

Pastor's corner – September 26-27, 2009

Today, a special collection (known as Collection for the needs of the Church in Canada) is held in parish communities across Canada to support the pastoral work of the Canadian Bishops nationally and internationally. Archbishop James Weisgerber, President of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) writes the following:

“The Conference is involved in national and international areas of pastoral activity, including ecumenical and interfaith relations, social justice, aid to developing nations, collaboration with Aboriginal Peoples, the protection of human life, liturgy, and catechesis. The CCCB also provides the Bishops a forum to share their experiences and insights on the life of the Church and the major events that shape society.

Our Conference travels the same road as all humanity. It too is obliged to adapt to changing realities, constantly reviewing how best to be present in the contemporary world, while remaining a faithful witness to the Lord. Although the challenges are many, the CCCB continues to be at the service of the Church in Canada.

The CCCB needs structures and resources, if it is to fulfill its mission. In supporting the Collection, all the faithful are involved in the mission and work of the Conference, while also expressing the unity which brings all the members of the Church together as the one Body of Christ on earth.

Thank you for your invaluable collaboration and generosity.

Fraternally in the Lord,

V. James Weisgerber, Archbishop of Winnipeg.”

On the bulletin board in the foyer of the church you will find a short “CCCB Activities Report” for the period 2007-2009 (the CCCB website: www.cccb.ca).

Earlier this summer two important brochures prepared by the CCCB were made available to you in the foyer of the church: “**Towards a true sexual liberation**” and “**What does marriage add to your love?**”. If you were away or if you wish a copy, please, take one and pass it on to others once you have read them.

A Diocesan **Health Care Committee** chaired by Fr. William Hann is finalizing a proposed Diocesan Health Care Manual with a view of looking at establishing health care committees in each Parish. This coming Wednesday the Council of Priests hopes to approve distribution of the report. **Are you interested?** I am looking for someone who is willing to lead such a committee here in our parish and to organize presentations on health care issues, including how to prepare important end of life instructions to loved ones. Excellent DVD's are available such as “Ethics for the Journey” by Mark Miller. We need to reflect on important issues such as what is the difference between allowing nature to take it's course and euthanasia, etc.

fr. Rolf

Saanich Peninsula Parish



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

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

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

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

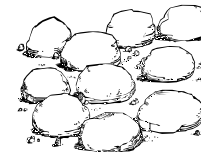
7742 West Saanich Road, Saanichton

Sundays at 8:30am

Last Friday at Saanich Peninsula Hospital at 11am

Remaining Fridays at 9am in a private home

See inside bulletin



WHOEVER IS NOT AGAINST
US IS FOR US.

MR 9:40

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 27, 2009

Num 11.25-29 / Jas 5.1-6 / Mk 9.38-43, 45, 47-48

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:

September 6	\$3,727.00
September 13	\$3,114.25
September 20	\$4,704.90
PAD's (41 contributors)	\$3,315.00

TODAY - SPECIAL COLLECTION

2nd collection after communion for the Needs of the Canadian Church. The money raised will help finance the activities of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB), an organization created by and for the Bishops of Canada.

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

Charles (Chuck) Goldie

Art Calow

Tony Mortimer

COVENANT

ST. MARY & STEPHEN'S ANGLICAN CHURCHES

Oct. 4 9:00 St. Stephen's BCP Holy Communion
10:30 St. Mary's BAS Holy Communion

IN OUR PARISH

TODAY: YOUTH GROUP DOUGH SALE

Participate in our fun and tasty fundraising. Our parish Youth Group will prepare cookie dough of different flavours which you can order. Free samples! Join us after mass to order your favourite flavour in time for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION STARTS TODAY!

To register your children please contact Lynn at 652-2543 or email her at Lynn@spparish.com.

R.C.I.A.: SEPT. 30

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults starts on Wed., Sept. 30 at 7:30pm at St. Elizabeth's. If you are interested in learning about the Catholic Faith, returning to the church or continuing the faith journey, you are invited to join the RCIA program. To register or for more information, call Janet Moir at 250-655-6781 or Fr. Rolf at 250-656-7433.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

MONDAY, SEPT. 28

1:00pm Memory Plus
1:00pm Faith Reflection Group

TUESDAY, SEPT. 29

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 30

NO MASS at 9am

THURSDAY, OCT. 1

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

FRIDAY, OCT. 2

9:00am Mass at St. Elizabeth's

SATURDAY, OCT. 3

5:00pm Mass at St. Elizabeth's

SUNDAY, OCT. 4

8:30am Mass at Our Lady of Assumption
10:30am Mass at St. Elizabeth's

GENERAL

PERFECT LOVE YOUTH CONFERENCE: OCT. 2

All youth are invited! 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 Roy Battilana after 10:30 mass for more information and registration.

DEVELOPMENT & PEACE: OCT. 2 & 3

Diocesan Council AGM and Fall Action Workshop on Friday, Oct. 2 from 7 - 9:30pm and Sat., Oct. 3 from 9:30am - 4pm at Sacred Heart Parish. Guest speaker: Dr. Chandu Claver; Presenter: John Gabor. Contact Margie at 250-388-3173.

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.

FAITH IN ACTION SPECIAL FORUM: OCT. 18

As part of National Homelessness Week (Oct. 11-18), the Faith in Action & Cadboro Bay United Church, 2625 Arbutus Rd., is hosting an informative afternoon (free event) on this issue. You can also meet the organizations that are working to provide homes and services for people living with addiction. Sunday, Oct. 18th from 2 - 4:30pm. For more information see www.cadbayuc.org

VIHA FALL ORIENTATION: OCT. 21

The Vancouver Island Health Authority Spiritual Care Services will be holding their Fall Orientation on Wednesday, October 21 from 9:30 - 11:30am at the Victoria General Hospital, Lecture Room. This is for anyone new to the program or anyone who has not been to an orientation for five years or more. To register (no charge) or for more information call Karen Wilson at 250-727-4278.

PALLIATIVE CARE TRAINING

VIHA is organizing Palliative Care volunteer training sessions on three Saturdays in October (17th, 24th, and 31st) from 9:00 am-4:30 pm. Interested? Call Chris Foster at 250-652-7519

PRAY FOR PRIESTS

There is a group of people who commit themselves to pray for the priests of our diocese. If you would like to register to do this please visit the website www.prayforpriests.ca, view the list and submit the form committing for prayers.

CATHOLIC FOUNDATION FALL CAMPAIGN

The Catholic Foundation of Vancouver Island funds programs such as social justice projects and programs; religious education programs; programs that support diocesan seminarians, retired clergy and retired lay workers; missionary work; and capital projects. Since 1985 they have disbursed more than \$2M. Please consider a donation, cheques may be made to The Catholic Foundation of Vancouver Island, 4044 Nelthorpe St., Victoria, V8X 2A1.

QUEENSWOOD 2494 Arbutus Road, Victoria

For registration or information call 477-3822

or e-mail info@queenswoodcentre.com

EMBODIED PRAYER & MEDITATION

RETREAT: OCT. 5-8

Mon. evening to Thurs. 1pm

WORKSHOPS / LECTURES

EVENING FORUM: OCT. 5

Come, hear and ask questions of speakers from Afghanistan: "*The Courage to Learn: Education for Afghan Women and Girls*" on Monday, Oct. 5 at 7pm at St. Aidan's United Church - by donation.

PUBLIC LECTURE SERIES: SEPT. 30

Centre for Studies in Religion and Society UVic. Wednesday, Sept. 30, David Strong Building, Room C116 at 4:30pm. Lecturer: Erin Campbell, Department of History in Art, UVic: *Prophets, Saints and Matriarchs: Old Women and Art in Early Modern Italy*.

ICA IMMIGRANT WOMEN'S GROUP

The Inter-Cultural Association (ICA) Immigrant Women's Group are meeting on Thursdays at 9:00 to 11:30am until Dec. 10 at First Metropolitan Church, 930 Balmoral Rd., Victoria. There is no cost. Daycare is available. Make new friends, learn more about Victoria and Canada, express yourself through theatre and art, practice English. Web site: www.icavictoria.org. Register with Anna Escher at 250-388-4728 (ext. 123), or email annaescher@icavictoria.org.

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE WORKSHOP

This workshop provides an opportunity to learn the basic process of face-to-face problem solving to build a healthy community. It is being held over 3 days: Sat. Oct. 17, Sun. Oct. 18 & Sat. Oct. 24 from 9am to 4pm at 6843 Central Saanich Rd. The cost is \$100. For more information call Etta Connor at 250-658-8922 (email: etta@connor.bc.ca).

HEALTH & WELLNESS COURSES AT UVIC

Here list of some of the health-related courses being offered at UVic this fall:

- Eating with Consciousness: Organic Foods
- Zen Meditation for Better Living, Living Consciously: The Practice of Mindfulness
- What Is It About Wheat?
- Symptoms are Part of the Solution: Transforming Chronic Fatigue, Fibromyalgia, IBS, Anxiety, Depression
- Healing Pathways: An Interfaith Training in Energy Healing

For further info call 250-721-8558.

Web site: www.continuingstudies.uvic.ca/health