

Epiphany of the Lord, Jan. 6th, 2019

SCHEDULE:

Saturday, Jan. 5th, Christmas Weekday:

9:00 am Mass — Intentions of the Parishioners
 4:00 pm Choir Practice ♪ ~ Parish Hall
 4:00 pm Reconciliation (Confession)
 5:00 pm Mass — Soul of Wilfred Cody †
 Requested by the Cody Family

Sunday, Jan. 6th, Epiphany of the Lord:

8:30 am Mass — Soul of Judith Spores †
 Requested by D. Wilson
 10:30 am Mass — Intentions of Shannon Turner
 Requested by Nancy & Peter Horsfield

Monday, Jan. 7th, St. Andre Bessette, Religious:

8:30 am to 4:30 pm Food Safe Training

Tuesday, Jan. 8th, Christmas Weekday:

Office Closes @ Noon
 10:00 am to 7:00 pm Adoration
 6:30 pm Cenacle Rosary
 7:00 pm Mass — Soul of Joan Groot †
 Requested by the C.W.L.
 7:30 pm R.C.I.A. ~ St. Paul's Room

Wednesday, Jan. 9th, Christmas Weekday:

9:00 am Mass — Souls of Ethel & Glen Root and Family †
 Requested by David & Karen Schmelzle
 1:30 pm Mass @ The Gardens — **Cancelled**
 6:15 pm Children's Religious Education

Thursday, Jan. 10th, Christmas Weekday:

9:00 am Mass — Intentions of the C.W.L.
 Requested by the C.W.L.
 10:00 am C. W. L. General Meeting ~ Parish Hall

Friday, Jan. 11th, Christmas Weekday:

9:00 am Mass — Intentions of Raymonde Lortie
 Requested by Lucille Barclay
 9:30 am Benediction, Exposition & Divine Mercy Devotion
 9:30 am Sisters of Atonement Associates ~ St. Luke's Room / Library
 7:00 pm Youth Ministry ~ St. Andrew's Room

Saturday, Jan. 12th, St. Marquerite Bourgeois, Virgin:

9:00 am Mass — Pro Life
 4:00 pm Choir Practice ♪ ~ Parish Hall
 4:00 pm Reconciliation (Confession)
 5:00 pm Mass — Soul of Maurice Metz †
 Requested by D. Wilson

Sunday, Jan. 13th, Baptism of the Lord:

8:30 am Mass — Souls of Jessie Hawkins & Don McIntyre †
 Requested by Lucille Barclay
 10:30 am Family Mass — Intentions of the Parishioners
 ...K of C Pancake Breakfast following both Masses — See K of C box for costs

2019 Collection Envelope Boxes: Collection Envelope boxes are available for pick up at the **back of the church.** If you are a new parishioner, new 2019 envelope boxes can also be found at the back of the church.

Complementary 2019 Calendars: Please everyone is invited to pick up a complementary calendar from the back of the church.

Sunday Missals: The 2018 / 2019 Living with Christ missals are available at the back of the church. Cost: \$3.00 each. Thank you.

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

The New Year has begun:

however, we are still in the midst of the Christmas Season. This weekend we celebrate The Epiphany of the Lord when he was made know to the world with the visit of the wise men bringing gifts to the new-born child. Next Sunday is the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, that closes the Christmas Season. Thank you to all who helped to prepare the New Years Day celebration after mass and those who brought the wonderful baking to share and those who cleaned up afterwards. A special mention and thank you to our parishioners who each Sunday prepare and serve coffee and tea and goodies after our Sunday masses. I appreciate your hospitality and welcoming and know others do too.

I was touched this Christmas by all the cards and gifts that you as parishioners gave to me. Thank you for the kind words to my family and myself in the cards, I know my parents were moved too when I showed them the cards. I have some different antibiotics, and with rest and the medication, I am recovering now from my illness during the last few weeks.

...Fr. Mike

...Novena of Santo Nino: Sunday, Jan. 20th, 5:00pm — All parishioners are invited to attend the Novena to Senor Santo Nino. Fr. Melquiades Bayron will be on hand to lead the Novena. A pot luck celebration and fiesta will follow in the parish hall. ...Dita Pennykid

...Happy New Year, 2019! A sincere "Thank You", to all who were able to attend the traditional bell ringing and fellowship on New Year's Day after the 10:30 Mass. Father Mike was happy to welcome several members of our neighbouring church, St. Columba, who joined in with the carol singing, bell ringing (even the big bell outside) and welcoming of the New Year. A special thanks to all those who helped in various ways, such as set-up, our kitchen angels and those who shared Christmas goodies and clean-up. "Peace be with you." ...Mary McClelland, Parish Pastoral Council Chair

...Volunteers Will Be Needed: Monday, Jan. 14th, 10:00am for the church un-decorating. If you are available, please consider lending a helping hand. Please contact Phyllida Drummond, 250-752-3337. Thank you very much.

Pastor's NOTES



Knights of Columbus

Next Executive Meeting: Thursday, Jan. 17th, 7:00pm in Luke's Room.

Next General Meeting: Thursday, Feb. 7th, 7:00pm in the Parish Hall.

Pancake Breakfast: Sunday, January 13th, following both the 8:30am and 10:30am Masses. **\$7.50 per person or \$20.00 per family.** Proceeds from the breakfast will support our seminarians and St. John Paul II School in Port Alberni.



The **Knight's Choir:** is scheduled to sing on the first Sunday, 8:30AM Mass of each month.

Find Out How You Can Serve: in the spirit of fellowship and charity. For those interested in joining the Knights of Columbus, please contact **Wayne Sapieha** (250-586-7480) or **Al Walsh** (250-738-0319).

"There is nothing to be dreaded in human ills except sin — not poverty, or disease, or insult, or ill treatment, or dishonor, or death, which people call the worst of evils. To those who love spiritual wisdom, these things are only the names of disasters, names that have no substance. No, the true disaster is to offend God, to do anything that displeases him." ...St. John Chrysostom

...Jack Chambers



...Journey of Hearts & Hands: Serve One Another, Thank you to all who have participated and donated to the 2018 Diocesan Appeal. The Appeal has surpassed its goal by reaching \$900,000.00 !!!

Parish Goal: \$50,000 Number of Pledges: 180
Amount Pledged: \$42,150.00 % of Goal: 84.30
Current Family Households: 539

...2018 Tax Receipts: Please be advised that the 2018 Tax Receipts will include all donations received up to and including Sunday, December 30th, 2018. Envelope #'s 16, 40, 49, 54, 165, 232, and 454 are still listed as "Unknown Persons". If one of these envelope #'s belongs to you, kindly contact the parish office to provide your name and address. Thank you.

...Receive Your Bulletin Via Email: In an on-going effort to reduce parish printing costs, we remind all interested parishioners that you can receive the weekly bulletin and calendar via email. If you are interested, please contact the parish office @ ascensionparish@shaw.ca Thank you.

...National Association of Catholic Nurses:

Canada NACN—Canada was formed in 2018 to support Catholic Nurses and other health professionals who experience moral distress in practice related to changes to Canadian healthcare. We joined CICIAMS, an international group of Catholic nurses with a voice at the United Nations. Our goal is to align our professional practice with our faith through prayer, education, service and participation in public discourse. Request our membership application form at ncnacanada.boardcontract@gmail.com and mail it with your annual fee to: NACN-Canada, PO Box 19525, Manulife PO, 55 Bloor Street West, Toronto, Ontario M4W 3T9. More about us at nacnacanada.weebly.com
 ... Information provided by Fr. John Laszczyk, Vicar General

...Life In The Spirit: 'No other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ' (1 Cor 3:11). The Life in the Spirit Seminar, is concerned with the most basic part of Christian life: establishing a person in Christ. **Friday, Jan. 25th, 7:00pm—9:00pm and Saturday, Jan. 26th, 9:30am—7:30pm, at Holy Family / Notre Dame Parish, Port Alberni.** To register, please call the parish office 1-250-723-8912 or email: bourman@telus.net ...Donal Bourcier, Worthy Grand Knight

PRAYER REFLECTION:

When you do nothing, you feel over whelmed and powerless. But when you get involved, you feel the sense of hope and accomplishment that comes from knowing you are working to make things better.

...Carol Low-Hykaway, CWL

General Meeting: Thursday, Jan. 10th, 10:00am in the Parish Hall

Executive Meeting: Thursday, 9:45am, Jan. 24th, 2019, in St. Matthew's Room

Membership Tea: Saturday, Jan. 26th, 1:00pm to 2:30pm in the Parish Hall

...Gail Olyniuk, CWL President

...Youth Ministry: Camp Homewood, Feb. 1st to 3rd, 2019 —

Theme: "Have No Fear" All youth grades 7 through 12 are welcome to participate and attend another faith filled weekend on Quadra Island. The Church of Ascension participant fee is \$35.00, this includes transportation, ferry, food, accommodation and an opportunity to experience the FacetoFace Ministry team and a variety of outdoor activities (archery, canoeing, sailing, horseback riding, obstacle course, riflery and Mission Impossible!) Registration forms are available from Matthew Morrison or the parish office.

...Matthew Morrison, Coordinator of Youth Faith Formation

...Pastoral Care Sessions Continued: (9:00am — 3:00pm)

at St. Peter's Parish, Nanaimo. Saturday, January 19th, 2019. Session 3: *The Grieving Process and Ministering to Families.* Saturday, February 23rd, 2019. Session 4: *Who Am I as a Pastoral Care Visitor?* Please bring a bag lunch. To register, call the parish office, 250-753-3570 or email: stpetersnanaimo@shaw.ca

...Adoration: 'I Thirst for you! Behold I stand at the door and knock...(Rev 3:20) It is true. I stand at the door of your heart, day and night. Even when you are not listening, even when you doubt it could be me, I am there. I await even the smallest sign of your response, even the least whispered invitation that will allow me to enter.' (Adoration meditation on the prayers of Blessed Mother Teresa)

...Dianne Sisonenko, Adoration Co-Coordinator

Prayer List:

...Please pray for Francis Barnum, Benita, John & Lisa Boag, Kay Boag, Calle Badenhorst, Anna Bryan, Carlos Castro, Beverley Carpenter, Kieth Carpenter, Andrew Cormack, Eileen Dobson, Menanteau Dullisear, Jim Enright, Frances Fernando, Rosemary Fontenla, Brenda Fougere, Denise Gervais, Bonni Grad, Donovan Hanlon, Ron Hawley, Tina Holzwarth, Jackie Hrebicek, Joan, Kelly Low, Christina Lucas, Matt Manthei, John McCurrie, Caleb McIntyre, Bonita Moeller, Kevin Moreland, Shirley Newman, Terry Nishimura, Edward O'Neill, Naomi Oververde, Marlene Pineda, Eileen Plumb, Iris Richardson, Vincent Robertson, Donna-Marie Saindon, David Schram, Avon Shields, Shiela Rigby, Rosina, Crystal Smyth, Skip Thomas, Jean Turner, Georgian Vojtech, and a **Special Prayer Intention for the Reverence for Life with dignity. May we defend it and promote it from conception to its natural end.**