

Pastor's corner - July, 2009

First of all, I would like to thank all of you in the parish and beyond for the wonderful celebration on June 19 when you honoured me with your presence at my 40th Anniversary of ordination to the priesthood. All of us baptized Christians share in the common priesthood of Christ and we are all called to live that vocation and ministry in our daily life and in whatever other calling we may have answered as parents and grandparents, as students and teachers, as nurses, doctors and caregivers, as merchants, etc. Having been given the gift of exercising that priesthood in a special way as a son of St. Dominic in religious community life and as pastor, in sometimes very active apostolates, I am very grateful for the joy and happiness which God's grace has given me. I also have had the grace of having always been welcomed and accepted by many different communities, in many different places, over those years, the latest being here in Saanich Peninsula Parish. Like others before, this community has enriched me in many ways, helped me to grow, and has given me peace and happiness. Thank you so much for your witness to me and others!

I want to especially thank the Catholic Women's League who took the initiative to organize the festive soiree of June 19th as well as the Knights of Columbus who collaborated with the CWL (it is good to see that these two organizations are working more and more together as partners; hope to see many more collaborative events and exercises!). The outcome of the event was a wonderful surprise to me in the number of joyful people present, in your generosity of giving me an opportunity to return to Indonesia for a visit (travel voucher of \$2000). Thank you very much!

However, I especially appreciate your willingness to give a substantial financial contribution to my community of the Canadian Dominicans with its headquarters in Montreal. Together with the CWL contribution mentioned on the previous page and together with the generous gifts you sent or gave me in cards (with words that filled my heart with thanksgiving) the combined total which you as a community of faith are sending to the Dominicans of Canada is more than \$6,500! Wow! To all of you, my heartfelt thanks!

In the foyer of the church you will find on one of the tables copies of two pamphlets. The first one, "What does marriage add to your love?", was prepared by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops. Even though it may seem to be addressed to young couples, it is really food for thought for all married people and families. The Episcopal Commission for Theology of the CCCB wishes to help us "understand the catholic perspective on the sacrament of marriage, in particular with regard to four important dimensions: 1. marriage as a call from God; 2. what the sacrament adds to human love; 3. the meaning of freedom, fidelity, stability and fruitfulness; the mission of the married couple."... "The couple and the family are the foundation for society, just as they are the domestic "building block" for the Church."... "Catholic marriage is a sign of hope in a time when we are surrounded by despair and fear. Because it is based on faith, respect, commitment and stability, the Catholic couple can be good news for today's world."

The second pamphlet was prepared by the Catholic Organization for Life and Family (COLF) and is entitled "Towards a true sexual liberation." It is a reflection on what is stated in the Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 2335: "Each of the two sexes is an image of the power and tenderness of God, with equal dignity though in a different way. The union of man and woman in marriage is a way of imitating in the flesh the Creator's generosity and fecundity."

With the wonderful summer months ahead of us during which we renew our physical well-being these reflective pieces help us to also look after nourishing our spirits. I urge you to take both these pamphlets home where you can read and reflect on them at leisure. Once read you might wish to pass them on to your children or grandchildren.

Shalom.

Fr. Rolf, OP

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# Saanich Peninsula Parish



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

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**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

## SUNDAY READINGS JULY 2009:

July 5	14th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Ezek 2:2-5 / 2 Cor 12.7-10 / Mk 6.1-6
July 12	15th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Amos 7.12-15 / Eph 1.3-14 / Mk 6.7-13
July 19	16th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Jer 23.1-6 / Eph 2.13-18 / Mk 6.30-34
July 26	17th Sunday in Ordinary Time	2 Kings 4.42-44 / Eph 4.1-6 / Jn 6.1-15

### 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

June 7th	\$4,016.10
June 14th	\$4,871.50
June 21st	\$3,273.25
June 28th	\$5,795.85
PAD's (40 donors)	\$3,190.00

### We welcome into our faith community in Baptism:

- Lois Delaney Harnett-Shaw**, child of Robert & Cindy
- Cade Connor Watson**, child of Stacey & Meghann
- Sage Lianne Littlejohns**, child of Richard & Kristiana
- George Ben Peters**, child of George & Rachel
- Wyatt Watson Peters**, child of George & Rachel
- Emma Jean Nadine Johnston**, child of James & Jennifer
- Alex James Patrick Johnston**, child of James & Jennifer
- Adrianna Rose Giulietta Hilton**, child of Jeffrey & Maria
- Joshua Matteo Paiva**, child of Jimmy & Jennifer
- Claire Joelle MacIntyre**, child of Neil & Tracy
- Abigail Lindsey Ewert**, child of Peter & Dana
- Oliver Michael Scott Paul**, child of Terrence & Ingrid
- Topaz Claudette Lynn Koett**, child of Joel & Stéphanie
- Nora Gwen Rijken**, child of Oriol & Tracy

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

Mike (Mile) Basic

Grace Hardy, mother of Barbara Lovick

## COVENANT

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

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

### BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS: AUG. 5

At St. Stephens, 2pm on Wed., August 5th.  
All animals both large and small are welcome.

### THE NEXT FOUR WEEKS IN THE PARISH

#### TUESDAYS IN JULY

9:00am Mass

#### WEDNESDAYS IN JULY

9:00am Mass  
10:00am Taiji Qigong

#### THURSDAYS IN JULY

9:00am Mass  
6:00pm Taiji Qigong

#### FRIDAYS IN JULY

July 10th 9:00am at the home of Jack & Francis Chaproniere, 7746 E. Saanich Rd., 250-652-3948  
July 17th 9:00am at the Legion Manor 7601 E. Saanich Rd.  
July 24th 9:00am at the home of Kevin & Magdalene Campbell, 1028 Waverley Terr. 250-412-7459  
July 31st 11:00am at the Saanich Peninsula Hospital

#### SATURDAYS IN JULY

5:00pm Mass at St. Elizabeth's

#### SUNDAYS IN JULY

8:30am Mass at OLO Assumption  
10:30am Mass at St. Elizabeth's

## IN OUR PARISH

### SUMMER BULLETINS

Will be reduced to one bulletin per month during July and August. Check the parish website and the bulletin board for any updates.

### FRIENDLY HOURS:

There will be no Friendly Hours in July & August. Friendly Hours will re-open on Thurs., Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>.

### ISLAND FARMS UPC CODES & POP TIN TABS

If you would be so kind as to save and bring in:

- **Island Farms** UPC codes (they donate 3¢ per UPC code to St. Andrews School), and
- Aluminum pop tin tabs (used to raise funds for wheelchairs).

An envelope for the UPC codes and a container for the tabs will be in the foyer at St. Elizabeth's.

### COFFEE FELLOWSHIP ANGEL VISIT!

A parishioner is donating the coffee for both Friendly Hours and Coffee Fellowship. This donation is especially meaningful because the coffee is Fair Trade Coffee which ensures the farmers get a fair return on their labour. Thank you, Coffee Angel for your generosity!

### FR. ROLF'S SPECIAL CELEBRATION EVENING

Fr. Rolf was overwhelmed by the turnout of people and the loving spirit displayed at the celebration of his 40th year of ordination as a Priest. The CWL thanks the Knights of Columbus for their help in assisting them in this venture, and hope they may get a chance to work with them again in the future. \$1,600 was raised which will be forwarded to the Dominican Order in Fr. Rolf's name. God Bless you all, and especially God Bless Fr. Rolf. Rhoda Waddington, President of the CWL.

### HOME & HOSPITAL EUCHARISTIC MINISTRY

These Ministries make visits to the home or hospital for those unable to come to the Saturday/Sunday Mass. If you would like to join one of these rewarding Ministries or would like more information please call Gene Dizy at 250-656-0572, or the office at 250-656-7433.

### EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

There will be no Eucharistic Adoration on Tuesday mornings during the months of July and August.

### PRAYER GROUP MEETING

The Prayer Group will not be meeting during July and August. We will resume our meetings September 10th. Please continue to place your prayer intentions in the Prayer Intention Box in the foyer of St. Elizabeth's and the prayer group members will pray for your intentions.

### THANK YOU

To the K. of C. for the gift of the "Living Faith" devotion booklets, and especially to the C.W.L. for organizing the celebrations for Fr. Rolf & Fr. Jai.

## GENERAL

### PRAY FOR PRIESTS

The press report of the Holy Father's explanation for the Year for Priests can be found in the "What's New" section on the web at [www.prayforpriests.ca](http://www.prayforpriests.ca).

### 16th ANNUAL HYMN SING: JULY 12

Featuring Louise Rose and The Open Door Choir. Sunday, July 12th at 6:30pm at St. Stephens Church, Mt. Newton X Rd. It will be outdoors on the lawn so bring a lawn chair (rain or shine, indoors if inclement) A collection will be taken to support the Open Door Choir and St. Stephen's Outreach, including Rainbow Kitchen.

### 25th ANNUAL WALK FOR LIFE: JULY 19

The Victoria Right to Life Society invites you to participate in their 10 km Walk For Life Fundraiser on Sunday, July 19th at Beacon Hill Park picnic area next to the Children's Playground. Registrations at 2:30pm, walk at 3pm. For more information contact the office at 250-383-1782.

### CELEBRATION / POT LUCK: AUG. 1

on Sat., August 1st, 6pm at Sacred Heart Parish Hall, 4040 Nelthorpe Ave. Bring your best pot-luck dish! We are celebrating the Awor family's first year in Canada, Father Martin's visit from Lebanon and a **SURPRISE** celebration for Mary, who is expecting the newest Awor in August. A gift table will be available. For more information please call Janet Moir at 250-655-6781.

### DIOCESE-WIDE SUMMER CAMP: AUG. 4 - 9

For diocesan youth in grades 5-7, come to a Marvellous Mystery camp from August 4-9 at Camp Barnard, Sooke. To register call 250-479-1331, ext. 232 or email [sfizm Maurice@cisdv.bc.ca](mailto:sfizm Maurice@cisdv.bc.ca).

### VICTORIA HUMAN EXCHANGE SOCIETY

Mr. Wes Mellors of the VHES, a non-profit organization is gratefully accepting donations of furniture or money to support the residents living in VHES houses. Call Linda Mayo, Board Chair at 250-658-0170 (tax receipts available).

## WORKSHOPS / LECTURES

### ST. FRANCIS XAVIER UNIVERSITY

offers programs and courses by **distance education** for adults seeking faith formation for personal and professional development. For an information package please contact Ministry Programs Office, St. Francis Xavier University, toll free at 1-877-867-5562, [diplomainministry@stfx.ca](mailto:diplomainministry@stfx.ca) or check the website at [www.stfx.ca/academic/continuinged/ministry.html](http://www.stfx.ca/academic/continuinged/ministry.html).