



# Saanich Peninsula Parish

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

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**Pastor:** Fr. Rolf Hasenack, O.P.  
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**Admin. Assistants:** Melanie Ehrlich & Gary Koett  
**Parish Council Chair:** Mary McGovern

**SUNDAY EUCHARIST** at ST. ELIZABETH'S  
10030 Third Street, Sidney  
Saturdays at 5 pm, Sundays at 10:30 am.

at OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION  
7742 West Saanich Road, Saanichton  
Sundays at 8:30 am

### WEEKDAY MASSES

**Daily at St. Elizabeth's:** Tues. Wed. & Thu. (9:00 am), and First Fridays (9:00 am)  
**Third Friday:** 9:00 am at the Legion Manor, 7601 East Saanich Road, Saanichton  
**Last Friday:** 11:00 am in the Chapel at Saanich Peninsula Hospital  
**Remaining Fridays:** 9:00 am in a private home (for location see "This Week in Our Parish" ...)

## SUNDAY, JULY 30, 2017 to SUNDAY, AUGUST 20, 2017



### NEXT FEW WEEKS IN OUR PARISH

#### TUESDAY, AUG. 1, 8, 15

9:00 am Mass at St. Elizabeth's - **for the intentions of Duchene & Antaya Families (Aug. 1)**

#### WEDNESDAY, AUG. 2, 9, 16

9:00 am Mass at St. Elizabeth's - **for the intentions of Maria Tavares (Aug. 2)**

10:00 am Taiji Qigong

#### THURSDAY, AUG. 3, 10, 17

9:00 am Mass at St. Elizabeth's  
**- for Joseph Van Dungen (RIP) (Aug. 3)**

2:00 pm Prayer Group

6:00 pm Taiji Qigong

#### FRIDAY, AUG. 4, 11, 18

9:00 am Mass at St. Elizabeth's (Aug. 4)

9:00 am Mass at the home of Magdalene and Kevin Campbell in Brentwood (Aug. 11)

9:00 am Mass at the Legion Manor (Aug. 18)

#### SATURDAY, AUG. 5, 12, 19

2:00 pm El Shaddai (Aug. 12)

4-4:30 pm Confession

5:00 pm Mass at St. Elizabeth's

#### SUNDAY, JULY 30 & AUG. 6, 13

8:30 am Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption  
**- for Lina Wharton (RIP) (Aug. 6)**

10:30 am Mass at St. Elizabeth's  
**- for Clara White (RIP) (July 30)**  
**- Jim & Olga Sweet 50th Wedding Anniv. (Aug. 6)**

11:30 am Coffee Fellowship

For the latest schedule see [tinyurl.com/sppcal](http://tinyurl.com/sppcal)

### COLLECTIONS

July 2 .....	\$ 4,795
July 9 .....	\$ 3,128
July 16 .....	\$ 2,658
July 23 .....	\$ 3,750
Pre-Authorized Debits (July) .....	\$ 4,980
<b>Monthly Target .....</b>	<b>\$ 23,000</b>

### CONSIDER PRE-APPROVED DONATIONS!

You are invited to donate to our parish via pre-approved donations (PADS) rather than the weekly envelopes. Information packages are available from the parish office. If you have any questions or wish to change your donation, please call Gary at 250-656-7433.

### 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 \_\_\_

**Congratulations to the following couples who are united in marriage: Clifford Potinho and Christine Kegel (July 8)**  
**Matthew Beaulieu and Chantal Lauzon (July 14)**  
**Brian Berryman and Rachel Smart (August 19)**  
**We offer condolences to the family and pray for the repose of the soul of Edwin Rooke, brother of Ina Miller.**

### **PARISH OFFICE CHANGES:**

As of August 1, **Gary Koett** has taken a part-time position at St. Paul's United on weekday mornings. As a result the following changes have been implemented. Gary will continue to work part-time in the afternoons. **Melanie Ehrlich** will assume the direction of the Parish Office working mornings Tuesday to Friday. The Parish Office will be open Tuesday to Friday mornings from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon. In August the office is closed in the afternoon.

### **MARK YOUR CALENDAR: SEPT. 10**

Our Parish outdoor Mass followed with a picnic at Our Lady of the Assumption is scheduled for **SUNDAY, SEPT. 10 at 10:30 am.**

### **PARISH COUNCIL PLANNING MEETING: AUG. 20**

Parish Council will hold a planning meeting on Tues, Aug. 20 to prepare. If you have any concerns or suggestions, please contact **Mary McGovern**, chair, or another member of Council.

### **VOLUNTEER NEEDED**

Someone with a pick-up truck is needed to periodically take a few bags of leaves & garden clippings to the rectory. Please contact the office.

### **DIOCESAN FAMILY CONFERENCE: AUG. 24 - 27**

**Aug. 24 - 27:** 5<sup>th</sup> annual Diocesan Family Conference at **Nanose Bay**. For info email [reineandian@hotmail.com](mailto:reineandian@hotmail.com). Registration on the Diocesan website: [www.rcdvictoria.org](http://www.rcdvictoria.org).

### **PARISH LIBRARY**

Summer is a wonderful time to renew ourselves, both physically and spiritually. A gentle reminder that our Parish Library offers a wealth of books on a wide variety of topics. All parishioners are encouraged to peruse the books and sign out any that spark your interest. The library is located at the back of St. Elizabeth's. If we don't use it, we may lose it!

### **BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS: AUG, 13**

On Sunday, Aug 13 at 2:00 pm the blessing of our animals will be celebrated at an outdoor service at St Stephen's Anglican Church; it includes music, prayers, and Scripture readings. Animals need to be in carriers or on leashes. All welcome.

### **AID TO BC FIRE VICTIMS**

At a time of a disaster the basic needs of people are being met by government, local or national organizations such as the Red Cross. Once people return to their homes there will be ongoing needs in the rebuilding of the communities and families. Our Parish St. Vincent de Paul Society is looking into arranging financial aid to local Societies so that these can respond to whatever needs which may arise. Our Parish Society hopes to communicate the process by mid-August.

### **WHAT IS A PARABLE STORY?**

The Hebrew word for parable is **mashal** which makes the story a challenge to the way the listener thinks and lives. A parable tells us something that turns reality upside down, or sideways, from the way we usually view it. It gives us a new slant on a situation and challenges us to deal with it differently. That is why the parables which Jesus told have no real meaning unless one responds, until we do it, make it a reality in our lives. Jesus tells us a lot of parables in the Gospels !

### **Pastor's Corner: "to make music with what you have left"**

Here is an abbreviation of an old news item which appeared some time ago and which can instill confidence in all of us:

"On Nov. 18, 1995, **Itzhak Perlman**, the violinist, came on stage to give a concert in the Lincoln Center in New York City. Getting on stage is no small achievement for him. He was stricken with polio as a child and so he has braces on both legs and walks with the aid of two crutches. To see him walk across the stage one step at a time, painfully and slowly, is an awesome sight. He walks painfully, yet majestically, until he reaches his chair. Then he sits down, slowly puts his crutches on the floor, undoes the clasps on his legs, tucks one foot back and extends the other forward. Then he bends down, picks up the violin, puts it under his chin, nods to the conductor and proceeds to play. The audience is used to this ritual but, this time, something went wrong. Just as he finished the first few bars one of the strings on his violin broke. You could hear it snap - it went off like gunfire across the room. There was no mistaking what that sound meant. There was no mistaking what he had to do. We figured that he would have to get up, put on the clasps again, pick up the crutches and limp his way off stage - to either find another violin or else find another string for this one. But he didn't. Instead, he waited a moment, closed his eyes and then signaled the conductor to begin again. The orchestra began, and he played from where he had left off. And he played with such passion and such power and such purity as they had never heard before.

Of course, anyone knows that it is impossible to play a symphonic work with just three strings. I know that, and you know that, but that night Itzhak Perlman refused to know that. You could see him modulating, changing, re-composing the piece in his head. At one point, it sounded like he was de-tuning the strings to get new sounds from them that they had never made before. When he finished, there was an awesome silence in the room and then people rose and cheered. There was an extraordinary outburst of applause from every corner of the auditorium. We were all on our feet, yelling and cheering, doing everything we could to show how much we appreciated what he had done. He smiled, wiped the sweat from his brow, raised his bow to quiet us, and then said - not boastfully, but in a quiet, pensive, reverent tone - **"You know, sometimes it is the artist's task to find out how much music you can still make with what you have left."**

**Perhaps that is the definition of life - not just for artists but for all of us!** Here was a man who had prepared all his life to make music on a violin of four strings, who, all of a sudden, in the middle of a concert, found himself with only three strings; so he made music with three strings, and the music he made that night with just three strings was more beautiful, more sacred, more memorable, than any that he had ever made before, when he had four strings.

**So, perhaps our task in this shaky, fast-changing, bewildering world in which we live is to make music, at first with all that we have, and then, when that is no longer possible, to make music ....!"**