

Our parish's **Development and Peace** group has again made a display of material which continues the theme started several years ago: **The promotion of sustainable human development through participatory management, democratic control and equitable distribution of resources.**

The work of the last few years has brought about some promising developments and in particular **Bill C-300**, a private members bill calling for improved corporate social responsibility on the part of Canadian mining, oil and gas companies, which is now working its way through the legislative process in Parliament. I believe that Bill passed first and second reading. However, it is facing an uphill battle because of a well-financed campaign by the industries and large shareholders. Yet, what it is asking is that the same rules which apply in our country should apply when companies do business in developing countries: "do unto others what you wish them do unto you!"

The 2009 D&P Campaign will continue to deepen the theme of food sovereignty: **the right of people to healthy food and the right to define their own food and agricultural systems.** True food sovereignty can provide food security and equitable trade, with the priority given to local markets, producers and consumers.

You may feel that this kind of political action should not occur in our parishes. However, Catholic Social Teaching, reiterated again and again by successive popes and the Canadian Bishops, has underlined the importance of concrete action in this regard. Such concrete action cannot only consist of charity and practices of social assistance, important as they are. When we only respond to the immediate needs of the poor, we run the risk of perpetuating social inequality. **True Gospel Charity is the foundation of Christian action and demands human promotion and integral liberation. That is Social Justice and social justice is an integral part of the Gospel which calls on us to recognize the sacredness of the earth, the need to share resources in a peaceful and sustainable manner that befits the common good and respects the human rights of ALL, and the right of people to have control over decisions that affect their lives and their communities. That is also why social injustice is a sin and an offence to God far more serious than some of the petty things we accuse ourselves of.**

This fall we are invited to look at the ways in which agrofuels threaten the livelihoods, well-being and food sovereignty of small-scale farmers in the Global South. Agrofuels, often called biofuels, are being promoted as a solution to the world's diminishing oil supply and to the threat of climate change. However, the reality is something quite different because it can not only often destroy or affect negatively the environment but, more importantly, destroys the nurturing social, community and family environment of millions of people.

Please, take time to inform yourselves by reading and reflecting on the contents of the pamphlets available at the door; and then sign the double action card which has two sections, one for the Prime Minister, the other for your MP.

You can also still sign the **Kairos** petition about climate change which is asking our government and ourselves to make the sacrifices needed to preserve the earth of which we are stewards not only for ourselves and our children but for all people.

Shalom.

fr. Rolf

Saanich Peninsula Parish



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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



32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME NOVEMBER 8, 2009

1 Kings 17.10-16 / Heb 9.24-28 / Mk 12.38-44

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 at 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 (monthly total):	\$ 3,315.00
October 25:	\$ 2,985.75
November 1:	\$ 4,369.75
Monthly target:	Approx. \$23,000.00

SPECIAL COLLECTION: NOV. 14 & 15:

A second collection will be taken after communion for the **Catholic Missions in Canada**.

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.

DIOCESAN SURVEY REMINDER

Please submit your completed Parish Survey ASAP (each person 16 and over is invited to participate).

COVENANT

ST. MARY & STEPHEN'S ANGLICAN CHURCHES

Nov. 15 9:00 St. Stephen's BCP Holy Communion
10:30 St. Mary's BAS Holy Communion

IN OUR PARISH

2010 PARISH BUDGET

The proposed 2010 parish budget is posted on the bulletin board in the foyer. Please direct any questions or concerns to Jim Williams at 250-656-9658.

CWL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE: NOV. 8-29

This is a special invitation to all women in the parish "join us." The CWL membership drive will be held from Nov. 8 to Nov. 29. It will take place before and after all masses (on both Saturday and Sunday).

DEVELOPMENT & PEACE FALL CAMPAIGN

Please read our **Fall Action Pamphlet** given out today so we can sign our Action Cards for Food Sovereignty next Sunday. Thanks from your D&P Committee.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

MONDAY, NOV. 9

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

TUESDAY, NOV. 10

7:45am Eucharistic Adoration (1 hour)
(9:00am) **NO MASS**
11:30am Friendly Hours
2:00pm CWL Meeting

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 11

(9:00am) **NO MASS**
10:00am Taiji Qigong
1:30pm Via Choralis Choir

THURSDAY, NOV. 12

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

FRIDAY, NOV. 13

9:00am Mass at the home of Eileen Kroetsch

SATURDAY, NOV. 14

5:00pm Mass at St. Elizabeth's

SUNDAY, NOV. 15

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

WORLD FOOD AWARENESS DAY-THANK YOU!

A big thank you to all, especially the children, who brought food items to church. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul held a very successful World Food Awareness Day. Food donations to the Society from this campaign are approaching \$50,000, a \$15,000 increase over last year. This will go a long way to stabilizing emergency food distribution from the Social Concern Office which has been spending \$12,000 a month on food for the needy. St. Elizabeth's Conference continues to donate \$100 a month to the Sidney Lions Food Bank with large boxes of food (approximately 100 lbs) from our Thanksgiving gifts from both churches. We keep emergency food hampers available for needy families and individuals on the Peninsula, and the balance of our funds support two SVP Conferences in South America, and the Social Concern Office receives over \$1,000 a month from your generous financial support.

PASTORAL CARE SESSIONS: NOV. 14 & 21

For all of you who are involved in pastoral care & outreach ministries! Pastoral Care Teaching sessions will be held at St. Joseph the Worker parish. **Session 1: The Healing Ministry of Christ on Nov. 14**, 9am - 1pm. **Session 2: Communication and Listening Skills on Nov. 21**, 1 - 4 pm. **Session 3: Grieving Process and Coping with Loss on Jan. 16**, 9am - 1pm. **Session 4: Who Am I as a Care Giver? on Jan. 23**, 9am - 1pm. To register call 250-479-7413 or e-mail sjtwoffice@shaw.ca.

HELP BUILD A SCHOOL!

Darryl Wilson, our former youth coordinator, is now on the island of Negros in the Philippines volunteering for the people in a small village. He is trying to raise funds to build a two room school for children grades 1 to 3. For more information see the poster in the foyer.

GENERAL

ANAWIM HOUSE CLOTHING DRIVE

Anawim House thanks you for your generous donations over the years. Please help support your less fortunate brothers and sisters. Anawim House will have a box in the foyer at St. Elizabeth's for the month of November and will be collecting donations of new or nearly new jeans, sweat pants, sweaters, t-shirts, sport socks, runners, men's underwear, men's deodorant, shampoo, razors and shaving cream. Thank you so much.

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. It 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 info or contact Leanna Platt at 250-388-4728, ext. 125 or e-mail lplatt@icavictoria.org.

OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE PARISH FUNDRAISER: NOV. 14

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

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

An evening of dinner, prizes and poker to help fund a new furnace! Sat., Nov.14 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 are available in the school office or from Alison at 250-888-4969.

ST. PATRICK'S SCHOOL INFO. NIGHT: NOV. 19

Kindergarten Information Night on Thurs., Nov. 19 from 7 - 8pm and classroom tours from 9 - 11am and Fri., Nov. 20 from 1 - 3pm. For more information contact Deanne Paulson (Principal) at 250-592-6713 or check out www.stpatrickselem.ca.

WORKSHOPS / LECTURES

UVIC CENTRE FOR STUDIES IN RELIGION & SOCIETY: NOV. 20

Free Series of Lectures: "A Church for the 21st Century: The Spirit of Vatican II in Our Time". Friday, Nov. 20th at 7:30pm in the UVic David Strong Building, Room C103. "**The Greatest Change in Thinking in Catholic History: Still an Unfinished Business**". Speaker: Ted Schmidt, past editor of Catholic New Times.

QUEENSWOOD: 2494 Arbutus Road, Victoria

For registration or information call 250-477-3822 or e-mail info@queenswoodcentre.com.

WOMEN'S SILENT ADVENT RETREAT

NOV. 27 - 29 with Sister Debra Freeman, SSA. All-inclusive live-in price: \$394.

SACRED HEART ADVENT RETREAT: NOV. 29+

Sun., Nov. 29 to Tues., Dec. 1, 6:30pm at Sacred Heart Church, 4040 Nelthorpe Street. Leader: Fr. Armand Nigro. Sunday's theme: "The Mystery of God"; Monday's theme: "The Mystery of Jesus"; Tuesday's theme: "The Mystery of Church". Donations to the Sacred Heart Mission are tax receiptable.

WEEKEND RETREAT: DEC. 4 & 5

The Oasis Society is sponsoring a weekend retreat for anyone interested in a relaxing, life-giving time spent with both the homeless and housed. Facilitated by Sr. Sue Mosteller, CSJ from Toronto. Fri., Dec. 4 from 5 - 9pm and Sat. Dec. 5 from 9am - 9pm at St. Mary of the Incarnation Church, 4125 Metchosin Rd. Cost: \$75 (includes meals). Please register by **Nov. 12th** by contacting Rev. Dolly Beaumont at 250-642-5473 or e-mail artanddolly@shaw.ca.