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The Peter Choice

Jean Allen

"You are Simon, son of John. You are to be called Cephas" which is translated Peter."



'Peter', in turn, can be translated as 'pebble'. When Jesus renamed Simon and called him Peter, I wonder if he was thinking of how he was going to take this insignificant pebble and eventually create a rock on which he would build his church. Of course, he was but Christ's vision for Peter had nothing to do with Peter's skills or gifts or holiness in that moment and Christ's visions for us have nothing to do with how good we are, how socially attractive we are, how spiritually skilled we are or what our natural talents are. In that moment in this Gospel, it didn't even have anything to do with Peter's willingness or commitment; he hardly even knew who Jesus was at this time of renaming.

God is not limited by anything and he can create towering rocks out of little pebbles. There's no doubt about it, Jesus knew that Peter was mostly going to be an irritating rock in his sandal during his ministry. Peter's ego was, in turns, self-denigrating ("Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man,") or a blustering blowhard (I will NEVER betray you, Lord!). He was not what we would call promising rock material. He was not who we would have chosen.

So, we must be very careful in our tendencies to judge another person according to what we see on the surface. We tend to value education, money and charisma when it comes to choosing people to lead but, you know, that seemingly insignificant person may be God's choice to lead the bible study or manage a ministry. Did you ever ask him or her? Or does your glance always go to someone more prestigious, more full of charisma or overtly more spiritual? We need to be very careful.

Because we definitely would not have chosen Peter.



The Week of January 15 to January 21 in our Community

Monday January 15

Parish Office Closed

No Mass

Tuesday January 16

12:00 noon **Seniors' Lunch Bunch - Church Hall**

6:00pm Mass **Special Int. Rosa Nevola**

Wednesday January 17 St. Anthony, Abbot, Memorial

6:30am Mass Fr. Sean Flynn presiding

6:00pm Mass **Special Int. Simona & Steven Bailey**

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

Thursday January 18

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

6:30am Mass Fr. Sean Flynn presiding

9:00am Mass

12:00 noon **Funeral Mass for Isabel Knox**

7:30pm **RCIA Journey of Faith - Church Hall**

Friday January 19

6:30am Mass Fr. Sean Flynn presiding

9:00am Mass **Special Int. Andrea & Drake Bond**

followed by Adoration until 12:00 noon

Saturday January 20

6:30am Mass **Special Int. Sebastian Rizzuto** (Fr. Sean Flynn presiding)

5:00pm Mass **Special Int. for Dwayne & Jenny Sequeira / + Fayek Kelada**

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

Sunday January 21 Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

(Sunday of the Word of God)

10:00am Mass

11:15am **Catechism - School**

6:00pm Mass **Special Int. Dean, Allison, Quinn & Boden Kyfiuk**

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 for January

Weekend Masses

***Please note correction
Saturday ~ 7:00pm
*January 13th, 20th & 27th**

Join Bishop Gary Gordon
as he celebrates
the Mass.

<https://www.rcdvictoria.org/events/dailymasslivestreamed>

OUR FINAL BISHOP'S APPEAL TOTAL COMING MID-JANUARY

There will be no Appeal Report today. A final report will be sent mid-January, once all end-of-year donations and any corrections have been updated in the system.



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:
Next Sanctioned Collection
Sunday, March 17, 2024

Donation Options



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TO EMAIL: SJTWPARISH@RCDVICTORIA.ORG

CREDIT CARDS:
Payment Authorization Form for Credit Card Donations.pdf
(parishpal.com)

PRE-AUTHORIZED DEBIT:
https://000011.parishpal.com/files/docs/PAD_Agreement.pdf

CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION AND LINKS.

Annual Diocesan Camp Homewood Youth Retreat: "SEEK HIM"

Quadra Island, February 2 to 4, 2024

\$195 per participant (\$215 after January 15)
All youth from Grades 7 to 12 are invited to attend.



Face2Face Ministries present **SEEK HIM**
challenging youth to holiness by living and proclaiming the
fullness of the Catholic Church.

Each student, chaperone and youth leader must complete
and email the registration forms and documents by
January 15, 2024.

Contact parish office for registration form and payment
options.

For more information, please contact:
broset@telus.net or stpatricks-cr@shaw.ca.

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



Catechism Journey

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

Sunday Morning

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

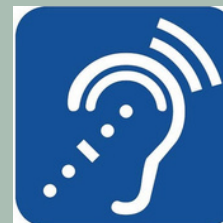
For more information please contact:
OurCatechismJourney@gmail.com

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

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

Horizons of Hope: a Toolkit for Catholic Parishes on Palliative Care

When it comes to a loved one nearing death, what are our Catholic options?

If this question calls to you, please join us as we explore the four module of **Horizons of Hope**: a toolkit for Catholic parishes on palliative care.

Our faith in God as the Father, Son and Holy Spirit is challenged by an increasingly common world-view of death and dying. Horizons of Hope helps us as parishioners, caregivers and loved ones facing the end of life, by teaching us about palliative care. Through four modules, we explore the dying process, including discernment and decision making at the end of life; accompaniment along the journey to the end of life; and the need for compassionate communities to walk with us as we near the end of life.

Please join Peter Dunwoody and Dr. Katherina Tarnai-Lokhorst as they facilitate discussions on the themes of

Horizons of Hope
at St. Joseph the Worker Parish, in the choir area,
on Sunday afternoons at 1-3pm.

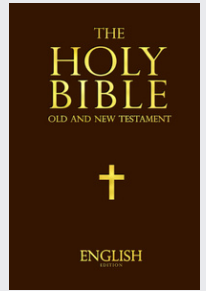
The schedule is as follows:
Module 1, Feb 4, 2024
Module 2, Feb 11
Module 3, Feb 18
Module 4, Feb 25

To register, please sign up on the sheets available in the church foyer.

Filipino Mass
February 4, 2024
7:00 PM
St. Andrew's Cathedral
Principal Celebrant
Fr. Dino Villadiego

Men of the Word

The Knights continue to sponsor a monthly Bible study called Men of the Word. It is held in the Community room at **7:00 pm on the 4th Tuesday** of the month. We meet for 1 hour and discuss the lesson plan for that month. The next session is on **Tuesday, January 23rd**. We invite all men of the parish to join us.



Save Your Empties!

Please support this **St. Andrew's Regional High School fundraiser**. The Spain trip students are having a **bottle drive** to fund raise for their travels. Drop off your empties at St. Andrew's Regional High School on **Saturday, January 13th, between 10am and 2pm**



TOGETHER AGAIN!

Prayer in the style of Taize WINTER, 2024
at **St Philip Anglican Church**,
2928 Eastdowne Road
250 592 6823

6pm on the 3rd Friday of the month:
January 19, February 16 and March 15.

"We want to remember that we need each other, not so as to impose our opinions on one another, but as a People contributing to peace in the human family."

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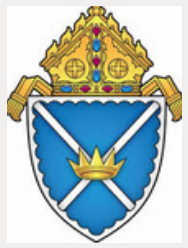
2024 DONATION ENVELOPES ARE READY FOR PICK UP IN CHURCH FOYER



If you do not have donation envelopes and would like a box, please let the parish office know.

PLEASE DO NOT USE ANY ENVELOPES FROM THE PREVIOUS YEAR. The number may have been re-assigned to another parishioner.

From the Diocese



Sad News: Isabel Harding

Please read [MEMO Isabel Harding RIP 2024](#) regarding the recent passing of a beloved former employee, Isabel Harding.

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

Week of Christian Unity

To mark the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, all are invited to an ecumenical service at **Christ Church Cathedral in Victoria** (930 Burdett Ave) on **Sunday, January 21 at 4:00 pm**. Bishop Anna Greenwood-Lee of the Anglican Diocese of Islands and Inlets will preside, and Bishop Gary will preach. A reception will follow the service.

Job Posting UVic/Camosun College Chaplain

The Diocese of Victoria is still accepting applications for the position of UVic / Camosun College Chaplain. We seek a Chaplain who is committed to helping students grow and flourish within the Catholic faith tradition while living and learning in a secular campus environment. For more information, please visit: <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/employment>.

New IPL Course

Registration is now open for a new Indigenous Pastoral and Lay Leader Ministry Education course: *"Contemporary Effects of Colonization II: Social Justice"*. No prerequisites are required for this online course, which will run on Tuesdays in the new year from **January 9 to March 5, 2024 from 2:15 - 3:30 pm PST**. The cost is \$200. For more information and to register, please visit: <https://rcdos.ca/ministries-services/indigenous-ministry-2/indigenous-ministry-education/>.

Pastoral Care Outreach Training Series - Online

The valuable and free Pastoral Care Outreach Training series will be offered online again this winter. Nine sessions will be held **via Zoom on Saturday mornings from 9:30 - noon, starting on January 20 and running until March 23, 2024** (with no session on March 9 for Spring Break). Participants who attend all sessions will receive a Certificate of Completion. Bishop Gary Gordon feels "it is important to have parishioners trained at the ready to be the hands and face of Christ to others". Please register through your local parish **by January 12th**. For further information, please email moiraking@shaw.ca

Diocesan Health Care Committee New "Care of the Dying" Webpage

The Diocesan Health Care Committee is pleased to share a new **"Care of the Dying"** webpage: <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/care-of-the-dying>. The page includes a short video intro to CCCB's "Horizons of Hope: A Toolkit for Catholic Parishes on Palliative Care" and a link to download the toolkit, as well as many other valuable resources and links.

Please note: Parishes and communities are encouraged to use the **Horizons of Hope Toolkit** to facilitate gatherings where people can explore palliative care in the context of a prayerful, caring community. For more information and assistance, please contact Joelle Dressler, the Director of Faith Formation and Evangelization, at: jdressler@rcdvictoria.org or 250-479-1331 ext 230

Contacts in the Parish

Pastor

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Contemplative Community

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Children's Religious Education

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Development and Peace

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Youth Group - Grades 6 to 12

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Proclaimer Training Coordinator

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Social and Ecological Justice Committee

Parish Pastoral Council

Fr. Alfredo Monacelli

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

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Angela Grohovac

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(2nd & 4th Saturdays @ 10am)

tbd

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Jenny Di Castri email: jdicastri@gmail.com

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Contact Parish Office (250) 479-7413

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

President: Gerry Heywood (250) 479-6281

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

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Gerry Heywood



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THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR

CHRISTIAN UNITY

You shall love the Lord your God...and your neighbour
as yourself (luke 10:27)

January 21, 2024 at 4pm
Christ Church Cathedral, Victoria

A wide-angle photograph of the interior of Christ Church Cathedral in Victoria. The view is from the back of the nave, looking down the central aisle towards the altar. The cathedral features high Gothic-style stone arches and columns. The floor is made of dark wood. In the distance, a large, colorful stained glass window is visible above the altar. The lighting is warm, coming from hanging lanterns on either side of the aisle.

Bishop Anna Greenwood-Lee
The Anglican Diocese of Islands and Inlets

Bishop Gary Gordon
The Roman Catholic Diocese of Victoria

CAMP HOMEWOOD

ANNUAL DIOCESE OF VICTORIA YOUTH RETREAT

for youth in Grades 7 - 12

Quadra Island – February 2-4, 2024



\$195.00 per participant (\$215.00 after January 15)
~ includes all food, accommodation and activities~



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For more information contact Camp Coordinators:

Bonni Roset (broset@telus.net) 250-203 1518

St. Patrick's, (stpatricks-CR@shaw.ca) 250 287 3498

CWL and Knights of Columbus, St. Patrick's, Campbell River and the Catholic Foundation of Vancouver Island.

Filipino Mass

February 4, 2024
7:00 PM
St. Andrew's Cathedral

PRINCIPAL CELEBRANT
Fr. Dino Villadiego
RECTOR

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A LEAP OF FAITH “
COME AND LET US SHARE
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Pastoral Care Training

Nine free online sessions

Saturdays from 9:30 am - noon

January 20 - March 23 2024 (no session March 9)

Session 9
**Spouse
Caregiving, Healthy
Boundaries, and
Self-Care**
Mar 23

Session 1
**Basics of
Pastoral Care**
Jan 20

Session 2
**The Healing
Ministry of Christ**
Jan 27

Session 8
**Ministry of
God's Presence
and Compassion**
Mar 16

Session 3
**Active Listening
and
Communication**
Feb 3

Session 7
**Bereavement:
Ministering to
Families**
Mar 2

Session 4
**Elderly Isolation,
Loneliness, and
the Journey with
Dementia**
Feb 10

Session 6
**The Grieving
Process**
Feb 24

Session 5
**Palliative Care
and the Healing
Ministry for the
Dying**
Feb 17

For further
information,
please contact:
Moira King, Chair

Diocese of Victoria Health Care Committee: moiraking@shaw.ca



PRAYER IN THE STYLE OF TAIZE



St Philip Anglican Church

North along Foul Bay Ave. Right on Neil St for two blocks, to church on the left.

5:45pm for **6pm - 3rd Fridays – Jan, Feb, March, 2024**

January 19th February 16th March 15th

Let us enter together into the mystery of God's presence.

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The Bible in a Year (with Fr. Mike Schmitz)
Ascension

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Check it out!

The Catechism in a Year – Ascension (ascensionpress.com)