
- A happy death, because he is presumed to have died in the arms of Jesus and Mary, sometime before Jesus began his public ministry.
- He is also the patron saint of our country, Canada.

**Novena to St. Joseph:**

**Prayed Daily from March 10 – 18**

O glorious St. Joseph, faithful follower of Jesus Christ, to you do we come to ask your powerful intercession in obtaining from the merciful heart of Jesus all the helps and graces that we need for our spiritual and temporal welfare, and in particular the grace of a happy death, and the special favour we now implore: (name your prayer intention).

O guardian of the Word incarnate, we know with confidence that your prayers on our behalf will be graciously heard before the throne of God, and that God will grant us whatever is for his greater glory and for our greatest good.

O glorious St. Joseph, through your love of Jesus Christ and for the glory of his name: hear our prayers and ask God to grant our petitions.

Let us pray:

O glorious St. Joseph, spouse of the Immaculate Virgin, obtain for us pure, humble, and charitable hearts, and perfect conformity to the will of God. Be our guide, our father and model during life so that we may merit to die as you did in the arms of Jesus and Mary.

Dear St. Joseph, foster father of our Lord Jesus Christ, true spouse of the Virgin Mother of God, pray for us. Amen

**“You Should Come Earlier”  
St. John Vianney, the Curé of Ars  
On How to Receive Holy Communion**

Do you want to know, my dear brothers and sisters, how we should conduct ourselves when we want to have the happiness of receiving God? Do as that good Christian does who goes to Holy Communion every week, using three of the days in thanksgiving and three in preparation. Well, who is stopping you from making all of your actions a preparation for this? During this time, maintain a communication with Jesus Christ, Who reigns in your heart, so that He may visit your soul and enrich it with all kinds of blessings and happiness. You should implore the Blessed Virgin, the angels, and the saints to pray to God for you that you may receive Him as worthily as is possible.

On the day itself, you should come earlier to the holy Mass and follow it even more closely than at other times. Your mind and your heart should be continuously at the foot of the tabernacle, they should yearn unceasingly for this happy moment, and you yourself should be so plunged into the depths of the very thought of God that you should seem to be dead to the world. You should have your prayer book or your rosary beads with you, and you should say your Acts [of Faith, Hope, and Love] with as much fervour as you possibly can in order to rekindle in yourself faith, hope, and a great love for Jesus Christ, Who is coming in a moment to make your heart His tabernacle, or, if you like, a little Heaven. Dear God! What happiness and what honour for miserable creatures like us! We should express a great respect to Him.

After having said your Acts, you should offer your Holy Communion for yourself and for others. [At Communion] you should get up to approach the altar with all possible modesty, which shows that you are about to do something very great. You make the effort to rekindle in yourself the faith which will make you realise the greatness of your happiness. Your mind and your heart must be absolutely on God. If you are waiting for Holy Communion, you should excite a very fervent love for Jesus Christ and pray very humbly that He will deign to come into your poor and miserable heart.

After you have had the wonderful happiness of receiving Holy Communion, you should rise with modesty and return to your place. You should stay a moment with our Lord Jesus Christ, Whom you have the joy of having in your heart, where, for a quarter of an hour, He is present in both Body and Soul as during His mortal life. Oh, infinite happiness! Who will ever understand it! Alas! Hardly anyone understands it! After you have asked God for all the graces you desire for yourself and others, you should invite the Blessed Virgin and all the angels and saints to thank God for you.

Do not go out immediately after holy Mass but stay a moment to ask God to give you plenty of strength to keep to your good resolutions. You should think about the great joy you have had in receiving Jesus Christ and make your way home.



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### Did you know ...?

That the Cathedral has a Columbarium and that a location near the church for the deceased has been a powerful symbol of our faith since the early church. It is a statement of our ultimate goal to live this life in Christ so that one day, through death, we can share in eternal life with God. For information on purchasing a niche in the Cathedral Columbarium call 250-388-5571 and leave a message for Chris Ryzuk to contact you or email: [niche@standrewscathedral.com](mailto:niche@standrewscathedral.com)

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It costs only \$2.25 for **The Soup Kitchen** in the basement of St. Andrew's Cathedral to provide a nutritious meal to one of our guests. This season help us serve soup to the hungry with a financial donation, \$25 feeds 10 dinners; \$225 feeds 100 of our guests. You'll lighten someone's day and give them a chance to turn things around, the Soup Kitchen, 740 View Street, Victoria, BC V8W 1J8. Thank you for your generosity and support to help those in need in our city.

### Like to Cook? The Soup Kitchen Needs You!

The Soup Kitchen, operating in the basement of St. Andrew's Cathedral in Victoria, is looking for a Wed. morning cook to prepare our nutritious soup, in a 70-litre commercial kettle for up to 150 diners, this can be a one or two person job, hours are 4:00am to 6:00am. Duties include making the soup with precut ingredients and cleanup. Onsite training is provided. A current Food Safe certificate is needed, which will be paid for by The Soup Kitchen, please contact Sheila Connelly: (250) 216-7249 For over 40 years, The Soup Kitchen has been a comfort, and in some instances a lifeline, for the downtown community. Please consider joining our dedicated team of volunteers - you will find it both personally and spiritually rewarding.


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