

Pastor's corner - February 13, 2011 - Policy on abuse

After an extensive review and at the insistence of insurance companies all dioceses in our insurance group implemented on October 1, 2010, an updated physical and sexual abuse policy. This new policy, called the Responsible Ministry and Safe Environment Policy, has now been completed in draft form. This policy and the protocols which go with it are now being included in our updated Administration Manual both at the Diocesan as well as at the Parish level. A Diocesan Committee has been constituted to mandate the implementation and monitoring of abuse protocols. A screening process of all existing clergy, employees and volunteers, including police checks every five years, are being implemented, again both at the Diocesan as well as at the Parish level.

Concretely, this means that we as a Parish must implement a series of measures some of which we were already taking, others which are new. We are making a list of all the activities in the Parish which carry with them a risk assessment for vulnerable people. Any high risk activity that cannot be mitigated has been eliminated, e.g. in home-catechesis or catechetical instruction other than by the parents of the participants. Two adults have to be present when supervising children. Doors to rooms have to be left open if one of those adults has to leave the room temporarily.

All staff and clergy (yes, I) must provide a current Criminal Record Check to be included in their personnel file at the Chancery Office, as well as a signed Covenant of Care form. This week we will begin to follow the instructions that have been provided and we hope to have the whole process completed by the end of March. The local police department estimates a 2 - 4 week processing time.

What about volunteers? Not all volunteers are affected. That is why we have to make a list of all the parish activities which carry with them a risk assessment for vulnerable people. Only those volunteers at the parish level who are in a high or medium risk ministry will have to submit to a Criminal Record Check and will have to sign a Covenant of Care. Criminal Record Checks were already required of all catechists. Now we have to do the same for other activities. The cost of this check is usually provided free of charge for volunteers of charitable organizations. The Parish will provide a letter printed on letterhead which the volunteer uses when requesting a Criminal Record Check from the Police Department. Once we have determined which are the high and medium risk ministries (within the next month), we will provide to those volunteers the necessary letters to start the process.

Some of you may question whether it is necessary for volunteers to follow these procedures. However, it is now the policy of the Diocese of Victoria that volunteers, lay personnel and clergy must obtain a Criminal Record Check. It is not a question of their credibility. If a person chooses not to obtain this Check then they will have to volunteer in a different ministry of general risk level.

Shalom! *fr. Rolf*

Saanich Peninsula Parish

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Office Hours: Tuesday to Friday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

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



<p>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).</p> <p>RECONCILIATION AT ST. ELIZABETH'S Saturdays 4 - 4:30pm</p>	<p>EUCCHARIST 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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*God has revealed to us
through the Spirit.*
1 Cor 2:10

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 13, 2011

Sir 15.15-20 / 1 Cor 2.6-10 / Mt 5.17-37

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: _____

Email: _____

Need Pre-Authorized Debit package? Yes ___ No ___

Need donation envelopes? Yes ___ No ___

PARISH REPORT

COLLECTIONS:

PAD's (monthly total): \$ 4,070
February 6: \$ 4,916
Monthly Target: Approx. \$ 23,000

We offer condolences to the family and pray for the repose of the soul of:

- Winifred Mary Huth-Macleod

IN OUR PARISH

THANK YOU'S

- A sincere "Thank You" to Bill Blore for his dedication in carrying out the scheduling duties for the Ministers of the Eucharist on Sundays for the last few years.
- Thank you to all who help in looking after the garden beds both at St. Elizabeth and Our Lady of Assumption Churches.

CWL BAKE & FLOWER SALE: FEB. 12 & 13

Don't forget the CWL Bake Sale and Flower Sale this weekend (Sat. Feb. 12 and Sun. Feb. 13 after mass).

PHILIPPINE BRUNCH: FEB. 20

The Philippine community in our parish invites you to a light brunch on Sun. Feb. 20 after the 10:30 am mass at St. Elizabeth's. Perhaps some people could bring a salad to share? Thank you. Let's enjoy!

MINISTRY FAIR CONTINUES

Our parish Ministry Fair, to highlight some of the important ministries that our parishioners are involved in, continues. Each week will focus on different ministries:

- Feb. 12 - 13: Liturgy
- Feb. 19 - 20: Social Justice, Development & Peace, and Adult Faith Formation

K OF C PASTA DINNER: FRI. FEB. 25, 6 PM

Why cook on a Friday evening when you can enjoy a wonderful *Pasta Dinner* lovingly prepared by our own Knights of Columbus! Tickets available in the church foyer.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

MONDAY, FEB. 14

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

TUESDAY, FEB. 15

8:30am **No Mass - Service of the Word**
9:00am Eucharistic Adoration
11:30am Friendly Hours
7:00pm **K of C Rosary**
7:30pm **K of C General Meeting**

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 16

9:00am **No Mass - Service of the Word**
10:00am Taiji Qigong
7:00pm RCIA

THURSDAY: FEB. 17

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

FRIDAY: FEB. 18

9:00am Legion Manor, 7601 E. Saanich Rd.

SATURDAY: FEB. 19

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

SUNDAY: FEB. 20

8:30am Mass at Our Lady of Assumption
10:30am Mass at St. Elizabeth's
11:30am **Brunch sponsored by Philippine community**

GENERAL

VIA CHORALIS CONCERT: TODAY AT 2:30 PM

Valentines' Day Concert, *Amour et Musique*, love songs for St. Valentine's Day, presented by Via Choralis at St. Elizabeth's. Sun. Feb. 13 at 2:30 pm. Adults - \$15, students - \$10.

SELF-MANAGEMENT COURSE: FEB. 2 +

Chronic Disease Self-Management Program teaches how to make healthy lifestyle choices, communicate more effectively, set goals and problem solve. The course is free. Location: Peninsula Health Unit, 2170, Mt. Newton X Rd. Dates: Wed's Feb. 2 to Mar. 9. Call 1-866-902-3767.

ST. ANDREW'S MUSICAL: FEB. 23 - 25

Students will perform the rock and roll musical, *Return to the Forbidden Planet*. Sing along to the cosmic classics *Teenager in Love*, *Good Vibrations*, and *Great Balls of Fire!*. Three nights only: Feb. 23, 24 & 25, 7:30 pm at Esquimalt High School Theatre, 847 Colville. Advance tickets available through St. Andrew's Office or at the door for \$10.

YOUTH THINKFAST: FEB. 25 - 26

Are you in grades 7 -12? Come join youth in our parish who will be participating in Development and Peace's Victoria *ThinkFast* to be held from Fri. Feb. 25, 5 pm to Sat. Feb. 26, 6:30 pm at St. Joseph the Worker Parish. Activities around global justice issues, time for reflection, fasting from food for 25 hours, games, music and fellowship. Please consider sponsoring our parish's youth participants who will be asking for pledges. All funds raised go to Development and Peace. If interested, email Nancy Stuart at nancy-stuart@shaw.ca, phone 250-477-6952, or call the parish office at 250-479-7413.

BILLINGS FAMILY PLANNING: FEB. 26

Billings Natural Family Planning instruction will be offered on Sat. Feb. 26 at Sacred Heart Parish (Pope John XXIII Hall), 4040 Nelthorpe from 9:30 am - 3:00 pm. Those interested in learning the method in harmony with the moral teaching of the church, and those interested in becoming teachers of the method may register with Fr. Dean Henderson, Catholic Chaplain University of Victoria and Camosun College - phone 250-721-8339 or 250-882-2151, or email catholic@uvic.ca. Lunch provided for those registered. Child minding can be arranged.

VISITING THE SICK OR SHUT-IN?: FEB. 25 +

If you would like to volunteer and develop skills for visiting residents of long-term care facilities to bring them spiritual comfort and care, you are invited a course taught by experts in the field. Fridays, Feb. 25 - Apr. 8, 9:30 - 11:30 am at Church of the Cross, 3787 Cedar Hill Rd. Cost is \$20. For information or registration call Coleen Childs at 250-592-1290.

UVIC CENTRE FOR STUDIES IN RELIGION & SOCIETY PUBLIC LECTURES

- Mon. Feb. 28, 7:30 pm, Harry Hickman Bldg., Rm. 105 - *Distinguished Lecture in Islam*. Free
- Mon. Mar. 7, 10:30 - 11:30 am, Mac Bldg., Rm. D010 - *The People of No Religion: The Loss of Religion in Canada, the US and Great Britain Since 1950*. Callum Brown, University of Dundee, Scotland. Free

PROGRAMS IN EARTH LITERACIES:

- *Conversations on the New Cosmology*. Thu. Feb. 24, 12 - 1:30 pm - Bill Wilson, SJ PhD. Suggested donation \$10. Friend's Meeting House, 1831 Fern St., Victoria.
- *Transformation to a Sustainable World*. Sat. Feb. 26, 9 am - 5 pm, \$85. Facilitators: Gertie Jocksch, SC DMin, Ray Travors, R.P.F. & Bill Wilson, SJ PhD. Royal Roads University. Register at www.royalroads.ca/continuing-studies or call 250-391-2600, ext. 4801.
- *Earth Community, Sacred Community, Reflections and Conversations on the Work of Thomas Berry*. Thursdays to Mar 3, 7 - 9 pm. \$75 (\$20 drop in). Gertie Jocksch, SC. St. Joseph the Worker, rectory office, 785 Burnside Rd., Victoria.
- *Meditation and Creativity*, Tuesdays from Feb. 15 to Mar. 8, 10 am - noon. Mary Jane Wilson, CND. \$75 (\$20 drop in). Friend's Meeting House, 1831 Fern St., Victoria.