

### Pastoral Council Update - 8 February 2009

In one of its earlier meetings this year, your Parish Pastoral Council has picked as its main theme the development and growth of our community. The members on your Council want to help foster that sense of community which all of us formulate in the Eucharistic Celebration and to extend that intimate relationship with Jesus Christ to other aspects of our spiritual journey. Although it is easy to say this, it is more difficult for us to say how a fostering and growth of community spirit would be carried out. To a large extent all of us work together to achieve a common purpose of greater union with our Lord and Saviour. We do this in a variety of ways-whether it is to pay visits to our brothers and sisters who are ill or in prisons or to help the needy ones amongst us. Or even to share in social times such as pasta nights or in spiritual unity such as in prayer groups. Some amongst us strive for learning and greater understanding through the adult education and youth education groups in our community. Others participate by making our liturgical celebrations more special through their talents in music or decorations or in making each one of feel welcomed as fellow worshippers. All of these endeavours help to promote all of us as part of a greater union as members of Christ's church.

Your council members welcome the opportunity to discuss with any member of our community any issue or suggestion that they may have that would enable our community to be more spiritual, more inclusive and more loving. It is also good to reflect every now and then on what is the role of a Pastoral Council.

According to the 2002 Instruction of the Roman Congregation for the Clergy:

"The basic task of such a council is to serve, at institutional level, the orderly collaboration of the faithful in the development of pastoral activity.... The pastoral council is thus a consultative organ in which the faithful, expressing their baptismal responsibility, can assist the parish priest ..., by offering their advice on pastoral matters."

"All of the faithful have the right, sometimes even the duty, to make their opinions known on matters concerning the good of the Church."

The members of Pastoral Council would like to encourage members of our community to come forward and become more involved in our community. Whether you receive a calling to become more active in the liturgical celebrations or in any other of our many ministry groups, you are all welcome and have something of yourself to share.

Finally we want to remind you that it is not too early to think about becoming a member of Parish Council and if you are moved to do so, we urge you to contact a member of Council.

"Members of your Finance Committee and your Parish Pastoral Council have met with candidates for the positions of Parish Bookkeeper and Parish Administrative Assistant. We are please to report to our community that Jim Sweet will be our Bookkeeper. Jim has an extensive background in accounting, and worked as an auditor for the Canada Revenue Agency just prior to his retirement. Jim will be working at the Parish Office on Mondays only, but the office will be closed during that time.

For the position of Administrative Assistant to the Parish we are pleased that Gary Koett has been selected. Gary has been a member of our community for some time. He has served on Parish Council and is very active with youth instructions. Gary will be working at the Parish Office Tuesdays through Fridays from 8:30 am to 12:30pm.

Just as a reminder, your Parish Pastoral Council includes: Tim Leadem, Chair; Bob Fowler; Chris Whelan; Jan Staebell; Linda MacGowan, who also serves as Recording Secretary; Lissen Lockwood; Maureen Hertz; R. Paul Ledet; and Kimberly House, as Associate Member.

# Saanich Peninsula Parish



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

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Office Hours: Tuesday to Friday 8:30am - 12:30pm

RECONCILIATION Saturdays 4:00 - 4:30pm, or by appointment.

**PASTOR:** Father Rolf Hasenack, O.P.

**PARISH COORDINATOR:** Neil Lensen

**ASSOCIATE PASTOR:** Fr. Jai Francis

**PASTORAL COUNCIL:** Chair, Tim Leadem 250-656-5628

### 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

## FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### FEBRUARY 8, 2009

Job 7.1-4, 6-7 / 1 Cor 9.16-19, 22-23 / Mk 1.29-39

#### 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

February 1st \$4,650.10  
PAD's (38 donors) \$3,025.00

### 2008 TAX RECEIPTS

Are ready for pick-up. As always, they are in envelopes for privacy. However, we encourage you to leave the empty envelope for re-use. Your St. Vincent de Paul receipts are also there.

## COVENANT

### ST. MARY & STEPHEN'S ANGLICAN CHURCHES

Feb. 15 9:00 St. Stephen's BCP Holy Communion  
10:30 St. Mary's BAS Holy Communion

## IN OUR PARISH

### FAITH REFLECTION GROUP: FEB. 11

The next Faith Reflection Group will meet on Wednesday, Feb. 11th, 1pm at St. Elizabeth's. Sister Donna & Fr. Rolf welcome you.

### C,W,L.: FEB. 11

The next general meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 11th at 10:30a.m. in the library area of St. Elizabeth's. All women welcome.

### K OF C PASTA NIGHT: FEB. 20

Tickets are \$10 each or \$25/family. Support a great cause and enjoy pasta and an evening of fun and visiting.



### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: MAR. 6 at 2:00 pm

St. Elizabeth's will host this year's WDoP - by celebrating Papua New Guinea!. If you have any items of art from Papua New Guinea, we would love to hear from you. Contact Josephine Wingerter 250-656-4961 or Fr. Rolf

### PARISH NEWS:

**Newly arrived** from Berlin, Germany, Mrs. Brigitte Beck is looking to do housework which she did for some 20 years. Contact Brigitte or Uwe Beck, 2285 Gail Place, Sidney at 778-426-2108 or cell: 250-508-9215.

### Checkers Challenge for Seniors

If you would like to join a group to play checkers, to learn, to have fun, to be competitive. Call Francis at 250-656-2110.

## THIS WEEK IN THE PARRISH

### MONDAY, FEB. 9

1:00pm Memory P.L.U.S.

### TUESDAY, FEB. 10

7:45am Eucharistic Adoration (1 hour)  
9:00am No Mass  
11:30am Friendly Hours

### WEDNESDAY, FEB. 11

9:00am Mass  
10:00am Taiji Qigong  
10:00am CWL Executive Meeting  
10:30am CWL General Meeting  
1:00pm Faith Reflection Group

### THURSDAY, FEB. 12

9:00am No Mass  
11:30am Friendly Hours  
2:00pm Prayer Group  
6:00pm Taiji Qigong

### FRIDAY, FEB. 13

9:00am Mass at the home of Eileen Kroetsch

### SATURDAY, FEB. 14

5:00pm Mass at St. Elizabeth's

### SUNDAY, FEB. 15

8:30am Mass at OLO Assumption  
9:45am Children's Religious Education  
10:30am Mass at St. Elizabeth's

### DEVELOPMENT & PEACE

**Emergency Appeal** for the people of Gaza - "all of Gaza is destroyed" says Archbishop Weisgerber (of Winnipeg, President of Canadian Catholic Bishops Conference). "Development & Peace, through Caritas, has an excellent record of assistance in the region and it's imperative to help them", he adds. Contributions can be made by telephone (1-888-664-3387) or by cheque "marked "Emergency: Gaza" sent to

Development & Peace

1425 René Lévesque Blvd., West 3rd Floor  
Montreal, Quebec H3G 1T7

**Wanted** - new members to join our Development & Peace team. If you are interested in learning about countries less fortunate than ours and how you can support them, call Donna at 250-656-2064.

### PREPARING LENTEN CELEBRATION: FEB 14

All those interested in preparing our Lenten celebrations (especially the TRIDIUM) are invited to a planning meeting on Saturday, Feb. 14 at 10:30 am at St. Elizabeth's

### TOUR 2010

In 1634 the village of Oberammergau, in Bavaria, Germany promised to perform the passion play (Life & Death of Jesus) every ten years. 2000 residents of the village will do so again in 2010. If you are interested in going, please contact Fr. Rolf.

## GENERAL

### ST. PATRICK'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE: FEB. 8 & 10

Sunday, Feb. 8th from noon—2pm and Tuesday, Feb. 10th from 9-10:30am. Come visit us at 2368 Trent St. 250-592-6713.

### ST. ANDREW'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE: FEB. 12

1002 Pandora Avenue, 250-382-3815. Tours from 9:30am to 1:00pm. Lunch provided from 11:30am to 1:00pm.

### ABBAYFIELD SING-A-LONG: FEB. 12

You are invited to join The Time Shuckers, leading a sing-a-long of golden oldies at Abbeyfield, 10017 Fifth St.

### MARDI GRAS AUCTION 2009: FEB. 13

At St. Andrew's Regional High School, MacKenzie Ave. from 6:30-10:30pm. A fun evening for adults with a live band, cash bar, fabulous items to bid on at the silent and live auction. Tickets at any of the Island Catholic School offices.

### PRO-LIFE YOUNG ADULTS RETREAT: FEB. 13-15

For youth ages 17-35, a time for prayer, reflection, training and recreation. Camp Pringle, Shawnigan Lake, from Friday Feb. 13th at 5pm until Sunday, Feb. 15th at 3pm. Cost \$25 per person. Contact 250-383-1782 or victoriarighttolife@shaw.ca for information or registration.

### VALENTINES DANCE: FEB. 14

The Knights of Columbus, Victoria Council are hosting a Valentines Dance on Saturday, Feb. 14th at 8:30pm at St. Andrew's Elementary School Hall, 1002 Pandora Avenue. Live music by The KingmiXers. Tickets \$15, call Richard Grosset at 250-995-1491 or richardgrosset@shaw.ca.

## WORKSHOPS / LECTURES

### HEALTH & WELLNESS COURSES: FEB. 10 & 11

www.continuingstudies.uvic.ca/health  
250-721-8558. Tuesday & Wednesday, Feb. 10 & 11, from 7-9pm. "Crisis Intervention: Managing Client Anger and Aggression". Instructor: Trevor Rowe, BA (Psyc). Fee \$63.00. Class #HPPD222.

### PUBLIC LECTURE SERIES: FEB. 11

Centre for Studies in Religion and Society UVic. Wednesday. Engineering/Computer Science Bldg, Rm 124 at 4:30pm, parking in Lot 1, near the Glover Greenhouse Facility. Speaker: Benjamin Berger, Faculty of Law, UVic. Theme: *The Cultural Limits of Legal Toleration: Law and Religious Pluralism*.

### RAISING CHASTE TEENS: FEB. 17 & 18

Jason Evert offers communication techniques, resources, statistics and a wealth of information to assist parents in their task as primary sex educators of their children. 2 seminars in the Vancouver area: Feb. 17 at Immaculate Conception School, 8842 119th St., Delta and Feb. 18 at Vancouver College Kucher Centre for Performing Arts, 5400 Cartier St.

### PASTORAL CARE VOLUNTEER TRAINING: FEB 21

Saturday, Feb. 21st, 10am-3pm, at St. Joseph the Worker Church, Fr. William Hann will pilot session 1 of our proposed Diocesan module from our pastoral care and outreach ministry in the Diocese of Victoria. Please register at [bulletin@sitw.ca](mailto:bulletin@sitw.ca) Please bring a lunch. Coffee and tea will be provided.

### UVIC INTERFAITH SERVICES SERIES: FEB. 24

Seeks to promote learning & understanding of faith traditions and address 'tough questions' designed to spark dialogue. Free. Feb. 24: 4:30-6pm, David Lam Theatre, "Do Religions Discriminate Against Women?" Check the St. Elizabeth's bulletin board or [www.uvic.ca/interfaith/toughquestions](http://www.uvic.ca/interfaith/toughquestions).

### PEACE: A TRANSFORMING VISION: MAR. 14

The Thomas Merton Society of Canada is sponsoring a one day conference and workshop, Saturday, March 14th from 9am to 5pm at the University Club of Victoria at UVic. Keynote speaker Jim Forest and other speakers Donald Grayston, Ross Labrie and Ron Dart. Cost: \$55 full day and \$30 half day (includes lunch). For more info or to register, contact TMSOC at 604-669-2546 or [tmsoc@telus.net](mailto:tmsoc@telus.net).