



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 - 4:30 pm or by appointment.

SUNDAY, JULY 15, 2018
TO
SUNDAY, JULY 29, 2018



NEXT FEW WEEKS IN OUR PARISH

TUESDAY, JULY 17,24
9:00 am Mass at St. Elizabeth's

WEDNESDAY, JULY 18,25
9:00 am Mass at St. Elizabeth's

THURSDAY, JULY 19,26,
9:00 am Mass at St. Elizabeth's
2:00 pm Prayer Group

FRIDAY, JULY 20,27
9:00 am Mass at St. Elizabeth's
9:00 am Mass at the Legion Manor (July 20)
11:00 am Mass at Saan Pen Hospital (July 27)

SATURDAY, JULY 21,28
4 - 4:30 pm Confession
5:00 pm Mass at St. Elizabeth's

SUNDAY, JULY 15,22,29
8:30 am Mass at Our Lady of Assumption
10:30 am Mass at St. Elizabeth's
11:30 am Coffee fellowship
11:30 am Samahan Fellowship (July 15)

For the latest schedule see tinyurl.com/sppcal

COLLECTIONS

June Total \$12,924
Pre-Authorized Debits (monthly) \$ 5,250
July 1 \$ 4,899
July 8 \$ 2,432

Monthly Target: Approx. \$ 23,000

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 Melanie or 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 ___

We welcome into our faith community in baptism:

- ***Jizelle Marie Dela Rosa, daughter of Diomedes & Rae***
- ***Jules Calvin Crucis, son of Angeles Jr. and Carlaine***
- ***Matvej James Ferguson (4 years old)***
- ***Keira Elena Ferguson (3 years old)***
- ***Liam Alexej Ferguson (1 1/2 years old) all children of James and Olena, living in Vienna, Austria, and on a visit to be with Jim and Diane Ferguson, grandparents.***

CANNING JAR RETURNS

To prepare for the jelly making from the rectory grape vines, please return 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. Thanks to Julie and Larry Kirzinger who devote so much time to harvesting and making the jelly.

PRAYER FOR THE CHRISTIANS OF THE MIDDLE EAST

Let us heed Pope Francis' plea for prayer to be offered for the Christian communities of the Middle East as well as for all those who continue to be affected by the conflicts in the world.

REMINDER: BURSARIES AVAILABLE

Several bursaries are available to youth in the Diocese. For information: www.rcdvictoria.org/bursaries.php. The Parish and the K of C have also bursaries available to those who begin or continue their post-secondary education and who are active in some way in the Parish. Apply by letter to the Parish or Pastor; e-mail: pastor@spparish.com

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. **Reception at St. Patrick's** after.

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 **the Sixth Annual Diocesan Family Conference**. Join us! **August 23-26, 2018 at Nanoose Bay Camp**. Everyone welcome! For registration go to tinyurl.com/Diocesan-Family-Conference. For info email Reine at: familycamp@rcdvictoria.org or visit www.rcdvictoria.org.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR THE SISTERS OF ST. ANN

See posting on bulletin board.

BIRTHRIGHT STROLLERTON ON JULY 28

The **Lally family** is again this year walking in support of **Birthright**, the Pro-Life Crisis Pregnancy Service. Sponsor sheets are in the foyer or contact **Eslinda 250-656-2694**

*****PLEASE NOTE***** The Sunday Bulletin will be updated during July as new information becomes available.

Pastor's Corner

As we celebrate our births as independent nations here in North America in this month of July we are reminded of how blessed we are in so many ways especially when close by we see confusion, turmoil, violence and a seeming disregard for the plight of millions. This past World Refugee Day we were reminded that 68.5 million people in the world are forcibly displaced at the moment, that 44,400 people must flee their home every day!

I firmly believe that one of the main reasons is the continued growing disparity between the rich and the poor both internally in our own countries as well as in the world as a whole. That's not the world which God is creating but man's inhumanity disregarding a fundamental aspect of our humanity, that of our common solidarity with one another. There will always be rich and poor people but we must work, and work hard in many different ways, to change our attitudes and our political, social and economic structures so that for the common good we narrow the existing gap.

It just happens that on Canada Day one of the Scripture Readings reminded us of what we as Christians are asked to do and live. It is Paul who in **2 Corinthians 8: 7-15** writes to an economically comfortable community and makes a pitch for them to share with other less fortunate Christians. He does so by appealing to **their faith**. He says, "you people have received abundant gifts through your faith in Christ (elsewhere he names those gifts of healings, of knowledge, of wisdom, of solidarity), well now it is your turn to use your energy and persistence to help others. He bases his appeal on who God is for us (one who shares God self with the whole of creation) and on the gift of Jesus' self-offering: Jesus "though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor so that by his poverty you might become rich...in what lasts, the divine gift of grace!" So, Paul encourages the Corinthians and, of course, all of us to follow Jesus' example and share from their and our abundance. To be called Christians, that is Christ-like, we must not just believe in Jesus but we must also act and live like Jesus in all our relationships. In fact Paul reminds us that our faith community here in Saanich Peninsula Parish is not an independent, isolated community that practices our faith among our own, in a kind of ghetto environment. The blood of Christ unites us all and we cannot ignore the needs of our sisters and brothers, the common good, even in a world which is so often centered on self, personal and communal self. We cannot ignore the common good! That's the reason we are a church united with the whole Church; that's the reason we are united with the rest of the Diocese, with the people living and dying on our city streets, with the people struggling in Eritrea & South Sudan, with the people in Pasobolong, Zamboanga City, with the people in Timor Leste. But Paul also reminds us that giving and sharing isn't a one-way street; the poor & oppressed, the disenfranchised have an abundance to share with us: hospitality, family values, hard work and self-sacrifice, joy and happiness and satisfaction with few possessions, and especially with faith in God. As Paul says: "it is a question of a fair balance between your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance."

Let us remember the reports we receive from time to time from our many ministries in the Parish: from a person who found new hope at Anawim, from the joy and peace shared accompanying the sick and the dying, from serving soup or welcoming strangers with a smile, from the outreach to the poor by sharing with the St. Vincent de Paul Society, etc.

In the Gospel of **Mark 5:21-43** Jesus restores a socially and religiously outcast woman to the family of God's people by touching and healing her; Jesus out of compassion gives life to a dead child and makes the family whole again. Each Sunday we come together to touch and be touched by Christ who reaches out a hand to raise us up. Despite our failings we know that we are healed by a merciful God and truly blessed with forgiveness and peace. And as Easter people of hope we in turn are asked to reach out and touch those who are wounded, outcasts and outsiders and to be touched by them in return. In that way God makes us all whole again as persons and as a community. Thanks be to God. Have a great summer!