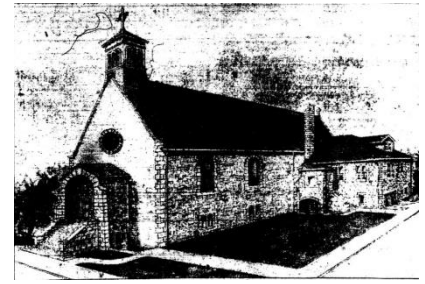


# Our Lady Queen of Peace Church (since 1930)

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



PASTOR Rev. John Domotor  
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT: Carol Molloy  
PARISH MUSIC DIRECTOR: Ryan Narciso



### PARISH WEBSITE:

[www.QOP.CA](http://www.QOP.CA)

[www.LATINMASSVICTORIA.COM](http://www.LATINMASSVICTORIA.COM)

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HUNGARIAN Mass: Rev. John Domotor  
TRADITIONAL LATIN Mass: Rev. John Domotor  
ORDINARIATE Mass: Rev. Lee Kenyon

### IMPORTANT: IN THE HOSPITAL?

*If you or family member is hospitalize or is going to hospital and would like to be visited by your PARISH PRIEST, Please call the PARISH OFFICE to make this request.*

### HOSPITAL EMERGENCY ONLY!

*After office hours including weekends, holidays or during the night, you can call:*

**☎ 250.889.3761**

**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 (below on the left side).

- New Parishioner
- Have moved here is new address
- I am home-bound and would like someone to visit me
- I am going to be in the hospital, please call on me

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

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

☎ HOME ..... ☎ WORK .....

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

SUNDAY DONATIONS can be done by using:

Sunday Envelopes or by automatic bank withdrawal. (The PARISH OFFICE can supply you with necessary documents).

**At this time, our regularly scheduled bulletin will not be published, however I will do my very best to keep you updated through our website.**

**If however you would like to receive personal updates from the parish office Please send your email to the parish office: [office@qop.ca](mailto:office@qop.ca) Thank you**

*Praying that during this time of social isolation you and your loved ones are safe and healthy and that your spirits do not grow weary but remain strong in the Lord.*

### Vigil Candle Lighting Sticks

Following new protocols for the safety of all, lighting sticks for the vigil candles have been shortened. Use ONCE only and then discard in the can provided next to the vigil light stand. Please do not congregate around the vigil lights. Maintain social distancing.

**Diocese of Victoria – Bishop Gary Gordon**

Click on the Link: [Called to Embrace a New Pentecost](#)

[General Directives and Liturgical Guidelines for Opening Churches](#)

## **Mass Protocols**

Mass registration is for Our Lady Queen of Peace parishioners only and not friends and others from other parishes.

**You may register for one Mass on Sat. or Sun. (not both) All people must be registered for Mass**

We need to know the names of everyone from your family who will be attending and not just the numbers.

**We cannot exceed 38 persons including Fr. John Domotor.**

### **Please note:**

**Attending English Mass register** at the parish office (Carol Molloy) 250-384-3884 or [office@qop.ca](mailto:office@qop.ca)

Tues – Fri – 12:10pm (**lots of room**)

Saturday – 5:00pm (**a little room left**)

Sunday – 10:00am (**Please note all Sunday Masses are filled**)

**Please note - I have a waiting list for Sunday's if someone calls in sick I will call from the list.**

If you registered for a Mass and you **Do NOT** show without giving us notice, your name will be removed from all future registrations.

**Attending Latin Mass register** with Rob McBride at [yodi@telus.net](mailto:yodi@telus.net)

Mon. - Fri. 8am

Sun. – 8am & 12noon

**Attending BJHN (Ordinariate) Mass register** with Fr. Kenyon at [frkenyon@hotmail.com](mailto:frkenyon@hotmail.com)

Mon. - Sat. 9:30am

Sun. 12noon

**Your understanding in this matter is much appreciated.**

**Confessions are heard:** 4:00pm - 4:30pm

**Weekdays:** 11:00am - 11:30am

**First Saturdays** of the month from 3 - 4:30pm

### **Deadlines for registering for Mass: Wed. at 1:00 pm**

No one will be admitted to Mass once the doors are closed. They will be locked.

This will not prevent anyone inside from leaving should they so desire as they are all fire doors but it will prevent anyone from entering. We are bound to follow protocols and this is an important one as people cannot simply wander in at will.

### **Additional Details**

.. You choose whether to wear a mask or not

.. Hand sanitization before entering church

.. Please note **bathrooms** are for emergencies only

.. Single file, social distancing

### **Online Marriage Preparation Course**

During this time, we are offering our Marriage Preparation Course fully online, and couples will be able to work through the program at their own pace. The cost is \$125 per couple, and the price also includes an online individualized couple assessment as well as a liturgy planning guide. For more information, go to: <https://bit.ly/3hgzRGW> or find the course on Eventbrite. You may also find the information on the Diocese website. Questions, **contact** Louis Melendez at [lmelendez@rcdvictoria.org](mailto:lmelendez@rcdvictoria.org) or 250-479-1331 ext. 237

### **Job Applications**

**Island Catholic Schools is accepting applications for full-time, part-time and on-call Educational Assistants for schools in Victoria. Application forms and details are posted at: <http://cisdv.bc.ca/employment-opportunities.php>**

### **Renovations of Outside Front Stairs and Landing Fund**

**Final approval has been received from the Diocese and the contract has been signed and the starting date will be Aug 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020 if there is an opening sooner “CBS Masonry” will start.**

**We have envelopes marked:**

**“Renovations of Outside Front Stairs and Landing Fund”**

**If you wish to contribute to this fund please see Carol Molloy after Mass or call the office during office hours.**

**Due to Covid-19 we cannot leave the envelopes in the pews or in the vestibule.**

**We need to raise \$16,128.00 plus as there may be an additional cost to put the railings in from another company if CBS Masonry cannot do it themselves. We won't know this until the end of the work.**

**Thank you to all the parishioners who have contributed thus far.**

**As of Friday, Aug. 7 - we have received \$7,975.00**

## ***'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.**

### **Sacramental Information**

**Baptism: at Our Lady Queen of Peace you must 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.**

### **Please Note**

If you suffer from Celiac disease, we are able to offer a low-gluten Host. If you are interested, please come to the sacristy before Mass and inform the priest.

### **Respect Life Ministry**

If you are expecting a child and are feeling confused; if you are thinking that there is no way out of this situation for you; if you want to talk to someone, call, text 250.812.0087 email: [respectlifem@gmail.com](mailto:respectlifem@gmail.com)

### **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.

## ***'Mass Intentions'***

Aug. 11	TUESDAY	<b>in thanksgiving</b> Agustina Manguerra
Aug. 12	WEDNESDAY	<b>Cleoni Small+</b> Jean Halliwell
Aug. 13	THURSDAY	<b>personal intentions</b> Susan Serafini
Aug. 14	FRIDAY	
Aug. 15	SATURDAY	<b>special intentions</b> Agustina Manguerra

Aug. 18	TUESDAY	
Aug. 19	WEDNESDAY	<b>Marian &amp; Sid Wood+</b> Jean Halliwell
Aug. 20	THURSDAY	
Aug. 21	FRIDAY	
Aug. 22	SATURDAY	<b>in thanksgiving</b> Gina Ancajas

Aug. 25	TUESDAY	<b>Socorro &amp; Benesio Dignos+</b> Erlinda Dignos
Aug. 26	WEDNESDAY	
Aug. 27	THURSDAY	
Aug. 28	FRIDAY	<b>in thanksgiving</b> Agustina Manguerra
Aug. 29	SATURDAY	<b>17<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Installation of the Shrine of the Infant of Prague &amp; Marcelina Baldauf+</b> Queen of Peace parishioners

**Please remember the following persons who are ill in your prayers:** Helen McGovern, Lorna Cue, Ann VanNoordt, Christine Stornebrink, Jean Halliwell, Charles Lennaghan,

### **Collection Envelopes**

If you are new to the parish and would like to have a box of pre-numbered collection envelopes, please contact the parish office at 250-388-5571 or email: [office@qop.ca](mailto:office@qop.ca)

### **Parish Database**

If you have changed your address/email/phone number in the past year or so, please make sure to update your information with the parish office. Tax receipts will be prepared early in the New Year and this will help the parish save on postage expenses by reducing returned mail.

### **Mass Intentions**

In keeping with social distancing practices, please place your Mass intention request into an envelope and drop the envelope into the church mail box, located on the outside door before going into the church parking lot. You may reach Carol at 250-384-3884 - 9:00am - 2:45pm, Tues. - Fri.

## **Re-opening our Church!**

During this period, we are given the privilege of having Mass Groups of 38 attendees (including Fr. John), that are pre-registered it is imperative that we record exactly who attends each Mass Group. Please note that you may sign up for ONLY ONE Mass. You will need to submit your name, number of family members attending, your phone number, your email address, and ensure ALL names of family members are listed. This will help us track and trace each parishioner in that particular "Group", should a breakout occur. While attending your selected Mass through this period. **Please note:**

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**Attending Latin Mass register** with Rob McBride at [yodi@telus.net](mailto:yodi@telus.net)

**Attending Hungarian Mass register** at the parish office 250-384-3884 or email: [office@qop.ca](mailto:office@qop.ca)

**Attending BJHN (Ordinariate) Mass register** with Fr. Kenyon at [frkenyon@hotmail.com](mailto:frkenyon@hotmail.com)

**Your understanding in this matter is much appreciated.**

## **Daily Mass with Bishop Gary**

As we continue to journey together during these challenging times, all are invited to join Bishop Gary Gordon from the comfort and safety of your homes as he celebrates Mass. To access the live stream link from the Diocese of Victoria website simply google: Diocese of Victoria or go to: [www.rcdvictoria.org/diocese-of-victoria-live-stream](http://www.rcdvictoria.org/diocese-of-victoria-live-stream).

**DAILY MASS:** ..... Monday - Friday at 7:00 pm

**Saturday Mass:** ..... 4:00 pm

It can be accessed at: <https://youtu.be/VEFsrcjpF5s>

**Sunday Mass:** ..... 10:00 am

(It can be accessed at <https://youtu.be/PgANmtRGK6g>)

## **Saturday Mass Live Streamed**

The Bishop is presently in Tahsis and is experiencing technical problems in live streaming the Sunday Mass. However, the Saturday 4 pm Mass is live streamed to the Cathedral you tube site with one of the priests residing at the Cathedral celebrating. It can be accessed at [https://youtu.be/\\_a5e-62mQ\\_g](https://youtu.be/_a5e-62mQ_g)

## **Other Televised Mass Options**

Salt + Light TV is also televising the daily Mass celebrated by Pope Francis from Casa Santa Marta. This airs every day at 9:00 am and will be televised in both English and French. "La Messe du jour" produced and televised by Salt + Light TV from the crypt at Saint Joseph Oratory in Montreal will now be televised on Sundays through arrangements with the Archdiocese of Montreal, enabling everyone access to the televised Mass in both French and English seven days a week. The channel number for each cable company that carries Salt + Light TV can be found at:

<https://saltandlighttv.org/subscribe>

\*Please note that the Daily TV Mass is also available on other faith-based television networks besides Salt + Light TV. The various networks and Mass times can be found at <https://dailytvmass.com/about/broadcast-schedule/>

## **St. Andrew's Cathedral**

### **9-10 Club - Serving Soup to the Hungry**

Did you know the Soup Kitchen is an essential service, and continues to provide food to those in need during the current pandemic. In this challenging time, we offer soup-to-go bagged meal service, and observe physical distancing and other prescribed practices in fulfilling our community mission. The 9-10 Club - Serving Soup to the Hungry is the oldest, completely volunteer-run food resource for the hungry in Victoria. The Soup Kitchen is located in the basement of St. Andrew's Cathedral, and is open Mon. to Fri., from 8:00 to 10:00 am. We wish to extend our thanks, and appreciation, to the numerous volunteers and donors who have graciously supported our operations for more than 30 years. Further information is available at: [www.thesoupkitchen.ca](http://www.thesoupkitchen.ca)

### **Do you like to bake?**

#### **(St. Andrew's Cathedral – 9-10 Club)**

Might you have some sweets or snacks in your freezer or cupboards you would like to donate? Things are going well with our soup-to-go bagged meal service, with most days serving 125-150 dinners. But we are often short of sweets or other snacks as a special treat for our guests. If you like to bake and wish to contribute to the cause, from the safety of your home, we would be incredibly grateful for your help. For baking - items that can be frozen, such as cookies, would be best. For snacks - items individually packaged like small bags of potato chips would be well received.

#### **To Donate:**

1. Drop off your donations at the View Street entrance between 1:00 pm and 2:00 pm Monday to Thursday.

Please call the Soup Kitchen ahead - 778-440-7687

to let the Team Leader know you're coming.

You don't even need to leave your vehicle.

We'll come out to you - ensuring safe social distancing practices.

2. Call **Sheila Connelly at 250-598-4339, or**

**Dorothy Parker 250-590-2916**

to arrange to drop off your donation at one of their homes.

If you are unable to drop off your baking at one of the above locations, please call Sheila, and she will arrange a day and time to have someone pick up your donation.

Thank you in advance for all who can contribute!



## “The Lord’s Day”

Keeping the Lord’s Day holy as this is a divine Commandment, different from the Church’s law of attending Mass on Sunday which is of human origin. Since the obligation to attend Mass is of human origin it can be dispensed as indeed Bishop Gary and practically all bishops throughout the world have done. But, the command to keep the Lord’s Day holy is of divine institution and therefore cannot be dispensed. We are bound to follow it. The question arises, how are we to do this?

There are two aspects to this divine command: one is to worship the Lord and the second is to abstain from servile work. Because it is the Lord’s Day we need to worship the Lord. We most often do this by attending Mass but if this is not possible then we can read the readings and prayers of the day and reflect upon them for a short period of time (prayer). We can also pray the Rosary and meditate upon 5 of the mysteries. Perhaps there are other thoughts that come to mind such as studying the scripture after one has prayed. One is not bound to watch a livestreamed Mass or via the TV especially if this is not benefitting you spiritually. And then we are to abstain from servile work. Catholic definition as found online: Originally the work done by serfs from which they were freed on Sundays and holy days in order to worship God. Until recently, servile work, forbidden on Sundays, was work that was chiefly physical. At present servile work is heavy manual labor, or such work as in a given society people commonly associate with strenuous effort and do not engage in when they have the freedom to avoid it. Implicit in the Church’s prohibition of servile work on Sundays is fidelity to the divine commandment to keep holy the Sabbath. This means avoiding activities that would hinder renewal of soul and body, i.e., needless work or business, unnecessary shopping or housekeeping.

**The catechism says: 2185** On Sundays and other holy days of obligation, the faithful are to refrain from engaging in work or activities that hinder the worship owed to God, the joy proper to the Lord’s Day, the performance of the works of mercy, and the appropriate relaxation of mind and body. Family needs or important social service can legitimately excuse from the obligation of Sunday rest. The faithful should see to it that legitimate excuses do not lead to habits prejudicial to religion, family life, and health.

**2186** Those Christians who have leisure should be mindful of their brethren who have the same needs and the same rights, yet cannot rest from work because of poverty and misery. Sunday is traditionally consecrated by Christian piety to good works and humble service of the sick, the infirm, and the elderly. Christians will also sanctify Sunday by devoting time and care to their families and relatives, often difficult to do on other days of the week. Sunday is a time for reflection, silence, cultivation of the mind, and meditation which furthers the growth of the Christian interior life.

So, there’s a lot of latitude but the chief consideration is to have a mindset that differentiates the Lord’s Day from every other day.

(taken from St. Andrew’s Cathedral Bulletin)

## The Assumption of Mary

11 Things to know by Jimmy Akin

What is the Assumption of Mary, how did it come to be defined, and what relevance does it have for our lives?



**1) What is the Assumption of Mary?** The Assumption of Mary is the teaching that: The Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul

into heavenly glory [Pius XII, *Munificentissimus Deus* 44].

**2) What level of authority does this teaching have?** This teaching was infallibly defined by Pope Pius XII on November 1, 1950 in the bull *Munificentissimus Deus* (Latin, “Most Bountiful God”). As Pius XII explained, this is “a divinely revealed dogma” (*ibid.*). This means that it is a dogma in the proper sense. It is thus a matter of faith that has been divinely revealed by God and that has been infallibly proposed by the Magisterium of the Church as such.

**3) Does that mean it is an “ex cathedra” statement and that we have to believe it?** Yes. Since it is a dogma defined by the pope (rather than by an ecumenical council, for example), it is also an “ex cathedra” statement (one delivered “from the chair” of Peter). Because it is infallibly defined, it calls for the definitive assent of the faithful. Note that all infallibly defined teachings are things we are obliged to believe, even if they aren’t defined “ex cathedra” (by the pope acting on his own). The bishops of the world teaching in union with the pope (either in an ecumenical council or otherwise) can also infallibly define matters, but these aren’t called “ex cathedra” since that term refers specifically to the exercise of the pope’s authority as the successor of St. Peter. (It’s Peter’s cathedra or “chair” that symbolizes the pope’s authority.)

**4) Does the dogma require us to believe that Mary died?** It is the common teaching that Mary did die. In his work, *Fundamentals of Catholic Dogma*, Ludwig Ott lists this teaching as *sententia communior* (Latin, “the more common opinion”). Although it is the common understanding of that Mary did die, and although her death is referred to in some of the sources Pius XII cited in *Munificentissimus Deus*, he deliberately refrained from defining this as a truth of the faith. John Paul II noted: On 1 November 1950, in defining the dogma of the Assumption, Pius XII avoided using the term “resurrection” and did not take a position on the question of the Blessed Virgin’s death as a truth of faith. The Bull *Munificentissimus Deus* limits itself to affirming the elevation of Mary’s body to heavenly glory, declaring this truth a “divinely revealed dogma.”

**5) Why should Mary die if she was free from Original Sin and its stain?** Being free of Original Sin and its stain is not the same thing as being in a glorified, deathless condition. Jesus was also free of Original Sin and its stain, but he could—and did—die. Expressing a common view among theologians, Ludwig Ott writes: For Mary, death, in consequence of her freedom from original sin and from personal sin, was not a consequence of punishment of sin. However, it seems fitting that Mary’s body, which was by nature mortal, should be, in conformity with that of her Divine Son, subject to the general law of death.

**6) What are the earliest surviving references to Mary's Assumption?** The first trace of belief in the Virgin's Assumption can be found in the apocryphal accounts entitled *Transitus Mariae* [Latin, "The Crossing Over of Mary"], whose origin dates to the second and third centuries. These are popular and sometimes romanticized depictions, which in this case, however, pick up an intuition of faith on the part of God's People.

**7) How did the recognition of Mary's Assumption develop in the East?** There was a long period of growing reflection on Mary's destiny in the next world. This gradually led the faithful to believe in the glorious raising of the Mother of Jesus, in body and soul, and to the institution in the East of the liturgical feasts of the Dormition ["falling asleep"—i.e., death] and Assumption of Mary.

**8) How did Pius XII prepare for the definition of the Assumption?** In May 1946, with the Encyclical *Deiparae Virginis Mariae*, Pius XII called for a broad consultation, inquiring among the Bishops and, through them, among the clergy and the People of God as to the possibility and opportuneness of defining the bodily assumption of Mary as a dogma of faith. The result was extremely positive: only six answers out of 1,181 showed any reservations about the revealed character of this truth.

**9) What Scriptural basis is there for the teaching?** Although the New Testament does not explicitly affirm Mary's Assumption, it offers a basis for it because it strongly emphasized the Blessed Virgin's perfect union with Jesus' destiny. This union, which is manifested, from the time of the Savior's miraculous conception, in the Mother's participation in her Son's mission and especially in her association with his redemptive sacrifice, cannot fail to

**10) What are some specific New Testament passages?** Pius XII continued: Moreover, the scholastic Doctors have recognized the Assumption of the Virgin Mother of God as something signified, not only in various figures of the Old Testament, but also in that woman clothed with the sun whom John the Apostle contemplated on the Island of Patmos (Rev. 12:1ff). Similarly they have given special attention to these words of the New Testament: "Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you, blessed are you among women" (Luke 1:28), since they saw, in the mystery of the Assumption, the fulfillment of that most perfect grace granted to the Blessed Virgin and the special blessing that countered the curse of Eve [Munificentissimus Deus 27].

**11) How can we apply this teaching to our everyday lives?** By contemplating Mary in heavenly glory, we understand that the earth is not the definitive homeland for us either, and that if we live with our gaze fixed on eternal goods we will one day share in this same glory and the earth will become more beautiful. Consequently, we must not lose our serenity and peace even amid the thousands of daily difficulties.

The luminous sign of Our Lady taken up into Heaven shines out even more brightly when sad shadows of suffering and violence seem to loom on the horizon, we may be sure of it: from on high, Mary follows our footsteps with gentle concern, dispels the gloom in moments of darkness and distress, reassures us with her motherly hand.

## Diocese of Victoria

Some good news to share from the Views at St. Joseph's in the Comox Valley! The Views at St. Joseph's, a non-profit Catholic health care organization, was previously owned and operated by the Bishop of Victoria and is now operated by Providence Living. Bishop Gordon serves as a founding member of the Society. The Views, inspired by the healing ministry of Jesus Christ, is dedicated to meeting the physical, emotional, social and spiritual needs of those served through compassionate care, teaching and research. The Views is committed to maintaining an elder-centered community fostering companionship and opportunities for spontaneous interactions. The Views was featured in a recent news story (links below) that highlighted the healing power of pets (Merlin would agree)!

- **Global TV:** <https://globalnews.ca/news/7156004/seniors-home-pets-coronavirus/>
- **CKNW:** <https://omny.fm/shows/the-jill-bennett-show/2-46-pm-the-jill-bennett-show>

Jane Murphy, President and CEO, previously served as President and CEO of St. Joseph's Hospital from 2011 to 2017. During Jane's tenure she led the organization through major transitions and will continue to do so at the Views at St. Joseph's, as the Providence Living facility will build one of the provinces first dementia villages and is expected to open in 2024.

In the midst of a global pandemic, we welcome some good news in Catholic health care as we look to the future with hope.



As we reopen our doors to welcome our family members back to Our Place at 919 Pandora, we find ourselves in need of toiletries - (hotel size

shampoo, soap, skin lotions, toothbrushes, toothpaste, mouth wash, dental floss, deodorant, safety razors, shaving cream, band aids, sun screen) Thank you for your continuing generosity to the Our Place Family. Items can be dropped off at 919 Pandora Ave 7 days per week at Reception.

## To Help Lebanon

Lebanon and her people are in crisis. Thousands were injured; hundreds may be dead. Hospitals are overwhelmed. Countless people remain missing. The damage has been severe and widespread as of Wed. over 300,000 people have been left homeless. A fragile infrastructure providing food and healthcare — one already weakened by the Syrian refugee crises, a collapsed economy and the coronavirus pandemic on the rise. Even the food grain supplies have been destroyed by the blast. The need is great. Circumstances are dire. In response, CNEWA is launching an emergency relief campaign today to help sustain this country and its people, many of whom suddenly find themselves lacking the basic necessities of life — food, shelter, healthcare. **You can make a donation towards the Lebanon Emergency Fund at:** [https://cnewa.org/campaigns/lebanoncrisis/?utm\\_source=home&utm\\_medium=site&utm\\_campaign=lebanon](https://cnewa.org/campaigns/lebanoncrisis/?utm_source=home&utm_medium=site&utm_campaign=lebanon)

## Diocese of Victoria

### Pastoral Centre Staff Changes and Moves

The last few months have been challenging as a result of the global pandemic, and we continue to adjust to the “new normal” together. Please note the following changes due to staff attrition:

**Glen Palahicky**, Director of the Office of Faith Formation and Evangelization has been appointed as Principal of St. Andrew’s Regional High School, effective August 1, 2020. Prior to assuming his role at the Diocese six years ago, Glen began his career as a teacher and then served as a School Principal for eleven years.

**Gwen Jahelka**, has been appointed Director of the Faith Formation and Evangelization (FFE). Gwen joined the FFE team two years ago and will continue to build upon the good work accomplished in the mission to support our parish and school communities in faith.

**Rafael Oei**, who joined the staff three years ago to serve as Executive Assistant to the Bishop and Chancellor, has moved on from his position to attend to family needs and his two businesses (Aikido and music).

**Connie Dunwoody**, has retired from her position as Communications Coordinator. Connie edited her first issue of the Diocesan Messenger in March 2008, and was instrumental in developing the revised website and Bishop’s videos.

**Ania Zapotoczny**, Co-op Student (Accounting), is in the process of winding down her work assignments, and will return to University to complete her studies.

We acknowledge with tremendous thanksgiving the good work accomplished and we wish everyone much success in their future endeavours.

We are extremely blessed to have a faith filled, dedicated, and competent team that serves the Diocese, parishes, schools, and communities and we remain grateful for all their efforts the during this time of transition.

## Pastoral Ministry changes

During these challenging times, we are invited to welcome and embrace the opportunities to grow in faith as we continue to move towards a model of collaborative and shared ministry in the Diocese.

Bishop Gary has, in consultation with the Priest Personnel Committee, made the following appointment as a result of changes in pastoral ministry:

### Effective immediately

**Fr. Devane Sam**, on loan from the Diocese of Bellary, who has been in India since February, will not return to serve in the Diocese of Victoria due to the global pandemic.

### Effective July 15, 2020

**Fr. John Vines**, retired from the Diocese of Whitehorse, who has provided pastoral ministry at St. Louis de Montfort in Lake Cowichan the last few years, will move to the United States to be closer to his family.

**Fr. Mel Bayron**, in addition to serving as Pastor of All Saints Parish (Ladysmith and Chemainus), will provide sacramental ministry to St. Louis de Montfort Parish in Lake Cowichan.

We remain grateful for the dedicated and faithful priests who minister in our Diocese as they assume additional responsibilities in service to the People of God.

Your support and prayers for the ongoing pastoral needs of our Diocese are greatly appreciated.