

The last two weeks we have prayed for the people of the Maritimes as they were confronted with the sexual behaviour of bishop Leahy. I would like to reproduce here most of the letter which **Archbishop Anthony Mancini** of Halifax wrote on Oct. 3 to the faithful of all the Dioceses in Nova Scotia:

“...In the past days, I have been asked over and over again: What do you say to the parishioners, to the priests, the young people and to the faithful communities that make up our Church? What will you say to the victims of sexual abuse, as we all struggle in the aftermath of unbelievable revelations and allegations of even more unacceptable shocking and possible criminal sexual behaviour?

What I want to say is: Enough is enough! How much more can all of us take? Like you, my heart is broken, my mind is confused, my body hurts and I have moved in and out of a variety of feelings especially shame and frustration, fear and disappointment, along with a sense of vulnerability, and a tremendous poverty of spirit. I have cried and I have silently screamed, and perhaps that was my prayer to God: Why Lord? What does all this mean? What are you asking of me and of my priests? What do you want to see happen among your people? Is this a time of purification or is it nothing more than devastation? Are people going to stop believing, will faithful people stop being people of faith? Lord, what are you asking of us and how can we make it happen?

The questions running through my mind are many and it was in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel of Our Lady of Fatima Church in Sydney River, where I met privately with Ron Martin, that the Word of God, hanging on a tapestry, said to me, “Be still and know that I am God”. It is this word which I pray all can receive and reflect upon, a word which calms us down in the storm and refocuses our attention, not on failure, disgrace, disappointment and anger – but on the reality of God experienced, if and when we can stop and be still. It has occurred to me that in these past few days many of us are experiencing the reality and the full implication of the mystery of our faith. We are personally going through the passion and the death which Christ experienced, but we have not yet gone beyond death to the resurrection. It is as if we are presently sealed up in a dark tomb waiting for the power of the Spirit of God to overtake us and raise us up to a new day and a new future. It is this Spirit of God, this Holy Spirit, which we must open our hearts to receive – for only the Holy Spirit can drive out the un-holy spirits with which so many have become obsessed.

Our faith in Jesus Christ is a response from the heart – a heart which has known the healing grace of mercy and forgiveness. At this time when so many hearts have been broken, we need to know again or for the first time, the healing grace of God’s love. Such healing grace can only come from all of us sharing together our faith and convictions that, in spite of sin in all its forms, mercy is stronger than anger, forgiveness is more powerful than rejection and reconciliation is more transformative of spiritual devastation into new life possibilities. May we find in our faith the foundation upon which our Church can be re-founded, not to be a perfect society reserved only for the pure, but an assembly of forgiven and resurrected human beings animated by healed and Eucharistic hearts.

If our church is to get beyond our present difficulties, if we hope to have any significant future, we must learn the lessons which these last years of struggle point to. One of these lessons is for all of us to have a better understanding of what constitutes a human person. ....

There are many areas that we must attend to in order to move forward. Some are immediate, others will take more time. Together, let us face the present crisis; let us find the heart needed to slowly reconstruct our relationships and our capacity to trust and to care.

It starts by being still before God and slowly reaches out to another person with love and acceptance. May the God of stillness and the Spirit of life bless all of us and may the person of Jesus Christ be the foundation of our lives....”

*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  
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**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



## 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME OCTOBER 18, 2009

Isa 53.10-11 / Heb 4.14-16 / Mk 10.35-45

**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:

PAD's	\$ 3,315.00
October 4	\$ 4,043.02
October 11	\$ 4,993.75
Monthly target:	Approx. \$23,000.00
<b>Special Collection/Indonesia</b>	<b>\$ 1,112.02</b>

### SECOND COLLECTION: OCT. 17

There will be a second collection at **5pm mass only** after communion for emergency aid by Development & Peace to the Philippines and Indonesia.

### PARISH RETREAT SURVEY

Please fill out the survey if you haven't done so.

### FLU (H1N1) PRECAUTIONS REMINDER

Please remember to follow flu / H1N1 precautions. In addition to the previously implemented measures the Bishop has asked us to temporarily discontinue communion of the cup .

## COVENANT

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

Oct. 25 9:00 St. Stephen's BAS Holy Communion  
10:30 St. Mary's BCP Holy Communion

## IN OUR PARISH

### WHITE RIBBON CAMPAIGN: OCT. 18 & 25

The CWL is holding a White Ribbon Campaign Against Pornography. As a result of the proliferation of pornography and its growth on the internet, families need to be protected from the victimization that pornography can create and are urged to speak out against pornography and its resultant horrors for children. Wear your white ribbon.

### K of C MARIAN HOUR OF PRAYER: OCT. 22

You are invited to join with the Knights of Columbus for a Marian Hour of Prayer at St. Elizabeth's on Thursday Oct 22 at 7:30 p.m. Our Lady of Charity has special significance to the Knights, given the Order's 1st principle of Charity (the theme of Pope Benedict's encyclical, Deus Caritas Est). Although the Lady of Charity has her origins in Cuba, this devotion is appropriate for Knights everywhere. As a sign of spiritual solidarity with Pope Benedict the Holy Father and his intentions will be remembered during the prayer services.

## THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

### MONDAY, OCT. 19

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

### TUESDAY, OCT. 20

7:45am Eucharistic Adoration (1 hour)  
9:00am Mass  
11:30am Friendly Hours  
7:00pm KofC Rosary  
7:30pm Knights of Columbus Meeting

### WEDNESDAY, OCT. 21

9:00am Mass  
10:00am Taiji Qigong  
1:30pm St. Vincent de Paul Meeting  
4:30pm Finance Meeting

### THURSDAY, OCT. 22

9:00am Mass  
11:30am Friendly Hours  
2:00pm Prayer Group  
6:00pm Taiji Qigong  
7:30pm K of C Marian Hour of Prayer

### FRIDAY, OCT. 23

9:00am Mass at the home of Ed & Barb Lovick, 250-652-1653.

### SATURDAY, OCT. 24

5:00pm Mass at St. Elizabeth's

### SUNDAY, OCT. 25

8:30am Mass at Our Lady of Assumption  
9:30am Religious Education  
10:30am Mass at St. Elizabeth's  
11:30am **Eritrean Benefit Luncheon**

### WORLD FOOD DAY

St. Vincent de Paul Society is inviting all parishioners to bring non-perishable food items to mass and place them around the altar before mass.

### FAMILY HARVESTFEST/OKTOBERFEST: OCT 30

Mark your calendars for Friday, Oct. 30 for our annual Harvestfest / Oktoberfest. Children are invited to dress in Halloween costumes and to carve their pumpkins from 6 - 7pm. Cocktails are at **6:30pm**; Oktoberfest dinner, accompanied with relaxing dinner music is at **7pm**, followed by a raffle (lots of prizes) and horse racing (4th annual running of the Knights Plate). Tickets are \$10 each or \$25 for a family (parents and children 12 & under). Tickets available after all masses or by calling Rheel 250-656-1167, Ralph 250-655-4898 or Francois 250-652-0144.

### LAY BROTHERS OF THE POOR

Today, Rudy van Lierop, Lay Brother, will be at the church entrance for their annual collection to help the poorest of the poor in Mexicali, Mexico.

### ANNUAL ERITREAN BENEFIT LUNCHEON: OCT. 25

Next Sun. Oct. 25 (directly after 10:30 mass). Come and share friendship & lunch (wonderful homemade sandwiches & goodies etc.). Bake table. Treasure table. Every cent raised will support the work of our Eritrean friends in Eritrea (Horn of Africa). Entry is by donation. Contact Stephanie Schroeder.

### PASTORAL PLAN FOR THE DIOCESE

In the Sept. issue of the Diocesan Messenger, Bishop Richard announced a diocese-wide Pastoral Planning process to develop a Pastoral Plan for our Diocese for the next five years. On Nov. 1 parishioners will be asked to respond to a first questionnaire. Based on the valuable feedback from the People of God, a second one will be formulated and distributed in early Jan. 2010, at which time parishioners will be invited to reflect and to respond on diocesan pastoral priorities. This whole process will help to identify the needs of the Baptized, which will be translated into specific priorities as part of the Diocesan Pastoral Plan.

### DEVELOPMENT & PEACE

Fall Campaign on Food Sovereignty. Please look at the display in the foyer and help yourself to any of the reading materials.

### BULLETIN ASSISTANT NEEDED

We're looking for someone to assist with preparing the weekly bulletin. Time commitment: about 1 or 2 hours per week. Some experience with MS Publisher would be helpful, but not necessary. Also, MS Office must be installed on your home computer. If you are able to assist please email the office at [spparish@shaw.ca](mailto:spparish@shaw.ca), or call Gary at 656-7433.

### NEW PARISH OPPORTUNITY BOARD

On the bulletin board in the foyer are posted many wonderful opportunities to get involved in our faith community. Have a look and take the plunge!

### PARISH HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE

A Diocesan Health Care Committee has been created to promote the establishment of Parish Health Care Committees. We would like to form one here at Saanich Peninsula Parish so that health care issues might be explored which would benefit members of the parish. Please, think about it; it is a wonderful opportunity to get involved!

### PASTORAL CARE TEACHING SESSIONS: NOV.

Pastoral Care Teaching sessions will be held at St. Joseph the Worker parish for people involved in pastoral care and outreach ministries. Session 1 (The Healing Ministry of Christ) will be held on **Nov. 14**, 9am - 1pm. Session 2 (Communication and Listening Skills) will be on **Nov. 21**, 1 - 4 pm. Register at [sjtwoffice@shaw.ca](mailto:sjtwoffice@shaw.ca) or call 250-479-7413.

## GENERAL

### ABBNEYFIELD SING-ALONG: OCT. 19

If you enjoy sing-alongs, come and join the Abbeyfield residents and our very own Sunshine Singers on Monday, Oct. 19 at 6:30pm. Location: 10017 Fifth Street, Sidney. Refreshments served.

### ONE DAY TOURS: OCT. 27

Tour the **Ismaili Jamatkhana & Centre**, Burnaby on Tuesday, Oct. 27th. No charge. Everyone will meet at Swartz Bay terminal at 8:30am. Bus transportation from Tsawwassen and lunch will be provided. Return on the 5pm ferry. Details are posted on the board in the foyer. You must register at the Centre for Study in Religion & Society's website: [www.csr.s.uvic.ca](http://www.csr.s.uvic.ca).

### BILLETS FOR OUT OF TOWN CATECHISTS

There will be many catechists coming from across Western and Northern Canada, for the Western Conference of Catholic Religious Educators, November 12-15, 2009. If you have room to billet one or two catechists, no meals will be necessary... just a place to freshen up, and sleep, please contact Marilyn Bojko for any further information, or to offer a place for billeting, at: Sacred Heart Parish office, Monday to Thursday, 250-479-1611. Thank you

## WORKSHOPS / LECTURES

### PUBLIC LECTURE SERIES: OCT. 21

Centre for Studies in Religion and Society, UVic. on Wed., Oct. 21 at 4:30pm. Melanie Siebert, CSRS Artist-in-Residence, UVic: *Deepwater Vee*.

### UVIC CENTRE FOR STUDIES IN RELIGION & SOCIETY: OCT. 30 - BISHOP REMI DE ROO

Free Series of Lectures: *A Church for the 21st Century: The Spirit of Vatican II in Our Time*. Friday, Oct. 30th at 7:30pm in the UVic David Strong Bldg., Rm. C103. **The Sign of the Times** with Bishop Remi De Roo.