

# Saanich Peninsula Parish

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

**Our 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."

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**Office hours:** Tuesday to Friday, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

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## SUNDAY EUCHARIST

**ST. ELIZABETH'S**, 10030 Third Street, Sidney: **Sat. 4:30 pm and Sunday 10:30 am.**

**OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION**, 7742 West Saanich Rd.: **Mass suspended temporarily**

## WEEKDAY MASSES

**AT ST. ELIZABETH'S:** Tues., Wed., Thurs. & first Friday of the month: 9:00 am

**RECONCILIATION at ST. ELIZABETH'S:** Saturdays 3:30 – 4:00 pm or by appointment.

### ***THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH***

#### ***SATURDAY, May 13***

**K of C GARAGE SALE at St. Elizabeth**

3:30 pm Confessions

4:30 pm **Mass at St. Elizabeth**

#### ***SUNDAY, May 14***

10:30 am **Mass at St. Elizabeth**

#### ***TUESDAY, May 16***

9:00 am Mass at St. Elizabeth

2:00 pm SSVP Meeting

7:15 K of C General Meeting

#### ***WEDNESDAY, May 17***

9:00 am Mass at St. Elizabeth

10:00 am Taiji Qigong

#### ***THURSDAY, May 18***

9:00 am Mass at St. Elizabeth

1:00 pm CWL General Meeting

#### ***FRIDAY, May 19***

NO 9:00 am Mass

11:00 Mass at Saanich Peninsula Hospital

#### ***SATURDAY, May 20***

11:00 am **Funeral Mass for Jack Cullen**

3:30 pm Confessions

4:30 pm **Mass at St. Elizabeth**

### **Pastor's corner - May 14, 2023**

Since February we have been trying to get estimates from contractors to do major repair work which needs to be done at St. Elizabeth: replacement of the upper east side window which rises above the hospitality area and the replacement of the cedar siding around the building with pre-painted Hardi plank board. Only two comparable estimates were submitted. On May 9 a combined meeting of Parish Council/Finance Committee reviewed these and decided to accept the quotation (\$140,000 plus tax) from Jerry Wakefield Construction. The costs involved are substantial due to the general inflation situation and will be covered by our MIC financial reserves (it shows the importance of the buildup of this reserve over the years!). You will be kept informed of the timeline and details of this important project.

Our Parish is very generous in our support for organizations which help children become full members of their communities. On a yearly basis we financially help families and youths so that they can pursue wholesome life formation and education whether it is with Hanti Sidra in South Sudan & Eritrea or whether through Pasobolong in Mindanao Philippines, or through the Dominican Missionary Sisters in Timor Leste. In addition individuals and couples in the Parish sponsor children and youths through other organizations.

Here in Canada there also exists **CHALICE**, Canada's largest Catholic child sponsorship organization which was founded in 1992 by Fr. Pat Cosgrove in Nova Scotia and which now supports some 50,000 children and elders in 13 developing countries. Chalice has an A rating with Charity Intelligence and after overhead costs commits

90 % of its spending in support of programs. You will get a charitable tax receipts for the full amount of your sponsorship.

Poverty in communities which lack the essentials, including food, medicine, and clean water often causes children to drop out of school in order to work and support their families. This only continues the “cycle of poverty” for generations to come. Through your Chalice Child Sponsorship of \$ 42 a month you can change all that. Chalice sponsorship is focused on giving children all the support they need to finish school, be that secondary, post-secondary, or vocational training. You will receive correspondence from your child ever year, and you can write to your child at any time.

Chalice’s sponsorship model gives financial decision-making power to the people who know what the child needs best: their parents and guardians. Empowered with training and supported by staff, the parents get to choose how to spend or save your sponsorship funds. They know what to do: they educate their children and uplift their whole family. Their local Chalice sponsor site also supports the families with other building-blocks for success, including nutrition, community infrastructure, skills development, healthcare, water, sustainable agriculture, and small-business development.

This coming June 3 and 4 during the Sunday Masses we will have a short video on Chalice and a personal testimonial inviting you to become a child sponsor. Information pamphlets will be available in the foyer. For any questions feel free to contact Chalice’s Parish Coordinator, Andrew Hachey at [andrewhachey@chalice.ca](mailto:andrewhachey@chalice.ca) or at 902-707-0711 ext. 101.

### Report Sexual Abuse

To report sexual abuse by a clergy member, religious, employee, or volunteer,

visit [RCDVictoria.org/Responsible-Ministry](https://www.rcdvictoria.org/Responsible-Ministry) or call 1-800-968-3146

To report sexual abuse or cover-up by a Catholic Bishop, visit [BishopReportingSystem.ca](https://www.bishopreportingsystem.ca) or call 1-866-892-3737

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

**Richard Keogh who died on May 6**

**John “Jack” Cullen who died on Nov. 21, 2022: funeral on Sat. May 20 at 11:00 am at St. Elizabeth**

**KIDS CORNER !!** [Click Here for May 14, 2023 Children's Liturgy](#)

### **HAPPY MOTHER’S DAY!**

A heartfelt Happy Mother’s Day to all the mothers of our parish.

### **VISITING MINISTRY MEETING: Tues. MAY 23 at 9:30am**

The Parish will restart the regular visiting ministry of the sick and shut-ins in the hospital, nursing homes or in their homes. A number of people have already expressed their intention to join this wonderful ministry. If you are also interested, please come to this meeting on Tuesday May 23 at 9:30am. For more info contact **Fatima Warner at 250-656-8863** or the **Parish Office at 250-656-7433** or e-mail [spparish@shaw.ca](mailto:spparish@shaw.ca)

We have also restarted the monthly Mass in the chapel at Saanich Peninsula Hospital. About 45 persons attended the Mass on Easter Monday. Thank you to Oceanna, hospital chaplain, and all the volunteers who made this possible. **The next hospital Mass will be on Friday May 19 at 11:00 am.**

### **Our Parish needs YOU on Parish Council and in other ministries !**

We are looking for people willing to organize in the coming months coffee fellowship after the 10:30 Sunday Mass. After the hiatus of the last three years of the Covid-19 pandemic we need to return to regular meetings of Parish Council and the Parish Annual Meeting. **Please, consider putting your name forward for Parish Council.** We hope to have a General Meeting of the Parish in early June so that we can begin anew in the fall.

**Please, contact Mary McGovern, Fr. Rolf or the Parish Office 250-656-7433 or e-mail: [spparish@shaw.ca](mailto:spparish@shaw.ca)**

**A big thank you to Ray Ehrlich and Bert Vandersande** for volunteering to cut the grass around Our Lady of the Assumption and the rectory and to **David Westley** for volunteering to do so at St. Elizabeth.

Also thank you to **Steve Otway** for getting our lamppost in the back parking lot working again!

## WARM WELCOME !

Welcome to all of you who have joined our faith community. You may wish to receive the bulletin by e-mail or/and receive receipts for income tax purposes for your donations. We invite you to register by filling in the blue registration forms which are in the foyer; please, do not forget to indicate if you wish collection envelopes. You can also donate by **PAD** (pre-authorized deposits which are located in the foyer) or you can also send donations by **e-transfer** to [spparish@shaw.ca](mailto:spparish@shaw.ca) and include your name/address for tax receipt.

## GARAGE SALE: Saturday May 13 at St. Elizabeth

The Knights of Columbus will be holding their annual garage sale on **Saturday 13 May at St-Elizabeth from 8am to 1pm**. All proceeds go to charities!

## GARDEN BABIES FOR BIRTHRIGHT PLANT SALE

Birthright Victoria will be holding its annual plant sale in conjunction with the Knights of Columbus garage sale on **Saturday, May 13** at St. Elizabeth's church. Birthright offers spiritual and material support to women who choose to continue a difficult pregnancy. Birthright's catalogue of plants for sale can be accessed online at [www.birthrightvictoria.org](http://www.birthrightvictoria.org). Plants ordered online can be picked up at the Birthright greenhouse or in Sidney. For info on how to pick up pre-ordered plants contact Art Menu at [menu@islandnet.com](mailto:menu@islandnet.com) or phone 250-656-0138.



## VIA CHORALIS CONCERT: Sunday May 14

Please join us for a **Mother's day choral concert** on **May 14<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm** at St. Elizabeth's, featuring guest artist, **and our own pianist, Joseph Shadian**. Tickets are \$20, kids under 12 yrs are free, students \$10. Tickets can be purchased at Tanner's Books or on-line at [viachoralis.ca](http://viachoralis.ca).

## LIBRARY CORNER

May is the month of Mary; please take time to visit our new display in her honour. Congratulations to Joe Rigby who won the book draw for April. Thank you to the participants in our first book discussion, we had a very enjoyable and interesting meeting and discovered many new books that we now want to read. We enjoyed the discussion so much that we have decided to continue to meet once a month, the next meeting will be on Tuesday June 20th at 10:00am in the hospitality room. If you are interested feel free to join us. Cathy and Theresa



## CWL GENERAL MEETING: this coming Thursday May 18, 1:00 - 3:00pm

An engaging speaker, **Bertha Landrie**, our new Diocesan President, will be discussing an important initiative of our National Council, the **Unity Outreach Program**, getting input from members throughout the country. Coffee and tea are provided; donations of goodies are appreciated. Bring a friend to learn more about the League, - all ladies are welcome!



## LOOKING FOR A STAGE MANAGER FOR A FUNDRAISER AT ST. ELIZABETH'S

Melanie is bringing a comedy production of **The Carol Burnett Show** to St. Elizabeth's in August: all proceeds going towards helping refugees in Aleppo, Syria. The local cast (some from our own church!) are getting ready to begin rehearsals in June, but we need a stage manager! Can you assist? This key role helps the director (Melanie) by keeping notes of actors' entrances/exits and stage scene set up and requirements. This person would attend rehearsals a couple of nights a week starting in June. Interested in helping out? Please contact Melanie at the parish office: **250-656-7433** or cell: **250-886-0858** or email her at [melanie.ehrlich@hotmail.com](mailto:melanie.ehrlich@hotmail.com)

## FOOD FOR FAMILIES: MAY 27 & 28

Please help end hunger in our community. The Knights of Columbus will be collecting donations of food and funds during the Mass on May 27 & 28. Many in our community are struggling through hardship and unable to provide for their families. Food for Families help ensure that as few possible go hungry. Your help is appreciated!

## THANK YOU FROM MAGIC FOR UKRAINE FUNDRAISER



Thank you to all who came out to support the “Magic for Ukraine” fundraiser that happened at St. Elizabeth’s on April 23. Over \$3700 was raised from ticket sales and purchase of delicious Ukrainian food. Here is a letter sent to the organizer from the Ukrainian Cultural Center:

*“Dear Lois,*

*Thank you and team of volunteers so much for your generous donation to Ukrainian Culture Centre and volunteer organization Help Ukraine Vancouver Island (<https://ukrainehelpvi.ca/>). We truly appreciate your commitment to the Ukrainian newcomers and our Ukrainian community in Vancouver Island.*

*With your help, we will provide 1000 one way bus tickets from BC Transit to newcomers because most of them event don’t have cash for first time after arriving to buy the tickets and reach Canada Service to start document process ( Me and*

*my family were in the same situation when we arrived). Also, Thank you for free tickets for women and children from Kiwanis Ukrainian Village they were so excited to visit that show and got good emotions after the horror that they saw in Ukraine.*

*As you can see, your contribution is very important to our collective efforts to facilitate the adaptation of new refugees fleeing the war in Ukraine, and we really couldn’t do it without you, Lois, Inge, Joan, Charlene, Glen, Roger, Sonia, Mark, Linda, Carmen, Susan, Glen, father Rolf, Melanie and talented Marc Tardif.*

*Thank you again for your support!”*

## NEWS from the DIOCESE:

The Diocesan Family Camp & Conference will be held on August 17th – 20th. Registration opens for all families of the Diocese of Victoria on April 8th. Register before May 15th for the early bird price! On May 15th, registration will open for all families, including those beyond our Diocese. For more info and to register, please visit: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/9th-diocesan-familyconference-august-2023-tickets-593430365197>

Roots of Reconciliation May 29 – June 1 at Holy Cross Parish in Victoria from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm each day: a four-day workshop along the Returning to Spirit reconciliation model

(<https://www.returningtospirit.org/>). Insights developed during the workshop create space for participants to discover how previously-held behaviours, judgement, assumptions or perceptions have kept them stuck in a disempowering story. This is for you if you want to explore your own assumptions, judgements and behaviours. If you are ready to deepen your experience with reconciliation and are curious and open minded about what reconciliation can look like on a personal level. To register and for info

visit <https://www.returningtospirit.org/workshopcalendar>, email [info@returningtospirit.org](mailto:info@returningtospirit.org), or call 204-889-4579 or 1-855-244-3963. Participate in this powerful and potentially life-transforming experience!

In the context of National Family and Life Week, the Permanent Council of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops has issued an **Open Letter to the Government and a Message to the Catholic Faithful on permitting persons with mental illness to access euthanasia/assisted suicide**. The two documents may be read / downloaded at <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/news/cccb-message-on-permitting-persons-living-with-mental-illness-to-access-euthanasia>.