

# Our Lady Queen of Peace Church (since 1930)

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



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### 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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☎ HOME ..... ☎ WORK .....

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**At this time, our regularly scheduled bulletin will not be published, however I will do my very best to keep you updated through our website.**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



**Sunday May 10<sup>th</sup>, is a special day to thank all mothers living or deceased for giving us the gift of life!**

**To those who Comfort with a Mother's Hand, We Thank You.**

**To those who Encourage with a Mother's Praise,**

**We Applaud You.**

**To those who Love with a Mother's Heart,**

**We Honor You.**

**Not Just on Mother's Day, but Always!**

**Blessings to all Mother's, Grandmother's,**

**Great-Grandmothers and Stepmother's!**

## *'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'*

May 12	TUESDAY	<b>special intentions</b> Agustina Manguerra
May 13	WEDNESDAY	<b>in thanksgiving</b> (wedding anniversary) Don & Elsie Lambton
May 14	THURSDAY	<b>Tom</b> Carol Retallack
May 15	FRIDAY	
May 16	SATURDAY	<b>Alberto de Vera</b> Lydia de Vera

May 19	TUESDAY	<b>Melanie Espineli+</b> Joey Espineli
May 20	WEDNESDAY	
May 21	THURSDAY	
May 22	FRIDAY	
May 23	SATURDAY	<b>Holy Souls</b> Ann VanNoordt

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

While public Masses throughout the diocese are cancelled, previously scheduled intentions will be fulfilled privately by Fr. John Domotor. Mass Intentions are still being accepted.

However, in keeping with social distancing practices, please place your Mass intention request and appropriate stipend (min. \$10) 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 by phone from 9:00 am – 2:45 pm, Tues. to Friday.

### 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@gop.ca](mailto:office@gop.ca)

### Parish Database

If you have moved or changed your 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.

## **“Be Ready to Open the Door”**

**“Be Ready to Open the Door”** was the theme of Bishop Gary Gordon’s recent Pastoral Letter. During this Easter Season we are spiritually and practically challenged to envision “new life” and a “new normal” in the midst of a global pandemic. Premier Horgan has announced the gradual reopening of the province, and the Bishop has appointed an ad hoc committee to address protocols for the “reopening” our parishes in the Diocese. More information will follow in the future.

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### **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

### **Other Televised Mass Options**

Salt + Light TV has made arrangements with cable companies across Canada (Rogers, Bell, Telus, Shaw Direct, Videotron) to make Salt + Light TV available free of charge to all subscribers until May 1, 2020.

Anyone who subscribes to Cable TV will be able to access Salt + Light TV, and therefore to tune in for the Daily TV Mass, and Sunday TV Mass, produced by the National Catholic Broadcasting Council.

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
3. 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!

### **Victoria ‘MARCH FOR LIFE’ - Update**

#### **Due to concerns and restrictions around COVID-19, there will no longer be a March for Life in Victoria**

We’ve taken the National March for Life from the streets of Ottawa to the comfort of your own homes with our first ever Virtual National March for Life, which kicks off this Sunday night! The schedule of events includes:

#### **May 10, 11 & 12:**

A pro-life film festival featuring free online screenings of Strings Attached with producer Obianuju Ekeocha, short films Crescendo and Sing a Little Louder with film producer Jason Jones, and Fatal Flaws: Legalizing Assisted Death with film producer Alex Schadenberg. All films will be screened at 8pm EDT.

#### **May 13:**

A pro-life Mass in memory of Fr. Alphonse de Valk C.S.B at 6pm EDT

The virtual Candlelight Vigil for victims of abortions at 8pm EDT.

#### **May 14:**

The National Mass for Life from Ottawa’s Notre-Dame Cathedral at 12pm EDT.

The Be Not Afraid Canadian Pro-Life Special on the Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN) from 1pm-2:30pm EDT. The Virtual Pro-life Rally and March for Life at 2:30pm EDT.

### **May 15:**

A free Pro-Life Webinar exclusively for youth hosted by CLC Youth & Niagara Region Right to Life (registration required) from 12:30-3:00pm EDT. - Our official closing event, a free screening of the film Because of Grácia at 8pm EDT.

All events will be streamed on [marchforlife.ca](http://marchforlife.ca).

### **Praying the Rosary in May**

Pope Francis sent a letter Saturday encouraging Catholics to pray the rosary throughout May. He also shared two new prayers to implore the help of the Virgin Mary during the coronavirus pandemic. "Contemplating the face of Christ with the heart of Mary our Mother will make us even more united as a spiritual family and will help us overcome this time of trial," Pope Francis said in a letter April 25. He urged families and individuals to "rediscover the beauty of praying the rosary at home in the month of May," which is traditionally a time of increased devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. With his letter, the pope included two prayers to Our Lady to recite at the end of the rosary, which he said he would also pray throughout May "in spiritual union with all of you."

In the first prayer, Mary's help is invoked "to conform ourselves to the will of the Father and to do what Jesus tells us."

In the second, longer prayer, the Virgin Mary is asked to "turn your merciful eyes towards us amid this coronavirus pandemic," and her intercession is asked "that this great suffering may end and that hope and peace may dawn anew."

The prayer asks for Mary's comfort for those who mourn and for those who are anxious about the future, and prays for health care workers, scientists, and national leaders.

The prayer also asks Mary to "be close to those who assist the sick night and day, and to priests who, in their pastoral concern and fidelity to the Gospel, are trying to help and support everyone."

"Mary, Consolation of the afflicted, embrace all your children in distress and pray that God will stretch out his all-powerful hand and free us from this terrible pandemic, so that life can serenely resume its normal course," the prayer says.

And Pope Francis invites us to add an additional prayer at the end of the Rosary this month:

**O Mary, You shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.**

**We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who, at the foot of the cross, were united with Jesus' suffering, and persevered in your faith.**

**"Protectress of the Roman people", you know our needs, and we know that you will provide, so that, as at Cana in Galilee, joy and celebration may return after this time of trial.**

**Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the will of the Father and to do what Jesus tells us.**

**For he took upon himself our suffering, and burdened himself with our sorrows to bring us, through the cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.**

**We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God; Do not despise our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us always from every danger, O Glorious and Blessed Virgin.**

In his letter, Francis said people can pray the rosary as a group or individually, whatever fits their situation best. "The key to doing this is always simplicity," he underlined, adding that the internet is a good resource for finding prayers to follow. During May, it is a tradition to pray the rosary "at home within the family," he said, noting that the restrictions of the COVID-19 pandemic "have made us come to appreciate all the more this 'family' aspect, also from a spiritual point of view."

Pope Francis concluded his letter by saying "I keep all of you in my prayers, especially those suffering most greatly, and I ask you, please, to pray for me." "I thank you, and with great affection I send you my blessing."

### **First Prayer:**

O Mary, You shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who, at the foot of the cross, were united with Jesus' suffering, and persevered in your faith. "Protectress of the Roman people", you know our needs, and we know that you will provide, so that, as at Cana in Galilee, joy and celebration may return after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the will of the Father and to do what Jesus tells us. For he took upon himself our suffering, and burdened himself with our sorrows to bring us, through the cross, to the joy of the Resurrection, Amen

We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God; Do not despise our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us always from every danger, O Glorious and Blessed Virgin.

### **Second Prayer:**

"We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God".

In the present tragic situation, when the whole world is prey to suffering and anxiety, we fly to you, Mother of God and our Mother, and seek refuge under your protection.

Virgin Mary, turn your merciful eyes towards us amid this coronavirus pandemic.

Comfort those who are distraught and mourn their loved ones who have died, and at times are buried in a way that grieves them deeply.

Be close to those who are concerned for their loved ones who are sick and who, in order to prevent the spread of the disease, cannot be close to them.

Fill with hope those who are troubled by the uncertainty of the future and the consequences for the economy and employment.

Mother of God and our Mother, pray for us to God, the Father of mercies, that this great suffering may end and that hope and peace may dawn anew.

Plead with your divine Son, as you did at Cana, so that the families of the sick and the victims be comforted, and their hearts be opened to confidence and trust.

Protect those doctors, nurses, health workers and volunteers who are on the frontline of this emergency, and are risking their lives to save others.

Support their heroic effort and grant them strength, generosity and continued health.

Be close to those who assist the sick night and day, and to priests who, in their pastoral concern and fidelity to the Gospel, are trying to help and support everyone.

Blessed Virgin, illumine the minds of men and women engaged in scientific research, that they may find effective solutions to overcome this virus.

Support national leaders, that with wisdom, solicitude and generosity they may come to the aid of those lacking the basic necessities of life and may devise social and economic solutions inspired by farsightedness and solidarity.

Mary Most Holy, stir our consciences, so that the enormous funds invested in developing and stockpiling arms will instead be spent on promoting effective research on how to prevent similar tragedies from occurring in the future. Beloved Mother, help us realize that we are all members of one great family and to recognize the bond that unites us, so that, in a spirit of fraternity and solidarity, we can help to alleviate countless situations of poverty and need. Make us strong in faith, persevering in service, constant in prayer.

Mary, Consolation of the afflicted, embrace all your children in distress and pray that God will stretch out his all-powerful hand and free us from this terrible pandemic, so that life can serenely resume its normal course.

To you, who shine on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope, do we entrust ourselves, O Clement, O Loving, O Sweet Virgin Mary. Amen.



### **Our Lady of Fatima**

A Life-Changing Message People around the world have been fascinated by Our Lady of Fatima since her first appearance on May 13, 1917.

The messages, the predictions, the miracles. What are we to make of it?

You'll find the key to Fatima is simply seeking to understand Mary's message.

It is a message of love, healing, and a path to incredible happiness. Mary's 3 Invitations Mary appeared in Fatima every month from May to October 1917. She delivered a series of messages during that time to three young children, Lúcia dos Santos and her cousins Francisco and Jacinta Marto. While Mary discussed many things with the children,

the message of Our Lady of Fatima can be summarized with three invitations:

1. Learn to pray the rosary, the prayer that can change the world.
2. Get spiritually healthy.
3. Let Mary guide you to lasting happiness.

The message is simple and practical, yet it is profound and life changing. Mary's Invitation to Pray the Rosary Every time Mary appeared to the children, she asked them to pray the rosary. Why?

The rosary is incredibly powerful. It has the power to bring peace, The power to heal, The power to make a difference in your life, the lives of your loved ones, and in the world.

The rosary settles our hearts and minds. We live hectic lives in a chaotic world, a world troubled by war, violence, and brokenness. Amidst the chaos and confusion, our souls yearn for peace and clarity.

How does the rosary bring us that serenity?

- The rosary puts things in perspective and allows us to see things as they really are.

- It reaches deep down into our souls and puts us at ease, creating a peace that is rare and beautiful.

- It teaches us to slow down, calm down, let go, offer our struggles to God, and listen. The rosary teaches us how to just be, and that is not a small or insignificant lesson. In some ways it is the perfect prayer for busy people in a crazy, noisy, confused world. The rosary has the power to impact the lives of our loved ones, our communities, and our nation. When we pray the rosary, we can bring our needs and struggles, and the needs of others, to Mary. She cares for us like a loving mother, and she wants to bring our troubles to her son, Jesus. What can we pray for?

- We can pray for the needs of our family and friends,
- We can pray for our communities, for our cities and neighborhoods, for our schools and churches, and for the hungry, lonely, and sick,

- We can pray for our nation, our leaders, and our troops.

Praying the rosary can bring peace to a troubled world, healing to broken hearts, and clarity to those in chaos. The impact the rosary can have is incredible. In fact, Mary even promised that the rosary could bring an end to war! Invitation to Get Spiritually Healthy God has an incredible dream for you, one that can fulfill your deepest desires and longings. But we often get distracted. We make the mistake of hoping that certain people or things will fill us, but they can pull us away from God. Mary invites us back. Over and over again at Fatima, Mary encouraged us to turn away from the things in our lives that hold us back. The things that keep us from finding the happiness God wants for us. But how do we get there? Even if we want to follow God's dream for us, actually doing that can seem intimidating. Remember it's a journey. And God is with us each step of the way. Simply take one small step forward, especially when it is difficult. Here are a few ideas to get you started:

- Identify the things in your life that need to change. Pick one bad habit, then focus on the positive habits that can crowd out that bad habit.

- Make fasting part of your spirituality. God wants to liberate you from your struggles. But some things in our life can only be overcome by prayer and fasting. Whether you fast

from food or something else like noise or complaining, offer your struggle to God, and practice fasting.

- Even if it has been a long time, make an effort to go to Reconciliation. Be gentle with yourself, but embrace the opportunity to find forgiveness and healing.
- Ask God for advice. Invite God into your decisions, both big and small. Ask God, “What do you think I should do?”
- Establish a daily habit of prayer. It doesn’t have to be long. Try just 10 minutes a day. You’ll be amazed at the results. The journey is worth it. You will find incredible happiness if you embrace God’s dream for you. You will be blessed with spiritual vitality. You will become all that you can be: the-very-best-version-of yourself. The rosary teaches us how to just be, and that is not a small or insignificant lesson. In some ways it is the perfect prayer for busy people in a crazy, noisy, confused world. Mary’s Invitation to Guide You to Jesus Mary is the most famous woman in history, and her impact on the life of Jesus, history, art, the Church, and people of all faiths is significant. And at Fatima, Mary offered to guide us as we strive to live the life God has called us to. But who is Mary to you? And what role can she play in your spiritual life?
- Mary is an incredible example of someone who embraced and lived God’s dream for her. Her yes changed the world. Mary can give us the courage and hope to say yes to God’s dream for our own lives.
- Mary can help us get know Jesus in a way that nobody else can. She offers a unique perspective as his mother. Nobody sees the life of a child the way the child’s mother does—even the father. This is Mary’s perspective of Jesus’ life. Imagine what we can learn from her!
- Just as Mary was incredibly close to Jesus on earth, she remains close to him now in heaven. Mary’s greatest desire is to bring us to her son. All we have to do is ask, and she will bring us, along with all our desires, needs, and struggles, directly to her son.
- Mary’s yes changed the world. She can give us the courage and hope to say yes to God’s dream for our own lives. Will You Accept Mary’s Invitation? It’s a simple message. Pray the rosary. Get spiritually healthy. Let Mary guide you. At times it can be challenging, but the moment we open ourselves up to God’s dream for us is the moment miracles begin to happen in our lives.

Will you accept Mary’s invitation?



### **How does one qualify to be an apostle?**

*The first act of the apostles after the Ascension of Jesus was to find a replacement for Judas. With all the questions, doubts, and dangers facing them, they chose to focus their attention*

*on finding a twelfth apostle. Why was this important? Twelve was a very important number to the Chosen People: twelve was the number of the twelve tribes of Israel. If the new Israel was to come from the disciples of Jesus, a twelfth apostle was needed. But Jesus had chosen the original twelve. How could they know whom he would choose? One hundred and twenty people were gathered for prayer and reflection in the upper room, when Peter stood up to propose the way to make the choice. Peter had one criterion, that, like Andrew, James, John, and himself, the new apostle be*

*someone who had been a disciple from the very beginning, from his baptism by John until the Ascension. The reason for this was simple, the new apostle would must become a witness to Jesus' resurrection. He must have followed Jesus before anyone knew him, stayed with him when he made enemies, and believed in him when he spoke of the cross and of eating his body -- teachings that had made others melt away. Two men fit this description -- Matthias and Joseph called Barsabbas. They knew that both these men had been with them and with Jesus through his whole ministry. But which one had the heart to become a witness to his resurrection. The apostles knew that only the Lord could know what was in the heart of each. They cast lots in order to discover God's will and Matthias was chosen. He was the twelfth apostle and the group was whole again as they waited for the coming of the Holy Spirit. That's the first we hear of Matthias in Scripture, and the last. Legends like the Acts of Andrew and Matthias testify to Matthias' enthusiastic embrace of all that being an apostle meant including evangelization, persecution, and death in the service of the Lord. Clement of Alexandria says that Matthias, like all the other apostles, was not chosen by Jesus for what he already was, but for what Jesus foresaw he would become. He was elected not because he was worthy but because he would become worthy. Jesus chooses all of us in the same way. What does Jesus want you to become? Have you ever felt like an afterthought, a latecomer? Or have you ever resented someone new who was added to your group? Try to see your community as not complete without the newcomer, whether you or someone else. Welcome any newcomers to your parish, work, or family community this week as someone chosen by God.*