

**Pastor's corner - Eucharist and Common Priesthood - August 28, 2011**

From time to time we are reminded in the liturgy of the common priesthood of the faithful. The Catechism of the Catholic Church states in numbers 1591 and 1596: "The whole Church is a priestly people. Through baptism, all the faithful share in the priesthood of Christ. This participation is called the common priesthood of the faithful, (or in simple terms) our baptismal priesthood." In the first letter of Peter we are said to become "a royal priesthood (2:9)" and that we are called "to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ (2:5)." I often use the expression that we need to nourish each other's faith so that when we leave the church we will try to live our faith in our daily life.

This means that in the celebration of the Eucharist we are all, both the celebrant as well as the baptized, called upon to offer the sacrifice of the mass. The celebrant's ministerial priesthood, based on the baptismal priesthood shared by all baptized, finds its highest expression in the celebration of the Eucharist. And so also the common baptismal priesthood of the faithful finds its highest expression in the celebration of the Eucharist. That is why the Eucharist is the center of Christian living. The crowning priestly action of the baptized is the offering of themselves as a spiritual sacrifice to God in union with the sacrifice of Jesus. That is why Paul exhorts his community in Rome and here at Saanich Peninsula Parish: "I urge you, therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God, your spiritual worship (Romans 12: 1-2)." Of course, we need to remember that Paul's Semitic expression "body" means the whole living person in all that he/she does and lives, day in day out, one day at a time.

In the Vatican II documents it is stated that the spiritual sacrifice of the faithful is consummated (consummatur) in union with the sacrifice of Christ through the ministry of priests, who offer Christ's sacrifice in a sacramental manner. The entire ministry of priests is consummated in that action of offering the Mass in which the people consummate their own spiritual sacrifice. The faithful offer their lives as a living sacrifice in union with the sacrifice of Jesus which is made present at Mass through the ministry of the priest. We all enter and become the living sacrifice of the body of Christ.

All that the priest does for the people, all his preaching and teaching, all his shepherding and nurturing, all the celebrations of the other sacraments, lead to and end in the consummating action of the celebration of the Eucharist. This is based on what Christ did himself: after all, the crowning action of Christ's own life and ministry was his priestly offering of himself to God in the sacrifice of the cross. The sacrifice of the cross and the sacrifice of the mass, one and the same sacrifice, is completed only when the whole people of God, united by the Holy Spirit in the body of Christ, are offered as one sacrifice in union with Jesus.

Ultimately, it is the quality of our daily lives and ministry which determines the quality of our Eucharistic celebration. We come together with all who we are and live (our joys, our pains, our mistakes, our hopes and gifts) and offer that up at the Eucharist as a living sacrifice completing the sacrifice of Christ on the cross. And in turn, when we leave after the celebration, it is the Eucharist which determines the quality of everyone's spiritual sacrifice, the living of our daily lives, day in day out, one day at a time.

Shalom

*fr Rolf, OP*

# Saanich Peninsula Parish

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

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

**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)



**EUCHARIST AT ST. ELIZABETH'S**

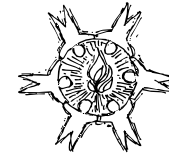
10030 Third Street, Sidney  
Saturdays at 5 pm, Sundays at 10:30 am.  
Daily on Tuesdays (8:30 am), Wednesdays and  
Thursdays (9 am), and First Fridays (9 am).

**RECONCILIATION AT ST. ELIZABETH'S**  
Saturdays 4 - 4:30pm

**EUCHARIST 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.)



**AUGUST 28, 2011: 22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Jer 20.7 - 9 / Rom 12.1 - 2 / Mt 16.21 - 27**

**SEPT. 4, 2011: 23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Ezek 33.7-9 / Rom 13.8-10 / Mt 18.15-20**



**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:

August 7, 14, 21: \$10,993  
PAD's (August monthly total): \$ 4,490  
Monthly Target: Approx. \$ 23,000  
Horn of Africa special collection: \$ 18,327

### FROM YOUR PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

In November 2010 Parishioners had given or pledged \$53,484 towards the Diocesan "Journey of Hearts and Hands" Campaign. 83% of this amount has actually been given as of July 31, 2011. As you know 20% of the amount raised is to be returned to the Parish so that the Parish can decide how to spend that amount. As of July 31 the Parish amount is \$8,903.

In the last two months your Parish Pastoral Council asked you in the Parish Bulletin for your input on how to spend the Parish portion. Parish Council wishes to thank you for the suggestions made. At its meeting of August 21 Parish Council felt that a good number of them can be implemented through the normal budgetary process, for example, monies for several parish retreats, bible study, new chairs, garden tools, Council workshop, etc. When your Finance Committee and Parish Council prepare the 2012 budget these will be considered. As in previous years you will be asked for your input when the proposed budget is posted in the foyer at the beginning of November. The other suggestions fell in the category of special expenditures not normally covered by the budget: renew washrooms, contribute to building a new church in Sooke, help the school in Chemainus etc. After considering these proposals, your Parish Council decided that our portion of the Diocesan Appeal does not need necessarily to be spend for our own Parish needs. It was felt that our own Parish needs are small, that we generally have what we need and that there are greater needs elsewhere. Considering the long tradition of generosity in this Parish, your Parish Pastoral Council has decided to allocate the full amount of the Parish portion of the Diocesan Appeal to outside needs: \$5,000 to be sent to Development and Peace for Famine and Drought Relief in the Horn of Africa (this amount will be doubled by the Federal Government), and \$5,000 to be sent to the Diocese as a contribution to the hiring of a Diocesan Youth Ministry Consultant.

### NEXT TWO WEEKS IN OUR PARISH

**TUESDAY, Aug. 30 & Sept. 6**  
9:00am Mass

**WEDNESDAY, Aug. 31 & Sept. 7**  
9:00am Mass  
10:00am Taiji Qigong  
1:30pm (Sept. 7) CWA meeting at home of Evelyn Battison, 8650 Moxon Tce., Sidney (phone: 250-656-2578)  
7:00pm (Sept. 7) Parish Council Meeting

**THURSDAY, Sept. 1 & 8**  
9:00am Mass  
6:00pm Taiji Qigong

**FRIDAY, Sept. 2 & 9**  
9:00am (Sept. 2) Mass at St. Elizabeth's  
(Sept. 9) Mass at the Lovick's, #3 - 10110 Third St., Sidney

**SATURDAY, Sept. 3 & 10**  
4-4:30pm Reconciliation / Confessions  
5:00pm (Sept. 3) Mass at St. Elizabeth's  
(No 5 pm mass on Sat. Sept. 10)  
4:00pm (Sept. 10) Outdoor Mass & Picnic at Heritage Acres (see below)

**SUNDAY, Sept. 4 & 11**  
8:30am Mass at Assumption  
10:30am Mass at St. Elizabeth's  
11:30 am Coffee Fellowship

See online calendar at [www.spparish.com](http://www.spparish.com) for latest changes (click "View Parish Calendar").



### OUTDOOR MASS & PICNIC: SEPT. 10

Our Annual Outdoor Mass and Picnic will be held on Sat. Sept. 10 at **Heritage Acres Park located at 7321 Lochside Drive, Saanichton (north off Island View Road)**. Mass will begin at 4 pm. Following mass there will be a picnic / barbecue, train rides, games for the children and fun for all. Parishioners who wish a ride to and from the picnic are encouraged to sign up at the back of the church. Barbecues will be available. Beverages and dessert provided.

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS: PARISH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ON SUNDAY, SEPT. 18 AT NOON

### ATTENTION ALL PARISHIONERS

Our Parish Photo Directory needs to be updated! We need your participation to make it complete. Our phoners have been hard at work and we are now taking bookings for **Sept. 6, 7 and 8**. The Sept. 8 sessions will be held at Our Lady of the Assumption, and so those times are being reserved for the parishioners who normally attend Mass at that location. We also have booking times available on Sept. 28, 29, 30 and Oct. 1. For one reason or another you may not be on one of our lists and have not yet been contacted. If you haven't been contacted yet, please call **Linda MacGowan at 250-655-0713** or **Fatima Warner at 250-656-8863** to book a time.

Each parishioner who has a photo taken by IPC will receive a free Parish Directory and a free 8 x10 colour portrait. If you want to submit your own photo, this is possible, but there will be a \$12.50 charge. It must be a 4"x6" maximum or a digital photo at 300 dpi. Close-up/head shots should be avoided. Vertical photos are suggested.

To make this project a success, we need everyone's participation. Thank you to those who have already booked. Those who have not had the time yet, please call either Fatima or Linda to book an appointment. Alternatively, you can write your name and telephone number on a piece of paper and put it in the collection basket. A team member will telephone you to set up an appointment.

### YOUTH VOICES CHALLENGE VIDEO

Our Parish Youth Group invites you to view their "Youth Voices Challenge: Camel" video on [YouTube.com](http://YouTube.com). Views will be counted until 1 pm on Thurs. Sept. 22. Sponsored by the Catholic Foundation of Vancouver Island in collaboration with the Diocesan Religious Education Office.

### LITURGY WORKSHOP: SEPT. 30 + OCT. 1

In order to prepare for the implementation of the GIRM (General Instruction of the Roman Missal), a liturgy workshop will be held for pastoral musicians, singers and clergy on Sep. 30 & Oct. 1 at Holy Cross Church. 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. Facilitated by Bernadette Gasslein. To register call the Cathedral at 250-388-5571 or email [standrewscathedral@gmail.com](mailto:standrewscathedral@gmail.com).

### IN OUR DIOCESE

#### DIOCESAN WORKSHOP: OCT. 28 & 29

Mark your calendar! Join the Diocesan Conference "**Discipleship: Continuing the Journey of Hearts & Hands**" on Oct. 28 & 29 at St. Andrew's High School. Features dynamic speaker David Wells from Devon, England who will explore the impact of current cultural forces on the Church, with particular focus on the six key areas outlined in the Diocesan Pastoral Plan. Please contact the parish office to register before Sept. 15 (the \$25 registration fee will be covered by the parish).

#### PILGRIMAGE TO ROME: MAR. 2012

Pilgrimage to Rome, Assisi, Florence and Siena, Italy. Join Fr. William on Mar. 16 - 25, 2012 in Italy. Cost (all taxes included): \$3,599 US from Victoria. Please contact St. Joseph's Parish at 250-479-7413 to reserve your place, or contact Stuart Andrei (email: [sandrie@cisdv.bc.ca](mailto:sandrie@cisdv.bc.ca)).

### GENERAL

#### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The Diocese of Victoria / Island Catholic School system is seeking a skilled professional to manage its Information Technology operations. Please see the detailed job posting at [www.cisdv.bc.ca/media/docs/it-tech-manager.pdf](http://www.cisdv.bc.ca/media/docs/it-tech-manager.pdf).

Island Catholic Schools is seeking an Account Receivable clerk with strong bookkeeping skills. Please see the detailed job posting at [www.cisdv.bc.ca/media/docs/ar-position.pdf](http://www.cisdv.bc.ca/media/docs/ar-position.pdf).