

## Pastor's Corner - Summer 2018

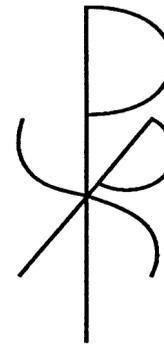
Soon school is out, graduation celebrations are or have taken place, and summer time is with us, a time in which we are hopefully more relaxed, enjoying the good weather, the beauty of God's creation around us, visits from family and friends, outdoor picnics and games, and especially each other's company. **It is a special time in which we celebrate and strengthen the fact of living in community, a community of faith.**

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, Knights of Columbus, Samahan Fellowship, Friendly Hours, Religious Education, St. Vincent de Paul, Development and Peace, El Shaddai, Hanti Sedra, Pasobolong, Taiji Qigong, the music groups, the visiting the sick groups, various liturgy and worship, prayer groups, etc., they 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 again 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 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, Lourdes 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, and especially those who are on the fringes or those who think they have nothing to offer but need an opportunity to do so. All too often we, and I include myself as pastor, we do not do enough to reach out, to be that discreet presence which may bring a person to find the joy and peace of ministering to others.

The summer is a good time for us for some reflection and self-examination, for discernment, for a new start, for new beginnings. Maybe enjoy a book from our Parish library; there is something for everyone there. Or take a favorite Bible story or the Scripture readings of the week or of the Sunday and meditate on them to discern in what way we are called to respond. Let us not be like the older brother in the parable of the prodigal son (remember the prodigal son who despite his failings, sins, betrayals, is welcomed back with open arms by his parents and most of his family in **Luke 15:11-32**), watching from the outside the circle of warmth and community open to him. Or take the story of the Emmaus disciples (**Luke 24: 13-35**) who little by little rediscover the richness of their tradition and the promises fulfilled in Jesus and the Gospel handed over to them to proclaim. **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. Jesus himself knew the importance of silence and prayer. **Luke 11: 1-13** shows Jesus 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 a daughter or son with a parent, like that of an individual member with his/her faith community. Let us also help our children, as well as ourselves, during this summer time to abandon from time to time whatever gadget or plaything that captivates them/us and to reconnect to silence and listening, to awe and wonder, to gratitude and sharing. Have a great nurturing and replenishing summer. Shalom. Fr. Rolf, OP



# Saanich Peninsula Parish

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

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Associate Pastor: Fr. Thomas Chinnappa

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: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 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.

## 11<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

JUNE 17, 2018

Ezekiel 17:22-24

2 Corinthians 5:6-10

Mark 4:26-34

Psalm 92: Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.



JUNE 24, 2018

Isaiah 49:1-6

Acts 13:22-26

Luke 1:57-66,80

Psalm 139: I praise you, for I am wonderfully made



### VISITING EUCHARISTIC MINISTRY

If you know of someone who is house-bound or in a nursing home/hospital and would

### 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

June 3 .....	\$ 3,546
June 10 .....	\$ 4,580
Pre-Authorized Debits (June).....	\$ 4,865
Monthly Target .....	\$ 25,000

### Welcome into our faith community in Baptism:

- **Amelia Dawn Darling**, child of Ian Darling and Carolyne Pengelly
- **Dax Joseph Roberts**, child of Sean Roberts and Sara Houle

### SAMAHA LUNCHEON

After expenses \$1,700 was raised from Sunday's "South Asian Luncheon." Thank you to the Samahan Fellowship for organizing this event and to all the cooks and many volunteers who made this feast possible. What a great time for all!

### PENNIES FOR HEAVEN

The Knights of Columbus are grateful to all who donated to the Pennies For Heaven weekend on June 2nd and 3rd. We raised \$500, every dollar of which will go to help our Seminarians, who will become the future of the Church. If you still have coins or bills (!) please give them to any of the Knights at any time. Thank You! Mark Wright.

### SAT. JULY 28, 2018 - ORDINATION

Bishop Gary Gordon invites you to the Ordination to the Order of Deacon of: **John Dawson, Dion Pomponio, Michael Watkins, Philip Yuson** on **Sat. July 28, 2018 at 10:30 am** at St. Andrew's. These men have spent 4½ years in prayerful discernment, study and ministry. We wish them and their families God's blessings. All are welcome to a **reception at St. Patrick's** after.

### VOCATION LIVE-IN

On the weekend of July 6 - 8, for boys or young men interested in the priesthood or consecrated life, at the Seminary of Christ the King, Mission, BC. For more information call 604-826-8715

### SUMMER BREAKS:

Many ministries and activities take a break for the summer months. Final sessions for the following;

- Friendly Hours Lunch; **last day June 21.**
- Taiji Qigong; last day July 5

## NEXT 2 WEEKS IN OUR PARISH

### TUESDAY, JUNE 19 & 26

9:00 am	Mass at St. Elizabeth's
11:30 am	Friendly Hours Soup Luncheon (June 19)
6:00 pm	K of C Barbecue (June 19)

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20 & 27

9:00 am	Mass at St. Elizabeth's
10:00 am	Taiji Qigong

### THURSDAY, JUNE 21 & 28

9:00 am	Mass at St. Elizabeth's
11:30 am	last Friendly Hours Luncheon (June 21)
2:00 pm	Prayer Group
6:00 pm	SVDP Meeting
6:00 pm	Taiji Qigong

### FRIDAY, JUNE 22 & 29

9:00 am	Mass at St. Elizabeth's
10:00 am	Mass at Joan Mitchell's (June 22)
11:00 am	Mass at Saan Pen Hospital (June 29)

### SATURDAY, JUNE 23 & 30

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

### SUNDAY, JUNE 24 & JULY 1

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

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

### CANNING JAR RETURNS

To prepare for this season's jelly making from the rectory grape vines, please return any jars from last fall's sale so that they can be used for this year's harvest. All proceeds go to sponsor students in Mindanao, Philippines. Warm thanks to Julie and Larry Kirzinger who devote so much time to harvesting and making the jelly.

### PARISH LIBRARY

Summer is a great time to sit outside and enjoy a good book. Our parish library has many uplifting, inspirational and informative books in its collection. Take a few minutes to peruse the books at the back of the church and sign out a few for a good summer read.



### LOST & FOUND AT ST. ELIZABETH'S

There are a number of jackets, coats, umbrellas, etc. hanging in lobby of St. Elizabeth's waiting to be reunited with their owners! Please peruse these items (as we sometimes forget that we've even lost something until we find it) and retrieve your newly found items. All unclaimed items will be given to St. Vincent de Paul.

### DIOCESAN FAMILY CONFERENCE

Families across the diocese will gather together for a fun, faith filled weekend of fellowship, play and prayer time all set against a beautiful West Coast backdrop for **6<sup>th</sup> Annual Diocesan Family Conference**. Join us! **August 23-26, 2018 at Nanoose Bay Camp**. Everyone welcome!

For registration follow the link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/6th-diocesanfamily-conference-august-2018-tickets-44556665185?aff=es2>. For info email Reine at: [familycamp@redvictoria.org](mailto:familycamp@redvictoria.org) or visit [www.rcdvictoria.org](http://www.rcdvictoria.org)

### PARISH DIRECTORY

The new Parish Photo Directory is still on sale after Mass. Whether a long time parishioner or new to our faith community, having a photo directory is a wonderful way to get to know the names of fellow parishioners.

### PARISH COUNCIL NEW MEMBERS

A warm welcome to our new Parish Council which will include the following members: Mary McGovern (chair), James Bryce, Diane Guglielmi (**new**), Patty-Anne Kay, Leonarda Manalo, Sally McMillan (**new**), Marie Rosko (**new**), Cynthia Tandy, Peter Van Zyl (**new**). Council also includes Fr. Rolf, Fr. Thomas, Gary Koett (ex-officio) and Melanie Ehrlich (ex-officio). Best wishes for a successful term of service and a productive and collaborative year.

### ST. PATRICK'S VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**July 9-13th** from 8:30am-12pm St. Patrick's Church will be hosting a **Cat.Chat Vacation Bible School: A Radical Ride on the Wings of Prayer**. Kids ages 4-11 are invited to join us for a full week of fun, games, faith activities, music, crafts, and snacks! Cost: \$50/child, \$100/family. For info. 250-592-7391 or Anastasia Pearse: [pearse.anastasia@gmail.com](mailto:pearse.anastasia@gmail.com).

### CONVERSATION WITH REMI DE ROO

Join him for an intimate encounter that includes a public interview with former CBC host Ian Alexander to discuss: "**Reforming Tradition**" on **Thurs. June 21, 11:45-1:15pm, Hickman Building room 105, University of Victoria**

### ELDER CARE & AGING WORKSHOP :JUNE 23

At St. Andrew Anglican, 9691 Fourth Street, Sat, June 23, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. To register: 250-656-5322 or at [standrewssidney@shaw.ca](mailto:standrewssidney@shaw.ca)

### CATHOLIC FOUNDATION AGM: JUNE 28

The Catholic Foundation of Vancouver Island Annual General Meeting will take place on Thurs., June 28 at 4 pm at St. Edward's Parish Hall, 2085 Maple Bay Rd. Duncan. You are welcome.

### CONGRATULATIONS: WELL DONE !

With the end of school there are no doubt students who are graduating from one phase of their formation to another. We wish you all the best as you continue your journey. **Let us know your name or give us the names of those who have accomplished an important year so that we can extend to them our congratulations.**

### POPE FRANCIS QUOTES

"Love is always at the service of others because love is seen in actions, not words."

"No one is so poor they cannot give what they have, but first and foremost who they are."

"True Christians have cheerful faces, joyful eyes and hearts."

"Let us make this journey as families, let us keep walking together. What we have been promised is greater than we can imagine. May we never lose heart because of our limitations, or ever stop seeking that fullness of love and communion which God holds out before us."

"Christian couples are, for each other, for their children and for their relatives, cooperators of grace and witnesses of the faith. God calls them to bestow life and to care for life. For this reason the family has always been the nearest "hospital". So let us care for one another, guide and encourage one another, and experience this as a part of our family spirituality."