

# 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."

**St. Elizabeth church & parish office:** 10030 Third St, Sidney, V8L 3B3

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**Parish Council Chair:** Alice Valiquette

## SUNDAY EUCHARIST

**ST. ELIZABETH'S**, 10030 Third Street, Sidney:

**Saturday 4:30 pm and Sunday 10:30 am.**

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

**Sunday Mass at OLA suspended until further notice.**

## 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.

### Report Sexual Abuse

To report sexual abuse by a clergy member, religious, employee, or volunteer, visit [RCDVictoria.org/Responsible-Ministry](http://RCDVictoria.org/Responsible-Ministry) or call 1-800-968-3146

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

### NEXT WEEK IN OUR PARISH

#### SATURDAY, Nov. 18

3:30 pm Confessions

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

*Birthright Fudge Sale after mass*

#### SUNDAY, Nov. 19

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

*Birthright Fudge Sale after mass*

#### TUESDAY, Nov. 21

9:00 am Mass at St. Elizabeth's

6:50 pm K of C General Meeting

#### WEDNESDAY, Nov. 22

11:00 am Mass at St. Elizabeth's

10:00 am Taiji Qigong

#### THURSDAY, Nov. 23

9:00 am Mass at St. Elizabeth's

#### FRIDAY, Nov. 24

9:00 am **NO MASS**

*Office Closed for Diocesan Staff Day*

### LETTER FROM OUR BISHOP GARY GORDON:

"Dear People of God,

**This Sunday, November 19, is the World Day of the Poor.** Pope Francis instituted the celebration of this Day in 2017 to encourage the Church to go forth beyond its own walls, to encounter poverty in the many ways in which it manifests in today's world.

The theme for this year's World Day is "**Do not look away from the poor**" (Tobit 4:7), and the Pope's message for the Day 1 is a reflection on the Book of Tobit. His message begins:

*The seventh annual World Day of the Poor is a fruitful sign of the Father's mercy and a support for the lives of our communities. As its celebration becomes more and more rooted in the pastoral life of the Church, it enables us to discover ever anew the heart of the Gospel. Our daily efforts to welcome the poor are still not enough. A great river of poverty is traversing our cities and swelling to the point of overflowing; it seems to overwhelm us, so great are the needs of our brothers and sisters who plead for our help, support and solidarity. For this reason, on the Sunday before the Solemnity of Jesus Christ King of the Universe, we gather around his Table to receive from him*

*once more the gift and strength to live lives of poverty and to serve the poor.*

Here in Canada, the World Day of the Poor is closely followed by National Housing Day on November 22nd. National Housing Day was started in 2000 as a way of marking the challenges of housing insecurity in Canada.

Today, many communities use this day to recognize the work that has already been done, and the work that still needs to be done to improve access to safe and affordable housing for everyone in Canada.

Living in the Diocese of Victoria, we are well aware of the devastating effects of the housing crisis in our communities. Response to this crisis is a moral imperative; our response could also create opportunities for the People of God to embark on a reconciling path with the Earth and with the poor in our midst.

We already have experience in our Diocese with using our land resources to create housing. In 1999, St. Clare Villa was built in Victoria on land previously occupied by the old Poor Clares Monastery and St. Patrick's Church; it offers 24 life-lease units for seniors. For the past five winters, St. Peter's Parish in Nanaimo has hosted the St. Peter's Winter Shelter, which gives those experiencing homelessness a safe sheltering option. Most recently, Maitland Street Village in Port Alberni opened in 2021. Built on the site of the former Smith Memorial Catholic School, the energy-efficient family housing complex offers 46 units at various rates – market, rent geared to income, or subsidized. The project was a collaboration of the Diocese of Victoria, the Catholic Independent Schools of the Diocese of Victoria, and Holy Family Notre Dame Parish, and the Alberni Low Energy Housing.

Looking to other Christian communities we see more examples of stewardship. Brechin United Church in Nanaimo and Oakridge Lutheran Church in Vancouver are examples of newly-built churches that incorporate affordable and energy-efficient housing in their design. In Victoria, the Anglican Diocese of British Columbia hopes to build as many as 500 units of housing on the city block owned by Christ Church Cathedral in Victoria. As their Bishop Anna Greenwood-Lee recently said, *“As a society, I think we have to look at how it's easier to find a place to park your car than it is to find a place to lay your head”*.

Most of the parish and school sites in our Diocese could accommodate the type of stewardship of the land that would allow them to participate with the poor and unhoused. Collaboration and communion will be necessary: parishes, schools, and the Diocese as a whole have limited capacity to do all that is needed to bring a project to completion, whether it is housing, a day care or preschool, worship space/church, or a church hall. However, in solidarity with other non-profit organizations and all levels of government, we can work together for the common good and well-being of all.

The Diocese of Victoria can create opportunities and solutions that align us to a reconciling path with the cry of the poor and the cry of the earth. This is the offering, the fast that the Lord wants from us: *“to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house”* (Isaiah 58:7); then, he promises us, *“your light shall break forth like the dawn”* (Isaiah 58:8). In these dark times of global and local conflict, each of us can shine God's love and hope into the world.”

**In Communion, Most Reverend Gary Gordon**

**In light of the above and given that the Provincial Government has recently directed and gave municipalities new incentives to allow for denser developments so that more affordable housing could be built, let us explore what we as a Parish might be able to do. If you are interested to pursue such housing possibilities on our parish lands, please, let me know at 250-656-7433 or at: [rhasenack@rcdvictoria.org](mailto:rhasenack@rcdvictoria.org). You have many talents which can be used or you may know of someone who might be able to help us. Together with experts in the field we could explore what might be possible and propose a project to our parish. Thank you. Fr. Rolf**

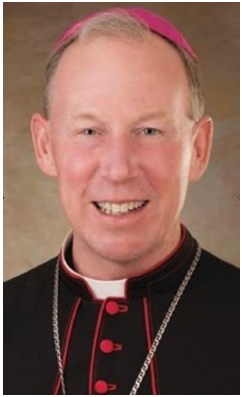
### **DIOCESAN APPEAL – TAPESTRY OF FAITH: HALF WAY TO OUR GOAL!!!**

**As of November fifteen - 65 parish households have donated or pledged \$27,450.00 which is 59.67 % of our goal of \$ 46,000.00. If you are one of the many households who have not yet contributed, please, consider seriously to join us so that we might double the number of participants. Every little bit helps!**

**Both our Diocese as well as our own Parish need your financial support. Please, remember that 20% of whatever is raised for the Diocesan Appeal is coming back to the Parish. The more you give to the Appeal, the more we as a Parish receive back to help in financing the considerable and necessary repairs which had to be undertaken at St. Elizabeth to the tune of about \$ 200,000.**

**We want to thank our Appeal team of James Bryce (chair, Finance Committee), Tony Rozario and Alice Valiquette (chair, Parish Pastoral Council).**

It is through your commitment and efforts that we will be able to weave our own unique tapestry of faith. Donations may be made on-line at: <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/bishops-appeal> You can also place your donation marked “**For the Appeal**” in the collection basket. Thank you for participating in this community effort. Blessings, **Fr Rolf.**



“Dear Friends in Christ,

During the 2022 Synodal journey, the Bishop’s Appeal listened to the collective voices of our brothers and sisters in Christ who were calling for faith connections. Growing Together focused on projects that supported parishioners of all ages to come together in faith.

This year we again sought feedback from parishioners, this time through an in-depth survey about the Bishop’s Appeal. We received over four hundred responses and the results of this survey are clear: parishioners seek faith-based relationships, they want to support Mission Parishes, and support our Clergy, Sisters, and Seminarians.

Parishioners in our Diocese come from many backgrounds. Each person is a golden thread in God’s hands, bringing with them unique gifts, challenges, & perspectives to our faith community.

These many threads are woven together to create one tapestry of faith. In the same way that the many threads of a tapestry are jumbled in messiness on the back of the piece, we too work through the many threads of complex patterns to emerge and create a beautiful picture of faith, intricately woven into God’s beautiful tapestry.

Proceeds from the Bishop’s 2023 Appeal will be allocated to three areas of growth: Parish community and relationship building, Local Mission Parishes, and support for Clergy, Sisters, Seminarians and Vocations. You will find details about each of these areas of growth else-where in this brochure. Together we will weave a Tapestry of Faith for our Diocese.”

***Bishop Gary Gordon***

### **OFFICE CLOSED FRIDAY NOV 24 - NO 9:00 AM MASS**

There will be no Mass on Friday Nov. 24 and the parish office will be closed due to the Diocesan Staff Study Day.

### **2023 DIOCESAN FAITH DAY: NOVEMBER 25: free event for all parishioners !**

This year’s theme is “**Serving with Spirit: Transformation from the inside out**”. All are invited to join us for a day of learning in community with guest speaker **Leah Perrault**, as we consider how the Holy Spirit leads us within a changing Church and world. **Saturday, Nov. 25 from 9 am – 3 pm at St. Edward’s Church in Duncan.** For more info. and to register please visit <https://DioConferenceServewithSpirit.eventbrite.com>

### **DIVERSITY PROJECT- WE ARE ROOTED IN DIFFERENT CULTURES AND NATIONS**

In early October, our Parish Council under the leadership of Stephanie & Cornelius Rodrigues initiated a **Diversity project** showcasing a world map in the lobby. You were invited to place a pin on the Country of your birth. It was a fun project and many good conversations came from it. Parish Council is pleased to inform you that we noted **40 Countries on the map**. WOW!!! that is Diversity in action here in our Parish! There were many towns, provinces and districts pinned as well and we thank you for that. We now have a Welcome sign in the foyer showcasing the **40 Countries** and the word **WELCOME** written in different languages. Please take a look and let us know if you think differently. They were researched from various websites; we used the Official Language spoken in the Country. There is a basket and some sticky notes placed on the table for your feedback. Thank you. God Bless.

### **BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE**

You are invited to inscribe the names of deceased relatives and friends in the Book of Remembrance in front of the altar during the month of November, the month with its traditional focus on the communion of the saints and **the remembrance of our deceased loved ones.**

### **BIRTHRIGHT FUDGE SALE: NOV 18 & 19 AFTER MASSES**

**Birthright will be selling Specialty Fudges after both Masses on Sat. Nov 18 & Sun. Nov 19.** Birthright Fudges make great stocking stuffers or gifts for the holiday table and freeze well! Birthright assists women in difficult or crisis pregnancies, offering hope and encouraging Mothers to give the precious gift of Life to their babies - how fitting as we prepare for the Christ Child! Please consider supporting this worthwhile cause. **CLICK HERE** to view all the yummy fudge selections & pricing (only \$6/pkg!). Cash or cheque made out to "Birthright".

### **GIFT CARDS: BACK AGAIN BY POPULAR DEMAND**

*Hanti Sidra One Global Family* is once again offering a set of five themed gift cards to raise funds supporting projects carried out by our friends in South Sudan, affected now by large numbers of refugees fleeing the war in north Sudan. One card of your choice is offered to you for each \$20.00 in donations made by you. You will get a tax receipt for your donation. The cards will be available at St. Elizabeth's Church each Sunday until Christmas. You can also contact us at [hantisidra@gmail.com](mailto:hantisidra@gmail.com) or 250-655-3635 to make a donation and select cards. In addition to Christmas, they can be used for birthdays, anniversaries, graduations, funerals or other special events.

### **NEW 2024 MISSALS AVAILABLE - \$5.00**

The new Liturgical Year begins on Sunday Dec. 3, the First Sunday of Advent. **Price: \$ 5.00**

### **KIDS CORNER: [Click Here for November 19, 2023 Children's Liturgy](#)**

### **ANTI-RACISM WORKSHOPS: ST. TERESA'S ON PENDER ISLAND DEC. 7**

All are invited to this educational and sharing event, in an informal, safe space on **Thursday Dec. 7 at 10am – 3pm at St. Teresa's Church at 4705 Buccaneers Road, Pender Island**. This workshop is in response to current events and we will be focusing on Antisemitism and Islamophobia. Free registration is limited due to space for 24. Lunch will be provided. This is an invitation to all people regardless of faith / cultural / social backgrounds. The workshops are provided by the **Victoria Multifaith Society** and will include participation by invited guests from the Muslim and Jewish communities.

*"We've chosen to encourage insight, empathy, and listening, emphasizing respect and the need to be kind and compassionate as we learn with and from each other."* **[Please Register Here](#)** or email: [jobeattieuk@gmail.com](mailto:jobeattieuk@gmail.com)

### **A Message from the Society of St. Vincent de Paul for World Day of the Poor**

This weekend Pope Francis invites us to celebrate the World Day of the Poor. The theme for this year is "Do not turn your face away from anyone who is poor". The members of St. Vincent de Paul take this motto to heart and has been doing so for the past 175 years. The Pope puts this motto before ALL the faithful. 1 in 10 Canadians live below the poverty line and here on Vancouver Island we are no different. You all have been most generous in supporting St. Vincent de Paul each month by donating through the blue envelopes and **we thank you** most sincerely. Placed among the church chairs at this weekend's Masses, will be *World Day of the Poor* prayer cards. On the back of the card is a description of some of the ways your funds support our **SSVP** ministry to those in need. Please feel free to take one home with you. We are always looking for more volunteers to join us in our mission. If you are interested, please reach out to Lucy Bandet, St. Elizabeth Conference President, by email at [lucybandet@gmail.com](mailto:lucybandet@gmail.com) or by phone at 250-857-5109, or introduce yourself to me after mass.

### **HORIZON OF HOPE: NOV. 21, 28, DEC. 5, 12**

A 4-Session series exploring Palliative Care for End of Life: **Nov. 21, 28, Dec. 5, 12 from 6:30 – 8:30pm** at St. Patrick's Parish, 2060 Haultain St., Victoria. Refreshments and resources provided. **Please register by Nov. 15** by emailing Joelle Dressler at [jdressler@rcdvictoria.org](mailto:jdressler@rcdvictoria.org)

### [CWL Apple/Christmas Bake Sale Results!](#)

The CWL wishes to send a huge heartfelt **THANK YOU** to everyone that helped make this event such a success. From the wonderful “abundant” apple donations to the ladies that peeled, sliced and packaged, then spent 2 days making pies and working bake sales on Saturday and Sunday, also to everyone that donated your scrumptious baking, thank you so much! I’d also be remiss if I didn’t thank all to all of you that participated in purchasing the baking. We made 93 pies and sold all but 21 !! SO, good news, if you didn’t get your pie yet...we will be selling the remaining pies this Sat. and Sunday. They are \$14.00 each. Enjoy!!

### [CWL TALKING POINTS TO SHARE](#)

COURAGE: If you only knew the courage of Catholic Women’s League members. In the 1920’s, Winnifred Fulton travelled by horseback to start more than 30 councils. Today we continue to carry the message of faith, service and social justice to women across Canada and internationally. Pack your courage! Your place is among us! For more info. please, contact CWL President Fatima Warner at 250-656-8863 or email [bfwarner@shaw.ca](mailto:bfwarner@shaw.ca)

### [WE ARE LOOKING FOR A PHOTOGRAPHER!](#)



We are on the hunt for a photographer who can take pictures for our next **Parish Photo Directory**. It’s been 7 years since the last one was published, so we are overdue for a new one! The directory serves as a valuable resource tool as well as a keepsake to look back upon....similar to a high school annual ☺ The photographer would be responsible for taking pictures of all our parishioners and church ministries over about an 8 week time period. If you can do this, or know someone who can, please contact Melanie at the parish office at [spparish@shaw.ca](mailto:spparish@shaw.ca) or 250-656-7433. We are looking to get this started in January.

### [CHILDREN’S SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION:](#)

Classes have resumed at Saint Elizabeth’s for all school aged children who have not yet received preparation for the sacraments of Confirmation, Holy Eucharist and Reconciliation. There are sign-up sheets at the church entrance. **Kathleen Van Der Sande**, our new Religious Education Coordinator welcomes you; feel free to contact her at 250-415-3105 or email her at: [kathsande@gmail.com](mailto:kathsande@gmail.com)

### [THE VISITING MINISTRY HAS RESUMED](#)

If you know of someone who would like a visit or communion please contact the parish office at 250-656-7433 or email [spparish@shaw.ca](mailto:spparish@shaw.ca) If a member of your family is at Saanich Peninsula Hospital, please, remember that every two weeks on **Wedn. at 11:00 am (next on Nov. 29) we come together to celebrate Mass** in the chapel which is located in the Extended Care 2 section of the hospital. About 30-35 people come together. If you are interested in joining the Visiting Ministry please contact Fatima Warner at 250-656-8863 or email: [bfwarner@shaw.ca](mailto:bfwarner@shaw.ca)

### [LIBRARY CORNER](#)

Our display of books on prayer and meditation continues in the hospitality room. Our next book review / discussion is on Tuesday Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am after Mass in the hospitality room. Everyone is welcome, with or without a book to share and the books previously discussed can be borrowed from the new display shelf in the library. Come and give us a try, you might be surprised at how interesting it is, coffee, goodies and laughter included.

### [KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS: CHARITY APPEAL](#)



The annual Knights of Columbus Charity Appeal ticket sales are upon us! Tickets are available online right now, with a new price structure, where the more you buy, the better the deal! There are a number of Early Bird draws, so please get your tickets early to enter into all of them. Final draw is on Saturday, Dec. 16. To get tickets, either scan the QR code on the poster located in the church lobby,

or go to: [www.KofCDraw.net/C9703](http://www.KofCDraw.net/C9703)

Be sure to select "Sidney" in the drop-down menu in order for our local Council to get credit for your support. Forward this e-mail to all your friends and family in BC - if they live out of province, you can buy the tickets for them! If you have questions, or need help purchasing tickets, contact Jim W. by e-mail ([jim.williams@smus.ca](mailto:jim.williams@smus.ca)) or leave a message on his cell phone (250-213-8302). Thanks in advance for your support!

### **DONATIONS TO OUR PARISH**

Our Canadian tax system allows you to reduce your taxes if you donate to churches. To receive a box of weekly offertory envelopes contact the Parish Office (250-656-7433) or email [spparish@shaw.ca](mailto:spparish@shaw.ca) . If you are new to our parish, please fill in a Parish Registration Form, the blue form that can be found on the table underneath the crucifix in the church lobby or click here [Parish Registration Form](#) . Please, consider giving through the **monthly PAD Program "pre-authorized debit"**, which can be arranged through the office; **the PADs help to stabilize parish income**. **E-Transfer** donations can come directly to [spparish@shaw.ca](mailto:spparish@shaw.ca) . Our account is set-up with "Auto-Deposit" feature. As a reminder (all this assists the work of the counters), please, do not fold your cheques or dollar bills, especially the plastic ones; do not tape, staple or fold your envelopes; if contributing for several weeks, it's ok to place your donation in **one** envelope. Thank you.

### **NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE:**

In this month of November, traditionally a time to remember those who have died, the Diocesan Health Care Committee is pleased to share a new "**Care of the Dying**" webpage: <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/care-of-the-dying>. The page includes a short video intro to CCCB's "Horizons of Hope: A Toolkit for Catholic Parishes on Palliative Care" and a link to download the toolkit, as well as many other valuable resources and links.

The local **Indigenous Reconciliation Fund Committee** is eager to encourage projects from Indigenous groups anywhere on Vancouver Island and the surrounding Islands that foster good medicine for people harmed by the legacy of residential schools. For more information, please visit <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/indigenous/indigenous-reconciliation-fund-supports-the-good-work-of-reconciliation>

The **CCCB Office for Family & Life** is pleased to share a recording of the webinar "*Concrete Ways to Renew Practices in Family Holiness*". The webinar, offered in June of this year, featured Msgr. Philippe Bordeyne, President of the Pontifical John Paul II Theological Institute for Marriage and Family Sciences in Rome. The recording can be viewed on the CCCB YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QGsbidBUhtU>. To access the PDF file of the slides used by Msgr. Bordeyne during his presentation, please visit [https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1LYDtOKNYWQaNzItDAW5L9hq\\_WvZwNMhH](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1LYDtOKNYWQaNzItDAW5L9hq_WvZwNMhH).

The **Office for Family & Life** also invites you to subscribe to **All Things New**, a quarterly e-news publication which is intended to, in the words of Pope Francis, "highlight family love as a vocation and as a way of holiness, so as to understand and share the profound and salvific meaning of family relationships in daily life." To subscribe, please visit <https://mailchi.mp/82052302a242/5s5psm4psb> .

**Bishop Robert Barron's video series "The Mass"** is now available online. The series was developed to help Catholics understand how to fully, consciously, and actively participate in the source and summit of the Christian life. To view the series, please visit <https://videos.wordonfire.org/themassepisode1>.