

On two weekends in October I wrote in the pastor's corner about **Darryl Wilson**, our youth coordinator in this parish four years ago and who is now in the Philippines as a volunteer with Gawad Kalinga, a local non-profit development organization. Here are parts of his latest e-mail to me:

"Thank you very much for your generous offer of support. Any money donated by parishioners will go towards the construction of a school house with 2 classrooms...with fruit trees to border the school and a small vegetable garden so we can include a feeding program. The community designated for the school lies in a rural area of Talisay, about a 25 minute drive from the Bacolod, Negros Occidental in the Visayas.

The village currently has a population of about 100 families. However, there are over 150 additional families currently waiting at a nearby government relocation site for their homes to be built in the village. This school would serve from pre-school up to grade 2 or 3 and serve the entire community of over 250 families. At the moment, the nearest school is over 5km away making it difficult for the children to walk and too costly for the parents to afford transportation. This means the children currently do not go to school. That is why we are fundraising money to build a school on site.

A government relocation site refers to a group of squatters that were squatting illegally in a particular area of town that became of interest to the local government. It is common practice in the Philippines that when the government is interested in land that is being squatted upon, they give the squatter families less than 24 hours notice before they bring in equipment to destroy their homes and have the people transported to the designated "relocation" site where they must rebuild their lives again from scratch. With the help of the organization that I am working for, the local government has promised the current relocation site will be reserved solely for the use of the organization and the poor families to develop a community of their own. What I like about the organization that we are serving in is that it embraces a sustainable, holistic model of development for all of its communities.

**Gawad Kalinga's core values:** Love for God & country; Love for the poor; the best for the least; servant leadership; nobody is left behind; pay it forward (give of oneself: from beneficiary to becoming benefactor)

**7 point Vision for every Gawad Kalinga village:** Faith community, peace zone, tourist spot, productivity centre, environmentally healthy community, empowered community, and secured community.

**Programs for every Gawad Kalinga Village:** Community infrastructure program, child & youth development, community health, productivity, environment, values formation/community empowerment, culture & tourism.

What I like about this organization is that they nurture the communities for life. Every community has a care taker team which has the responsibility of helping the community to form their own leadership team so that they may self-govern and stand on their own as productive citizens. The organization is also trying to heal wounds in the country, facilitate peace by encouraging Muslims & Catholics to build homes for each other.

The estimated cost of this project is around \$5,000 CDN. Although we could build a smaller school for around \$3500, we believe that it is best to construct a school that will sustain the growth of the community over several years. I am also going to seek a partnership with the local government to either match or contribute funds to the construction of this school and to provide a salary for teaching staff. I am going to attach some pictures for you (bulletin board in the foyer) and I will also have some profile stories of some of the families that have benefited from this organization to share with you in the future. Blessings, Darryl"

If you wish to help, you can make out a cheque to Saanich Peninsula Parish; note on it "for Philippines project"; we can then issue a receipt for income tax purposes at the usual time.

**A challenge to you children and youth of our parish community: do something in this Christmas season so you can contribute to this project !**

*fr. Rolf*

# Saanich Peninsula Parish



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**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

EVERYONE WHO BELONGS TO  
THE TRUTH LISTENS TO MY VOICE.



## CHRIST THE KING

# NOVEMBER 22, 2009

Dan 7.13-14 / Rev 1.5-8 / Jn 18.33-37

### 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):	\$ 3,455.00
November 1:	\$ 4,369.75
November 8:	\$ 5,674.45
November 15th	\$ 4,895.50
Monthly target:	Approx. \$23,000.00
Catholic Missions in Canada:	\$ 1,150.60

### BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Let's continue to remember and pray for all of those inscribed in our Book of Remembrance.

## COVENANT

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

Nov. 29 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

The CWL is continuing it's Nov. membership drive.

### ADVENT WREATH MAKING: NOV 29

The whole parish is invited to celebrate with us on Sunday, Nov. 29 from 9:45 - 10:30 am. This is a time for us to begin preparing for the celebration of Christ's birth with family and friends. Refreshments will be served. Please bring: greenery to share, 1 pink and 3 purple candles and a base for your wreath. You may wish to bring a ribbon or material to decorate your family's wreath. If you have any questions call Lynn at 250-652-2543 or email her at lynn@spparish.com.

### WEDNESDAY MASS TIME CHANGE

At the request of a group of parishioners, and with the consent of the people attending the 9:00 am mass, starting this coming Wednesday (Nov. 25) the Wednesday morning mass will be at 8:30 am followed by Eucharistic Adoration at 9:30 am. **There will no longer be a Tuesday morning Eucharistic Adoration.**

### THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

#### MONDAY, NOV. 23

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

#### TUESDAY, NOV. 24

9:00am Mass  
11:30am Friendly Hours

#### WEDNESDAY, NOV. 25

8:30am Mass  
9:00am Eucharistic Adoration  
10:00am Taiji Qigong

#### THURSDAY, NOV. 26

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

#### FRIDAY, NOV. 27

11:00am Mass at the Saanich Peninsula Hospital

#### SATURDAY, NOV. 28

5:00pm Mass at St. Elizabeth's

#### SUNDAY, NOV. 29

8:30am Mass at Our Lady of Assumption  
9:45am Advent Wreath Making  
10:30am Mass at St. Elizabeth's

### DIOCESAN SURVEY NOW ON LINE

If you haven't done so already, please fill in the questionnaire, which is available in the church or on line at [tinyurl.com/VictoriaParishSurvey](http://tinyurl.com/VictoriaParishSurvey) (note: the online form must be printed and filled in by hand). Your input is important to help the Diocese to establish it's pastoral & spiritual priorities.

### ANNUAL FUDGE SALE: DEC 5 & 6

The annual homemade Fudge Sale for BIRTHRIGHT takes place after all masses on Dec. 5 & 6. We look forward to your support.

### ADVENT JOURNEY THROUGH SONG AND REFLECTION: DEC. 11

An evening of songs and story-telling that will take you through the dark days of Advent to the humble light of Christmas. **Fri. Dec. 11 at 7:00 pm at St. Elizabeth's** featuring Noteworthy & Friends (Ray Folk, Maureen Hertz and company).

### THANK YOU

Shirley Goldie and family send a huge thank you to Fr. Rolf and the people of the Saanich Peninsula Parish for all their prayers and wonderful support. We are truly blessed!

### 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!

### 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 Now Available Online" link on the right of the home page.

## 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.

### APCC MEETING: NOV. 26

The Association of Peninsula Christian Churches (APCC) will meet on Thu. Nov. 26 at 12:15 pm at St. Andrew's Anglican Church, Sidney.

### ST. STEPHEN'S COUNTRY CHRISTMAS BAZAAR: NOV. 28

Sat. Nov. 28 from 11am - 2pm at St. Stephen's Anglican Church, 7921 St. Stephen's, Saanichton.

### JAZZ MARTINI EVENING: NOV. 28

St. Joseph's youth ministry fundraiser on Sat., Nov. 28 at 7 pm at St. Joseph's School Gym, 757 Burnside Rd. Live music, martinis, appetizers, silent auction. Admission: \$5. For tickets call St. Joseph's parish office at 250-479-7413.

### SACRED HEART ADVENT RETREAT: NOV. 29+

Sunday to Tuesday, November 29th to Dec. 1st, 6:30pm at Sacred Heart Church, 4040 Nelthorpe St. Leader of the retreat will be 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.

### HUMAN TRAFFICKING PRAYER SERVICE: DEC. 4

Join our ecumenical prayer service to pray for an end to human trafficking and to increase awareness of what we can do to STOP this at home and abroad. Followed by refreshments. Fri., Dec. 4 at 7 pm at St. Joseph the Worker Parish, 785 W. Burnside Rd.

### ADVENT CANDLELIGHT CAROL CELEBRATION: DEC. 4

"As Prophets Foretold". Please join the St. Andrew's Cathedral Choir for Advent carols, readings and prayers on Fri., Dec. 4 at 7pm, Blanshard & View St., Victoria. We invite you to join the prophet Isaiah, John the Baptist and Mary, the Mother of Jesus in waiting for the Christ child, Emmanuel, God with Us. A free will offering will be taken at the door to support the 9-10 club serving meals to those in need.

### NATIVITY & CRECHE DISPLAY: DEC. 2 - 6

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 2210 Eastleigh Way, Sidney will have an amazing display of over 200 creches from around the world, on loan from private collections. You can also enjoy a pleasant evening of Christmas music. Wed., Dec. 2 through Fri., Dec. 4 from 1 - 9pm, Sat., Dec. 5 from 10am - 9pm and Sun., Dec. 6 from 2 - 6pm. Admission free, light refreshments served.

## WORKSHOPS / LECTURES

QUEENSWOOD 2494 Arbutus Road, Victoria:

- **Women's Silent Advent Retreat:** Nov. 27-29 with Sr. Debra Freeman, ssa. All-inclusive live-in price: \$394.
- **Christian faith and prayer for Advent:** Advent Contemplative Retreat, Nov. 30 - Dec. 3.
- **Living in the Light:** An evening for those who grieve, Thu. Dec. 3 at 7 pm.
- **Annual Queenswood Christmas dinner and concert:** Sun. Dec. 6 (meal 5pm, concert 7pm)
- **Forgive and Be Free:** Dec. 11-13

See [www.QueenswoodVictoria.ca](http://www.QueenswoodVictoria.ca), call 477-3822 or e-mail [info@queenswoodcentre.com](mailto:info@queenswoodcentre.com) for info.