

We just celebrated Thanksgiving expressing our gratitude to God for the many blessings which we receive every day of our lives. **One of the greatest blessings is the earth which is our home and which manifests to humanity the Holy, the Sacred. The Jesuit cosmologist Pierre Teilhard de Chardin called the universe we live in, Le milieu divin, the divine milieu. We know and realize more and more that all life is interconnected and interdependent and that, therefore, we must protect the earth's ecological diversity, beauty and health.** This year's fall campaign of Development and Peace reminds us of that responsibility. You are invited to take a little time to look over the display which is in the foyer.

However, there is an even more urgent action on our part which is possible. **In early December our Government of Canada will deliberate with other nations at the United Nations Climate Conference in Copenhagen, Denmark, in order to come up with concrete policies and strategies designed to preserve our environment.** We have to be honest and say that as a nation we are lagging behind many other developed nations in agreeing to implement the necessary measures. Because we have a relatively small population for such a vast and beautiful land we tend to underestimate the problems that the world as a whole is facing. More than ever we need to think globally and act locally.

Here at Saanich Peninsula Parish we have elaborated our own environment policy and we hope that every household in the Parish attempts to implement that policy in their own home. Please, refer again to that policy and see where you might increase your contribution. A copy of the Parish environment policy is on the bulletin board and on our website. Copies are available.

In the foyer of the church is a petition developed by KAIROS, the Canadian Ecumenical Justice Initiatives, which calls upon our Canadian Government to go to Copenhagen with a firm commitment to work towards a bolder and strengthened phase of the Kyoto protocol. **Please, take time to sign the petition which we need to send in early November.** It states:

“Kyoto-plus climate action now!

We are one small part of the earth community. Our Christian faith calls us to care for all of creation and to defend the rights and dignity of all our brothers and sisters. In this time of global climate change, where ecosystems, and human life are challenged as never before, we are called to make a new covenant.

Global warming is the greatest threat to life on earth.

Entire populations and ecosystems are threatened by devastating impacts such as drought, heat waves, fires, floods, storms and rising sea levels. Scientists have warned the United Nations that only urgent action can avert uncontrollable, runaway climate change.

Green solutions will create thousands of jobs and build a strong economy.

To preserve our environment and ensure a livable world for our children, I call on Canadian politicians to support these Kyoto-plus goals:

- .. Set a national target to cut greenhouse gas emissions at least 25 % from 1990 levels by 2020.
- .. Implement an effective national plan to reach this target and help developing countries to reduce their emissions and adapt to climate change.
- .. Adopt a bold, strengthened second phase of the Kyoto Protocol at the pivotal United Nations Climate Conference in Copenhagen, Denmark, in December 2009.”

Please, sign copies of the petition at the entrance of the church. Thank you. Shalom.

Fr. Rolf, OP

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Saanich Peninsula Parish



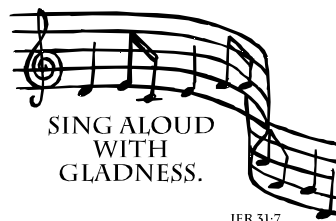
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PASTOR: Father Rolf Hasenack, O.P. **PARISH ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT:** Gary Koett
PASTORAL COUNCIL: Chair, Tim Leadem 250-656-5628

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



30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 25, 2009

Jer 31.7-9 / Heb 5.1-6 / Mk 10.46-52

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	\$ 3,435.00
October 4	\$ 4,043.02
October 11	\$ 4,993.75
October 18	\$ 4,135.75
Monthly target:	Approx. \$23,000.00
Special Collections for D&P, Phillipines & Indonesia	\$2,433.27

COVENANT

ST. MARY & STEPHEN'S ANGLICAN CHURCHES

Nov. 1 9:00 St. Stephen's BCP Holy Communion
10:30 St. Mary's BAS Holy Communion

IN OUR PARISH

PASTORAL PLAN FOR THE DIOCESE

As announced previously, **next Sunday Nov. 1** you will be asked to fill out the first Diocesan Pastoral Planning Questionnaire. As Bishop Richard states: "The success of this initiative will very much depend on the full and active participation of the Baptized to ensure a broad-based consultation process leading to our present and future planning needs."

ANNUAL ERITREAN BENEFIT LUNCHEON TODAY

Directly after 10:30 mass, come and share friendship & lunch (wonderful homemade sandwiches & goodies etc.). Bake table. Treasure table. ALL (every cent!) raised will support the work of our Eritrean friends in Eritrea (Horn of Africa). Entry is by donation.

WHITE RIBBON CAMPAIGN

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.

DEVELOPMENT & PEACE FALL CAMPAIGN

Two pillars of food sovereignty:

1. Ecologically sound and sustainable farming methods, with consideration for the needs of future generations.
2. The right to define one's own food and agriculture methods.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

MONDAY, OCT. 26

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

TUESDAY, OCT. 27

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

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 28

9:00am Mass
10:00am Taiji Qigong

THURSDAY, OCT. 29

NO MASS at 9am
11:30am Friendly Hours
2:00pm Prayer Group
6:00pm Taiji Qigong

FRIDAY, OCT. 30

11:00am Mass at Saanich Peninsula Hospital
6:00pm Children's Pumpkin Carving
7:00pm Oktoberfest

SATURDAY, OCT. 31

5:00pm Mass at St. Elizabeth's

SUNDAY, NOV. 1

8:30am Mass at Our Lady of Assumption
9:45am Religious Education
10:30am Mass at St. Elizabeth's

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.

PARISH CALENDAR NOW ONLINE

The parish calendar, showing all events that have been scheduled at St. Elizabeth's Church, can now be viewed online from the parish web site (<http://spparish.com>). Click on the "Parish Calendar Online" link on the right of the home page.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

RCIA is a personal education program for those interested in joining the Catholic church, returning to the faith or continuing their life journey. For more information please contact Father Rolf 250-656-7433 or Janet Moir 250-655-6781.

K OF C 2009-2010 LECTURE SERIES: OCT. 29 +

The first lecture in the Saanich Peninsula Knights of Columbus Council Lecture Series starts this coming Thu., Oct. 29 from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. at St. Elizabeth's. The Lecturer is Dr. Oscar Perez de Tagle, author of a recent book on Catholic Apologetics for 3rd World Immigrants. The topic of the first lecture is: "Proving the Existence of God: Responses to Agnostics and Scientific Atheists". Everyone is welcome; questions and discussion after the lecture.

VACUUM CLEANER REQUIRED

We are looking for a good used vacuum cleaner for the rectory. If you have one to donate please contact Gary in the office at 250-656-7433.

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 or call 250-479-7413.

SOCCER SHOOTOUT: OCT. 25

Today the Senior Youth and religious education classes 6 - 8 have been cancelled so students can participate in a Soccer Shootout at Blue Heron Park. Instructions and times are in the classroom, on the table. Hope to see all the kids at the park today!

HALLOWEEN WACKY WRAP-UP: NOV. 1

Games, treats, costumes, fun and FOOD. Meet after mass at St. Elizabeth's Church at 12:30 for a fun filled time with Wii, Twister and other games. Call Roy at 250-652-0340 for more information.

GENERAL

CATHEDRAL DEDICATION MASS: OCT. 30

Bishop Richard will celebrate Mass at St. Andrew's Cathedral at Noon on Fri., Oct. 30, 2009 to mark the 114th anniversary of the Cathedral's dedication.

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, Nov. 12 - 15. 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.

OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE PARISH FUNDRAISER: NOV. 14

'Roast Beef Dinner' (including desserts, juice, tea & coffee). Saturday, November 14th at 6:30pm. Cost \$15.00 adults & \$5.00 children under 12. Also having a Silent Auction, and a 50/50 draw. Invite your families and friends. Deadline for tickets is Tues. Nov. 10. Tickets can be purchased thru the parish office from Carol Molloy (250-384-3884).

ISLAND CATHOLIC SCHOOLS POSITION: OCT. 30

Island Catholic Schools is looking for an experienced person to work in their centralized finance department. Closing date: Oct. 30. Contact: Lise Derzaph at 250-727-6893 or schools@cisdv.bc.ca.

SUPPORT FOR PRO-LIFE EFFORT

The pro-euthanasia and pro-assisted suicide Bill, C-384, is being considered in the House of Commons. Inform yourself of the contents of this proposed legislation and tell your member of parliament to reject this bill. In just one simple step pro-life Canadians can email all MPs through <http://www.ContactMPs.com>.

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.

WORKSHOPS / LECTURES

PUBLIC LECTURE SERIES: OCT. 28

Centre for Studies in Religion and Society, UVic. on Wed., Oct. 28 at 4:30pm. Eric Palmer, Philosophy