

**Pastor's Corner – May 31, 2009**

As I celebrate my 40th anniversary of being ordained a priest, people are asking me the reason for becoming a priest and specifically as a member of the Dominican Order.

Well, it started a long time ago! Born on the island of Sumatra in Indonesia in 1940 our family was forced into a concentration camp by the Japanese invaders in 1942. It was the last time I saw my father who died a few weeks before the end of the war in July 1945. My mother was left alone with three young brats in a country which was entering new violence with the war of independence. Solution: in September 1946 my older brother (9) and I were put on a boat together with other refugees and sent to Holland to live for 9 years with an aunt and uncle in Nijmegen. My mother had to stay behind with my younger brother and married a British soldier who was to be stationed in various countries over the next six years. All of this had a great impact on me. My father, mother and stepfather were devout Catholics, my uncle was a devout elder of the Dutch Reformed Church who would greet people in need at the door in order to offer them coupons for bread, milk, eggs, etc. while others were looking for pieces of coal on the railroad tracks behind our house. On Sundays I would go to church with my aunt and when we returned home and my uncle returned home from his church, all of us would sit in the best room of the house, have strong Dutch coffee with cookies (a glass of Dutch gin for the adults and a sip for us!). Then my uncle would bring out the Bible and read from it and tell stories.

Their example of turning to God and prayer, of being involved in the community and helping others, my own life experience during these difficult times and of being away from my parents, all brought me to consider the possibility of becoming a missionary. From 1950 to 1955 I also lived a positive experience in boarding schools run by religious communities in Holland. In 1955 my younger brother and I joined my parents who had emigrated in 1953 to Canada and Toronto (my older brother had joined them in 1954). While at the University of Toronto from 1957 to 1961 studying philosophy I was in touch with Dominicans there and thought of becoming a teacher. John F. Kennedy came to the university when he was a senator and talked about the Peace Corps which he was later to establish. But not being an American citizen (!) I was not eligible. Unsure of my future I decided to return to Europe, lived in Paris for six months, together with others roamed through Spain and North Africa as well as Italy and the then Yugoslavia. I also stayed in several monasteries and eventually decided to enter the Dominicans. I admired their balanced lifestyle: a community life of monastic prayer coupled with a strong emphasis on study and searching for truth and yet also very much involved in apostolic work and action. Through my studies I had discovered Thomas Aquinas, Albert the Great, Master Eckhart, Chenu, Congar and their positive outlook on the world and God's presence there; but also the mystics and activists like Fr. Angelico, Savanarola, Catherine of Siena, Lebreton, Dominic Pire, etc.

While in Cologne I applied to the Canadian Dominican Province and entered the French-speaking novitiate in St. Hyacinthe in August 1962. Out of 13 we are still 2! After a year in Montreal and 5 years in Ottawa studying theology at our Dominican College of Philosophy and Theology I was ordained on June 7, 1969. I will write another time about my ministry since 1969.

Now I know that people are organizing something special on June 19<sup>th</sup> to celebrate those 40 years of ministry. But, please, I do not need gifts for myself; I really do not need anything. If you wish to give, please, help our community of Dominicans in Canada because we are passing through a rough time financially, especially because we attach great importance to maintaining our Dominican College in Ottawa, a centre of formation of Dominicans but also of other religious congregations and of lay leaders. Our tax laws can help both you and the Order.

Make out a cheque in the name of The Dominicans of Canada with your name & address. I will collect them and send them to our Administration in Montreal who will issue the tax receipts and send them.

Thank you for your generosity and may God bless you. Shalom.

*Fr. Rolf*

# Saanich Peninsula Parish



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

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**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

## PENTECOST

## MAY 31, 2009

Acts 2.1-11 / 1 Cor 12.3-7, 12-13 / Jn 20.19-23

**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

May 3	\$4,978.05
May 10	\$6,306.50
May 17	\$3,959.00
May 24	\$3,797.80
PAD's (40 donors)	\$3,190.00
Pope's Pastoral Works	\$789.00

We offer condolences to the families and pray for the repose of the souls of:  
Ruby Conniff and Albert Bedham.

## COVENANT

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

June 7 9:00 St. Stephen's BCP Holy Communion  
10:30 St. Mary's BAS Holy Communion

## IN OUR PARISH



### PARISH PICNIC: JUNE 10

Our parish picnic will be held on Wednesday, June 10th from 5:30 - 7:00 pm at Heritage Acres, located off Island View Road & the Pat Bay Hwy. Bring your own picnic, food and dishes. Refreshments and dessert will be provided. Barbeque grills will be available. The train will be running for kids of all ages. Good fellowship and lots of fun. Everyone is welcome! For more information call Roy at 250-652-0340 or Lynn at 250-652-2543, or you may email me at lynn@spparish.com.

### CONFIRMATION / FIRST COMMUNION: MAY 31

This Sunday we will be welcoming the following young people who will be celebrating the Sacraments of Confirmation & First Communion: Joseph Dulce, Justin Dulce, Jesus de la Fuente, Fabian de la Fuente.

Many thanks to Liane Funk and Roy Battilana (catechists), to the group of young people who accompanied them, as well as to the parents who were the first catechists on their journey of Faith.

## THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

	<b>MONDAY, JUNE 1</b>
1:00pm	Memory P.L.U.S.
	<b>TUESDAY, JUNE 2</b>
7:45am	Eucharistic Adoration (1 hour)
9:00am	Mass
11:30am	Friendly Hours
1:30pm	C.W.A. Meeting (see notice)
2:00pm	Funeral at St. Elizabeth's
	<b>WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3</b>
9:00am	Mass
7:00pm	Parish Council Meeting
	<b>THURSDAY, JUNE 4</b>
9:00am	Mass
11:30am	Friendly Hours
2:00pm	Prayer Group
6:00pm	Taiji Qigong
	<b>FRIDAY, JUNE 5</b>
9:00am	Mass at St. Elizabeth's
9:00am	Mass at the home of George and Angie Swift, 6781 Amwell Dr., Brentwood Bay (250-652-9729)
	<b>SATURDAY, JUNE 6</b>
5:00pm	Mass at St. Elizabeth's
6:00pm	C.W.L. Bazaar
	<b>SUNDAY, JUNE 7</b>
8:30am	Mass at OLO Assumption
10:30am	Mass at St. Elizabeth's
11:30am	C.W.L. Bazaar

### 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 is limited. Contact sfitzmaurice@cisdv.bc.ca or phone 250-479-1331, ext. 232 to register. Family rates available.

### C.W.L. BAZAAR: JUNE 6 & 7

You are invited to the C.W.L. bazaar following the weekend masses on Saturday and Sunday, June 6th & 7th at St. Elizabeth's. You will find tables for children, baking, nu-tu-u treasures, raffle, books and may also enjoy a light lunch for \$5 on Sunday. All parishioners are invited to donate baking (bring before each Mass) and items (put in the box in foyer at St. Elizabeth's). This will be the C.W.L.'s only fund-raiser for the year.

### C.W.A NEWS

The June 2nd C.W.A. meeting will be at Fran Worrall's home in Unit 1 at 10110 Third St., Sidney (250-656-3203) at 1:30pm.

### MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK

The young people at the grade 6 - 8 level who journeyed together since October towards the celebration of the sacrament of Confirmation have decided to contribute to the life of our community by cleaning up our cemetery at Our Lady of Assumption on West Saanich Road. They invite you to join them on **Sat., June 13 from 9 to noon.**

### FR. ROLF'S 40th CELEBRATION: JUNE 19

Mark your calendars for a celebration of Fr. Rolf's 40th anniversary of his ordination on Fri., June 19 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Tickets will be available after each mass for the next two weeks.

### GREETERS WANTED

There are a few people who presently welcome fellow parishioners to the Saturday 5:30 pm Mass in the church lobby. Would there be a few more people who would be willing to commit to be a welcoming presence before this Mass? I'd be willing to make up a schedule if there are sufficient numbers that are interested. Call Helene Dizey at 250-656-0572 or helene.dizey@shaw.ca.

### LET'S PARTY!

On Sun., June 14th after the 10:30 mass all are invited to welcome some of the Mexican Farm Workers who have been in our parish this past year. A pot-luck brunch is being organized under the leadership of Barbara Nedzelski. If you can help, give her a call at 656-5768.

### LITURGY OF RECONCILIATION POSTPONED

The Liturgy of Reconciliation that was scheduled at St. Andrew's Cathedral on Pentecost Sunday, May 31st at 3pm has been postponed.

### RRRRRRRRR; MANY THANKS!

Thank you to the Knights of Columbus who came on Sat., May 23 to spend their free time cleaning the grounds around the rectory and Our Lady of Assumption church. Under the capable leadership and with the drive of Francois Vinay you worked hard and created wonders from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. That chain saw brought new light and life to dark corners! Wow! Fr. Rolf

## GENERAL

### WE NEED YOUR HELP

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul operates a day program for over 60 mentally and physically challenged adults in Victoria and they are taken to many community events. Their wheel chair van and regular mini-van are in need of replacement. The costs for used vans would be \$54,000 & \$25,000 respectively. For a tour of the facilities and/or to help please call Ken Leason, the Manager at 250-727-0007.

### A NEW OP PRIEST!

On Sat., June 6 David Bellusci OP will be ordained a priest by Archbishop Miller at St. Mary's on Joyce Street in Vancouver, the parish where there is a Dominican community of five brothers. It is the second vocation from the Vancouver area for our Canadian Province of Dominicans. I invite you to pray for him and our community. Thank you. Fr. Rolf

## WORKSHOPS / LECTURES

### FIND YOUR FIT: FAITH, FUN & CAREERS: JUN 6

"Find Your Fit" is a career discovery workshop for teens & young adults. God has gifted you in many ways, so match those gifts to options for work and service. Facilitators: Flo Follero-Pugh and Dawn Schnell. Takes place at Sacred Heart Parish on Sat., June 6th from 9am-4pm. Fee \$65 includes testing materials & handouts. To register call 250-544-0999 or e-mail info@workflo.ca.