



# ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

753 Burnside Road West, Victoria, BC V8Z 1M9

Office: 250.479.7413 Fax: 250.479.7619

Emergencies Only (outside office hours): 1.250.732.7380

Father Alfredo's Email:

[amonacelli@rcdvictoria.org](mailto:amonacelli@rcdvictoria.org)

Parish Email: [sjtwp@rcdvictoria.org](mailto:sjtwp@rcdvictoria.org)

Website: [www.stjosephtheworkerparish.com](http://www.stjosephtheworkerparish.com)

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISH ACKNOWLEDGES AND RESPECTS THE LƏK'ƏNƏN (LAY-KWUNG-GEN) PEOPLES REPRESENTED BY THE SONGHEES AND ESQUIMALT NATIONS, ON WHOSE TRADITIONAL TERRITORIES WE STAND AND WORSHIP, WHOSE HISTORICAL RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE LAND CONTINUE TO THIS DAY.

## News and Features

Liturgical and Mass  
Schedule

PAGE 2

St. Andrew's Cathedral  
Summer Faith Course  
Sacraments

PAGE 3

Parish Office Hours  
Donation Options  
Formed  
Religious Education

PAGE 4

K of C Novena for Life  
CWL Garage Sale  
Shoebox Program  
Prayer Shawl Ministry  
St. Joseph Potluck Dinner  
Love and Respect  
Memorial Mass  
K of C Announcements

PAGE 5

From the Diocese

PAGE 6

Contacts

PAGE 7

Advertisers

PAGE 8

## The Good Shepherd<sub>s</sub>

Jean Allen

When Jesus speaks about being the Good Shepherd, he's not speaking to the people; he's speaking to the Pharisees and his words would have been considered pretty inflammatory. That's because he is alluding to a chapter in Ezekiel (Ezekiel 34, with which the Pharisees would be very familiar) in which God expresses his anger that the Jewish leaders have not cared for his flock the way they should have. God said that he, instead, would be their shepherd. If you are familiar with the well-known hymn, "Like A Shepherd", you would be familiar with various parts of that chapter.

*"I myself will shepherd them, for others have led them astray. The lost I will rescue and heal their wounds, and pasture them giving them rest."*

The Pharisees would have known that Jesus was directly criticizing their shepherding abilities and proclaiming himself the substitute for their roles as shepherds of Israel. In fact, by calling himself the Good Shepherd, Jesus was really saying he was God, come to rescue his people.

I think that idea tends to fly over our heads. It's not that we don't perceive Jesus as the Good Shepherd; it's that we do not grasp that God himself came to earth to shepherd his people. We think of Jesus as 'present with us' but somehow, in our heads, God stays somewhere 'out there'. He stays in heaven and sends his rep to us – in the Word, in the Eucharist and in the community. We need to begin to realize that wherever Jesus is, God is also there in all his huge love and deep concern for his people. And let's not leave the Holy Spirit out of this equation. The Spirit, too, comes to shepherd us.

What this tells us is that we are all cared for in ways that we can't even imagine. For the Trinity, the role of Shepherd isn't just a duty; it is an eternal desire. It's not just for an amorphous flock either; it's for individual sheep. It's for you and for me.

Do not be afraid, little flock.



## The Week of April 22 to April 28 in our Community

Monday April 22

**Parish Office Closed**

6:30am Mass Fr. Sean presiding

10:00am **CWL Executive Meeting - Community Room**

7:30pm **K of C Executive Meeting - Church Hall**

Tuesday April 23

6:00pm Mass Fr. Shijo presiding

7:00pm **Men of the Word Bible Study - Community Room**

Wednesday April 24

6:30am Mass Fr. Sean presiding

6:00pm Mass **Special Int. Jonah Diemand** (Fr. Shijo presiding)

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

Thursday April 25 St. Mark, Evangelist, Feast

6:30am Mass Fr. Sean presiding

9:00am Mass + **Anthony** (Fr. Shijo presiding)

10:00am **Prayer Shawl Ministry - Church Hall**

Friday April 26

6:30am Mass Fr. Sean presiding

9:00am Mass Fr. Shijo presiding

followed by Adoration until 12:00 noon

Saturday April 27

6:30am Mass Fr. Sean presiding

9:00am Mass **Our Lady of Good Counsel**

5:00pm Mass

6:00pm **Youth Group - School Gym**

Sunday April 28 Fifth Sunday Of Easter

10:00am Mass

11:15am **Catechism**

6:00pm Mass **Special Int. Jose C.**

## 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



## Syro-Malabar Mass Schedule

### Weekend Masses

Saturday ~ 7:00pm

Sunday ~ 12:00 noon

For more information:  
Fr. Shijo Ph#: 647-963-0460

## Mass With The Bishop

[https://www.youtube.com/  
c/RCDVictoriaLiveOne](https://www.youtube.com/c/RCDVictoriaLiveOne)



## ST. ANDREW'S CATHEDRAL SUMMER FAITH COURSE

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: Fr. Alfie will be away April 23, 24, 25 and 26  
attending a Catholic Schools Principal Retreat.  
Fr. Shijo will preside at weekday Masses.**

**Upcoming Sanctioned Collection  
Pope's Pastoral Works (Peter's Pence)  
May 5, 2024**

## Donation Options



**PRE-AUTHORIZED DEBIT:**

**BANK ACCOUNT PAD AGREEMENT**

**E TRANSFERS:**

**FOLLOW STEPS OUTLINED ON YOUR ON-LINE BANKING SITE  
TO EMAIL: SJTWPARISH@RCDVICTORIA.ORG**

**CREDIT CARDS:**

**PAYMENT AUTHORIZATION FORM FOR CREDIT CARD  
DONATIONS**

**CANADA HELPS ONLINE DONATION:**

**DONATE NOW - ST JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISH  
(CANADAHELPS.ORG)**

**(IMMEDIATE ELECTRONIC TAX RECEIPT ISSUED BY CANADA  
HELPS)**

**CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION AND LINKS**

## FORMED - THE CATHOLIC FAITH.ON DEMAND

### What is FORMED?

FORMED is a digital gateway to Catholic content, teachers and presenters, accessible anywhere at anytime on most smartphones, tablets and computers, for catechetical training, study groups or personal growth. St. Joseph and Sacred Heart are sharing a subscription. To register, click below and enter St. Joseph the Worker Parish Victoria BC.



**The best Catholic content.  
All in one place.**

It's EASY and FREE to register!

1. Visit [formed.org/signup](https://formed.org/signup)
2. Enter our parish zip or name
3. Enter your name and email
4. Enjoy and share with others in our local community!

After you sign up, download the free FORMED app from App Store or Google Play.

Learn more at [formed.org](https://formed.org)

**FORMED** THE CATHOLIC FAITH ON DEMAND

## Youth Group

All Youth Grades 6 - 12  
are invited  
to join us on Saturday evenings  
following  
For more information, please contact  
Ruth Real at:  
[SJTWyouthgroup@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:whiteley.christopher@gmail.com) or  
250-886-2407

Our worship area is  
equipped with an  
**Assistive Listening**  
system. If you  
would like to use  
this, please contact  
the parish office.



# Newsworthy and Noteworthy



## Novena for Life

The protection of life is a sustained prayer intention of the Church, and in particular of the Knights of Columbus. Knights remain firmly committed to defending the right to life of every human being – from the moment of conception to natural death. To commemorate and bolster this important cause, St Joseph the Worker Council is promoting a novena, nine days of sustained prayer, to build up a culture of life in our parishes, homes and wider community. Knights will be handing out Prayer for Life cards at weekend masses. **Starting on May 1st, pray the Novena for Life at home with your family for the next 9 days. The novena will conclude on May 9, the day of the March for Life to the Legislature.**

## St. Joseph CWL Garage Sale

Saturday, May 11th  
9:00 am to 1:30 pm

in the Parish Church Hall.  
Table Rentals - \$25.00  
Please contact Patti O'Brien  
at the parish office on  
Thursdays and Fridays



## 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: kimnger40@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".

## The Prayer Shawl Ministry:

invites suggestions of those in need of a gift of comfort. The members of this CWL ministry will **resume meeting downstairs on Thursdays @ 10am** for fellowship, combined with making beautiful shawls. We welcome interested crafters to our gatherings. 778-400-5714.



## St. Joseph the Worker Potluck Dinner



The Memorial of St Joseph the Worker, our patron saint, will be celebrated on **Wednesday May 1st**. A potluck dinner including musical entertainment is planned for **after the 6:00pm mass**. There will be a cash bar for beer and wine sales. Let us all gather to celebrate our patron saint and church community. Sign up sheets are at the back of the church.

## Love and Respect.... What's the Big Idea? May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 7 pm to 9 pm

Come and embark on a wonderful adventure concerning Love and Respect in marriage. As you spend time viewing and discussing the video, you will be answering three major questions.

- Why do we negatively react to each other in marriage? This will be explained in what is called the Crazy Cycle.
- How do I best motivate my spouse The Energizing Cycle answers this question.
- What if my spouse does not respond to me? The Rewarded Cycle informs us what to do.

**5 weeks of coming together and working on our marriages.** The information we share can be used in all of our relationships. Please help us prepare for you and your spouse by registering [here](#).

## Attention former & current staff / former students - St. Andrew's Regional High School:

A Memorial Mass will be held for former SARHS teacher, **Mick Goodger** (who passed away in early January) on **Friday, April 26th, 2024 at 5:00pm – Holy Cross Church.** Mass will be followed by a pot-luck supper in the Hall where we will share memories about Mick. Please contact Joanie Bidlake at: [officeassistant@holycrossvictoria.org](mailto:officeassistant@holycrossvictoria.org) for pot-luck registration: to bring a salad, main dish or dessert. Refreshments will be provided. Thank you – Fr. William Hann and friends of Mick."

## K of C Announcements

- Next pancake breakfast will be held on **April 21st**, a week earlier than usual.
- Men of the Word continues to be sponsored by the Knights. Next session is **Tuesday, April 23rd at 7:00pm**

# From the Diocese

## Clergy Appointments



After prayerful discernment, Bishop Gary Gordon, in collaboration with the Diocesan Personnel Committee, is pleased to make the following pastoral appointments effective **June 15, 2024**.

- **Rev. Benson Asuming**, on loan from the Archdiocese of Kumasi, Ghana, will be Pastor of St. Patrick's Parish, Vic., Bishop's Delegate and St. Patrick's School Chaplain.
- **Rev. Shijo George**, here on mutual agreement with the Eparchy of Mississauga, is appointed Pastor of Holy Cross Parish and will continue to serve the Syro-Malabar faithful.
- **Rev. William Hann**, Pastor, Our Lady of the Rosary, Langford.
- **Rev. Dean Henderson**, Rector of St. Andrew's Cathedral. Rev.
- **Dino Villadiego**, is retiring and is resigning from full time ministry in our Diocese. He will provide replacement ministry as needed.

Your support and prayers for the ongoing pastoral needs of the Diocese of Victoria are greatly appreciated. Mary, Mother of God, and St. Joseph, pray for us.

---

## 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\\_E7HPS7PeQAOXnuBjLt9Qg#/registration](https://cccb-ca.zoom.us/webinar/register/8017107746637/WN_E7HPS7PeQAOXnuBjLt9Qg#/registration).

---

## Diocesan Youth Retreat

Registration is 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>

---

## 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

## 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

Jenny Di Castri email: jdicastri@gmail.com

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

Contact Parish Office (250) 479-7413

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

Michael O'Rielly email: mfjeorielly@gmail.com

Stephanie Peters (250) 514-7853 email: stephanie.jm.peters@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

Mel Evangelista email: mel.evangelista@gmail.com

Bernadette D'Souza email: aberniedsouza@gmail.com

Moira King email: moiraking@shaw.ca

Esmee Rothschild email: rothjones@pacificcoast.net

Sr. Marina Smith email: sandseaandsky@gmail.com

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

Gerry Heywood



## Local St. Vincent de Paul Thrift stores need household items!

**Housewares** (pots and pans, dishes)

**small electronics and appliances** (TVs, DVDs, lamps)

**Winter Clothing** Sweaters, warm coats and outerwear

**Donations are eagerly received at 2 locations.**

**Langford Store - 2784 Claude Rd. 250-478-0282**

**Mon - Sat: 9:30am - 4:30pm**

**Cloverdale Store - 735 Cloverdale Ave. 250-590-8390**

**Mon - Sat: 9:30am - 4:00pm**

**Simply drop items off at these places.**

**Make a difference to someone in our town community!**

**Become a member of St. Vincent de Paul!**

**Email [stephanie.jm.peters@gmail.com](mailto:stephanie.jm.peters@gmail.com)**



Our communities need Catholic men to answer the call to lead with faith, protect our families, serve others and defend our values.

As **Knights of Columbus**, we stand up for the church, serve the least among us, and strengthen parishes and families. We always need new members and fresh ideas to be the best we can be.

As a member you join a worldwide community of nearly 2 million men, including 12,000 here in BC and Yukon, who stand together.

**Will you answer the call?**

Visit [kofc.org/joinus](http://kofc.org/joinus) to learn more about the many benefits of membership in the Knights of Columbus.



# Please support our Advertisers

We are accepting advertising  
Please call 250-479-7413



**MORTIMER'S**  
MONUMENTAL WORKS LTD.

VICTORIA SHOWROOM  
709 Kings Rd. at Douglas St.  
Victoria, B.C. V8T 1W4

Tel: 250.383.6421  
Elsewhere: 1.800.788.0188  
Fax: 250.383.7770  
email: info@mortimersmonuments.com  
www.mortimersmonuments.com

Grave Markers  
Bronze Plaques  
Monument Restoration  
Custom Granite Sales  
Granite Signs  
Photos on Stone  
Engraving for Fund-raising  
Personal Estate Mausoleums  
Columbaria

**MENTION THIS AD FOR A 10% DISCOUNT**



**McCALL GARDENS**  
HONOURING LIFE

Honouring Catholic Funeral Traditions

Family Owned & Operated for Four Generations

4665 Falaize Drive, Victoria, BC ~ McCallGardens.com ~ 250-385-4465



**BLAIR VEENSTRA**  
Personal Real Estate Corporation  
c. 250-889-3926  
o. 250-744-3301  
e. blair@housesellinggroup.com

4440 Chatterton Way,  
Victoria B.C. V8X 5J2




**DANIEL MACISAAC**

**MACISAAC AND MACISAAC**  
BARRISTERS, SOLICITORS, NOTARIES PUBLIC

2227 SOOKE ROAD VICTORIA, B.C. V9B 1W8  
EMAIL: mac@macisaaclaw.ca


250-478-1131  
FAX 250-478-3106  
www.macisaaclaw.ca



Walk/Run Clinics  
Strength Training  
Yoga & more  
KidsRun

**MENA WESTHAVER**  
Creator & Founder of Sole Sisters Victoria  
Health & Wellness Programs for every "body"  
solesistersmena@telus.net  
250-415-5983  
www.solesistersvictoria.com



...because I CAN!



**JOURNEYMAN PLUMBER AND GASFITTER**

**PIPE TECH PLUMBING AND GAS**

Gas permits, tankless water heaters  
HVAC, reno's and repairs  
bbpipetech@gmail.com  
250 889 9943

**Aspen Electric**  
Residential, Commercial, Industrial

Michael Angelo Ruffolo  
Master Electrician, Field Safety Rep.

778-966-2717  
Aspenelectric27@gmail.com

advertising space

advertising space

**VOLUNTEER WITH A PARISH MINISTRY**



**More Flooring In Stock, More Prices You'll Love.**

Hardwood | Sheet Vinyl | Area Rugs | Tile  
Laminate | Vinyl Plank | Carpet | & More!

**Jim Russell**  
Victoria 601 Boleskine Rd Unit #10  
250.386.8883 endoftheroll.com



**Report Sexual Abuse**

To report sexual abuse by a clergy member, religious, employee, or volunteer, call 1-800-968-3146

To report sexual abuse or cover-up by a Bishop, click here or call 1-866-892-3737

**RESPONSIBLE MINISTRY & SAFE ENVIRONMENT | RCD (RCDVICTORIA.ORG)**



May 1 Wednesday

St. Joseph's the Worker  
Potluck Dinner

After 6PM Mass

Celebrating Saint Joseph our Patron  
Saint and Church Community

Entertainment  
The Rubber Band



**Ron**



**Doug**



**Brad**



# **GREAT BIG LITTLE GARAGE SALE**

**Saturday, May 11, 2024  
St. Joseph the Worker Church  
753 Burnside Road  
Around the Back**

**Community Garage Sale with 30 large tables  
of unbelievable junque and treasures!**



**Time: 9:00 AM to 1:30 PM  
(Vendors set up 7:00AM to 9:00 AM)**

**Free Admission  
Hot food, tea, coffee for sale.**



# MOTHERS DAY SHOE BOX PROGRAM 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

The YMCA-YWCA on Vancouver Island, with the assistance of the Knights of Columbus and others, is spearheading a Mother's Day Shoe Box Program. Young single mothers off the streets or coming out of abusive relationships, who chose life over abortion and looking for a fresh start, are gifted a shoe box full of pampering items. These moms would not normally indulge themselves but rather spend on necessities for their children. The shoe boxes contain about \$50 worth of pampering items, such as chocolate, bath bombs, essential oils, and small household items such as dish cloths/towels, inspirational journal, socks, etc.

The boxes will be gift wrapped with the top wrapped separately from the bottom, to allow inspection of the contents. For safety reasons items like candles, knives, etc. are not permitted.

St. Joseph the Worker Knights of Columbus Council #13356 supports young mothers and voted funds towards this program. Hopefully, these mothers may journey with their children to healthier, safer lives and reconnect to find support and feel valued. Shoe boxes are distributed on Mother's Day.

Brother Gerry Poitras is leading the Knights portion of this project. He requests the assistance of parishioners to provide monetary support or gift-wrapped boxes, containing approximately \$50.00 worth of appropriate "mom-pampering" items. These gifts would be especially appreciated by young moms, struggling to provide for their families. Donated funds will purchase more boxes for distribution. **Please place donations into an envelope marked "K of C Shoe Boxes" and into the collection basket.** Pick up can also be arranged by calling/emailing Gerry. **Address cheque donations to "K of C #13356" with a note "Shoe Box Program".**

Shoe boxes will be delivered to the YMCA-YWCA by May 1st, 2024, for distribution. Please contact Gerry Poitras at 250-812-7611 or email: [kimnger40@gmail.com](mailto:kimnger40@gmail.com) for further information. Thank you.



# ARBUTUS SINGERS

## 2024

# Spring CONCERT

**Wednesday, April 24, 2024**

**7:30pm to 9:15pm**  
(with short intermission)

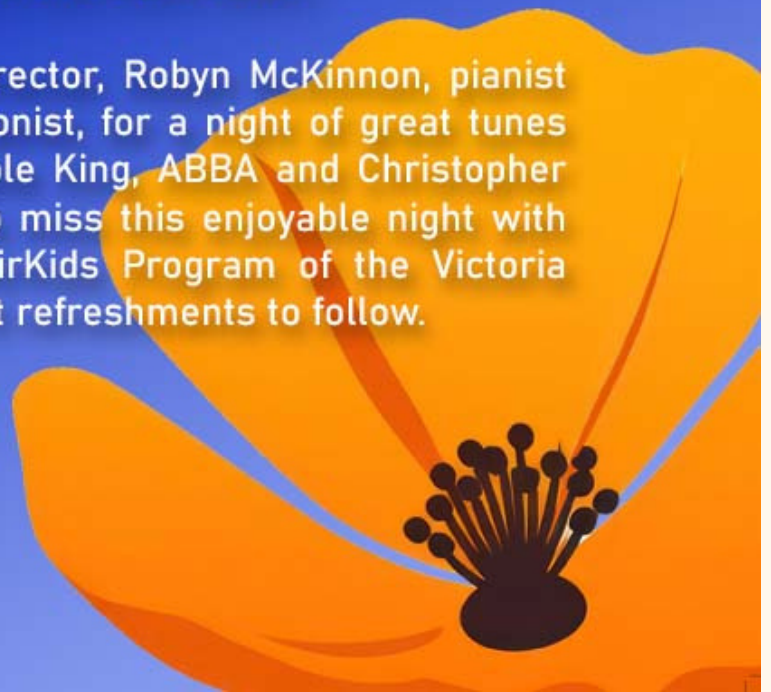
**St. Patrick's Parish**  
2060 Haultain Street, Victoria

**Tickets: \$20 Each or \$50 Family Pack**

Purchase from an Arbutus Singers member  
or call Julie at 250-384-2840

Come join Jack Boomer, Director, Robyn McKinnon, pianist and Brad Hawkes, percussionist, for a night of great tunes including John Denver, Carole King, ABBA and Christopher Cross. You will not want to miss this enjoyable night with proceeds going to the ChoirKids Program of the Victoria Conservatory of Music. Light refreshments to follow.

Proceeds to:





— DYR 2024 —  
Diocesan Youth Retreat

# CAMP IMADENE

ONE BODY. ONE FAITH.



Register on Eventbrite!



Join us May 10 & 11, 2024 for  
the Diocesan Youth Retreat  
at Camp Imadene!

Grades 8-12  
Register by April 19



Featured  
speaker

**Leah  
Perrault**



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





YOU ARE INVITED TO THE  
ORDINATION OF  
REVEREND MISTER

*Joseph Philippe Yuson*

TO THE ORDER OF PRESBYTERS  
CONFERRED BY

BISHOP GARY GORDON

SATURDAY 22 JUNE, 2024  
10:00AM


St. Andrew's Cathedral  
740 View Street  
Victoria, BC

*"You are a priest forever, according to  
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.






TRULY, I SAY TO YOU, AS YOU DID IT  
TO ONE OF THE LEAST OF THESE  
MY BRETHREN, YOU DID IT TO ME.


Matthew 25:40


# HOPE ON THE HORIZON


C S M S U M M E R O U T R E A C H


AUG 6-21 2024


 Open to ages: 19-30

 Community live-in

 Help the homeless

 Grow in faith

 Mentorship

 Vancouver, BC

**Make a change!**

Be part of our journey  
in sharing hope!



[catholicstreetmissionaries.org/horizon](https://catholicstreetmissionaries.org/horizon)



@catholicstreetmissionaries



CATHOLIC  
STREET  
MISSIONARIES



Archdiocese  
of Vancouver



**Save the Date!**

**August 15th-18th, 2024**

**Nanoose Bay**

# *On The Way Together*

Registration Opens Soon!



Bishop Gary Gordon  
Diocese of Victoria



Sr. John Mary Sullivan  
Associate Director,  
Ministries and Outreach  
Archdiocese of Vancouver



Joelle Dressler  
Director, Faith Formation  
and Evangelization  
Diocese of Victoria

**10th Annual**

**Family Life Conference and Camp**

