

# 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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## SUNDAY EUCHARIST

**ST. ELIZABETH'S**, 10030 Third Street, Sidney: **Sat. 5:00 pm and Sunday 10:30 am.**

**OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION**, 7742 West Saanich Rd.: **Sunday 8:30 am.**

## WEEKDAY MASSES

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

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

**Dear members of our faith community;**

**Pastor's corner – Sept. 18, 2022**

On Tuesday September 13 I met with a representative number of parishioners who have been serving on Parish Council or on the Parish Finance Committee in order to discuss with them a number of issues which affect us this coming fall. Previously I had met with the organizers of both Friendly Hours as well as of the Pastoral Visiting Ministry.

We have reluctantly decided not to restart our important ministries of Friendly Hours and the pastoral visits with communion of the sick in the parish whether at home, in nursing homes or in hospitals. Most of the people involved in these ministries are elderly or vulnerable. There is also continued uncertainty as to what is coming this fall. We will revisit this decision early next year.

In the mean time Fatima Warner is again organizing a Calling Bee where people connect by phone or/and by e-mail with parishioners who are either unable or reluctant to come to our Sunday gatherings. Fatima needs help. If you are willing to participate, please, contact her.

It is obvious that we are not as numerous at our celebrations as before Covid. For various reasons about 25-30 % of the people who used to come to Mass on the weekend are now staying home. We wish to remain connected to them in thought and in prayer. Building relationships and strengthening community is an important part of being a Christian and we are encouraged to find new ways to do so. If you have suggestions, please, discuss them with others and let us know. Let us remind each other of the importance of coming together and celebrating together!

Over the summer I have on several occasions mentioned that we might need to look at our present Mass schedule in our Parish because the number of people attending does not warrant three Masses on the weekend. Most parishes in the Diocese have had to consolidate the number of Masses. There are still plenty of choices available when you look at our geographical area.

At the same time we have difficulty in ensuring musical and singing accompaniment which is so essential to our liturgical celebrations. The present leaders of the music ministry are willing to continue but we need to make sure that they enjoy a break from time to time so that they can participate without having always the tension of having to lead.

Keeping the above in mind I wish to suggest that beginning in November we try to have two weekend Sunday Masses both at St. Elizabeth, one on Saturday late afternoon and one on Sunday morning. We could change the times of the Masses. Our Lady of Assumption church would not close because I continue to preside at weddings, baptisms and small funerals there. I know that not having Mass on Sunday morning at OLA for a while is difficult to accept. I too like to celebrate in small more intimate groups. However, we need to come to terms with the reality of the times. By all means look at what is happening elsewhere, make positive suggestions, and let us thank each other that we are able celebrate together God's loving and faithful presence among us.

From September 28 to October 19 I will take time off to see my brother and his family in Winnipeg, to visit my Dominican community in Ottawa and in Toronto, and to reconnect with some of the young (also getting older and now some even being grandparents !!) people with whom I had the privilege to live and journey during the 1970's and 1980's. **Henri de Longchamp, OP**, a Dominican confrere from Montreal, will replace me during those dates.

### **Our Bishop Gary is inviting us to celebrate Truth and Reconciliation Day on Sept. 30:**

*“ Friday, September 30, 2022 marks the second annual Truth and Reconciliation Day. As announced last year, Island Catholic Schools, the Pastoral Centre, and parish offices in the Diocese of Victoria will be closed on September 30 of this and future years so that staff and students may commemorate the day. I encourage all people in our Diocese to spend some time on or around September 30th to learn more about the Indigenous people of Canada, the history and legacy of residential schools, our Church's role in this system, and the steps that are being taken on the path of healing and reconciliation. As you learn, prayerfully consider what actions you personally can take.*

*For those who live near Victoria or who can travel, one opportunity for service would be to volunteer at the South Island Powwow. The **Songhees Nation** is hosting this event as “an opportunity to recognize Survivors and their families in the spirit of reconciliation.” (<https://www.songheesnation.ca/south-island-powwow>). The Powwow will be held on September 30th at Royal Athletic Park from 10 am – midnight. Multiple jobs are available for both adult and youth volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering, please complete the form at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/W8DYZX8> and an organizer will be in touch.*

*Throughout the liturgies that Pope Francis celebrated during his penitential pilgrimage to Canada, the Prayers of the Faithful spoke again and again about healing and reconciliation. Together with the Pope and with Catholics across the country and around the world, we continue to pray:*

***For the pursuit of reconciliation between all peoples of these lands and the Church, that together, we may help one another realize our God-given dignity and so enjoy the bonds of unity and peace; For a fresh outpouring of the Great Spirit over all of us gathered here and beyond, that we may experience healing, wholeness and peace; For all of the peoples who share this vast land now called Canada, that we may seek to live in harmony with one another and set an example of peaceful citizenship for the whole world; Let us pray to the Lord: Lord, hear our prayer.”***

**[NO MASS ON TUES. SEPT. 20](#)** : Fr. Rolf will be attending a clergy meeting of the Diocese in Duncan on this day.

**[KIDS CORNER!! Click Here for September 18, 2022 Children's Liturgy](#)**

**[MARK YOUR CALENDAR: THIS SATURDAY Sept 17 at 6:00 pm following 5 pm Mass at St. Elizabeth](#)**

**Benefit piano concert for Aleppo by our own Joseph Shadian with the proceeds going to the Aleppo project!**



### **[JAM JARS NEEDED](#)**

Larry and Julie Kirzinger will be starting to make the delicious jelly made from the grapes grown at the rectory very soon! We are in need of another 6 dozen 250 ml canning jars with lids. If you have some that you can spare please drop them off either at Our Lady of Assumption or at St. Elizabeth's.

### **PANCAKE BREAKFAST SEPT. 25**

The Knights of Columbus will be putting on a Pancake Breakfast at St. Elizabeth's after the **10:30 am Mass on Sunday Sept. 25**. Adults by donation and children are free. Hope to see you there.

### **KAIROS BLANKET EXERCISE, SATURDAY SEPT. 17**

St. Patrick's Parish is hosting a KAIROS Blanket Exercise on Saturday, **Sept. 17 from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm** in the Lourdes Hall. This teaching tool is a way to build awareness and understanding of the shared history between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples in Canada. This event is free and sponsored by the Diocese of Victoria. It is an excellent opportunity as we focus on healing and reconciliation with our local First Nations. Hospitality will be provided by Development and Peace. **Pre-registration is required** and all COVID protocols will be followed. Please register by emailing [victoriaareadp@gmail.com](mailto:victoriaareadp@gmail.com) or calling the St. Pat's parish office at 250-592-7391. For more information visit: <https://www.kairoscanada.org/what-we-do/indigenous-rights/blanket-exercise>

### **Indigenous Pastoral and Lay Ministry Education program - registration now open**

The Indigenous Pastoral and Lay Leader Ministry Education program is an online education program led by teams of Indigenous and non-Indigenous instructors. Course #1: Introduction to First Nations Studies will run on **Tuesdays from 3:15-4:30 pm, Sept. 20 to Nov. 15**. Participants completing will earn an Indigenous Pastoral & Lay Leader Ministry Certificate. The fee for each course is \$200.

For info. and to register: <https://rcdos.ca/ministries-services/indigenous-ministry-2/indigenous-ministry-education/>

### **CALLING BEE STARTING SOON!**

It's been 2 years since our volunteers contacted our parishioners by phone calls to foster community relationships. We feel it's time to reach out once again to people in order to just say "hello". Because of various circumstances, many have not returned to church and although they are not present in the physical sense we continue to pray with them and for them. Our volunteers will be calling soon simply to touch base with our community. We are needing help with calling people, so if anyone is willing to assist with the calling bee please contact **Fatima Warner** at [bfwarner@shaw.ca](mailto:bfwarner@shaw.ca) or by calling: 250-656-8863

### **PASTORAL OUTREACH TRAINING: Register by September 20**

Nine sessions will be held **via Zoom on Saturday mornings from 9:30 – noon, from Sept. 24, 2022, and running until Nov. 26** (no session on Oct. 8 for Thanksgiving). Participants will receive a Certificate of Completion. Participants require a phone number and email address, a computer, tablet, or smartphone with speakers, microphone, and webcam, and a reliable Internet connection. **Please register through your local parish (656-7433) by Sept. 20**. For information, please email [moiraking@shaw.ca](mailto:moiraking@shaw.ca)

### **Parish Mission: St. Andrew's Cathedral and St. Joseph the Worker Parishes – October 4 to 6, 2022**

**Don't Miss This Great Opportunity!** In October, we honour **the Blessed Virgin Mary**. What a way to start it with a Parish Mission "**Mary, Mother of the Blessed Sacrament**" sponsored by the **Cathedral and St. Joseph the Worker Parishes**. Fr. Lou Cerulli, a Canadian Catholic priest with Peace, Freedom and Healing Ministry, will come to us to share his love of Mary, the Holy Spirit, and his experiences and love of the Eucharist and the healing power of the sacrament. He will celebrate the 12:10pm mass at the Cathedral and 6pm mass at St. Joseph's with teachings on:

- **October 4<sup>th</sup> – Mary, Source of our Joy**
- **October 5<sup>th</sup> – Mary and the Holy Spirit, WHAT A RELATIONSHIP!!**
- **October 6<sup>th</sup> – Healing in the Eucharist (followed by *Eucharistic Adoration and Blessing*).**

*Rosary will be prayed before the Masses.* For more info. call/text Joji -250 882 8279 or email [f7hl3jp@gmail.com](mailto:f7hl3jp@gmail.com)

## [The Diocesan Liturgical Commission is delighted to host a FREE Liturgy Matters Conference:](#)

**With Arms Open Wide: Welcoming God's People**  
**October 21 - Oct 22 at St. Edward's the Confessor, Duncan.**

**KEYNOTE: Mona Goodman**

**MASS with Bishop Gary Gordon**

Keynote Speaker Mona Goodman, will ground us in hospitality in the liturgical ministries in which we serve. We will have an opportunity for fellowship at our Wine and Cheese social (Friday evening). We will celebrate beautiful liturgy and engage in workshops specific to various liturgical ministries.

There will be something for everyone – Hospitality Ministers, Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, Leaders of Prayer, Music Ministers, Coordinators of Altar Servers, Family Faith, Environment, Liturgy of the Word for Children, and more! For more information and to register, please visit:

<https://armsopenwideliturgymatters.eventbrite.com/> . Transportation by bus from Victoria is being organized for both Friday and Saturday. If you are interested in attending please let Fr. Rolf or the parish office know so that we have an idea of how many participants from our church there will be.

### [PARISH FINANCES](#)

Two major repair works are being carried out at St. Elizabeth. After about 10 years usage one of the two heat pumps on the roof is being replaced at a cost of **\$ 6,738.00 plus GST.**

A major drainage problem in the northern driveway which caused flooding last November in our driveway and heating ducts, was repaired by Earthservice Drainmaster and the City of Sidney. The bill (**\$ 8,987.01**) was less than expected. **However, the perimeter drains in the area still need to be replaced with a two-pipe PVC drain system at an estimated cost of \$ 17,250.00 plus tax. This does not include the repaving costs.**

Thank you to Michael Kipot for his advice and for overseeing the project.

**We are all affected by the higher cost of living especially those who are on a fixed income; the parish is also. As you well know a five or ten dollar bill is worth only a fraction of what it used to be ten or even five years ago. If at all possible we would like to continue to be able to reach out and support the several local and international communities who are much more in need than we are and whom we have helped for a number of years in their essential educational and formation needs.**

**Please, remember that our Parish's financial needs and costs are the same whether you are there on the weekend or not. The Parish thanks you for continuing and/or possibly increasing your weekly/monthly donations. Your generosity is helping the Parish to pay its bills and to continue to help people in need. Our Lady of the Assumption and St. Elizabeth's have both received permissible tax exemptions over the years. We wish to acknowledge and thank the District of Central Saanich and the Town of Sidney and hope they will provide us these grants again next year. We continue to pay municipal taxes on the rectory.**

### [BIRTHRIGHT'S ANNUAL STROLLERTHON: SATURDAY SEPT 24](#)

Takes place on Saturday, **Sept 24**. The Lally family from our parish are walking and would love to have your support! Please see the Strollerthon poster or sponsor sheets at the back of the church. Willie Van Dungen will be minding their pledge sheets at St. Elizabeth's. Clearly labelled pledges (please mark 'Strollerthon' on the outside of the envelope and include your name and contact details inside) may also be left in the office or dropped in the collection plate. Thank you for your support.

\*Birthright is a pro-life crisis pregnancy service offering loving assistance to women in troubled pregnancies.