

Pastor's corner - November 1, 2009

On this All Saints Day we are reminded that we are all called to be saints and that, in fact, we are, in as much as we live by the Spirit which dwells in us. St. Paul often called the people and communities he wrote "saints" and he exhorted them, and today ourselves, "to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Ephesians 4;1-4)."

It is in light of these words that we are asked to answer a first questionnaire which will begin the grass roots consultation of our Diocesan Pastoral Planning process. **The People of God in our Diocese of Victoria are asked to formulate a vision which is to guide our Diocese here on Vancouver Island for the next 5-10 years concerning the spiritual and pastoral needs of our Diocesan faith community.** Bishop Richard wrote about it in the September issue of the Diocesan Messenger. Since the end of September I have talked and written about it briefly almost every weekend.

Some people will remember that the Diocese went through a thorough and formal planning process back in 1986-1991 in what was called the **Diocesan Synod** with the appropriate name "**Forward in the Spirit.**" Unfortunately, the implementation of the work of this Synod was left unfinished and the 18 years since has seen many changes. **However, many of the insights are still valid today and some of the propositions remain pastorally relevant and applicable. As such it will be a rich resource for all of us.**

Earlier this year the Bishop called together an ad-hoc committee to look at what kind of process we could enter into in 2009. All agreed that another Synod would not be desirable and that a shorter process needed to be developed with concrete recommendations in a final report by the summer of 2010. In March a number of recommendations were presented to the Bishop. In August Bishop Richard established the Diocesan Pastoral Planning Committee and the Diocese hired a temporary, part-time planning coordinator, Moira King.

This Committee decided to begin this pastoral planning process with a questionnaire at the parish level since most people live and celebrate their faith in a local faith community. **Each member of the community is invited to respond and to add comments and suggestions. It is hoped that every effort will be made to reach out to those parishioners who are house-bound or who are infrequent participants. This means that we all must help to distribute copies to as many people as possible.** Leaders of all the ministries in the parish are being asked to contact the people who share their gifts and talents and make them aware of the importance to participate. Some groups may wish to discuss the questionnaire at a meeting and produce a more extensive response. It would be wonderful if we share with one another the challenges of the Gospel and of our Tradition, as well as our views and hopes, over coffee or some other drink!

Based on the results of this questionnaire a second phase of consultation will begin shortly after Christmas and it will deal more specifically with Diocesan wide priorities. Thank you for participating and for praying for the success of this planning process.

Shalom.

*fr. Rolf*

# Saanich Peninsula Parish



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**EUCCHARIST AT ST. ELIZABETH'S**  
10030 Third Street, Sidney  
  
Saturdays at 5pm, Sundays at 10:30am  
Daily at 9am Tuesdays, Wednesdays  
& Thursdays and First Fridays

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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



## ALL SAINTS

## NOVEMBER 1, 2009

Rev 7.2-4, 9-14 / 1 Jn 3.1-3 / Mt 5.1-12

### 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
October 18	\$ 4,135.75
Monthly target:	Approx. \$23,000.00
<b>Special Collections for D&amp;P, Phillipines &amp; Indonesia</b>	<b>\$2,433.27</b>

### PARISH OFFICE:

Gary will be out of the office on Nov. 3rd to attend the Day of Reflection and Prayer for Parish Assistants.

### PASTORAL PLAN FOR THE DIOCESE

The Diocesan Pastoral Planning Parishioner Questionnaire is here today! Parishioners will have the opportunity to respond to a preliminary questionnaire. Based on this valuable feedback, a second short survey will be formulated and distributed in early January 2010 for parishioner discernment and regional consultation.

### BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Will be at both churches in which parishioners inscribe the names of deceased relatives during the month of November, the month with its traditional focus on the communion of the saints and the remembrance of our deceased loved ones.

## COVENANT

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

Nov. 8 9:00 St. Stephen's BAS Holy Communion  
10:30 St. Mary's BCP Holy Communion

## IN OUR PARISH

### 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.

### C.W.A. NEWS: NOV. 3

Our next C.W.A. will be held on November 3rd at 1:30pm at the home of Gerarda Ten Have, 902 Verdier Ave., Brentwood Bay, 250-652-3339.

### THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

#### MONDAY, NOV. 2

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

#### TUESDAY, NOV. 3

7:45am Eucharistic Adoration (1 hour)  
9:00am Mass  
11:30am Friendly Hours  
1:30pm CWA meeting (see bulletin notice)  
2:00pm Memorial for Charlie Goldie  
7:30pm Knights of Columbus Ex. Meeting

#### WEDNESDAY, NOV. 4

9:00am Mass  
10:00am CWL Ex. Meeting  
10:00am Taiji Qigong  
7:00pm Parish Council Meeting

#### THURSDAY, NOV. 5

9:00am Mass  
11:30am Friendly Hours  
2:00pm Prayer Group  
6:00pm Taiji Qigong

#### FRIDAY, NOV. 6

9:00am Mass at St. Elizabeth's

#### SATURDAY, NOV. 7

5:00pm Mass at St. Elizabeth's

#### SUNDAY, NOV. 8

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

### K OF C 2009-2010 LECTURE SERIES: NOV. 19

"Apologetics: Defending The Faith Against New Challenges". Knights of Columbus Saanich Peninsula Council's 2009-10 Lecture Series. Lecturer: Oscar Perez de Tagle. Takes place the third Thursday of each month from 7:00 - 8:30 pm at St. Elizabeth's Church. Everyone is invited to attend & participate! **The second lecture on Nov. 19** is: "Creation vs. Evolution of Man: Response to Evolutionary Science & Intelligent Design".

### BULLETIN ASSISTANT NEEDED

We're looking for someone to assist with preparing the weekly bulletin. Time commitment: 1 - 2 hrs. per week. Some experience with MS Publisher would be helpful. 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.

### 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!

### 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.

### 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!

### DEVELOPMENT & PEACE FALL CAMPAIGN

Development and Peace--Fall Campaign. Did you know that Agrofuel crops are large industrial crops to produce ethanol and diesel fuel. This leaves less land for food production, raises the price of food and harms the environment.

### 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.

## GENERAL

### D & P INTER-PARISH ACTION MEETING: NOV. 4

There will be an Inter-Parish Fall Action meeting on Wed., Nov. 4th at 7pm at St. Patrick's Church, Lourdes Hall, 2060 Haultain St. Food Sovereignty and Agrofuels is the theme this year. An overview of the Fall Action campaign and materials will be presented. All are welcome, especially newcomers. Coffee, tea and refreshments provided.

### ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL DANCE AUCTION: NOV. 7

6pm-12:30am, Dinner, Dance, Silent and Live Auction. Theme: 1930's Hard Times. Tickets: \$15. Call Wendy Weber for more information and tickets at 250-508-1291.

### YOUTH PROGRAM: NOV. 9-DEC. 16

The Inter-Cultural Association is offering a program for youth called *Between @ ICA*, an after school program designed to connect local and immigrant youth. Will be held Mondays and/or Wednesdays from 3:45 - 5:45pm at ICA, corner of Quadra and Balmoral. See bulletin board at St. Elizabeth's for more information or contact Leanna at 250-388-4728.

### ST. ANDREW'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FUNDRAISER EVENT: NOV. 14

to aid their school in the purchase of a new furnace. An evening of dinner, prizes and poker! Saturday, Nov.14th from 7 - 11pm in the gym. Tickets: \$125 each plus one bottle of wine per couple. A \$100 tax receipt will be issued per ticket. Includes dinner, prizes and poker. Tickets available in the school office or by calling Alison at 250-888-4969.

### OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE PARISH FUNDRAISER: NOV. 14

'Roast Beef Dinner' (including desserts, juice, tea & coffee). Sat., Nov. 14th at 6:30pm. Cost \$15 adults & \$5 children under 12. Also having a silent auction, and a 50/50 draw. Invite your families and friends. Deadline for tickets is Tue., Nov. 10. Tickets can be purchased from Carol Molloy (250-384-3884).

### 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 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.

### 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 legislation and tell your member of parliament to reject this bill. In just one simple step pro-life Canadians can email all MPs through [www.ContactMPs.com](http://www.ContactMPs.com).

## WORKSHOPS / LECTURES

### PUBLIC LECTURE SERIES: NOV. 4

Centre for Studies in Religion and Society, UVic. on Wed., Nov. 4 at 4:30pm. Paul Teel, Dept. of Philosophy, UVic: *Beyond Fundamentalism: The Complicated Relationship of Religion and Science*.