

Pastor's Corner—September 13, 2009

Last week I asked you to react to some possible measures of prevention which the Parish could take during the Liturgical Celebrations re. H1N1. Thank you for your suggestions and comments. Having taken these into consideration we ask all members of our parish community to respect the following.

Hand sanitizer dispensers will be available at the entrance to the church by September 19. A hand sanitizer is already in use at the back of the altar by the Eucharistic ministers. Signs will be put up requesting people to use them and to respect those who wish to greet without physical contact.

During the praying of the Our Father we will not join hands with each other but you may wish to raise your hands in prayer, a form of prayer which is very old and which we share with other faith communities, for example, Islam.

At the end of the Our Father we usually wish each other Christ's Peace by shaking hands or giving a hug, gestures which according to the experts are especially susceptible of passing the virus. You are now asked to slightly bow to each other and wish Christ's Peace to the other person without physical contact.

Some persons have suggested that we suspend communion under the two species of bread and wine and have communion only under the form of the bread. For now we will maintain the optional drinking from the cup; experts agree that drinking from the cup alone is not susceptible in passing on the virus. Most people who have a cold do not drink from the cup. Vatican II in the renewal of the Liturgy made this possible in order that Holy Communion be more fully understood as partaking of the bread of life and the cup of salvation. It is regrettable that in some dioceses and in some parishes on the Island it has been the occasion to abolish communion from the cup not just in the flu season but throughout the year.

We need to look at all of this with serenity and common sense. Yes, we need to take the necessary precautions (most important: to wash our hands well and regularly) but we also need to come together to celebrate and nourish each other in our faith and do so joyfully and peacefully.

Very important for families with young children:

For the past year the Bishop together with a committee has been looking into modifying the sacramental (**confirmation and first communion**) preparation program into a two year program. There are several reasons for this. Depending on parental and family involvement today's children have sometimes little religious knowledge. Both children and parents felt "rushed". **A need was seen for a longer and fuller preparation which could better prepare both the children and the parents for receiving these sacraments of initiation.** Already last year the children of Sacred Heart and St. Edward's Parishes and of our own community began such a two-year program on a trial basis. This year Our Lady of Fatima Parish will also commence the two year program (eventually all the parishes in the Diocese will join this program). The well-prepared program is lectionary-based: the theme, the listening, sharing and reflection, any possible activity are all based on the readings of the particular Sunday. **This preparation program (to be held in the reception area at the back of the church) is a journey of faith which begins on Sunday September 27 at 9:45 am and continues every Sunday till shortly after Easter next April. What is different this year is that at least one of the parents is asked to accompany their child on that journey by participating in the program.** At the end of each Sunday's program at 11:00 am the children and participating parents will join the rest of the community at offertory time in order to continue the celebration of the Eucharist. The community as a whole participates in the journey by having listened and reflected on the same Word of God proclaimed. Then at the end of Mass we will all together continue the celebration by sharing fellowship, cookies and drink!

For more information call Lynn Koett at 250-652-2543.

fr. Rolf

Saanich Peninsula Parish



A ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IN COVENANT WITH ST. STEPHEN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

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EUCHARIST AT ST. ELIZABETH'S

10030 Third Street, Sidney

Saturdays at 5pm, Sundays at 10:30am

Daily at 9am Tuesdays, Wednesdays
& Thursdays and First Fridays

EUCHARIST AT

OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION

7742 West Saanich Road, Saanichton

Sundays at 8:30am

Last Friday at Saanich Peninsula Hospital at 11am

Remaining Fridays at 9am in a private home

See inside bulletin



It is the Lord God who helps me.
Is 50:9

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 13, 2009

Isa 50.5-9 / Jas 2.14-18 / Mk 8.27-35

VISITING EUCHARISTIC MINISTRY

If you know of someone who is house-bound or in a nursing home/hospital and would like a visit from the Pastor or Visitation Team, please call the office (250-656-7433).

MISSION STATEMENT

*Let us be open
accepting individuals
sensitive to change
and willing to take
Courses untraditional,
unknown to us.
Let us live as
examples of God's love.*

NEW TO THE PARISH? WELCOME!

Please fill out the information below so we can get to know you. Pick up one of the blue information pamphlets next to the bulletins in the foyer so you can get to know us.

Name _____

Phone# _____

Need Pre-Authorized Debit package? Yes ___ No ___

Need donation envelopes? Yes ___ No ___

PARISH REPORT

COLLECTIONS:

September 6 \$3,727.00

PAD's (40 donors) \$3,290.00

We offer condolences to the families and pray for the repose of the souls of:

Georgianna Smith
Mary Sheila Bittley (husband of Terry)

COVENANT

ST. MARY & STEPHEN'S ANGLICAN CHURCHES

Sept. 20 9:00 St. Stephen's BCP Holy Communion
10:30 St. Mary's BAS Holy Communion

IN OUR PARISH

CWL: SEPT. 15

The Executive Meeting will be held Tuesday, Sept. 15th at 12:30pm with the General Meeting at 2pm.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST: SEPT. 20

Please support the Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast after the 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Elizabeth's. \$4.00, children free.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: SEPT. 22

General meeting will be September 22nd. and will include the investiture of the executive.

FAITH REFLECTION GROUP: SEPT. 23

Will resume Wednesday, September 23rd at 1pm.

CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

Just a reminder that registration for the 2009/2010 Religious Education classes will take place in the foyer at St. Elizabeth's on Sept. 20th and 27th after the 10:30 mass. Classes will begin on Sept. 27th. For further information please call Lynn Koett at 250-652-2543 or email me at lynn@spparish.com.

CATECHISTS NEEDED:

Please consider sharing your gifts with the children of our parish. For info call Lynn at 250-652-2543.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

MONDAY, SEPT. 14

1:00pm Memory Plus

TUESDAY, SEPT. 15

7:45am Eucharistic Adoration (1 hour)
9:00am Mass
11:30am Friendly Hours
12:30pm CWL Executive Meeting
2:00pm CWL General Meeting

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 16

9:00am Mass

THURSDAY, SEPT. 17

9:00am Mass
11:30am Friendly Hours
2:00pm Prayer Group

FRIDAY, SEPT. 18

9:00am Mass at the Legion Manor
7601 E. Saanich Rd.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 19

5:00pm Mass at St. Elizabeth's

SUNDAY, SEPT. 20

8:30am Mass at Our Lady of Assumption
10:30am Mass at St. Elizabeth's
Religious Education Registration
11:30am Pancake Breakfast

FRIENDLY HOURS

NEWLY RETIRED or NEW TO THE PARISH

(or long time member?) Friendly Hours is a gathering open to everyone in the community where a lunch of soup, bread, dessert, and beverages is served every Tues. and Thurs. between 11:30 and 1 p.m. The people who have joined us for lunch have all expressed an appreciation for what this ministry offers them. For Friendly Hours to continue we need more people who are willing to volunteer their time one morning a month to assist with preparing and making the soup, and with setting up. No experience is necessary! If you are interested in joining us in this important ministry, please call Rosemary 656-2903 or Josephine 656-4961. Thank you.

GENERAL

BOOK REVIEW: SEPT. 16 OR 17

Come and hear Dr. Nancy Reeves, a clinical psychologist, spiritual director and author share from her book *Gifts of the Eucharist - Stories to Transform and Inspire* on Wednesday, Sept. 16 at 7pm or Thursday, Sept. 17th at 10am at the Franciscan Friary, 1076 Joan Cres.

PUBLIC LECTURE SERIES: SEPT. 16

Centre for Studies in Religion and Society UVic. Wednesday, Sept. 16th, David Strong Building, Room C116 at 4:30pm. Mary Anne Waldron, Faculty of Law, UVic: *Freedom of Conscience and Religion: Canada's Wasted Opportunity?*

ST. ANDREW'S CATHEDRAL TAIZE: SEPT. 18

Please join us in a Taize Worship Service on Friday, September 18th. Gathering commences at 5:30 for a 6 p.m. service.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION: SEPT. 19

The Future Is Now: Educating for the Life of Our Ukrainian Catholic Church with Fr. Stephen Wojcichowsky on Saturday, Sept. 19th at 4:30pm at St. Nicholas the Wonderworker Ukrainian Catholic Church, 1110 Caledonia Ave.

QUEENSWOOD 2494 Arbutus Road, Victoria

For Registration or Information call 477-3822

Or e-mail info@queenswoodcentre.com

SILENT DIRECTED RETREAT: SEPT. 25-27

Fri. evening to Sun. 3pm.

EMBODIED PRAYER & MEDITATION RETREAT: OCT. 5-8

Mon. evening to Thurs. 1pm

TEACHING TEENS RELIGION: SEPT. 23

Danny Brock, a teacher at St. Andrew's High School and leader of the school retreats, shares his stories and insights from his book *Teaching Teens Religion* at St. Andrew's High School Library on Wed., Sept. 23rd from 7—8:30pm. No charge.

GOLF TOURNAMENT & DINNER: SEPT. 26

St. Joseph's Church in Chemainus is hosting a Centennial Golf Tournament and Dinner at Mt. Brenton Golf Course, Chemainus on Saturday, Sept. 26th at 3pm. \$50/person, includes golf and meal. Call Bill at 250-245-1023 if interested.

EVENING FORUM: OCT. 5

Come, hear and ask questions of speakers from Afghanistan: *"The Courage to Learn: Education for Afghan Women and Girls"* on Monday Oct. 5th at 7pm at St. Aidan's United Church, 3703 St. Aidan's St. Admission by donation.

PRAY FOR PRIESTS

Did you know that there is a group of people who commit themselves to pray for the priests of our diocese? If you would like to register to do this please visit the website www.prayforpriests.ca, view the list and submit the form committing for prayers. For those who do not have computers call Gary at the office and he can assist you. The list has recently be updated.

WORKSHOPS / LECTURES

YOUTH LEADERS CONFERENCE: SEPT. 19

At Trinity Parish in Nanaimo. Mid-morning to mid-afternoon. Join us for prayer + ideas + networking and stay close + stay current + stay connected. For more info. call Jim O'Reilly at 250-479-1331 (Loc. 236) or jeoreilly@rcdvictoria.org

RETRouvaille WEEKEND: SEPT. 18

This is a program for couples experiencing difficulty at all levels of marital distress from disillusionment to deep misery. The next course will be held on the weekend of September 18th in Langley, BC. For more information visit the website: www.HelpOurMarriage.com. The parish in Langley is willing to pick up and drop off couples who wish to take the ferry.

PERFECT LOVE YOUTH CONFERENCE: OCT. 2

From Friday, Oct. 2 at 6:15pm to Saturday, Oct. 3 at Trinity Catholic Church, Nanaimo. Guest speaker Brad Henning, with other guests, Julian Bakker and Danny Brock. Cost \$40 includes t-shirt, snacks on Friday evening and all meals on Saturday. See Gary at the office for registration information.

DAY OF REFLECTION: NOV. 3

Tuesday, Nov. 3 from 9:30-3:30pm. Presenter Dr. Nancy Reeves, a clinical psychologist, spiritual director and author (*Gifts of the Eucharist - Stories to Transform and Inspire*). More details to follow.