

'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.

Baptism at Our Lady Queen of Peace

To have your child Baptized at Our Lady Queen of Peace Church, 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.**

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

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.

Piano Lessons!

Queen of Peace Music Director, **Helen Krauch**, offering piano lessons in your own home all ages and levels
Contact: 778-922-3684 - Email: krauchenator@gmail.com

Diocesan Website

Bishop Gary will be doing a series of videos during the Jubilee Year of Mercy, each filmed in a location where the mercy of God meets the people of God.

Website: <http://www.rcdvictoria.org/index.php>

Pope's Page Series at Diocesan Website

<http://www.rcdvictoria.org/popes-videos.php>

MASS	INTENTIONS	For: Requested by:
Mar. 1	TUESDAY	
Mar. 2	WEDNESDAY	Choose Life Society
Mar. 3	THURSDAY	
Mar. 4	FRIDAY	
Mar. 5	SATURDAY	Raffaele Giordano + Giordano family

Mar. 8	TUESDAY	Michael Ryan + Pat Godley
Mar. 9	WEDNESDAY	Loretta Giordano + Giordano family
Mar. 10	THURSDAY	
Mar. 11	FRIDAY	
Mar. 12	SATURDAY	Loretta Giordano + Giordano family

Please remember the following persons who are ill in your prayers: Barbara Dunahue, Lucy Praud, Lorna Cue, Dina McGregor, Ann VanNoordt, Carol Retallack, Lynn Wood, Alberta McIntyre, Christine Stornebrink, Agnes Berard, Frank Domotor, Anneke McKay, Lawrence Colquhoun, Keri Hatinen

Traditional Latin Mass

Fri. Feb. 19: 9:00am – Ember Fri. in Lent

7:00pm: Stations of the Cross in sacral English

Sun. Feb. 21: 12noon – Second Sun. in Lent

Fri. Feb. 26: 9:00am – Fri. Feria after the Second Sun. in Lent

7:00pm: Stations of the Cross in sacral English

Sun. Feb. 28: 12noon – Third Sunday in Lent

Fri. Mar. 4: 9:00am – Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart + commem. Of the Lenten Feria & St. Casimir

7:00pm: Stations of the Cross in sacral English

Sun. Mar. 6: 12noon – Laetare Sunday

Fri. Mar. 11: 9:00am – Feria of Lent

7:00pm: Stations of the Cross in sacral English

Sun. Mar. 13: 12noon – Passion Sunday

Fri. Mar. 18: 9:00am – Feast of the Seven Dolours of our Lady + commem. Lenten Feria of Passion Friday

7:00pm: Stations of the Cross in sacral English

Sun. Mar. 20: 12noon – Palm Sunday + commem. Pro papa

Sun. Mar. 27: 12noon – Easter

Mon. Mar. 28: 10:00am – Easter Monday



Catholic Women's League

CWL members and all women of the parish you are invited to the meeting on **Wed. Mar. 9 at 1:00pm** in the Msgr. Wood Room.

'World Day of Prayer' – Cuba - This day is an invitation for Christians to pause and pray together ecumenically. Each year it recalls our Christian responsibility to be sensitive to the signs of times so that we might bring a more authentically Christian dimension to the concerns of our world, our country, our community.

A special celebration will be held on **Fri. March 4th at 1:00pm at St. Joseph the Worker Church** Everyone is welcome!

We are **collecting donations for Easter Altar flowers** the forms are at the back of the Church. Please drop them in the collection Basket in a sealed envelope marked CWL Flowers or drop it in the Office. Thank you!

CWL Sunday change to Mar. 13th due to Holy Week

Choose Life Victoria

Do you have a heart for the unborn and women in crisis pregnancy? Choose Life Victoria Society (sponsor of the "40 Day Vigil") is attempting to restart the education presentation for the youth in our community by the youth on the "Sanctity of Life" and is looking for new board members; we meet once a month. For information please email: maryteresa@shaw.ca or phone: 250 384 5886

40 Days for Life

Join the prayer vigil outside Victoria's abortion clinic, Feb.10-Mar. 20, where more than a thousand unborn babies are aborted each year. Pray for these young mothers and the boyfriends and family who escort them. To sign up, call 250-508-7839 or go to our website:

<http://40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/victoria/> or google 40 Days for Life Victoria BC. Nobody should come without reading and signing our peaceful, prayerful conduct agreement.

Development and Peace

Deadline for Government Matching – On Sept. 12, 2015 the Government launched the Syria Emergency Relief Fund which will match individual's contributions to the humanitarian relief efforts. On January 7, 2016 The Honourable Marie-Claude Bibeau, Minister of International Development and La Francophonie, announced that the timeline for individual charitable donations to be counted toward the government's Syria Emergency Relief Fund would be extended until **February 29, 2016**. For every eligible dollar

donated by individual Canadians to registered Canadian charities in response to the conflict in Syria, the government will continue to set aside one dollar—up to a total of \$100 million—to the Fund. **The following procedures are required for funds to be eligible for government matching. Donations must be:**

- **from an individual**
- **made before February 29, 2016**
- **made to a registered Canadian charity that is receiving donations in response to the Syria crisis**
- **specifically earmarked "Syrian Emergency Relief"**

Three charitable organizations were specified for parishes to designate their fundraising efforts towards. Namely,

- Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace, www.devpc.org
- Aid to the Church in Need – Canada, www.acn-aed-ca.org
- Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA) Canada, www.cnewa.ca

Contributions directly to organizations:

Parishioners may donate directly to the organizations either on-line, through the web-sites, or via cheques which may be made out to the respective organization. **Please DO NOT MAKE CHEQUES OUT TO THE PARISH.**

Please mail all cheques, directly to the recipient charity (not to the parish nor the Diocese)

- Tax receipts will be issued by the organization that receives the donor's cheque **not the parish.**

Development and Peace,

Solidarity Sunday, March 13, 2016

Please note the annual Share Lent Appeal, on March 13, Solidarity Sunday, is a sanctioned diocesan collection and is to proceed as scheduled.

2016 Vocations Road Trip

Are you a young adult with a desire to make a compassionate difference in the world? Are you eager to live your life to its fullest? Are you willing to pray seriously, "God's will be done in my future?" If your heart answered "Yes!" to any of these, consider coming on a Vocations Road Trip which will include great fellowship, prayer, visits with committed priests, religious, and lay faithful as witnesses to Christ's call to vocational holiness. **April 2–3, 2016 Port Alberni, BC** Contact **Fr. Dean Henderson** by email: catholic@uvic.ca

A Lifeline for Marriages

Is your marriage in trouble? Retrouvaille is an affordable program that provides couples with the tools to repair ALL kinds of marriage crises. Rediscover romance and a joyful married life! Retrouvaille has helped thousands of couples avoid separation and rekindle their relationship. You or your spouse do not need to be Catholic to attend. For confidential information or to register for the 7 week Lower Mainland program commencing Apr. 1-3, 2016, or call 604-530-6710, or email: vancouverbc@retrouvaille.org or visit www.HelpOurMarriageBC.com.

St. Andrew's Regional High School

Presents *Flapper! A Musical Tribute to the 1920's*, with over 60 students working on stage and backstage, it truly is a team effort. It is a family oriented show with music, dance, and costumes from the Roarin' 20's. Our shows run **Thurs., March 3rd, Fri. March 4th, and Sat., March 5th** all starting at **7:30pm nightly at Claremont's Ridge Theatre**, 4980 Wesley Rd. Tickets are just \$10 for students and \$12 for adults, and can be purchased through the school office (250-479-1414) or at the door.

Lenten Trivia Contest for Kids!

Test your knowledge of the Catholic Faith ... and have a chance to win a tablet!! **Kids aged 9 – 18**, any time **throughout Lent**, It's all **online!** Entering the contest is as easy as clicking a mouse, and will take you less than 15 minutes. Visit: www.rcdvictoria.org or go directly to the contest site: www.onlineexambuilder.com/lenen-knowledge-of-catholic-faith-trivia-contest/ **exam-18019** Participants will have a chance to win a tablet! The draw for the table will take place and the winner will be announced in the Easter Season. More information: gpalahicky@cisdv.bc.ca

Lenten Penitential Services

St. Elizabeth Friday, February 26 7:00 pm
O. L.O. Rosary Tuesday, March 8 7:00 pm
Holy Cross Thursday, March 10th 7:00 pm
St. Rose of Lima Thursday, March 10th 7:00 pm
St. Patrick's Tuesday, March 15th 7:00 pm
St. Joseph Wednesday, March 16th 7:00 pm

Fridays during Lent Each Friday of Lent

Here are four things you can do—that anybody can do—to grow closer to Jesus.

- Tell Jesus today and every day that you will do what he wants you to do, say what he wants to you to say, and go where he wants you to go. This is what St. John of the Cross called the Nothing Doctrine: nothing comes before Jesus.
- On your way to Mass, and again just before the Scripture readings, ask the Holy Spirit to enlighten your heart and mind through the readings. Pay attention—don't let your mind wander (I've been there). Jesus is speaking to you through His Word.
- Pray after Mass. Spend as long as you can after receiving Him, several minutes at least, praying to Jesus. He is in you. Ask Him what he wants for you. Listen.
- Promise yourself that following Jesus completely starts today, starts this year.

Obtaining an Indulgence

All who enter through the Door of Mercy, whether as a group or individually, will receive abundant grace and an opportunity for a fresh encounter with Christ.

The Jubilee year provides for the faithful - living and deceased - a plenary indulgence, under the usual conditions:

- Confession within 8 days
- Celebration of Holy Eucharist with reception of Holy Communion
- Praying the Creed and the Lord's Prayer
- Prayer for the Holy Father and his intentions, for the good of the Church and the entire world
- Praying the Jubilee of Mercy Prayer
- Invoking the Divine Mercy, "Jesus, I trust in You"

Year of Mercy

Commit to memory the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. Use these as an inspiration for your own life of mercy

THE WORKS OF MERCY

The Corporal Works of Mercy

focus on physical needs:

1. To feed the hungry
2. To give drink to the thirsty
3. To clothe the naked
4. To shelter the homeless
5. To visit the sick
6. To visit the imprisoned
7. To bury the dead

The Spiritual Works of Mercy

centre on spiritual and emotional needs:

1. To instruct the ignorant
2. To counsel the doubtful
3. To admonish sinners
4. To bear wrongs patiently
5. To forgive offences willingly
6. To comfort the afflicted
7. To pray for the living and the dead

Year of Mercy a Way to be Involved-5

Undertake a "Jubilee Year of Mercy" pilgrimage through the doors taking advantage of the opportunity to acquire a Plenary Indulgence. Try randomly selecting one each week and putting it into practice:

18) Offer to run an errand (groceries, dry cleaning pick-up, dog-walking) for a busy parent or homebound person.

19) If you can't sit down beside a homeless person to talk for a while today, at least send a donation to a ministry that does do this.

20) If you're sharing a treat, take the smaller portion.

21) Memorize the 14 corporal and spiritual works of mercy and show your children what they mean.

22) Instead of losing patience with someone online (or in person), try to hear that person's fear. Ask God for what Solomon asked for: "an understanding heart."

Lent is about conversion, turning our lives more completely over to Christ and his way of life. That always involves giving up sin in some form. The goal is not just to abstain from sin for the duration of Lent but to root sin out of our lives forever. Conversion means leaving behind an old way of living and acting in order to embrace new life in Christ.

Year of Mercy – a Way to be Involved - 6

When you pray through the Sunday scriptures, ask God that the power of his mercy may come in your personal and community life. Here are 8 additional ways to live mercy during the Jubilee Year. Try randomly selecting one each week and putting it into practice:

23) Offer to drive an elderly person to Mass.

24) Recall a time you were not given the benefit of the doubt, and extend one to someone else.

25) Put down the phone and really listen to someone else with eye contact.

26) Have alternative drinks, other than water, for times when those who have been struggling with alcohol come to visit.

27) Take advantage of sales to buy small toothpastes, soaps, shampoos, socks and feminine products/toiletries; donate them to parish outreaches or make gift bags and have them ready to hand out where needed.

28) Create a short end-of-day ritual to ask for (and extend) forgiveness with those you live with. "Do not let the sun set on your anger" (Eph. 4:26).

29) Make a list of your "enemies." Then, every day, say a prayer for them.

30) Make a point to smile, greet or make conversation with someone who is not in your everyday circle.

Year of Mercy - a Way to be Involved -- 7

Choose a psalm of mercy for the year and pray it regularly. Here are 6 additional ways to live mercy during the Jubilee Year. Try randomly selecting one each week and putting it into practice:

31) Give away something of yours (that you really like) to someone you know would enjoy it.

32) Pray a Divine Mercy Chaplet as you are traveling to or from work.

33) When mercy for others is difficult, pray Cardinal Merry del Val's Litany of Humility.

34) Make a gratitude journal for your spouse and jot down little things he or she does that you're grateful for. Bite your tongue and go write in it (or at least read it) the next time you want to criticize in a moment of frustration.

35) Learn to make an Ignatian "Examen" every night. Remembering God's mercy each night helps us be merciful.

36) Respond to provocation with the respect

Litany of Humility

O Jesus! meek and humble of heart, Hear me.

From the desire of being esteemed,

Deliver me, Jesus.

From the desire of being loved...

From the desire of being extolled ...

From the desire of being honored ...

From the desire of being praised ...

From the desire of being preferred to others...

From the desire of being consulted ...

From the desire of being approved ...

From the fear of being humiliated ...

From the fear of being despised...

From the fear of suffering rebukes ...

From the fear of being calumniated ...

From the fear of being forgotten ...

From the fear of being ridiculed ...

From the fear of being wronged ...

From the fear of being suspected ...

That others may be loved more than I,

Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.

That others may be esteemed more than I ...

That, in the opinion of the world,

others may increase and I may decrease ...

That others may be chosen and I set aside ...

That others may be praised and I unnoticed ...

That others may be preferred to me in everything...

That others may become holier than I, provided that I may become as holy as I should...

Share Lent

Working to end inequality in Paraguay, this week our pilgrimage travels to Paraguay where we meet Liz Benitez. Her country is one where 1% of the landowners hold 77% of arable land. Liz's family are part of a peasant movement supported by Development and Peace who work to gain access to land for the poorest farmers in the country, the campesinos. They have been threatened by the state and police because of their work. "I just want to live peacefully with my family," she says.

This year consider stretching your Share Lent donation across the whole year with our Share Year-Round monthly giving program.

St. Andrew's Cathedral – Days of Penance

On **Friday, March 4th, Confessions** will be heard from **9am - 10 pm**. There will be the usual Friday Lenten Devotions and beginning at **7 pm Night-Fever** will take place. Other spiritual activities during the day will include: **Morning Prayer at 7:25 am; Masses at 8am & 12:10 pm with Eucharistic Adoration throughout the day. Vespers at 4:10 pm** with Benediction followed by the Stations of the Cross and an additional **Mass at 5:15pm!** On **Saturday, March 5th, Confessions will be heard from 9 am – 6 pm. Eucharistic Adoration will follow the morning Mass until 4 pm**. All of this in response to the Holy Father's call for Days of Penance in this Year of Mercy! At 4 pm there will be simple Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament thus allowing preparation for the Evening Mass. Please note: Confessions will NOT be heard on Good Friday. Fr. Harrison will be in Whitehorse for Holy Week and other clergy are occupied in the city. Fr. John has four services to lead that day. In General: Confessions are heard every Saturday at 10:30 am and 3 pm. On Palm Sunday weekend, the time will be advanced to 2:30 pm. Come early for afternoon confessions. There is a Mass at 5 pm and preparations must be made so the priest will not stay long after 4 pm Confessions will also be heard during Holy Week on the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and on Holy Saturday. But do NOT wait until Holy Saturday. Take advantage of the **All Day Confessions on Mar. 4-5**

St. Joseph the Worker Parish-Lenten Mission

Parish Lenten Mission in the Year of Mercy on **Mon. Mar. 14, Tues. Mar. 15 & Wed. Mar. 16**, beginning with **Mass at 6:30pm on Mon. & Tues. Wed. Reconciliation Service at 7:00pm** Mon. Mar. 14 - "Seeking and Finding Mercy in everyday life events through the Gospel" with Phil Jennings Tues. Mar 15 - "God's Mercy through the Firmanent" with John Blakeslee, Astronomer

Chrism Mass – St. Andrew's Cathedral

On **Thurs., Mar. 17th at 7:00 p.m.** Bishop Gary Gordon will be the principal celebrant at a Mass that is celebrated annually at the Cathedral. At this liturgy, we gather around the Bishop for the blessing and consecration of the oils that will be used in all our parishes in the coming year. May our presence at the Chrism Mass be a sign of our support and gratitude for their ministry—and a reminder that baptism calls all of us to lives of service. **All are invited to attend. A reception will follow.**

ADVERTISE: We are in search of a **Volunteer Coordinator** to canvass business groups from the general public or from our own parishioners to advertise in our Bulletins. Interested please call **384-3884**, or email: **office@gop.ca** We appreciate the support of these sponsors. Please support them:

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A Catholic's Prayer for the Priests of the Diocese

Loving God, I ask for a special blessing on all the priests of my diocesan presbyterate. Help them to remember always that they do not work alone, but that they are an "intimate sacramental brotherhood" under the leadership of our bishop, a ministry team for which they are all responsible. For the sake of their unified and coherent ministry, help them to remember that the ministry they do is not theirs alone, but a share in our bishop's ministry. For that reason, keep them always respectful of and obedient to his leadership. Help them to be diligent in their ministry, absorbed in it, so that their commitment may be evident and their service helpful. Inspire them to take good care of themselves and help them be attentive to becoming more effective in their service. Show my fellow Catholics and me ways to encourage our priests—those who offer priestly service to us in the Church. Help them to set a good example for us in all that they do. Support our sick, retired and absent priests with your loving care. I ask this in the name of the Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen! (Fr. John Laszczyk—Diocese Vicar General)

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Diocesan Family Conference

The Keynote speaker for next summer's Diocesan Family Conference (**Aug. 12-14**) is the beloved Fr. Clair Watrin! Filled with the Holy Spirit, Fr. Clair radiates God's love and mercy. He is excited to speak to families on the mission given to them, and will inspire parents, grandparents, youth and children to "like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all your behavior" 1 Peter 1:16 This will be an unforgettable weekend at the beautiful ocean side of Nanoose Bay and registrations will be open early in the New Year.

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Marian Pilgrimage to Spain, Portugal and France

Fr. Stephen Paine will be leading a pilgrimage to the Marian Shrines of Europe, **Sept. 24 to Oct. 7, 2016**. The pilgrimage will begin in Madrid, and go on to Avila, Fatima, Santiago de Compostela, Burgos, Lourdes, Barcelona, Montserrat, Saragossa, before returning to Madrid. **Please visit <http://www.sampaguitatravel.com>, or contact Priscilla toll-free at 1-888-874-9533.**

St. Joseph's School in Victoria

Invites applications for Out of School Care Workers, (to start immediately) and Education Assistants (to start April 11) Application forms and details are posted on, <http://cisdv.bc.ca/employment-opportunities.php>