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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.

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Comparative Studies

Jean Allen

In the parable of the master who entrusted his three slaves with five talents, two talents and one talent respectively before he went away, I see in the background something at play here that we all struggle with from time to time. Comparisons. Comparing oneself to others and finding oneself lacking and unworthy.

Did the slave who was given one talent look at what the other two were doing with the master's money and despair because he didn't have the same kind of smarts as the other two? Did he feel totally lacking in confidence that he could measure up to the other two? He was not only afraid of the master. He was frozen in his fear that he wasn't like the other two.

Something that we don't often pick up in this parable is that Jesus said the slaves were given the money, "each according to his ability." That meant that the master in no way expected the slave with the smallest amount of money to do anything similar to what the other two were doing. In fact, it was none of his business what the other two were up to and how they were succeeding. His business was to understand his own ability and to work within it. That's all the master wanted and expected.

If you've ever read about a saint's accomplishments for God or witnessed someone in your community who seems to be so fruitful in his or her spiritual accomplishments or service and then found yourself feeling guilty and a little bit threatened because you just know you haven't got what it takes to attain those spiritual lifestyles...STOP! Stop and take a deep breath, step back and say, "What they do is none of my business. God has endowed me with everything I need to be what he has called me to be. If it doesn't feel noteworthy and amazing, that's all right. I will walk according to my ability and it will be enough. It will be more than enough."

Comparing yourself to others is called 'Freezing your assets.'



The Week of November 20 to November 26 in our Community

Monday November 20

Parish Office Closed

6:30am Mass Fr. Sean Flynn presiding

Tuesday November 21 The Presentation Of The Blessed Virgin Mary,
Memorial

6:00pm Mass **Special Int. "In Thanksgiving" for Daniel Fernandez**

Wednesday November 22 St. Cecilia, Virgin, Martyr, Memorial

6:30am Mass Fr. Sean Flynn presiding

6:00pm Mass **Special Int. Deceased Relatives of Lorne and Sandra Keller**

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

Thursday November 23

6:30am Mass - Fr. Sean Flynn presiding

9:00am Mass + **Ana Franco**

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

Friday November 24 St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, And Companions,
Martyrs, Memorial

Parish Office Closed

6:30am Mass Fr. Sean Flynn presiding

9:00am Mass Fr. Marc Parent presiding + **Maria Angela Huyen / +**

Dianne Durkin

followed by Adoration until 12:00 noon

Saturday November 25

6:30am Mass Fr. Sean Flynn presiding

5:00pm Mass + **Herculano and Joao Pimentel /**

Special Int. for Marj Elevado

6:00pm **Youth Group - School Gym & Church Hall**

Sunday November 26 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King Of The Universe

10:00am Mass

11:00am **K of C Pancake Breakfast**

11:15am **Catechism - School**

6:00pm 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 ~ 6:30 am

Saturday ~ 5:00pm (livestream)

Sunday ~ 10:00am

Sunday ~ 6:00pm



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5:00 PM every Saturday



Join Bishop Gary Gordon as he
celebrates the Mass.

7 pm on weeknights from
Sacred Heart

and 9 am on Sundays from
St. Andrew's Cathedral.

Please note changes to the
regular schedule can be found at:

<https://www.rcdvictoria.org/events/dailymasslivestreamed> and
<https://www.youtube.com/c/RC DVictoriaLiveOne/about>.

The Book of Remembrance will
be in the foyer for the month of
November. for you to enter the
names of your loved ones.



Our Goal: \$46,000

Pledged to Date: \$21,670

No. of Participating Families: 55

The Bishop's Appeal, Tapestry of Faith, is still accepting 2023 donations. Please consider making a financial commitment to the Bishop's Annual Appeal. Not only are you helping our parish, but you are making a real difference to our greater Diocesan faith community, our religious leaders, and Local Mission Parishes. Donations may be made on-line at: <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/bishops-appeal>

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:
Parish Office will be closed on:
Friday, November 24, for our
Annual Staff Diocesan Faith Day

Next Sanctioned Collection
Sunday, November 26, 2023
Catholic Missions in Canada

Donation Options



CANADA HELPS ONLINE DONATION:
DONATE NOW - ST JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISH
(CANADAHELPS.ORG)

(IMMEDIATE ELECTRONIC TAX RECEIPT ISSUED BY CANADA HELPS)

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.pdf](#)
(parishpal.com)

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

CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION AND LINKS.

Sr. Mary Gordon SSA (RIP)

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Sr. Mary Gordon SSA, who died peacefully at Mt. St. Mary Hospital during the evening of November 9th, 2023. Sr. Mary was Bishop Gary's aunt.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be held at Holy Cross Church, 4049 Gordon Head Road, Victoria BC at 10:30 am on Tuesday, November 21st, 2023. The funeral will be livestreamed; for details, please visit: www.sandsvictoria.ca. Mass will be followed by a lunch.

Please keep Sr. Mary, her family, and the Sisters of St. Ann in your prayers. May she rest in peace, and may perpetual light shine upon her.

St. Joseph the Worker is very thankful to the City of Victoria for granting us a three-year permissive tax exemption (2024 - 2027). This exemption will allow us to fund many programs for our community and support outreach to those in need.

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

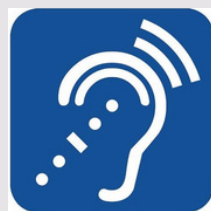
For more information please contact:
OurCatechismJourney@gmail.com

Grade/Level 5 Post Sacrament Class

Saturdays at 6:00pm

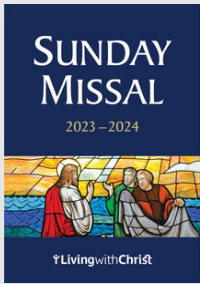
For more information or to register please
contact Chris Whiteley at:
whiteley.christopher@gmail.com or
250-886-2407

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

Sunday Missals 2023-2024 for Sale



**Living With Christ
Sunday Missals
are now available
at the back of the church.
\$5.00 each
Please try to have correct
change to drop in box.**

Serving with Spirit:

Transformation from the inside out

Saturday, November 25 is the date for our annual Diocesan Faith Day - this year's theme is *"Serving with Spirit: Transformation from the Inside out"*.

Join us for a day of learning in community with our guest speaker, Catholic speaker and author Leah Perault, as we consider how the Holy Spirit leads us within a changing church and world. The Faith Day will be held from

8:30 am – 3:30 pm at St. Edward's Church in Duncan.

For more information and to register please visit:

<https://DioConferenceServewithSpirit.eventbrite.com>

Anawim Christmas Donations

Anawim is asking for your assistance again. There will be a box in our church foyer starting **Nov 25th** to accept donations of **NEW CLOTHING** items such as jeans, jackets, socks, underwear, shirts, raingear or an other new items of clothes which we use as gifts to the residents of the two houses and to our guests from the drop in program. Anawim will also be having their **annual Christmas tree sale** starting **Saturday Nov 25th** at 9 am at the 973 Caledonia Ave location.

Thank you for your long-term support of Anawim.

*Birthright Fudge Is Coming Soon!

Please Note Date Change

Birthright will be selling specialty Fudges **after weekend Masses on *Dec 2/3**. The packets make great stocking stuffers or gifts for the holiday table and freeze well!

All **Birthright Fudges** are **\$6** (each package = 1/4 of an 8 inch square pan).

Birthright assists women in difficult or crisis pregnancies, offering hope and encouraging Mothers to give the precious gift of Life to their babies - how fitting as we prepare for the Christ Child!

World Day of the Poor

On **November 19th**, Pope Francis invites us to celebrate the World Day of the Poor. The theme this year is *"Do not turn your face away from anyone who is poor".*

According to the Government of Canada, one in 10 Canadians lives below the poverty line, and Vancouver Island is no different.

For more than 175 years, thanks to the generosity of parishioners, the Society of Saint-Vincent de Paul has helped those less fortunate in our communities.

Please bring non-perishable high protein food items to put in our food basket at the back of the church or consider making a financial contribution at:

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/society-of-st-vincent-de-paul-of-vancouver-island/> and specify **St. Joseph the Worker Conference**. Please be generous.

Knights of Columbus Charity Appeal

Proceeds from the Knights of Columbus Charity Appeal ticket sales support numerous charitable, community and religious causes.

Total prizes amount to \$100,000.

The more tickets purchased the cheaper the per ticket price!

Buy tickets through the on-line link:

<http://kofcdraw.net/c13356>

or our Council 13356 Facebook

Please 'like' our Fb page and send it to your friends.

Men of the Word is a **Bible Study sponsored by the Knights of Columbus**. Join us on **Tues. Nov. 28**

at 7:00pm in the Community Room

Save the Date

ARBUTUS SINGERS CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Wednesday, December 6, 2023

7:30pm to 8:30pm (no intermission)

St. Patrick's Parish

Tickets: \$20 each or \$50 Family Pack

Call Julie at 250-384-2840

Save The Date - Advent Carol Service

St. Patrick's School invites all to join them

for an Advent Carol Service on

Tuesday, December 12th at 6:00 pm

at St. Andrew's Cathedral in Victoria (740 View Street).

From the Diocese



Please click on here [Bishop's World Day Of The Poor Message 2023](#) to read letter from Bishop Gary Gordon on the occasion of the **World Day of the Poor 2023**

Webinar “Concrete Ways to Renew Practices in Family Holiness”

The CCCB Office for Family & Life is pleased to share a recording of the webinar “**Concrete Ways to Renew Practices in Family Holiness**”. The webinar, which was offered in June of this year, featured Msgr. Philippe Bordeyne, President of the Pontifical John Paul II Theological Institute for Marriage and Family Sciences in Rome. The recording can be viewed on the CCCB YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QGsBidBUhtU>. To access the PDF file of the slides used by Msgr. Bordeyne during his presentation, please visit:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1LYDtOKNYWQaNzltDAW5L9hq_WvZwNMhH.

The Office for Family & Life also invites you to subscribe to All Things New, a quarterly e-news publication which is intended to, in the words of Pope Francis, “highlight family love as a vocation and as a way of holiness, so as to understand and share the profound and salvific meaning of family relationships in daily life.” To subscribe, please visit:

<https://mailchi.mp/82052302a242/5s5psm4psb>.

Bishop Robert Barron’s video series “**The Mass**” is now available online. The series was developed to help Catholics understand how to fully, consciously, and actively participate in the source and summit of the Christian life. To view the series, please visit: <https://videos.wordonfire.org/themassepisode1>.

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 include 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

CCCB statement on the conflict in Holy Land

The president of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, Bishop William T. McGrattan has issued a statement in response to the escalation of the conflict in the Holy Land. The statement may be found online at:

<https://www.cccb.ca/announcement/statement-by-the-most-rev-william-t-mcgrattan-bishop-of-calgary-and-ccb-president-to-the-catholic-faithful-in-canada-on-the-recent-escalation-of-conflict-in-the-holy-land/>.

“The Epiphany of the Liturgy: Welcoming the Closeness of God”

The Diocesan liturgical conference “**The Epiphany of the Liturgy: Welcoming the Closeness of God**” will take place on **January 5 and 6, 2024** at **St. Joseph the Worker Church** in Victoria. This conference is an opportunity to enter into a richer experience of the Trinity in our Eucharistic Celebrations, and will be valuable both for those who serve in liturgical ministries and those who participate in the assembly. The presenters will be Dr. Glenn Byer and Dr. David Pitt, liturgical and musical educators at Catholic colleges in the U.S. Registration is free, and available at:

<https://EpiphanyLiturgyConference.eventbrite.com>

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

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Angela Grohovac

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(2nd & 4th Saturdays @ 10am)

tbd

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

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Meetings every Wednesday following 6:00pm Mass

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Gerry Heywood

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The downtown Social Concern Office appreciates donations of:

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- peanut butter
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Also, any financial contribution allows purchases of dairy products, meat, and other needed items. Approx. 23,000 people, locally, including 4,000 children each year rely on it.

Make your gift at:

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/society-of-st-vincent-de-paul-of-vancouver-island/>



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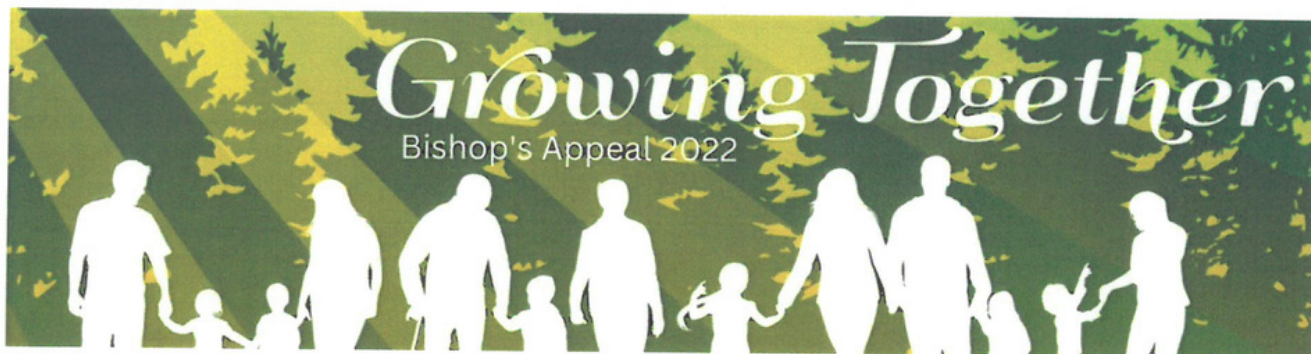
We are in a new season as we move forward.
This is an invitation for you to share your *talent and time* by joining one of our parish ministries.
Serving is a **WIN** for everyone involved.

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

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**2022 Bishop’s Appeal: *Growing Together*
Final Report**

Growing Together dedicated funds to support Catholics of all generations while striving to heal and grow the Church. Details on how funds from this Appeal were disbursed are below:

2022 Appeal Distribution of Funds	Amount \$
Parish Community and Relationship Building Grants	60,000.00
Catholic Schools Capital Plan	325,000.00
Clergy and Seminarian Support	65,000.00
Indigenous Community and Relationship Building	50,000.00
Twenty Percent Given to Parishes for Local Projects	162,000.00
Overhead fees	65,000.00
Total	727,000

**2022 Bishop’s Appeal: *Growing Together*
Community and Relationship Building Grants - List of Events**

As part of the 2022 Appeal, Parishes can apply for grants from the Diocese to undertake projects that support community and relationship building. Some wonderful events have taken place to date:

- \$12,860.18 was reimbursed to Holy Cross Parish for their Called and Gifted workshop.
- \$10,000 was provided to the Our Lady of the Rosary Parish to assist in the emergency repair and relocation of the parish office, meeting rooms and chapel.
- \$5000 was granted to Christ the King to facilitate the creation of a food hamper plan to support local Ukrainian families.
- \$3000 was given to St. Peter’s Parish to hold a Parish Reorganization Retreat.
- \$2500 was provided to Sacred Heart Parish to host a meal for the Feast of The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.

More information and images are available on the website at:
<https://www.rcdvictoria.org/2022-appeal-parish-community-building-grants>



62nd ANNUAL CHARITY APPEAL

Click here



For Council 13356

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1 for \$5

10 for \$25

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PRIZES

1st Prize 2023 Toyota RAV4 Hybrid

2nd Prize \$30,000 **4th Prize** \$ 5,000

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Limited Tickets!

BUY TODAY for Council 13356

Total Prizes \$100,000

Sales Oct 1, 2023 to Dec 16, 2023, 8pm

Early Bird Draws

Oct 9 (2x\$1000), Oct 23 (2x\$1000), Nov 6 (2x\$1000)

Nov 20 (2x\$1000), Dec 2 (2x\$1000)

Main Draw Saturday December 16, 2023, 8:01pm

An annual charity appeal of the Knights of Columbus (BC) Charity Foundation

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Thank you for your Support!

For general inquiries call **604-216-7272**

BC Gaming Event License #: **144568**

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Winners are responsible for cost associated with delivery/claiming of prizes.

BIRTHRIGHT FUDGE IS COMING SOON!

Birthright is selling specialty Fudges after all Masses on **Nov 25/26**. The Fudges freeze well and make lovely stocking stuffers or gifts for the holiday table.

All **Birthright Fudges*** are **\$6** (each package = 1/4 of an 8 inch square pan).



BLACK FOREST

our best-seller, dark chocolate, cherries almonds



MACADAMIA MADNESS

dark chocolate, macadamias (portion is a little smaller as the nuts are pricey)



MIDNIGHT MINT

silky dark chocolate with a hint of crème de menthe (no alcohol)



MAPLE RIBBON

a ribbon of maple sandwiched between layers of dark chocolate



CLASSIC CHOCOLATE

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Serving with Spirit:

Transformation from the inside out

Save the Date!

Join us for a day of learning in community as we consider how the Holy Spirit leads us within a changing church and world.

In Duncan at
St. Edward The Confessor Church
All are Welcome!

November 25, 2023

9 am – 3 pm

Registration details coming soon!

Leah Perrault speaks across Canada and writes from her home in Swift Current, Saskatchewan on Treaty 4 territory. She and her spouse, Marc, are enjoying raising their four children and are active members at Christ the Redeemer Parish. You can read more about her at www.leahperrault.com



ARBUTUS SINGERS

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Wednesday, December 6, 2023

7:30pm to 8:30pm
(no 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 the other 70 members of the Arbutus Singers for a fun-filled start to the Christmas season. Song selections will include Feliz Navidad, Don't Save It All For Christmas, Heaven Everywhere, Song for a Winter's Night and many other holiday favourites.

You won't want to miss this fun evening.

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PILGRIMAGE TO MEXICO

Under spiritual leadership of Fr. Dean Henderson, Pastor
Our Lady of the Rosary in Langford

Feb. 23 – Mar. 1, 2024 - 8 days – \$3,390.00 (Vancouver Dep, incl. all taxes and tips)



Feb. 23 Afternoon departure from Victoria via Vancouver to Mexico City. Upon arrival transfer to hotel for overnight.

Feb. 24 After breakfast we are transferred to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe for welcome Mass. Continue to the "City of Angels"- Puebla for dinner and overnight.

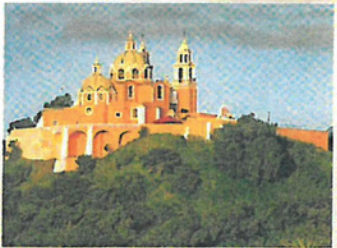
Feb. 25 We start the day with a tour to the old city, the Cathedral, Dominican Cloister and the Rosary Chapel. Continue to Tlaxcala and the Shrine of San Miguel del Milagro. Celebrate Mass at the site where St Michael the Archangel appeared to Diego Lazaro in 1631 directing him to the Grotto and to a well of miraculous waters. See the image of Our Lady of Ocotlan burnt into a tree trunk after she appeared to Diego Bernardino in 1531. Perfectly preserved, the image in a tree resides in the Basilica of Our Lady of Ocotlan. Dinner and overnight in Puebla.



Feb. 26 After breakfast we visit the small Indian baroque church of Tonantzintla and Cholula Church constructed on the top of Great Pyramid. Continue to the famous "Silver City"- Taxco. We get acquainted with the history of silver mining in Mexico, visit jewels of baroque style architecture - St Priscilla and St Sebastian Church where we celebrate Mass. Dinner and overnight in Taxco.



Feb. 27 This morning we depart to Mexico City. Upon arrival we visit the Square of the Three Cultures and continue to the Old and the New Basilica dedicated to Our Lady of Guadalupe, visited by several million pilgrims every year, built near the location where Our Lady of Guadalupe appeared to Juan Diego in 1531. We celebrate Mass and learn about the history of Our Lady of Guadalupe and Blessed Juan Diego. Dinner and overnight in Mexico City.



Feb. 28 After breakfast we travel to Teotihuacan and the largest American Pyramids, the pyramid of the Sun and the Moon as well as the Pyramid of the "Feathered Dragon", ranked among the biggest in the world. Special lunch on the way included. Some time for leisure. In the evening an optional performance of Ballet Folklórico de México in the Opera House and overnight.



Feb. 29 Full day in Mexico City. We explore magnificent city center built on top of the ruins of the Aztec capital city. We stop at the Zocalo (main square), Palacio National, celebrate Mass in the Cathedral and drive along famous Paseo de la Reforma. Afternoon some free time for leisure. Return to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

Mar. 01 Morning transfer to the airport for a flight to Victoria via Vancouver. Early afternoon arrival.

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