

Pastor's corner – April 26, 2009

Some items of information:

Now that Fr. Jai is back from India, some people have been asking how they can help. Your Parish Council and I agreed last August to have Fr. Jai come as associate pastor for a temporary assignment. He finally came at the end of October and spent most of the first six weeks learning how to drive; he obtained his driver's license but no car. He had to leave again in mid-January for India in order to arrange for a longer term visa and after more than eleven frustrating weeks came back in Holy Week with a three-year visa.

From the time he arrived in October until his return to India in January, the parish paid him the same salary that is paid to all the clergy no matter what their work load is or no matter where in the Diocese they are stationed. His housing was also assured at the rectory. However, he was not eligible for a transportation allowance given the fact that he had no automobile. All priests are responsible for the purchase and upkeep of their own car. The parish pays a transportation allowance of \$ 650.- per month and will pay for the gasoline used while on parish business as well as for regular oil changes. On Wednesday April 15 Fr. Jai purchased a used car; as of that date he will receive the transportation allowance. The Diocese advanced him a loan with which he was able to buy the car and the necessary insurance. The transportation allowance will enable Fr. Jai to pay back that loan in a fairly short period of time.

As you can see, Fr. Jai is well looked after by the parish and the Diocese. We appreciate the fact that your weekly giving enables us to do just that. Thank you for your generosity.

Update on the Awor Family:

In May 2008 William Awor arrived from Beirut, Lebanon, and about ten days later Mary and the children Michael, Josephine and Dak arrived from Manilla, Philippines. For the past year they have been living in a house which was made available at the reduced rent of \$1200/month by a Vietnamese family who arrived as refugees in 1980. William soon found work in the hotel industry with which he was familiar in Beirut, but at minimum wage. Later Mary also found part-time work. They did this while at the same time following English as a Second Language classes. The children were enrolled in the public school of the area. Just after Christmas both William and Mary lost their jobs. However, in early March William was able to return to the same job while Mary started work in another hotel. Shortly after William was able to obtain an additional job as a settlement councilor (about 20 hours/week). On May 1 the family will move into a smaller but subsidized rental unit in the West Saanich Road/Royal Oak area. Their rent will now be \$500.-/month. Mary has now had to quit the hotel job because of scheduling problems and the need for someone to be at home with the children after school.

For the past year people in Saanich Peninsula Parish have contributed about \$17,000.- while Sacred Heart Parish gave about \$8,000.- towards financing the expenses of the family. The major expense items were rent (13,200), the transportation of the family from Beirut and Manilla and the move to the house (5,470), buspasses (400) and St.Patrick school fees for May and June last year (200), etc. We still have some money remaining.

Thanks to your generosity and thanks to the personal involvement of several volunteers another family has found a welcome home here in Canada! "See how they love one another!"

Fr. Rolf

Shalom.

Fr. Rolf

Saanich Peninsula Parish



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

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PASTOR: Father Rolf Hasenack, O.P. **PARISH ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT:** Gary Koett

ASSOCIATE PASTOR: Fr. Jai Francis **PASTORAL COUNCIL:** Chair, Tim Leadem 250-656-5628

EUCARIST AT ST. ELIZABETH'S

10030 Third Street, Sidney

Saturdays at 5pm, Sundays at 10:30am

Daily at 9am Tuesdays, Wednesdays

& Thursdays and First Fridays

EUCARIST 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

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 26, 2009

Acts 3.13-15, 17-19 / 1 Jn 2.1-5 / Lk 24.35-48

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

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| April 5 | \$ 5,561.00 |
| April 12 | \$10,378.79 |
| April 19 | \$ 4,200.74 |
| PAD's (38 donors) | \$ 3,020.00 |

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - APRIL 26

The AGM of the Parish will be held following the 10:30 am Mass at St. Elizabeth's.

COVENANT

ST. MARY & STEPHEN'S ANGLICAN CHURCHES

May 3 9:00 St. Stephen's BCP Holy Communion
10:30 St. Mary's BAS Holy Communion

IN OUR PARISH

K of C ANNUAL GARAGE SALE: MAY 9

At St. Elizabeth's. Items will be accepted **ONLY** on Friday, May 8th. We will only accept re-saleable items. Please, **NO** clothes, shoes, mattresses, baby cribs etc. All items will be subject to inspection in order to cut down on un-saleable junk. Thank you. You may call Gord at 250-652-4379 or 250-588-1226 (cell).

PLANT SALE FOR BIRTHRIGHT: MAY 9

The Annual plant sale in support of Birthright Victoria will take place during the KofC garage sale. If you would like to donate a plant to be sold at the sale, please contact Arthur or Alanna Menu at 250-656-0138. Birthright Victoria is a registered charity that offers women dealing with an unplanned pregnancy support for them and their child both before and after birth. For more information see <http://www.birthright.org/htmpages/index.htm>.

PENNIES FOR HEAVEN DONATION

This weekend, the K of C will present a cheque for \$2,590 to the Bishop, the sum collected for Pennies For Heaven during the past 2 years. The Knights thank everyone who donated to this worthy cause, to help the Seminarians.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

MONDAY, APRIL 27

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 28

7:45am Eucharistic Adoration (1 hour)
9:00am Mass
11:30am Friendly Hours

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29

9:00am Mass
10:00am Taiji Qigong

THURSDAY, APRIL 30

9:00am Mass
11:30am Friendly Hours
2:00pm Prayer Group
6:00pm Taiji Qigong

FRIDAY, MAY 1

9:00am Mass at St. Elizabeth's
7:30pm Sidney Classical Concert

SATURDAY, MAY 2

5:00pm Mass at St. Elizabeth's

SUNDAY, MAY 3

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

CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

This Sunday April 26 will be our last day of classes. Sunday Liturgy for Preschool, K & 1 will continue for the months of May and June. Some older children, who will be doing parish community work in May, will receive the sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday, May 31. Els and I would like to thank the Catechists: Stasia Hartley, Maria Hilton, Gary Koett, Jim and Carla Fretwell, Kathy Gillis, Maria de la Fuente, Tracey Westwood, Susan Lawes, Liane Funk, Roy Battilana & Subs: Stephanie Schroeder and Kimberly House. We are truly blessed to have such an amazing team of Catechists. We would also like to thank the Parents, Knights of Columbus, CWL, the Prayer Group, and the music ministers, for their ongoing support. And last but certainly not least we would like to thank Father Rolf who is always there for us and whose advice and patience is truly appreciated.

THE GIFT OF SONG BENEFIT CONCERT:

SUNDAY, APR. 26 - 2:30pm at St. Elizabeth's

Featuring award-winning choirs directed by Anne-Marie Brimacombe with special guests Tyler Carson (violin), Daniel Brimacombe (Caribbean steel drums). Admission \$12/adults, \$10/seniors & students, \$8/12 years and under. All proceeds to the New Marine Centre in Sidney. The Brimacombe Family is moving to Toronto, so this is also a farewell concert. Thank you Marie for all you have done for the children and the families.

SIDNEY CLASSICAL ORCHESTRA: MAY 1

On Friday, May 1st, 7:30pm at St. Elizabeth's, the Sidney Classical Orchestra will present their last concert of the season: Mozart's Symphony No. 40, and the World Premieres of Stephen Brown's Piano Concerto and "Shadow of a Leaf".

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: WED. MAY 27

An enjoyable evening with a purpose - support the village schools in Eritrea! Come and hear the **Arbutus Singers Spring Concert** on Wednesday, May 27th, 7:30pm at St. Elizabeth's. Tickets \$10 at the door. Your entertainment can provide a child's education. **ALL** proceeds will go to the Eritrean village schools.

GENERAL

MOTHER'S DAY TEA: MAY 9

St. Rose of Lima Parish, 6221 Sooke Rd. present a Mother's Day Tea on Saturday, May 9th. Featuring fancy sandwiches, scones and preserves, assorted sweets, tea and coffee. 3 sittings available: 11am, 12:30pm and 2:00pm. Tickets are \$15 each and sold in advance by phoning the parish office at 250-642-3945.

LITURGY OF RECONCILIATION: MAY 31

The Diocese of Victoria will be hosting a special Liturgy of Reconciliation at St. Andrew's Cathedral on Pentecost Sunday, May 31st at 3pm. Evening Vespers/Liturgy of the Word will be celebrated with Bishop Richard Gagnon and Bishop Remi De Roo, Bishop Emeritus. Following the service there will be a reception at St. Andrew's Elementary School. All are invited to participate in this time of prayer, seeking healing and reconciliation which will assist our Diocese in moving forward into the future.

PRIEST APPRECIATION: MAY 29

The Knights of Columbus Council 1256 will be hosting the 2nd Annual Priest Appreciation & Vocations Fundraiser on Friday, May 29th at Our Lady of Fatima Parish Hall, 4635 Elk Lake Drive. Doors open at 5pm and banquet dinner at 6pm. Also featured is a cash bar and a silent auction. Keynote speaker is the Right Reverend Father Abbot John Braganza, OSB of Westminster Abbey, Mission, BC. There will also be a special performance by the Greater Victoria Police Pipe Band. Ticket cost \$75 with a tax receipt of \$40. For tickets call Grand Knight Roland Wauthy at 250-474-6255, or see Gary in the Parish Office. Advance tickets only.

DIocese-WIDE SUMMER CAMP: AUG. 4-9

For diocesan youth in grades 5 to 7 come to a Marvellous Mystery camp from August 4th—9th at Camp Barnard (Sooke). It is an adventure-filled, action-packed week of camping fun. Meet new friends, play active games, go hiking, swimming and canoeing. Make crafts, sing camp songs, share funny skits and campfire activities. Sleep in a rustic cabin and enjoy some authentic summer camp food! Let your Catholic faith come to life as you discover what it means to be called by Jesus to be Fully Alive! Space limited. Contact sftzmaurice@cisdv.bc.ca or phone 250-479-1331, ext. 232 to register. Family rates available.

WORKSHOPS / LECTURES

QUEENSWOOD 2494 Arbutus Road, Victoria
For Registration or Information call 477-3822
Or e-mail info@queenswoodcentre.com

THE MEANING OF EUCHARIST: APR. 27

On Monday, April 27th join best selling author and Massey lecturer Margaret Visser for an exploration of the meaning of Eucharist and Communion. By donation.

VOCATION LIVE-IN: MAY 8-10

On the weekend of May 8-10 there will be a Vocation Live-In for boys or young men interested in the priesthood or the consecrated life at the Seminary of Christ the King in Mission, BC. For more info. call 604-826-8715. We had 59 young men attend last February.