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## The Kingdom is Like...

Jean Allen

*"The mustard shrub, which is considered a malignant weed, is extremely beneficial for the health. It grows entirely wild, though it is improved by being transplanted: but on the other hand, when it has once been sown, it is scarcely possible to get the place free of it as the seed, when it falls, germinates at once. A real mustard plant is unlikely to attract nesting birds."*  
(Natural historian Pliny the Elder, AD 78.)



Jesus's followers would have been aware of the above Mustard Shrub characteristics so what was Jesus saying when he compared the Kingdom of God to the Mustard seed? Considered malignant yet beneficial for the health? Improved by transplanting yet once sown, impossible to eradicate? Unlikely to attract nesting birds?

Perhaps Jesus wasn't trying to give a perfect analogy of the Kingdom but was, instead, letting his followers know that the Kingdom is a bunch of contradictions and something that can't be frozen into a single image, tied up with string, put on a shelf and forgotten. The Kingdom is dynamic and it organically responds to what is needed in the present moment. It is a mustard seed. It is yeast. It is a dead seed. It is abundant life. When you say it can't be this or do that, that's exactly what it can be and will do. It is invasive like a malignant weed yet it is beneficial for the health. It's not the first place birds will choose to build their nests yet it is always available for that. It begins tiny and ends up taking over.

With what shall we compare the Kingdom of God? It is the creative, loving energy of God doing whatever God wants, whenever he wants, however he wants.

It is a sheer and utter explosion of hope.



## The Week of June 17 to June 23 in our Community

Monday June 17

**Parish Office Closed**

6:30am Mass (Fr. Sean presiding)

Tuesday June 18

6:30am Mass (Fr. Sean presiding)

6:00pm Mass + **Ciriaco Torralba**

Wednesday June 19

6:30am Mass (Fr. Sean presiding)

4:00pm **Legion of Mary - Community Room**

6:00pm **St. Vincent de Paul Meeting - Community Room**

6:00pm Mass + **Bryan Dorner**

Thursday June 20

6:30am Mass (Fr. Sean Flynn presiding)

9:00am Mass + **Loris Guerra**

Friday June 21 St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious, Memorial

6:30am Mass (Fr. Sean Flynn presiding)

9:00am Mass

followed by Adoration until 12:00 noon

Saturday June 22

6:30am Mass (Fr. Sean presiding)

10:00am **Contemplative Community - Community Room**

5:00pm Mass + **Brian Doyle**

Sunday June 23 Twelfth Sunday In Ordinary Time

10:00am Mass

11:15am **K of C Pancake Breakfast - Church Hall**

6:00pm Mass + **Art VanDer Zalm**

## Mass Schedule

### Weekday Masses

Monday ~ 6:30am

Tuesday ~ 6:30am & 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



### Addition to

### St. Joe's 6:30am Mass

The Mass schedule for St Joseph the Worker will grow to include a 6:30 am mass on Tuesday. That means that St. Joseph the Worker will offer this early morning mass for six days a week, Monday through to and including Saturday. **This addition will start on Tuesday June 18th.** There are new faces at every mass. Perhaps yours will be one of them. People from all over the diocese attend along with travelers. Seek and you shall find, ask and it shall be given to you, knock and the door shall be open to you. Praise the Lord.

## Syro-Malabar Mass Schedule

### Weekend Masses

Saturday, June 15 ~ 7:00pm

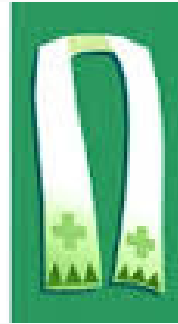
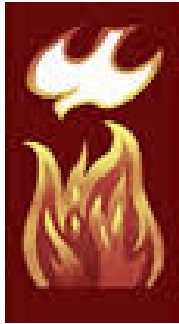
Sunday, June 16 ~ 12:00 noon

For more information:

Fr. Shijo Ph#: 647-963-0460

St Andrews Cathedral is offering a Summer faith Course beginning 12<sup>th</sup> June to 31<sup>st</sup> July. This 8-week course consists of facilitated weekly group sessions based around the Catholic Company Series "Nunc Coepi: Now I Begin". This course is ideal for anyone seeking to deepen their spiritual life. It explores the benefits of an authentic Christian lifestyle of starting anew every day without giving up. It provides insights, helpful examples, and the opportunity to develop deeper trust and confidence in God's love and grace. The course facilitator is Bernadette O'Connor. Classes will be offered weekly on Wednesdays at 2pm in-person at the Cathedral Parish Office and at 6pm online with Zoom. Course cost is \$20. A subsidy is available however, if you need it. Please register at the Cathedral Parish Office.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:mhogg@rcdvictoria.org)

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

**Please Note:**  
**Parish Office will be closed on:**  
**Monday, July 1st (Canada Day) and Tuesday, July 2nd.**  
**We will reopen Wednesday, July 3rd.**

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## Youth Group

All Youth Grades 6 - 12  
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to join us on Saturday evenings  
following the 5pm Mass  
For more information, please contact  
Ruth Real at:  
[SJTWyouthgroup@gmail.com](mailto:SJTWyouthgroup@gmail.com)

Will resume again the fall



## Catechism Journey

St. Joseph the Worker Parish  
Catechism Program (2024/2025)

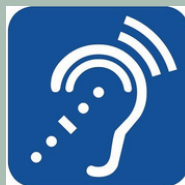
STAY TUNED  
INFORMATION ABOUT 2024/2025  
PROGRAM COMING SOON!

## Grade/Level 5 Post Sacrament Class

For more information please contact  
Chris Whiteley at:  
[whiteley.christopher@gmail.com](mailto:whiteley.christopher@gmail.com) or  
250-886-2407

Will resume again in the fall

A reminder to all  
parishioners who feel  
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everything at Mass:



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Please contact Brian Fox  
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office for more information.

# Newsworthy and Noteworthy



"To all the Men Who Love  
with a Father's Heart"



## RCIA

(Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

Are you interested in becoming Catholic? Or perhaps were you baptized Catholic as a child, but have not yet celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist? Parishes in the city of Victoria are collaborating to offer an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights and your faith story in a warm, accepting setting. **Sessions will be held on Thursday evenings, at St. Joseph the Worker Parish, beginning in the fall.** For more information or to register for the 2024-25 year, please contact the parish office.

## What's Up for the Summer?

- Melissa on vacation week of August 13 - 16
- Sandi on vacation July 16 through Aug 8
- Monthly Summer bulletins - July 14, Aug. 18
- The Social Eco-Justice committee will be meeting in August. Please email Sister Marina at: sandseaandsky@gmail for details. Marina
- CWL is planning a summer picnic. Please stay tuned for the date.

# THANK YOU



## Fr. Shijo George

for all your support as Associate Priest  
to our parish.

We wish you the very best on your new  
assignment as Pastor to  
Sacred Heart Parish.

## Save The Dates

### Prayer in the style of Taize

6pm - September 20 October 18 November 15

**St Michael and All Angels Anglican Church**

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## Job Posting St. Vincent de Paul

The Society of Saint Vincent De Paul Vancouver Island is a non-profit organization dedicated to live the Gospel message by serving Christ in the poor with love, respect, justice and joy. We are seeking a Treasurer to join our Board. If you have experience in accounting or finance and willing to serving, a job description can be found at:

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source=aWQ9MTg%3D](https://svdp.bamboohr.com/careers/31?source=aWQ9MTg%3D)

## HOSTING INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

**Thank you so much to all of you who already responded!** We are close to having every student placed, however the **St. Andrew's International Student Program** is in need of one additional host family for September 2024 for a boy from Mexico (Grade 10) for the full school year. Please consider welcoming one of our international students into your family. Host families receive \$1,275 per month to cover costs.

Please contact Nina Timm **ASAP** at :

[homestay@cisdv.bc.ca](mailto:homestay@cisdv.bc.ca) / Tel: 403-771-2519

# From the Diocese



## Bursaries/Awards

**The deadline for the following awards is July 15, 2024.**

**The Jawl Bundon LLP Bursary** (\$2500): for a **grade 12 Catholic student** who has been accepted to a post-secondary institution. Preference will be given to Indigenous students, and to students who live outside of Greater Victoria and Nanaimo.

**The Blessed Marie Anne Blondin Bursary** (\$1000): for a **lay woman who is accepted or enrolled in a program or course for ministry in the Church**, such as religious education, social justice, liturgy, social action, care of the sick, etc.

**The Char Deslippe Memorial Award** (\$500): for a **teacher working in Catholic Island Schools or a parish catechist** serving in children, youth or adult ministry.

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## International Research Project 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 final deadline to complete the questionnaire is June 30, 2024.**

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## “A Great Symphony of Prayer: The Our Father as a Programme of Life” Webinar Series

Videos and a reflection guide are now available for *“A Great Symphony of Prayer: The Our Father as a Programme of Life”*. This webinar series, delivered by Dr. Josephine Lombardi from St. Augustine’s Seminary, was hosted by the CCCB as a way to participate in the Year of Prayer 2024 in anticipation of the Jubilee Year 2025. To view the materials, please visit <https://www.cccb.ca/evangelization-catechesis-catholic-education/video-resources/a-great-symphony-of-prayer-the-our-father-as-a-programme-of-life/>. Another series will be offered in fall 2024; a registration link will be sent once it is available.

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## Ordination of Deacon Joseph Yuson

Deacon Joseph Yuson, a seminarian for the Diocese of Victoria, will be ordained to the Ministerial Priesthood on **Saturday, June 22, 2024 at 10:00 am at St. Andrew’s Cathedral** in Victoria. All are invited to participate in Deacon Joseph’s ordination Mass, either in person at St. Andrew’s or via the livestream at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MulFNXUEki>. Your prayers for Joseph and his intentions are appreciated as he prepares for service as a ministerial priest to the People of God in the Diocese of Victoria.

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## Canadian Christian Meditation National Conference Retreat

The Canadian Christian Meditation National Conference Retreat will be held at the University of British Columbia from **July 5-7, 2024**. The theme this year is **“From Anxiety to Peace”**, and the retreat will be led by Fr. Laurence Freeman OSB, a monk of the Benedictine Congregation of Monte Oliveto Maggiore. Both in-person and remote participation options are available. For more information and to register, please visit: <https://www.wccm-canada.ca/>. **The deadline to register for in-person participation is May 30.**

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## Diocesan Family Camp Looking For Volunteers

**The planning committee for the 10th Annual Family Life Conference and Camp is looking for volunteers to assist with the camp.** If interested in volunteering, please email: [familycamp@rcdvictoria.org](mailto:familycamp@rcdvictoria.org) for more information.

# Contacts in the Parish

## Pastor

## Deacon

## Admin Assistant/Secretary/Bookkeeper

## Custodian

## Responsible Ministry Coordinator

## Altar Server Training/Coordinator

## Baptism

## Contemplative Community

## Children's Liturgy of the Word

## Children's Religious Education

## Eucharistic Ministry Contact

## Usher Coordinator

## SJTW Pastoral Care Outreach Ministry

## Development and Peace

## Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA)

## Youth Group - Grades 6 to 12

## St. Joseph's Elementary School

## Catholic Women's League (CWL)

## Knights of Columbus

## St. Vincent de Paul

## Legion of Mary

## Coffee/Hospitality Committee

## Finance Committee Chair

## Proclaimer Schedule Coordinator

## Proclaimer Training Coordinator

## Liturgy Committee

## Social and Ecological Justice Committee

## Parish Pastoral Council

## Fr. Alfredo Monacelli

Deacon Michael Watkins email: mwatkins@rcdvictoria.org

Melissa Hogg/Sandi Duncan/Pat O'Brien

Office hours 8:30am - 3:30pm Tuesday-Friday

Ralph Scheurle email: rbscheurle@shaw.ca

Rosanna O'Higgins email: rosanna.ohiggins@gmail.com

Angela Grohovac

Call parish office (250) 479-7413

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

(2nd & 4th Saturdays @ 10am)

tbd

Christine Armstrong email: ourcatechismjourney@gmail.com

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

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Sister Marina Smith SSA email: sandseaandsky@gmail.com

Chris & Carmelle Whiteley (250) 886-2987 email: carmelle.whiteley@gmail.com

Ruth Real email: SJTWyouthgroup@gmail.com

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

President: Maureen Ingram email: maureena.ingram@gmail.com

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Leslie Lloyd (250) 480-8405 email: leslieaforest@gmail.com

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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Brian Fox (Chair), Mylinh Trinh, George Flint, Karen Wysiiecki, Nancy Zacharias,

Gerry Heywood



## Food Drive June 22nd and 23rd 2024

**We need your help!**

**Please participate with non-perishable food donations!**

**Paper bags for donations will be available**

**June 15th and 16th and to be collected the following week.**

**MAKE A DIFFERENCE AND DONATE FOOD!**

**Local families need support for the coming months as basic needs continue, especially with children home on**

**summer vacation.**

**Financial donations gratefully accepted as well.**

**Thank you for your generosity.**

**\*Donate non-perishables to the Food cart at the back of the church.**

**\*Cash & cheques using BLUE ENVELOPES, inside donation envelope boxes.**

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## MEMO

**DATE:** June 13, 2024

**TO:** Clergy, Religious, Pastoral Administrators, Parishes, Pastoral Centre staff, and CISDV Administrators

**FROM:** Bishop Gary Gordon

**RE:** Pastoral Appointment Announcements for Sacred Heart, Holy Cross, St. Patrick's Victoria, and the West Coast Parishes

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As I shared in my memo of May 24, 2024, Rev. Jan Grotkowski, S.D.S. was recently and unexpectedly called to a new assignment by his Religious Superior. After much prayer and discussion, the Diocese of Victoria Personnel Committee has discerned that Sacred Heart Parish, having experienced a number of changes over the past few years, is in great need of a period of stability.

Therefore, I announce today that Rev. Shijo George, new to the Diocese in December 2023, and here upon mutual agreement with the Eparchy of Mississauga, will be appointed Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish effective June 15, 2024. He will also continue to serve the Syro-Malabar faithful.

I appreciate the disappointment this will cause to the Holy Cross Parish community. While Holy Cross is without a pastor, I have appointed an Executive Committee to act as the de facto governing body for parish priorities, agendas, and direction. This Committee will be composed of Catherine Davis (Parish Pastoral Council Chair), Dave Begg (Finance Committee Chair), and John Bartle Clar (Appeal Team Leader). The lay leadership, dedicated staff, and community strength of Holy Cross Parish is edifying, and I am confident that the ability of Holy Cross to be light and salt for the Diocese of Victoria will continue.

I have also appointed an Executive Committee to serve St. Patrick's Parish in Victoria while Rev. Benson Asuming continues the process of immigrating to Canada. This Committee will be composed of Mark Redchurch (Parish Pastoral Council Chair), Peter Bray (Finance Committee Chair), and Theresa Smith (member of the Parish Personnel Committee),

Finally, I must announce today that Sr. Nancy Abarrientos RVM and Sr. Marife Macalam RVM, Pastoral Administrators for the West Coast Parishes (Holy Family Parish in Ucluelet, St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Tofino, and St. Lawrence Parish in Ahousaht), have been called by their Religious Superior to new assignments elsewhere in Canada, effective August 2024. I wish to thank the Sisters for their service in our Diocese, and ask you to join me in prayer that their new assignments may be a source of spiritual growth and renewal.

We are most grateful for the dedicated and faithful people who minister in our Diocese. Your continued support and prayers for the ongoing pastoral needs of the Diocese of Victoria are much appreciated.



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<https://tinyurl.com/goer-project>



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10:00AM

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

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AT ST ANDREW'S CATHEDRAL  
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Matthew 25:40


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