

Pastor's Corner

Emperor Frederick the Great (1712-86) of Germany, once visited a town school in Branderburg. When he entered into a classroom, the teacher was giving a geography lesson to the children. The emperor called on one of the boys and asked if he knew where his town was located.

"In Prussia," the child replied. **"And where is Prussia?"** continued the emperor.

"In Germany."

"And Germany?"

"In Europe."

"And Europe?"

"In the world."

"And the world?"

The boy thought for a moment, but at last looking right at the emperor, replied: **"The world is in the hands of God."**

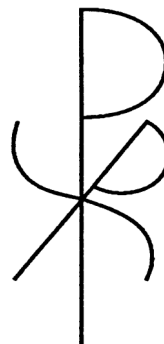
This is an answer from a child; but how true it is – *'The world is in the hands of God.'* It means that we all are in God's hands and are totally dependent upon him. That is to say that we are under God's loving providence and that he greatly loves us, takes care of us and protects us; He is always with us and never abandons us.

God is always faithful to His people and to His promises. Even when we turn away from Him and place our trust in ourselves or in other persons or in money or material goods, He will not abandon us but remain faithful. He loves each one of us as if there is only one of us. He always cares for each one of us but relationship of love can only be founded upon trust, upon fidelity. We are a worrying people, we are a weak people, we are people with fears, we are people with limitations, we often falter in our struggles and meet with disappointments. We need God to overcome all this. Without Him, we can do nothing. With Him, we can do anything.

God calls us to rest in Him. He created us to be united to Him forever in perfect rest, to behold Him face to face in the beatific vision. He will never disappoint us and will always do what is best for each one of us.

BLESSED IS HE WHO PLACES HIS TRUST IN THE LOVING PROVIDENCE OF GOD.

~ Father Thomas



Saanich Peninsula Parish

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

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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" ...)

RECONCILIATION at ST. ELIZABETH'S: Saturdays 4 - 4:30pm, or by appointment.



SEPT. 10, 2017 - 23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ezekiel 33:7-9, Romans 13:8-10, Matthew 18:15-20

SEPT. 17-24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sirach 27:30 - 28:7, Romans 14:7-9, Matthew 18:21-35



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 ___

**IN OUR PARISH
COLLECTIONS**

August 6	\$ 3,567
August 13	\$ 3,202
August 20	\$ 2,567
August 27	\$ 3,741
September 3	\$ 3,632
Pre-Authorized Debits (August)	\$ 4,980

*We offer condolences to the family and pray for the repose of the soul of **Vera Raponi**.*

OUTDOOR MASS AT OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION ON SEP. 10 IS CANCELLED

Due to predicted inclement weather conditions the outdoor Mass is cancelled. Regularly scheduled Sunday masses Sept. 10: OLA - 8:30 am and St. Elizabeth's - 10:30 am.

PHOTO DIRECTORY

- **CHECK THE SPELLING OF YOUR NAME!** Important! In preparation for the photo directory PLEASE, check your name under the picture on the sheets in the foyer.
- **MISSED GETTING YOUR PICTURE TAKEN?** It's not too late! Email your photo to the parish office at spparish@shaw.ca by Sept. 29.

MASS AND EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

From now on **every Friday**: mass at 9 am at St. Elizabeth's, followed by Eucharistic Adoration.

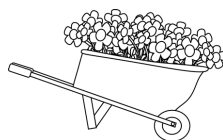
THANK YOU SHARON

After many years of dedication to beautifying the church gardens at St. Elizabeth's Sharon Frketich is 'hanging up her shovel'. Warmest thanks for her care and effort.



GARDEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

In order to keep the garden at St. Elizabeth's looking beautiful we need volunteers a.s.a.p. to take on the task of maintaining the flower beds. Please contact the office if you can volunteer some time to the upkeep of our gardens.



NEXT 2 WEEKS IN OUR PARISH

MONDAY, SEPT. 11 & 18

1:00 pm Faith Reflection (**Sept. 18**)

TUESDAY, SEPT. 12 & 19

9:00 am Mass at St. Elizabeth's
 11:30 am Friendly Hours Soup Kitchen
2:00 pm Dr. Rooke's Course (Sept. 19)
7:00 pm K of C Rosary (Sept. 19)
7:30 pm K of C General Meeting (Sept. 19)

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 13 & 20

9:00 am Mass at St. Elizabeth's
 10:00 am Taiji Qigong
1:30 pm SVDP Executive Meeting (Sept. 20)

THURSDAY, SEPT. 14 & 21

9:00 am Mass at St. Elizabeth's - **for Mary Barr (RIP) (Sept. 14)**
 11:30 am Friendly Hours Soup Kitchen
 2:00 pm Prayer Group
 6:00 pm Taiji Qigong

FRIDAY, SEPT. 15 & 22

8:30 am Rosary at St. Elizabeth's
 9:00 am Mass at St. Elizabeth's followed by Eucharistic Adoration

SATURDAY, SEPT. 16 & 23

4:00 pm Confession
 5:00 pm Mass at St. Elizabeth's

SUNDAY, SEPT. 17 & 24

8:30 am Mass at Our Lady of Assumption
 10:30 am Mass at St. Elizabeth's
 11:30 am Coffee Fellowship (**Sept. 17**)
11:30 am Samahan Fellowship (Sept. 17)
11:30 am KofC Pancake Breakfast (Sept. 24)

For the latest schedule see tinyurl.com/sppcal

A FEW SPOTS LEFT! NEW COURSE, NEW LOCATION WITH DR. PATRICIA ROOKE: PINOCCHIO, JIMINY CRICKET AND CHRISTIAN CONSCIENCE.

At St. Elizabeth's in Sidney on 10 Tuesdays from **Sept. 19** to Nov. 28, 2 to 4 pm. Register now at victoriaccrs@gmail.com to ensure a place; there is a limited number of participants.

HEARTS & HANDS APPEAL VOLUNTEERS

The Annual Hearts & Hands Appeal begins Oct. 14. We are looking for a team of volunteers to read announcements at masses during the few weeks of the appeal. Material for the announcements is provided. Contact team leader James Bryce at 250-655-9509 or email him at jabryce@shaw.ca.

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION



Faith formation, or what many of us knew as religious education, will start on Oct. 1. It is vital that you register your child for Sacramental preparation. Registration information is posted in the foyer. Please register as soon as possible.

CATECHIST CONFERENCE: SEPT. 23

Diocesan Workshop for catechists Sat. Sep. 23 at Ascension Parish, Parksville. Everyone welcome. Register at tiny.cc/Catechist-Retreat.

FRANCISCAN DAY OF RECOLLECTION: SEPT. 23

The Secular Franciscans invite you to join them in a Day of Recollection on Sat. Sept. 23, 9:45 am to 3:30 pm at St. Joseph Friary, 1076 Joan Cres. The presenter, Fr. Joachim Osterman's OFM, theme is "The Franciscan View of Creation". Bring a bag lunch. Coffee, tea and desserts included. By donation. To register, call Roger at 250-385-3324.

ERITREA FUNDRAISER

Be sure to attend the annual bake sale and luncheon to raise funds for our work in Eritrea. It will be held after mass on Sun. Oct. 1, from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm in the Hospitality Room at St. Elizabeth Church. It's a great time to socialize with friends over lunch, stock up on delicious baked goods and preserves, and find out more about the work supported by *Hanti Sidra One Global Family* for the past 25 years.

BIBLE STUDY - MATTHEW: SEP. 14 - APR. 5
Matthew: The King and His Kingdom at Sacred Heart Parish, 24 Thursday evenings, 7 - 9 pm. Sept. 14 - April 5, 2018. \$50 for study guide. Register at Sacred Heart Parish Office: sacredheartchurch@shaw.ca / Tel. 250-479-1611
 Email Catherine at cminvielle@shaw.ca if you have any questions.

CATHEDRAL CONCERTS

St Andrew's Roman Catholic Cathedral is celebrating its 125th anniversary with three concerts this fall season. Brasstastic and Victoria Brass quintets, organ played by Kathleen Edge the cathedral organist, at Brass Extravaganza concert, Sun. Sept. 10, 2 pm. Admission is by donation. Upcoming Choral concerts: Vox Humana - Sat. Oct. 21, 7:30 pm & Electra Women's Choir - Sun. Nov. 26, 2:30 pm.

HOSPITAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers needed to provide companionship to our residential care family at Saanich Peninsula Hospital. Volunteers are needed at meal times to share a smile, a kind word and a cup of tea or coffee. Contact: Bryony Moorman, Manager Volunteer Resources at 250-652-7519

PROGRAMS IN EARTH LITERACIES

The fall programs in Earth Literacy will begin soon. Upcoming programs:

- *A Brief History of Ken Wilber: A Friendly Exploration of his Philosophy* with Layman Pascal
- *Earth's Imagination* with Gertie Jocksch SC
- *Toward A Functional Spirituality For A Climate Changing World* with Mike Bell
- *For Love of Earth* with Lisa Gordon
- *Poetry for the Earth* with Denis Donnelly

Check the website for program outlines, dates, and locations: www.earthliteracies.org email programs@earthliteracies.org, or call 250-220-4601 or 604-272-4779. For more info see posters on bulletin board.

ST. PATRICK'S CWL BAZAAR: SEP. 29 & 30

St. Patrick's Used Clothing Sale: Fri. Sep. 29 & Sat. Sep. 30. **Parish Fall Bazaar:** Sept. 30. Both days 9 am - 2 pm.