

Changes to the Sacramentary of the Mass

As most of you now know changes to the mass will be introduced on the first Sunday of Advent on November 26, 2011, in the form of a new GIRM (General Instruction to the Roman Missal). These changes do not change the Mass, which remains the same! One of the changes will be our response to the greeting: "The Lord be with you". "And also with you" will become "And with your spirit." Some gestures will change, e.g. both before and after the words of the institution of the Eucharist (consecration) people will be asked to kneel, **there where kneelers exist and where it is possible. In our churches we will be asked to bow our heads or to make a slight inclination as we have already done for a number of years; bowing is another way of showing respect and of paying homage, honour to Christ present in our midst in the Eucharist.** It is just too difficult to kneel in our two churches and the GIRM provides for the alternative. This also involves that everyone follows the same gesture: you do whatever is commonly done in the particular church you are in. Other changes involve more moments of silence which we mostly already observe: after the readings in order to reflect and meditate on the Word of God just proclaimed; after communion.

In order to prepare for the changes a liturgy workshop will be held for pastoral musicians, singers and clergy on **Sept. 30th & Oct. 1st at Holy Cross Church** in Victoria . It will include a session on the new GIRM, new psalm settings, new settings of the Ordinary of the Mass and the ministry of Pastoral musician. It will be facilitated by Bernadette Gasslein. **To register for the Victoria workshop:** contact the Cathedral at 250-388-5571 or standrewscathedral@gmail.com. Bernadette holds a License in Sacred Theology with Specialization in Pastoral Catechetics from the Institut Catholique de Paris, and an Associateship Diploma in performance in piano from the Royal Conservatory of Toronto.

Situation of Christians in Muslim Countries

From time to time I have mentioned the suffering of Christians in the Middle East and other Muslim countries where to be Christian truly means that you must make a great sacrifice and where there is a rising tide of violence on the part of Muslim extremists against Christians. In Iraq there used to be about a million Christians; today fewer than 200,000 remain. You may remember the siege on Oct. 3, 2010, of the Syrian Catholic Cathedral in Baghdad when 52 people were murdered. The number of Assyrian Christians has declined from 100,000 in the 1970's to less than 15,000. Palestinian Christians in Jerusalem have declined from 53% of the population to less than 2% today. Christians in Bethlehem have declined from 85% of the population in 1948 to 12% in 2009. Many governments in the Middle East, including the Israeli one, are making it more difficult for Christians even though a number of them have constitutions which defend the right to freedom of thought and religious practice within certain limitations. I invite you to pray for both these Christians but also for our Muslim sisters and brothers that we may return to the peaceful coexistence which had existed for centuries in most of those countries. Let us remember the Golden Rule: "In everything, do to others what you have them do to you (Matthew 7:12)."

Shalom.

Fr. Rolf, OP

Saanich Peninsula Parish

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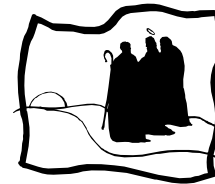
Reconciliation: Saturdays 4:00 - 4:30pm, or by appointment.

PASTOR: Father Rolf Hasenack, O.P. **PARISH COORDINATOR:** Gary Koett

PASTORAL COUNCIL: Janet Staebell & Linda MacGowan (Co-Chairs)



<p>EUCHARIST AT ST. ELIZABETH'S 10030 Third Street, Sidney Saturdays at 5 pm, Sundays at 10:30 am. Daily on Tuesdays (8:30 am), Wednesdays and Thursdays (9 am), and First Fridays (9 am).</p> <p>RECONCILIATION AT ST. ELIZABETH'S Saturdays 4 - 4:30pm</p>	<p>EUCHARIST AT OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION 7742 West Saanich Road, Saanichton Sundays at 8:30 am</p> <p>Last Friday at Saanich Peninsula Hospital at 11 am Remaining Fridays at 9 am in a private home. (See "This Week in Our Parish" inside bulletin.)</p>
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MAY 8, 2011: 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 2.14, 22-28 / 1 Pet 1.17-21 / Lk 24.13-35

MAY 15, 2011: 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 2.14,36-41 / 1 Pet 2.20-25 / Jn 10.1-10



VISITING EUCHARISTIC MINISTRY

If you know of someone who is house-bound or in a nursing home/hospital and would like a visit from the Pastor or the Visitation Team, please call the office at 250-656-7433.

MISSION STATEMENT

*Let us be open
accepting individuals
sensitive to change
and willing to take
Courses untraditional,
unknown to us.
Let us live as
examples of God's love.*

NEW TO THE PARISH? WELCOME!

Please fill out the information below so we can get to know you. Pick up one of the blue information pamphlets next to the bulletins in the foyer so you can get to know us.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Postal Code: _____

Email: _____

Need Pre-Authorized Debit package? Yes ___ No ___

Need donation envelopes? Yes ___ No ___

PARISH REPORT

COLLECTIONS:

PAD's (monthly total): \$ 4,240
May 1st \$ 4,258
Monthly Target: Approx. \$ 23,000

IN OUR PARISH

NO MASS AT O.L.A. ON MAY 15

Due to Fr. Rolf's absence there will be no Mass on Sunday, May 15 at Our Lady of the Assumption.

NOTICE TO ALL VOLUNTEERS

As per the newly adopted "Responsible Ministry and Safe Environment Policy", ALL volunteers are requested to fill in an Application / Registration form. These forms are available in the foyer. Please fill it in and drop the completed form off at the parish office. Thank you!

PASTORAL VISITS TO SICK UPDATE

Due to the new Diocesan policy, we will need to have two people together visit the sick. Because there are not enough volunteers it may be necessary to cut back on the visits. Family members are requested to bring communion to their loved ones, where possible.

PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS NEEDED

We need parishioners willing to serve the community by joining the Parish Council. Please consider putting your name forward.

K of C ANNUAL GARAGE SALE: MAY 14

at St. Elizabeth's on Sat. May 14 from 8 am - 2 pm. You can drop off saleable donations at the church on Thurs. and Fri. (May 12 & 13). All donations must be inspected. For more info call Gord at 250-652-4379.

BIRTHRIGHT PLANT SALE: SAT. MAY 14

In conjunction with the K of C garage sale at St. Elizabeth's. Proceeds to Birthright Victoria, which provides support for women who decide to carry their child to term in difficult circumstances. **Donations of plants for the sale are gratefully accepted.** For more info call Art or Alanna Menu at 250-656-0138.

NEXT TWO WEEKS IN OUR PARISH

MONDAY, MAY 9 & 16

1:00pm Faith Reflection Group
1:00pm Memory Plus

TUESDAY, MAY 10 & 17

8:30am Mass
9:00am Eucharistic Adoration
11:30am Friendly Hours
2:00pm (May 10) **CWL General Meeting**
7:00pm (May 17) **K of C Rosary**
7:30pm (May 17) **K of C General Meeting**

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11 & 18

9:00am Mass
10:00am Taiji Qigong

THURSDAY, MAY 12 & 19

9:00am Mass
11:30am Friendly Hours
2:00pm Prayer Group
6:00pm Taiji Qigong

FRIDAY, MAY 13 & 20

9:00am (May 13) **Service of the Word** at George & Angie Swift's, 652-9729
9:00am (May 20) Mass at the Legion Manor
6:30pm (May 20) **Youth Reconciliation**

SATURDAY, MAY 14 & 21

8:00am (May 14) **K of C Garage & Plant Sale**
4-4:30pm Reconciliation / Confessions
5:00pm Mass at St. Elizabeth's

SUNDAY, MAY 15 & 22

~~8:30am~~ No Mass at Assumption on May 15
8:30am Mass at Assumption on May 22
9:45am Religious Education Classes
10:30am Mass at St. Elizabeth's
11:30 am Coffee Fellowship

ARBUTUS SINGERS CONCERT: MAY 25

Wed. May 25, 7:30pm at St. Elizabeth's: "For Good", a lively, enjoyable evening of your favourite songs. An evening with a purpose! All proceeds will go to Hanti Sidra One Global Family, for the treatment and prevention of elephantiasis in South Sudan. Don't miss it! Tickets: \$10 or \$25 per family, available after the 10:30 Mass on Sun. May 22 or call Stephanie Schroeder at 655-3635.

GARDEN HELPER(S) NEEDED!

If you are able to help out occasionally with the gardening at St. Elizabeth's, please contact Gary at the parish office (250-656-7433), or email sparrish@shaw.ca.

IN OUR DIOCESE

DIOCESE OF VICTORIA POSITION

The Diocese of Victoria is looking for a Ministry Coordinator for the Office of Justice and Life, who will advocate for Social Justice and Human Rights in an integrated approach with an Advisory Committee and in collaboration with various committees and organizations. For more details and qualifications see the full job description on the Diocesan website www.rcdvictoria.org. Resume deadline is May 31, 2011.

DIVINE MERCY COURSE: MAY 10

St. Andrew's Cathedral is offering a four week course on *Divine Mercy - St. Faustina* on Tues., May 10 - 31, 7 - 9 pm. Facilitator, Peter Jones, A.Th. To register for this free course call 388-5571 or email: standrewscathedral@gmail.com.

MARCH FOR LIFE: MAY 12

4th annual *March for Life*. 12 pm: Worship at St. Andrew's Cathedral; 1:45 pm: Assembly at Centennial Square for "Rally for Life" march to B.C. Legislature. March for Life Banquet at St. Andrew's Elementary School Gym. Doors open at 5:30 pm, dinner at 6 pm. Call 250-388-5571 for tickets (\$35).

SEMINAR IN NANAIMO: MAY 20 - 21

Rev. Alan Paul Boisclair will be conducting a seminar entitled "*Theology of the Body*" based on Pope John Paul II's teachings, at St. Peter's in Nanaimo on Fri. May 20 at 7 pm, then again on Sat. May 21 from 9 am to 5 pm. Please register before May 15 at 1-250-753-3570, fee \$25.

FERTILITY WORKSHOP: MAY 28

Interested in increasing your fertility awareness through the Billing Ovulation Method? Or wishing to plan a family while respecting both one's natural cycles and the teaching of the Catholic Church? The Diocese is offering a FREE workshop at St. Andrew's Cathedral on Sat. May 28 from 10 am to 3 pm. Please register with Fr. Dean Henderson at catholic@uvic.ca or 250-882-2151.

DIOCESAN YOUTH CONFERENCE MAY 27 - 29

At St. Andrew's Regional High School for all youth in grades 8 - 12 and recent grads. Guest Speakers: APeX Ministries, Inc. (aka Gene and Brad), well known for their juggling skills, sketch comedy and personal testimony. Registration forms available from www.rcdvictoria.org. For more information, contact teamdyc@gmail.com

DIOCESAN SUMMER CAMP: JULY or AUG.

A week of outdoor camping adventures. Victoria Diocese Catholic Youth Camps have camp spaces available for students in grades 5 - 7 ("*Encounter the Mystery*" from July 26 - 31) and for high school students ("*In It, Not of It*") from Aug. 2 - 7. Outdoor activities, games, adventure outings, beach and mountain hikes, group talks, personal and team challenges combine to provide an experience of a lifetime. To register email Sarah Fitzmaurice at sfitzmaurice@cisdv.bc.ca, or call her at 250-479-1331 ext. 232.

GENERAL

VICTORIA SYMPHONY: MAY 14 & 15

Presenting Verdi Requiem with

- 120 local choristers
- 4 Canadian soloists
- the VS orchestra
- Music director: Tania Miller

Sat. May 14, 8 pm and Sun. May 15, 2:30 pm at the Royal Theatre. For tickets, call 250-385-6515.

VICTORIA SUMMER CHOIR

The Annual Victoria Summer Choir, with Maestro Simon Leung, invites all who are interested to join them. Rehearsals will be Tuesday evenings at 7 pm beginning June 7 at 380 Cook St. Fee (\$60) includes score and practice CD. The performances will be on Fri. Aug. 26 at **St. Elizabeth's** in Sidney, and Sat. Aug. 27 at the Victoria Conservatory of Music. For more information call Frances at 250-360-0356, or email cchay@shaw.ca.