

Pastor's Corner

H1N1 seems to be on many people's minds and people have been asking what we will do here in the parish to prevent the spreading of the virus. There are some things which we could do and I ask you to consider these and then let us know what you think of them.

The first thing we would propose is to have hand sanitizer dispensers at the entrance to the church. A hand sanitizer is already in use at the back of the altar by the Eucharistic ministers.

Secondly we could greet each other by bowing our head rather than by shaking hands or hugging each other, gestures which according to the experts, are especially susceptible of passing the virus. This would translate itself during the liturgical celebrations by wishing the peace of Christ with a simple bow of the head in the direction of the other person. When we pray the Our Father together we could use one of the older gestures of prayer which is lifting our arms towards the heavens and praying rather than by holding hands with each other.

Some other persons have suggested that we suspend the communion under the two species of bread and wine and have communion only under the form of the bread. I am very reluctant to go in that direction. It is very important to remind us that 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. As I understand it experts agree that drinking from the same cup alone is not susceptible in passing on the virus. In any case, most people who have a cold will not partake of the cup and drinking from the cup while recommended is not necessary for communion and is optional.

We also need to look at all of this with serenity. It is important that we are prudent and take the necessary precautions but we also need to come together to celebrate and nourish each other in our faith and do so joyfully and peacefully.

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 (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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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

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 6, 2009

Isa 35.4-7 / Jas 2.1-5 / Mk 7.31-37



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

August 2nd	\$4,784.33
August 9th	\$4,466.15
August 16th	\$3,896.35
August 23rd	\$3,972.40
August 30th	\$4,525.35
PAD's (40 donors)	\$3,290.00
For Eritrea	\$1,014.80

OUTDOOR MASS: SEPT. 13, 10:30am

The whole parish is invited to our annual Outdoor Mass next Sunday, September 13th at Our Lady of the Assumption, 7742 West Saanich Rd., Saanichton. **This will be the only Mass on that Sunday.** Bring your folding chairs, umbrella for the sun and your food for a snack after Mass. Coffee and juice provided.

A great & enjoyable community experience!!

Note: No 10:30 Mass at St. Elizabeth's and
No 8:30 Mass at Assumption on Sept. 13.

OFFICE UPDATE:

Fr. Rolf will be available in the parish office while Gary is away on holidays from Sept. 4-14.

We welcome into our faith community in Baptism:
Angelina Koehl

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

Bill Gowans

Egon Luck

Joe Wolownik

Florence McMillan

Helen Berryman, mother of Steve

COVENANT

ST. MARY & STEPHEN'S ANGLICAN CHURCHES

Sept. 13 9:00 St. Stephen's BAS Holy Communion
10:30 St. Mary's BCP Holy Communion

IN OUR PARISH

THANK YOU

A heartfelt thanks to the anonymous donors who paid for the new roof at Our Lady of Assumption and to those who cleaned around the church after the repairs.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

MONDAY, SEPT. 7

TUESDAY, SEPT. 8

7:45am Eucharistic Adoration (1 hour)
9:00am Mass

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 9

9:00am Mass

THURSDAY, SEPT. 10

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

FRIDAY, SEPT. 11

9:00am Mass at the home of Joan Gilbert
#4 - 8025 E. Saanich Rd.,
250-652-9294

SATURDAY, SEPT. 12

5:00pm Mass at St. Elizabeth's

SUNDAY, SEPT. 13

10:30am **Outdoor Mass at Assumption**
7742 West Saanich Rd.
No 8:30 Mass at Assumption
No 10:30 Mass at St. Elizabeth's

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: SEPT. 8

Starting again on Tuesday, Sept. 8th at 7:45am.

FRIENDLY HOURS: SEPT. 10

Friendly Hours will re-open on Thurs., Sept. 10th.

PRAYER GROUP MEETING: SEPT. 10

The Prayer Group resumes September 10th. You may still 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.

CWL: SEPT. 15

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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: SEPT. 22

The next 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.

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.

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.

TO ALL CAMOSUN & UVIC STUDENTS:

Coming to Camosun or UVic in September? Check out the Campus Ministry and the Catholic Student Association to enhance your academic and social life. There will be a welcome BBQ at Holy Cross Parish on Sunday September 20th at 1:30pm. Check out www.catholic@uvic.ca.

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.

PILGRIMAGE & CULTURAL TOUR OF MEXICO NOV. 14-28 (15 days, \$2,898 CDN)

Join Fr. Bill MacDonald, OMI and see several pilgrimage sites and shrines as well as several cultural sites in Mexico. For more information and an itinerary call Liz at 604-277-5303.

N.E.T.

Don McGeragle, from St. Joseph's Church in Chemainus is serving for another year on the N.E.T. (National Evangelization Teams) and is asking for our financial support and prayer support. N.E.T. is a non-profit organization challenging young Catholics to love Christ and embrace the life of the Church. Please see his letter in the foyer at St. Elizabeth's.

PART TIME PARISH SECRETARY

Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Langford is seeking a part time parish secretary. Details on the St. Elizabeth's bulletin board. Send application to 798 Goldstream Ave. Victoria, V9B 2X6.

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.