

Pastor's Corner - August 2011

Summer time is with us, a time in which we are hopefully more relaxed, enjoying the good weather, the beauty of God's creation all around us, visits from family and friends, outdoor picnics and games, and especially each other's company. It is a special time in which we celebrate and strengthen the fact of living in community.

Your Parish Council has tried over the years to put a face to that community life here in Saanich Peninsula Parish, always in collaboration with other entities. Groups such as the Catholic Women's League, the Knights of Columbus, Friendly Hours, Religious Education, St. Vincent de Paul, Development and Peace, Hanti Sedra, Taiji Qigong, the music groups, the various liturgy and worship, prayer groups, etc., all organize events so as to bring the community together in celebrations, to strengthen the bonds of faith and love between us. That is why we see all these as ministries rooted in Jesus, in which we try to live concretely the message of the Gospel to share our faith, care and compassion and thereby become the living, visible presence of God's love and care, of God's justice and compassion.

Sometimes these groups do this on their own. More and more the need is to do so in collaboration with others, to include others in whatever is being organized so that other members of the community can also contribute to the success of an event. People do not necessarily want to belong to a specific group but they do wish and are only too happy to contribute to the life of the community. We need to give people that opportunity, that grace, by including them. I call upon all the various ministries in our Parish to see how they can reach out to others. We all know that the best way is to personally ask someone to become involved, to personally approach a person to welcome them to the parish whether as a visitor or as a new member, to invite them to stay for coffee, tea and cookies!!

Journeying in life is like the pilgrimages of old (just think of journeys to the Holy Land, to Canterbury, Compostella, etc): we do so with others, praying as we go, supporting one another as we face the challenges on the way. Our caring and reaching out need to go beyond our inner circle of family, friends or organized group and include all people.

The summer is a good time for us for some reflection and self-examination, for new beginnings. Let us meditate on some scripture passages and discern on what way we are called. Let us not be like the older brother in the parable of the prodigal son (Luke 15:11-32), watching from the outside the circle of warmth and community open to him (you may remember the prodigal son who despite his failings, sins, betrayals, is welcomed back with open arms by the father). Luke 10: 38-42 tells us not to be distracted by our many tasks but to take the time to be at the Lord's feet, to be open to his presence, listening. Luke 11: 1-13 shows Jesus himself connecting with God in prayer in order to find guidance and strength for his mission. A true disciple must nurture that personal relationship with God which is like that of a parent with a son or daughter, like that of two spouses with each other, like that of an individual member with his/her faith community.

Have a great nurturing summer.

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

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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, 2011 READINGS:

July 31: 18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Isa 55: 1 - 3 / Rom 8: 37 - 39 / Mt 14: 13 - 21

Aug. 7: 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Kings 19.9: 11 - 13 / Paul 9: 1 - 5 / Mt 14: 22 - 33

Aug. 14: 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Isa 56.1: 6-7 / Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/ Mt 15:21-28

Aug. 21: 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Isa 22:15, 19 - 23 / Rom 11: 33-36 / Mt 16: 13-20

Aug. 28: 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Jer 20: 7 - 9 / Rom 12: 1 - 2 / Mt 16: 21 - 27

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 (July monthly total):	\$ 4,490
July 3:	\$ 3,833
July 10:	\$ 4,225
July 17:	\$ 3,282
July 24:	\$ 3,142

Monthly Target: Approx. \$ 23,000

IN OUR PARISH

We offer condolences to the families and pray for the repose of the souls of:

- **Angela (Angie) Gibbs**
- **Cecil Lee Heide**
- **Marion Hunter**
- **Lorraine Ida Pelkey**

We offer congratulations on the celebration of the Marriages of:

- **Colin Litster & Nicole Sousa**
- **Chris Flynn & Johanna Berryman**, daughter of Stephen & Maria Berryman
- **Daniel Craig & Shanna Ridley**
- **Gary Fitzpatrick & Jo-Anne Schrader**

PARISH PHOTO DIRECTORY

Our Parish Photo Directory needs to be updated! Please call Linda MacGowan at 250-655-0713 or Fatima Warner at 250-656-8863 to book a time to have your family's picture taken by a professional photographer on Aug. 25 - 27.

D & P - SPECIAL COLLECTION: JULY 30 & 31

Development and Peace is launching an emergency appeal to support those affected by the drought in the Horn of Africa, which is estimated to affect about 10 million people. They are in dire need of financial resources to respond to the growing humanitarian needs of this population in crisis. For more info see posters in the foyer at both churches. All donations made to Development and Peace will be sent directly to its partners in the Horn of Africa. Donations can be made through the parish by writing a cheque to **Saanich Peninsula Parish marked "Horn of Africa"**. A special collection is being held this weekend (July 30 & 31).

THIS MONTH IN OUR PARISH AUGUST 1 - 28

MONDAYS

2:00pm (Aug. 8) CWL Executive Meeting

TUESDAYS

9:00am Mass
7:00pm (Aug. 2) K of C Executive Meeting
7:00pm (Aug. 16) K of C Rosary
7:30pm (Aug. 16) K of C General Meeting

WEDNESDAYS

9:00am Mass (no mass on Aug. 3)
10:00am Taiji Qigong (no class on Aug. 10)

THURSDAYS

9:00am Mass
6:00pm Taiji Qigong (no class on Aug. 11)

FRIDAYS

9:00am (Aug. 5) Mass at St. Elizabeth's
9:00am (Aug. 12) Mass at the home of Kevin & Magdalene Campbell
9:00am (Aug. 19) Mass at the Legion Manor
11:00am (Aug. 26) Mass at the new Saanich Peninsula Hospital Chapel

SATURDAYS

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

SUNDAYS

8:30am Mass at Assumption
10:30am Mass at St. Elizabeth's
11:30 am Coffee Fellowship

Check the online calendar at www.spparish.com for latest updates (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. 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. Arrangements will be made for your pick up and return to St. Elizabeth's (or from your home if needed). Barbecues will be available. Beverages and dessert provided. Everyone is invited.

SUGGESTIONS FOR APPEAL FUNDS

Our parish portion of the Diocesan Appeal is about \$12,000. Parish Council is seeking input on ways that this money can be used. Please submit your suggestions to spparish@shaw.ca, or call the parish office at 250-656-7433.

YOUTH VOICES CHALLENGE VIDEOS

Our Parish Youth Group invites you to view their "Youth Voices Challenge: Camel" video on YouTube.com. View often and spread the word about the video. Prizes will be awarded to the teams based on the number of views. Views will be counted until Thurs. Sept. 22, 1 pm. The Youth Voices Challenge is sponsored by the Catholic Foundation of Vancouver Island in collaboration with the Diocese of Victoria's Office of Religious Education.

TOILET KITS FOR ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Thank you for all of the items brought in recently. We were able to put together 30 more kits to be distributed by St. Vincent de Paul. It did however, significantly deplete the supplies. Please continue to drop off your unused travel toiletries, and any of the following: combs, toothpaste, deodorant and razors. Other things that are useful are washcloths, pocket kleenex packs and small antibacterial soap or wipes.

IN OUR DIOCESE

POOR CLARE'S OUTDOOR MASS: AUG. 6

The Poor Clare Sisters in Duncan will be celebrating an outdoor Eucharist for the Feast of St. Clare at the Monastery on Sat. Aug. 6 at 10 am with Bishop Remi De Roo as the presider. Light refreshments will follow. Please come and celebrate with us. Bring your own lawn chairs.

JOURNEY OF HEART & HANDS: OCT. 28 & 29

Mark your calendar! Join the Diocesan Conference Discipleship: *Continuing the Journey of Hearts & Hands* on Oct. 27 & 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. Details will be forthcoming.

ANCOP WALK: SAT. AUG. 20

On Sat. Aug. 20 the annual ANCOP (ANswering the Cry of the Poor) walk to raise funds to help build homes for the poor living in extreme poverty in the third world will take place at Cedar Hill Rec. Center. More info at www.ancopwalk.ca, or contact Alex Velasco at 250-589-5089.

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).

GENERAL

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS: AUG. 7

At St. Stephens on Sun. Aug. 7 at 2pm. All animals both large and small are welcome. A collection will go to P.A.T.S. (Pacific Animal Therapy Society).

SAANICH PENINSULA HOSPITAL CHAPEL OPENING: AUG. 11

The chapel has now been completed at the Saanich Peninsula Hospital. The opening ceremony will be held on Thu. Aug. 11 from 2 to 4 pm. All are welcome to attend. **Please RSVP by Aug. 2** to Leslie Webb (250-652-7531).

VICTORIA SUMMER CHOIR: FRI. AUG. 26

The Annual Victoria Summer Choir 2011, with Maestro Simon Leung will be on Fri. Aug. 26, 7:30 pm at St. Elizabeth's in Sidney. Their program will feature love songs from Broadway musicals, opera and folksongs. Tickets are \$20 at the door or from Tanners in Sidney. For more information call Frances at 250-360-0356 or email cchay@shaw.ca.

YOUTH FALL RETREAT: SEPT. 23-25

Camosun & UVIC students, mark your calendars! The Catholic Students' Association Retreat will be held on Sept. 23 to 25 at Pioneer Pacific Camp on Thetis Island. Cost: \$50 which includes transportation, meals and a great time. For more information contact Fr. Dean at 250-882-2151 or email catholic@uvic.ca.