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Why?

Jean Allen

A lot of Christians have an erroneous understanding as to why Jesus came to earth, did all that he did and died horribly on the cross. That understanding is called Satisfaction Theory of Atonement (Penal Substitution): that Jesus had to die to appease God's wrath and to pay for our sinfulness. Let's just put that misunderstanding to rest, shall we?

That theory became mainstream around 1098 AD when St. Anselm of Canterbury wrote a book titled, "Cur Deus Homo" (Why God Became Man) to explain to his monks why Jesus died. He thought God would not forgive humanity unless our sins were paid for by the brutal death of his Son. Many think the Satisfaction Theory of Atonement is a doctrine of the Church but theologians were never bound to teaching this theory. In fact, here's what Pope Benedict XVI wrote about it:

"It is an unworthy concept of God to imagine a God who demands the slaughter of his son to pacify his wrath. God must not be thought of in this way. Such a concept of God has nothing to do with the idea of God to be found in the New Testament."

Theories abound as to why Jesus had to die but it is ultimately a sacred mystery. One tangible result of our Lord's death, as I've mentioned before, is that the meaning of sacrifice changed from 'a sacred, bloody and violent death to appease God and save ourselves, to a free will self-giving to save another. Another truth that arose out of the crucifixion is that we are called to love and forgive in the same way Christ died in total forgiveness. He forgave his crucifiers and he forgave his disciples. That was how he saved us. How can we not do the same? What is our excuse?

The realization of the beauty and critical impact of forgiving others from watching how Jesus died is metanoia. It is a conversion grace we cannot do without. As you go through Holy Week meditating on the love and forgiveness pouring from the cross, ask for this metanoia.

Your full Life depends on it.



The Week of March 25 to March 31 in our Community

Monday Of Holy Week March 25

Parish Office Closed

6:30am Mass Fr. Sean presiding

Tuesday Of Holy Week March 26

6:00pm Mass + **Allan Sequeira / + Loris Guerra**

Wednesday Of Holy Week March 27

6:30am Mass Fr. Sean presiding

6:00pm Mass + **Verna Amstutz**

7:00pm **Legion of Mary - Church Hall**

Thursday Of The Lord's Supper March 28

7:00pm Mass followed by Adoration

7:00pm **RCIA Journey of Faith - attending Mass**

Friday Of The Passion Of The Lord March 29

3:00 pm Service

Holy Saturday March 30

8:00pm Vigil Mass (livestream)

Sunday The Resurrection Of The Lord March 31

10:00am Mass

12:00 noon Mass

Mass Schedule

Weekday Masses

Monday ~ 6:30am

Tuesday ~ 6:00pm

Wednesday ~ 6:30am & 6:00pm

Thursday ~ 6:30am & 9:00am

Friday ~ 6:30am & 9:00am

Weekend Masses

Saturday ~ 6:30am

Saturday ~ 5:00pm (livestream)

Sunday ~ 10:00am

Sunday ~ 6:00pm

Easter Triduum

Holy Thursday March 28

7:00pm (followed by adoration)

Good Friday Service, March 29

3:00pm

Saturday Vigil Mass, March 30

8:00pm (livestream)

Easter Sunday, March 31

10:00am & 12:00 noon



Syro-Malabar Mass Schedule

Weekend Masses

Saturday ~ 7:00pm

Sunday ~ 12:00 noon

Malayalm Way of Cross

Fridays ~ 8:00pm



Funeral Mass for Carolyn Ledohowski

Our beloved daughter Carolyn passed away on Tuesday. If you are able, we would welcome your presence when we celebrate her life. Feel free to attend any of the events, at any time. Regardless of your attendance, we know your thoughts and prayers are with us in our time of grief.

The service will be on Wednesday, March 27th from 11:00 AM until noon at St. Joseph the Worker Parish (753 Burnside Rd W).

The burial will take place afterwards at approximately 12:30 PM at the Royal Oak Burial Park (4673 Falaise Dr).

The reception will follow afterwards from 1:30 PM until 4:00 PM at McCall Gardens (4665 Falaise Dr).

For those that cannot attend, a brief celebration of her life is posted on the McCall Gardens website:

(<https://www.mccallgardens.com/obituaries/carolyn-ledohowski>).

Mark and Susan Ledohowski

SACRAMENTS



Sacrament of Reconciliation: Fr. Alfie will be available for Reconciliation, in the church, 1/2 hour before evening Masses on Saturday and Sunday, or by appointment. Please call parish office 250-479-7413 to arrange.

Sacrament of Marriage: Inquiries must be made 6 months in advance. Register at the office. Marriage preparation class is compulsory.

Sacrament of Baptism: Celebrated on the **first Sunday** of each month at 11:30am. Please call parish office to register.

Baptism Preparation will be held on the **first Saturday** of each month at 10:00am. Please call parish office to register.

Catechism and Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Communion: email: ourcatechismjourney@gmail.com

Pastoral Care Visits While in Hospital: We remind the faithful that privacy legislation in BC prevents the release of information regarding hospital admissions. If you or someone you love is admitted to a hospital and would like a visit from your Pastor, Eucharistic or Pastoral Care Ministers - also Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, who are commissioned at the discretion of the Pastor, please let the Office staff know.

For a hospital emergency call Fr. Sean Flynn at:
250-889-3761.

Eucharistic Ministry to the Homebound: We are grateful to those who give of their time and care to bring Holy Communion to our parishioners who cannot make it to church each week due to sickness or infirmity. If you know of anyone who would like to receive Communion in their home, please contact Melissa at the parish office by phone or by email: mhogg@rcdvictoria.org

The parish office regular hours of operation are:
Tuesday through Friday
8:30am to 3:30pm (except Statutory Holidays)

Please Note:

**The Parish Office will be closed on:
Good Friday, March 29, Easter Monday, April 1
Tuesday, April 2
and will reopen again Wednesday, April 3
Upcoming Sanctioned Collection
Church in the Holy Land (Good Friday)
March 29, 2024**

Donation Options



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Ruth Real at:
SJTWyouthgroup@gmail.com



Catechism Journey

St. Joseph the Worker Parish
Catechism Program (2023/2024)

Sunday Morning

Grades 1 to 4
11:15am - 12:00 Noon (following the 10
am Mass)
St. Joseph's Elementary School
757 Burnside Rd. W

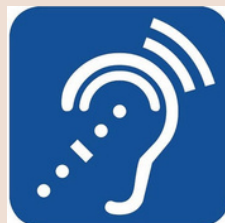
For more information please contact:
OurCatechismJourney@gmail.com

Grade/Level 5 Post Sacrament Class

Saturdays at 6:00pm

For more information or to register please
contact Chris Whiteley at:
whiteley.christopher@gmail.com or
250-886-2407

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- A) No income
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Drop-in March and April (Mon, Tues, Wed)

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Drop-in May 8 to July 31 (Wed only)

9am to 11am



Shoe Box Program

Knights of Columbus are conducting a **Mother's Day Shoe Box Program.**

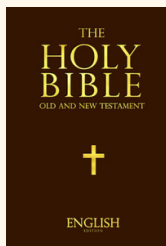
Young single mothers who chose life rather than abortion, are gifted a shoe box containing \$50.00 in pampering items for Moms, on Mother's Day.

Your donation of either a filled shoe box, or a cash donation may be dropped at the parish office or by calling **Gerry Poitras at 250-812-7611**, or e-mail: **kimnnger40@gmail.com**, prior to **April 29.**

Cheques can be written to "K of C #13356 St Joseph The Worker Council" with a note, "Shoe Box Program".

Men of the Word

The Knights continue to sponsor a monthly Bible study called Men of the Word. The next session will be held in the Community Room on **Tuesday, March 26th at 7:00pm.** We meet for 1 hour and discuss the lesson plan for that month. All men of the parish are invited to join us.



**PLEASE PICK UP YOUR
TAX RECEIPTS IN THE
CHURCH FOYER!**

Knights of Columbus Lenten Food Drive Wrap Up

Our annual 40 Cans for 40 Days food drive is wrapping up on **Palm Sunday, March 24.** Please have any donations of food or money brought into the church or collection basket by this date. Food bags are available in the foyer of the church to take with you after mass. Those wishing to donate by cheque or cash should provide their envelope number and write K of C Food drive on the envelope (if by cash) or in the memo space of the cheque. **Please issue cheques to "St Joseph's Conference SSVF".** Thank you in advance for helping make this food drive a success.

SAVE THE DATE

Thursdays - May 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30

LOVE AND RESPECT

Marriage Retreat

7 pm - 9 pm

St. Joseph the Worker Parish

Workbook will be provided

K of C Pancake Breakfast



**The pancake breakfast is
on Palm Sunday March 24,
a week earlier,
due to Easter Sunday.**

Are You Called To Be A Proclaimer?

**We are recruiting for all SJTW Masses,
especially for Sunday 6pm.**

As a proclaimer of the Word of God during Mass, you are entrusted with some of the most wonderful stories to come down through the ages. This ministry is important because it brings alive the scriptures in the hearts of the faithful. Do you have the ability to stand in front of people and be comfortable? Do you have public reading and enunciation skills? Are you at least 18 years of age? If you feel called to this sacred ministry, please contact the parish office. Training is provided.



From the Diocese

Online Questionnaire About COVID-19

The Diocese of Victoria is participating in an international research project about how religious communities experienced the COVID-19 pandemic. All parishioners are invited to complete an anonymous online questionnaire about your experiences during the pandemic. For more information and to access the questionnaire, please visit:

<https://www.research.net/r/covidandreligion>. The questionnaire will be available until mid-April.

Reclaiming Redemptive Suffering

The Canadian Catholic Bioethics Institute have shared a recording of their presentation "**Reclaiming Redemptive Suffering: A Spiritual Approach to the Meaning of Suffering**". Many of us have lost any sense of 'meaning' in suffering. Some want to avoid it at all costs, even choosing early death. Our Catholic faith talks about 'redemptive' suffering, but what does that mean? Presenter Erin Kinsella will discuss this through the lens of her experience of chronic illness and developing spirituality of suffering. To view the presentation, please visit: <https://youtu.be/5iwV87jPynA>

"A Great Symphony of Prayer"

In preparation for the 2025 Jubilee Year, Pope Francis has announced that 2024 will be a "Year of Prayer". The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops invites all to participate in their webinar series, titled "A Great Symphony of Prayer". Dr. Josephine Lombardi from St. Augustine's Seminary will present two four-part sessions, **one in April** and one in October. The webinars will be recorded and made available after the completion of the final session; please register for at least one session if you wish to receive a notification when the recordings are available. For more information and to register, please visit: https://cccb.ca.zoom.us/webinar/register/8017107746637/WN_E7HPS7PeQAOXnuBjILt9Qg#/registration.

Journey Through Lent Video Series

As we enter Holy Week, a reminder that the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops is offering a Journey Through Lent video series. Beginning on Ash Wednesday, and for each Sunday in Lent, a video has been shared the CCCB website featuring pastoral reflections based on the Readings for the Sunday Eucharistic Celebration. This series is meant to offer spiritual inspiration and guidance on how to prepare well for the Easter season. To view the videos, please visit: <https://www.cccb.ca/evangelization-catechesis-catholic-education/video-resources/journey-through-lent/>.

Diocesan Youth Retreat

Registration is now open for the Diocesan Youth Retreat. Since 2003, the DYR (formerly the Diocesan Youth Conference) has been the premier youth ministry event in the Diocese of Victoria. **Grade 8-12 students and their chaperones are invited** to the faith and fun-filled event, to be held on **Friday, May 10 and Saturday, May 11 at Camp Imadene**. For more information and to register, please visit: <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/dyr>

Lenten Retreat at Sacred Heart Parish

Sacred Heart Parish in Victoria (4040 Nelthorpe Street) will be holding a Lenten Retreat on **Forgiveness and Reconciliation** from **March 23-27**. It will be led by Fr. David Reilander, the president of Catholic Missions in Canada, and all are welcome. For more information, please contact the parish at sacredheart@rcdvictoria.org or 250-479-1611.

Diocesan Family Camp

This year marks the **10th anniversary of the Diocesan Family Camp**. This year's theme is "**On the Way Together**", and the guest speakers will be Bishop Gary Gordon, Sr. John Mary Sullivan (Associate Director of Ministries and Outreach for the Archdiocese of Vancouver) and Joelle Dressler (Director of Faith Formation and Evangelization for the Diocese of Victoria). The camp will run from **August 15 - 18 in Nanoose Bay**. **Please Save the Date! More information will be coming soon.**

Contacts in the Parish

Pastor

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Admin Assistant/Secretary/Bookkeeper

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Contemplative Community

Children's Liturgy of the Word

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Angela Grohovac

Call parish office (250) 479-7413

Charlie Allen (778) 433-5772 email: charlieballen@gmail.com

(2nd & 4th Saturdays @ 10am)

tbd

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Gerri Erickson (250) 216-5558 email: gerri@shaw.ca

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Pre School - Gr. 7 Call school office (250) 479-1232 for more info

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Meetings every 3rd Wednesday 6:00pm to 8:00pm

Lisa Slegg email: lisaslegg@gmail.com

Meetings every Wednesday following 6:00pm Mass

looking for a coordinator

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2024

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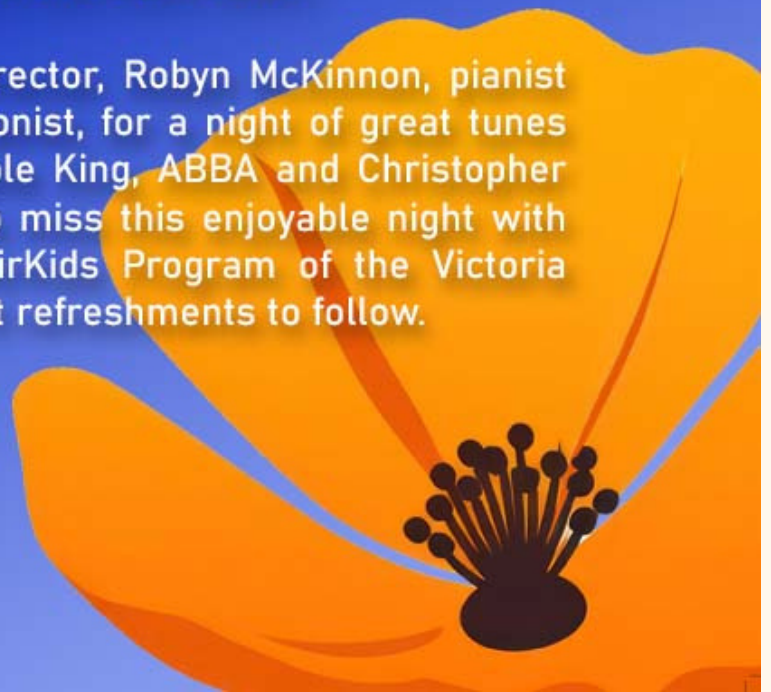
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2060 Haultain Street, Victoria

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**Leah
Perrault**



Talk 1: The Call
Talk 2: The One Thing
Talk 3: The Response
Talk 4: The Gifts



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10:00AM

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the order of Melchizedek" (Ps 110:4)*

THE FIRST MASS
WILL BE CELEBRATED IN
THANKSGIVING
ON SUNDAY 23 JUNE 2024
AT ST ANDREW'S CATHEDRAL
AT 11:00 AM.

**Diocesan Bursary
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\$750 Bursary awarded annually to a Catholic student graduating from a secondary school or a home schooling program within the Diocese of Victoria who plans on pursuing further education at a post secondary institution.

For more information, and to apply, please visit:

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Application deadline: March 31st

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**Application forms must be requested from
the Bursary Chairman:**

**Christopher Chen, #333-1231 Pacific Blvd,
Vancouver, BC V6Z 0E2**

Email: chrischen.kofc@gmail.com.

**Completed applications must be received by
June 30, 2024.**




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Matthew 25:40


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