

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Sept. 9th, 2018

SCHEDULE

Saturday, Sept. 8th, The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary:

- 9:00 am Mass — Intentions of Francie Lockhart
Requested by the C.W.L.
4:00 pm Choir Practice ♪ ~ Parish Hall
4:00 pm Reconciliation (Confession)
5:00 pm Mass — Intentions of Rosemary Blank
Requested by Felicity & Jim O'Carroll
6:30 pm Knights of Columbus Installation of Officers

Sunday, Sept. 9th, 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time:

- 8:30 am Mass — Soul of Ed Peacock †
Requested by Doreen Peacock
10:30 am Mass — Intentions of the Parishioners



...Pancake Breakfast following both Masses

Monday, Sept. 10th, Weekday:

- 7:00 pm Choir Practice ♪ (10:30 Choir)

Tuesday, Sept. 11th, Weekday:

- 10:00 am to 7:00 pm — Adoration
Noon Grief Group ~ St. Luke's Room
6:30 pm Cenacle Rosary
7:00 pm Mass — Soul of Samuel Zenuk †
Requested by Isabel Zenuk



Wednesday, Sept. 12th, Weekday:

- 9:00 am Mass — Soul of Eva Copeland †
Requested by Lily Moreland
1:30 pm Mass @ The Gardens — Intentions of Kevin & Lorraine Monk
Requested by Lily Moreland
5:30 pm Children's Religious Education ~ Registration Night

Thursday, Sept. 13th, St. John Chrysostom, Bishop:

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

Friday, Sept. 14th, The Exaltation of the Holy Cross:

- 9:00 am Mass — Soul of Coleena McGath †
Requested by Pauline Whitney
9:30 am Benediction, Exposition & Divine Mercy Devotion
9:30 am Sisters of Atonement & Associates ~ St. Luke's Room
7:00 pm Youth Ministry ~ Registration Night

Saturday, Sept. 15th, Our Lady of Sorrows:

- 9:00 am Diocesan Catechist Retreat & Workshop
11:30 am Mass — Soul of Michael Proctor †
Requested by Margaret McKay
4:00 pm Choir Practice ♪ ~ Parish Hall
4:00 pm Reconciliation (Confession)
5:00 pm Mass — Intention of the Parishioners

Sunday, Sept. 16th, 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time:

- 8:30 am Mass — Soul of Neal Ober †
Requested by Fran Ober
10:30 am Mass — Soul of Thresiamma Joseph †
Requested by the Scaria Family

...All Healthcare Professionals: Especially doctors, and nurses, are welcome to celebrate a special Mass for Healthcare Workers with Bishop Gary Gordon at St. Patrick's Church, 2060 Haultain Street, Victoria on Saturday, September 22nd, at 5:00pm. A reception will follow in the parish hall.

...Rafael Oei, Executive Assistant,

Office of the Bishop & Chancellor, Diocese of Victoria

Pastor's NOTES

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

The month of September is now upon us and parish activities are starting to happen after the summer break. Note that the Youth Group is now meeting on Friday evening from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm. The Children's Religious Education classes have moved from Monday to Wednesday from 6:15 pm to 7:30 pm. This coming Wednesday is opening night with registration and meeting their catechist starting with hot dogs at 5:30 pm. The September calendar does have the all the activities that are happening. If you do not have a copy of the calendar it would be good to have one at home to be aware of what is going on.

Regarding the recent news of the sexual abuses by Catholic clergy there is an excellent you tube video by Bishop Baron dated on August 29th that I would encourage you to have a look at. Thinking of Bishop Baron the Adult Bible Study session that Terry Nishimura is coordination on the Mass will be delayed the starting date as it was scheduled for Wed. Sept. 19th. The issue is the work book out of print and the book store that she is purchasing them from has indicated it could be a month before they have more stock in. So, at this time the starting date cannot be set. Note that Bishop Gary is inviting us to pray together in solidarity regarding the abuses next Saturday September 15th the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows in imploring the grace of God for the healing of victims of sexual abuse and those who have suffered abuse by the leadership in the Church. Bishop Gary will be here for the catechist workshop Sept. and will celebrate mass at 11:30 am that you are invited to come to.

...Fr. Mike

...**Absolutely Amazing!** For the restoration of the church roof, you, the parishioners of the Church of Ascension, have raised over 39 thousand dollars since January the first of this year. Together with earlier savings we are close to covering the \$49 thousand cost of the contract. The final bill will include additional costs for the electrical work and roof repairs but should be within our 10% contingency amount. Many of you have persevered through the disruption caused by three weeks of construction activity, particularly Father Mike. On behalf of the Building and Maintenance Committee we thank you for both your patience and generosity.

...Sandy Fraser, Building & Maintenance Committee

...**The Window:** The 'window' is the Sacred Host in the monstrance. It is the window between two worlds. As a window belongs at once to both the room inside and to the open air outside, so His Eucharistic Body belongs at once to both time and eternity. Just as natural light comes through a window so too does supernatural light come through the Monstrance to illuminate our souls in Eucharistic Adoration. (Msgr. Ron Knox) ...Dianne Sisonenko

...**Why Remain Catholic? (With So Much Scandal)** View Bishop Robert Barron's video: https://youtu.be/ani_hnN8Fs

...**Bereavement:** To all parishioners who have suffered a recent loss. We invite you to come and join our monthly Bereavement fellowship group. When: Second Tuesday of the months of — September — October — November — December. Time: Noon to 1:30pm in St. Luke's room. Please bring a bag lunch; refreshments provided. Please contact Sandi Digras, sjdigras@gmail.com or 250-954-1991.

Knights of Columbus



Next Executive Meeting: Thursday, September 20th, 7:00pm in Luke's Room.

Next General Meeting: Thursday, October 4th, 7:00pm in the Parish Hall.

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



New improved 2018 Lifestyle Books: FINAL REDUCTION \$15.00. Contact Tony Antoniuk 250-752-9152 or Ray Misanchuk 250-607-8950.

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 Sapiha** (250-586-7480) or **Al Walsh** (250-738-0319).

"Three things are necessary to everyone: truth of faith which brings understanding, love of Christ which brings compassion, and endurance of hope which brings perseverance."

...St. Bonaventure

...Jack Chambers

...**Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows:** As indicated by Bishop Gary, in his recent letter, he is inviting us to a day of prayer, penance and fasting as we implore God for the healing of victims of sexual abuse and for all those who have suffered abuse at the hands of Church authorities. How or if one does this is left to the individual's conscience. We will have our usual two Masses that day and while the Bishop would like to be with us at the Cathedral for one of those Masses, his schedule has him in the mid-island.

...Fr. John Laszczyk, Vicar General

Join Bishop Gary Gordon on the feast day as he celebrates the 5:00pm Mass at St. Peter's Parish, in Nanaimo on Sept. 15th. ...Rafael Oei, Executive Assistant

...**Vintage Voices Newflash:** We will be performing on Sept. 12th @ 3:00 at The Gardens, on Sept. 13th @ 1:30 at Arrowsmith Lodge, on Sept. 14th @ 1:30 at Eagle Park, and on Sept. 18th @ 2:30 at Stanford Place. Come cheer us on. We always welcome new singers and musicians. Contact: wedepohl@shaw.ca or 250-586-3111.

...Sylvia Wedepohl

...**Island Catholic Schools:** Will be accepting applications for Teaches on Call for all schools, Applications forms and details are posted at <http://cisdv.bc.ca/employment-opportunities.php> ...Heidi Pivalar, Executive Assistant, ICS

...**Parish Database:** Have you moved in the past year, changed your telephone number or email address and are not sure if the parish now has your current contact information? Please take a moment to contact the parish by phone at 250-248-3747 or by email: ascensionparish@shaw.ca to let us know. Your personal contact information is held in strict confidence and is only used for church business (i.e. mailing out income tax receipts) Thank you.

...**Social Justice: Season of Creation — One Climate / One World,** "Earth at its beginning was for all in common, it was meant for rich and poor alike; what right have we to monopolies the soil? Nature knows nothing of the rich; all are poor when she brings forth" (St. Ambrose of Milan) "The commitment to believers to a healthy environment for everyone stem directly from their belief in God The Creator...Respect for life and for the dignity of the human person extends also to the rest of creation which is called to join (humanity) in praising God" (Pope John Paul II, Message for World Day of Peace) Climate change is the biggest threat to reducing poverty and we know that the poorest communities are the most vulnerable to it effects, despite having done the least to cause the damage. (Cafod.org.uk) ...Tess Cormack

...**Volunteers:** We are looking for new volunteers to join our visitation team, taking Holy Communion to nursing homes. If you would like to take part in this rewarding aspect of our Lord's work, please call Penny Cowan, 250-594-7497.

...**Refugee Sponsorship Committee: Volunteer Drivers —** RSC finds itself in urgent need of additional volunteers to drive our refugee family to appointments or assist with babysitting. If you can help, please contact Jack Chambers at 250-594-4646 or see any member of the committee. Any time that you can donate will be greatly appreciated.

...Jack Chambers, RSC Member

PRAYER REFLECTION:

"We should make plans — counting on God to direct us." (Prov. 16:9)

...Carol Low-Hykaway, CWL

Executive Meeting: Thursday, 9:45am, September 27th, in St. Luke's Room

General Meeting: Thursday, 10:00am, September 13th, in the Parish Hall

All Knitters: We need prayer shawls, we have many smaller ones, so larger ones are needed. If you have any questions, please call 250-540-5598. Thank you. ...Maureen Murray, C.W.L.

...Gail Olyniuk, CWL President



...**Married Outside the Church?** Did you know that Catholics are bound by the Form of Marriage? This means that for a Catholic's marriage to be valid it must take place before a priest (Bishop or Deacon) and two witnesses. One can receive a Dispensation from Form if there is a serious reason to be married before someone else. (eg. Family friend or the other party perhaps who is a minister in another church) but even in this case there is a need to prepare for the wedding with a priest who will request the dispensation for you. If you are in a situation where your marriage is not presently recognized by the Church either because you were not aware of this church law or because of a previous marriage that you think prevents you form a church wedding, perhaps have a chat with your parish priest or deacon or connect with Louis Melendez at he Diocesan Marriage Office at 250-479-1331 or lmelendez@rcdvictoria.org Let's see what possibilities exist. ...Fr. John Laszczyk, Vicar General

...**Diocesan Catechist Retreat & Workshop:** Catechist, Sacrament Preparation Leaders, Youth Ministers Join us! Saturday, Sept. 15th, 9:00am to 3:00pm (Coffee's on at 8:30) at the Church of Ascension. Lunch provided — Free will offering. REGISTRATION REQUIRED! Online at Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/diocesan-catechist-retreat-workshop-or-Diocesan-website-http://www.rcdvictoria.org/> or please contact Glen or Gwen for more information, 250-479-1331 or by email: gpalahichy@rcdvictoria.org or gjahelka@rcdvictoria.org

...Gwen Jahelka, Assistant Director, Faith Formation & Evangelization

Prayer List:



...Please pray for Francis Barnum, Benita, Denyse Bilodeau, John & Lisa Boag, Kay Boag, Calle Badenhorst, Anna Bryan, Beverley Carpenter, Andrew Cormack, Eileen Dobson, Menanteau Dullisear, Jim Enright, Frances Fernando, Rosemary Fontenla, Brenda Fougere, Denise Gervais, Tanya Greene, Donovan Hanlon, Ron Hawley, Tina Holzwarth, Jackie Hrebicek, Joan, Kelly Low, Christina Lucas, Valerie MacCarthy, Matt Manthei, John McCurrie, Caleb McIntyre, Bonita Moeller, Kevin Moreland, Shirley Newman, Edward O'Neill, Naomi Overvorde, Marlene Pineda, Eileen Plumb, Iris Richardson, David Schram, Joan Shackley, Avon Shields, Shiela Rigby, Rosina, Crystal Smyth, Carlos Triay, Georgjan Vojtech, Paula Zilkie, 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.**