

Pastor's Corner - May 22 & 29, 2011

First of all, I like to thank all those who were so kind on my 71st birthday to shower me with prayers, well wishes and gifts of all kinds. It is good to live in this faith community of ours, even if all the goodies may affect the length of my pant belts!

On several occasions in the past few months I have written about the Responsible Ministry and Safe Environment Policy which the Diocese is in the process of finalizing and now step by step implementing. We are not the only Diocese which is developing such a policy. All the Dioceses in Canada are doing so as well as many other voluntary organizations which are involved in reaching out to people. This is in fact evident by our local police departments telling us that they are overwhelmed with requests for police background checks and that a much longer time is needed for the processing of all those applications. The staff and volunteers who are required to have a police check (in high or medium risk activities) have now mostly applied for these checks and will most likely have been processed by the end of July.

Our Diocesan policy is still in draft form but will have final approval before the end of June and will include a series of protocols and checks and balances. I have to emphasize that not only are these policies and procedures required by law and insurance stipulations but they are also being required for the protection, well-being and security of both the persons we are in contact with as well as for the volunteers and staff of our ministries. Yes, at times the filling in of various forms, the criminal background checks, the changes in the way we will have to minister, may seem bureaucratic, but they are needed to protect us all. Yes, I think everyone realizes that it may seem at first to take away something of the sacredness of our ministries and of our human interactions. However, with time we may be able to adapt to the new situation and find new ways to assure these qualities.

All those who volunteer in any way in the parish will have to at least fill-in an application / registration form as well as a Covenant of Care form. If in doubt, please, ask Gary Koett or myself whether you need to do so. These forms are available at the entrance of each of our two churches. Please, read and fill-in these forms carefully, sign them where appropriate, hand them in to us or bring them to the office. I have assigned Gary Koett as the Parish Responsible Ministry (PRM) Coordinator who coordinates the registration and filing of the necessary forms as well as ensuring that the various directives are being implemented as required. We have found a person who will assist him in this task that requires confidentiality.

As I stated previously we already had implemented many of the requirements in some of our ministries, such as the religious education classes. However, we will need to ensure that the regulations are in fact enforced. We will also need to make some physical changes to the doors of our meeting areas, offices, confessional, etc. so that an opaque area is included in the entrances.

More importantly, however, we will need to approach some of our ministries in a different way. Our home visits to bring communion as well as our visits to institutions such as Resthaven need to be done by two persons, not one. We do not have enough volunteers to do so at the moment; that is why we have asked for more people to come forward. We also ask family members to come forward to bring communion to members of their family. We may need to curtail the frequency in which visits are going to be made e.g. every two weeks. Please, take this into consideration. Eventually we may need to do the same for our hospital visits.

If you have any questions or concerns, please, direct them to me or to Gary Koett.

Shalom.

Fr Rolf, OP

Saanich Peninsula Parish

A ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IN COVENANT WITH ST. STEPHEN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

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

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



EUCCHARIST 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).

RECONCILIATION AT ST. ELIZABETH'S

Saturdays 4 - 4:30pm

EUCCHARIST AT

OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION

7742 West Saanich Road, Saanichton
Sundays at 8:30 am

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.)



I am the way, and the truth,
and the life.

Jn 14.6

MAY 22, 2011: 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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



THIS IS THE SPIRIT
OF TRUTH.



Jn 14:17

MAY 29, 2011: 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 6.1-7 / 1 Pet 2.4-9 / Jn 14.1-12

VISITING EUCCHARISTIC 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
May 8th	\$ 5,039
May 15th	\$ 2,377
Monthly Target:	Approx. \$ 23,000

IN OUR PARISH

K of C PANCAKE BREAKFAST: MAY 29

Please support the Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast after the 10:30am Mass. This is the last breakfast of the season. Price: \$5, children free.



CWL:

- Green Ribbons: On **May 28 & 29** the CWL ladies will be handing out green ribbons before each Mass to recognize the support of Child Canada for missing children and to seek their safe return.
- CWL Luncheon: On **Tues. June 7th** for CWL members will be held at 11am at Pier 1 Restaurant in Sidney.
- The CWL extends their heartfelt appreciation to those who supported and worked for the Mother's Day Dinner and Dance.

PARISH PICNIC: JUNE 8



Our annual parish picnic will be held on Wed. June 8 from 5:30-7:00 pm at Heritage Acres, located off Island View Rd. & Pat Bay Hwy. Bring your own picnic, food and dishes. Refreshments, dessert, and BBQ grills will be provided. The train will be running for kids of all ages. Good fellowship and lots of fun. Everyone is welcome! For further info please call Liz at 778-426-1958 (email Liz@spparish.com), or call Fran at 250-656-2694 (email fran@spparish.com).

TAIJI QIGONG

Classes for May 25 & 26 have been cancelled. Will resume on June 1 & June 2nd.

NEXT TWO WEEKS IN OUR PARISH

MONDAY, MAY 23 & 30

4:00pm **NO Faith Reflection Group** until fall
1:00pm Memory Plus

TUESDAY, MAY 24 & 31

8:30am Mass
9:00am Eucharistic Adoration
11:30am Friendly Hours
2:00pm **(May 31) CWL Ex. Meeting**

WEDNESDAY, MAY 25 & JUNE 1

9:00am Mass
10:00am (June 1) Taiji Qigong
7:30pm **(May 25) Arbutus Singers Concert**
7:00pm **(June 1) Parish Council Meeting**

THURSDAY, MAY 26 & JUNE 2

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

FRIDAY, MAY 27 & JUNE 3

11:00am (May 27) Mass at the Saanich Peninsula Hospital
9:00am (June 3) Mass at St. Elizabeth's

SATURDAY, MAY 28 & JUNE 4

4-4:30pm Reconciliation / Confessions
5:00pm Mass at St. Elizabeth's

SUNDAY, MAY 29 & JUNE 5

8:30am Mass at Assumption
9:45am Religious Education Classes
10:30am **(May 29) Mass & Youth Confirmation at St. Elizabeth's**
11:30am **(May 29) K of C Pancake Breakfast**
11:30 am (June 5) Coffee Fellowship

ARBUTUS SINGERS CONCERT: MAY 25

Wed. May 25, 7:30pm at St. Elizabeth's: "For Good", an enjoyable evening of your favourite songs, 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 at 655-3635.

NOTICE TO ALL VOLUNTEERS

The new "Responsible Ministry and Safe Environment Policy" requires ALL volunteers to fill in an Application / Registration form and read the attached **Covenant of Care form**. These forms are available in the foyer or from the parish office. Please bring your completed form in to the parish office (**signature must be witnessed on the Covenant or Care form**). Thank you!

PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS NEEDED

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

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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS THANKS

Thanks to all my Brother Knights, their wives as well as many of the parish volunteers for assisting in the Knights of Columbus annual Garage Sale. The sale was a success and the Knights are very appreciative of the good turnout of the parishioners and people of the peninsula community. Yours in Christ, Jamie Chamberlain.

CHAPLAINCY AT HOSPITALS

At the Jubilee and General Hospitals it is necessary to be listed on the admitting computer as a ROMAN CATHOLIC if you wish to receive a visit from the RC Chaplain (250-889-3761). Fr. Rolf is available for the Saanich Peninsula Hospital (please also advise the parish office at 250-656-7433).

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

IN OUR DIOCESE

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 call 250-882-2151.

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 info see the job description at www.rcdvictoria.org. Resume deadline is May 31, 2011.

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 or go to www.rcdvictoria.org.

NEW TRANSLATION - BIBLICAL INFLUENCES

As we use the new translation we will perhaps notice more biblical connections that we have been used to. The texts of the Mass are precious to us, partly because they were inspired by the bible. These words have come down to us over the centuries, and most of the words we speak at Mass are rooted in the bible. When we gather for Mass, we are praying with words that have been given to us by our ancestors, who knew the bible well and prayed it well. The revised translation tries to make the connections between the bible and the Mass clearer that it is now. It will also mean that we will have some new music for Mass, to take account of the changes. Over the next few weeks we will be briefly looking at some of the revised words we will be saying and hearing and then in September delve into them in a little more detail.