

**Pastor's corner - March 14 & 21, 2010**

Fr. Rolf is away in East Timor, so this week we have a message from Development & Peace:

The Share Lent Collection for Development and Peace (D&P) which is held in all Catholic Churches across Canada on Solidarity Sunday, will be taken up next Sunday March 21<sup>st</sup> at Saanich Peninsula Parish.

D&P recently sent us the following message – “During this new Share Lent Campaign we want to raise awareness that thousands of people are living in the midst of a food crisis and don’t have enough to eat. D&P addresses issues such as food sovereignty by supporting organizations like the Liaison Office for Rural Training Institutions (BMITT) in Madagascar. This organization has transformed the lives of 1,000 rice-farming families by introducing them to selected seeds and organic fertilizers, which increased their crop production by 50%.

Funds collected throughout this campaign, which ends on Easter Sunday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, will allow D&P to continue to support transformative development projects (like the above) in over 30 countries in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East. Ten percent (10%) of donations are set aside for emergency relief and the reconstruction of communities devastated by conflict and natural catastrophes such as the recent earthquake in Haiti”. That is why D&P was able to send \$50,000 immediately to our partners in Haiti before other donations were collected.

It is important to remember that D&P forms long term relationships with local people – approving and supporting projects they initiate. Almost all of your donations go to these people to help improve their living conditions. We do not send in well-paid personnel along with expensive infrastructure to work in these countries. These long term projects need our continued support – in part because they help the people withstand disasters such as the latest one in Haiti.

We thank you for your overwhelming generosity in supporting our Haitian Emergency Appeal and we hope you will support this Share Lent Appeal with the same generosity.

Thank you from:

The Development and Peace Committee of Saanich Peninsula Parish  
Donna Thompson; Don and Eleanor Lloyd and Freddie Brand

# Saanich Peninsula Parish



A ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IN COVENANT WITH ST. STEPHEN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

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RECONCILIATION Saturdays 4:00 - 4:30pm, or by appointment.

**PASTOR:** Father Rolf Hasenack, O.P. **PARISH COORDINATOR:** Gary Koett

**PASTORAL COUNCIL:** Co-Chairs, Janet Staebell & Linda MacGowan

**EUCHARIST AT ST. ELIZABETH'S**

10030 Third Street, Sidney

Saturdays at 5pm, Sundays at 10:30am.  
Daily on Tuesdays & Thursdays at 9:00am  
(no Wed. or Fri. masses while Fr. Rolf is away)

**EUCHARIST AT**

**OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION**

7742 West Saanich Road, Saanichton

Sundays at 8:30am

Last Friday at Saanich Peninsula Hospital at 11 am  
Remaining Fridays at 9am in a private home.  
See "This Week in Our Parish" inside bulletin.



## 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

**MARCH 14, 2010**

Josh 5.9, 10-12 / 2 Cor 5.17-21 / Lk 15.1-3, 11-32

**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 the 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): \$ 3,395.00  
Mar. 7: \$ 5,515.79  
Monthly target: Approx. \$23,000.00

## COVENANT

### ST. STEPHEN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

See [ststephensanglican.net](http://ststephensanglican.net) for service times.

## IN OUR PARISH

We offer condolences to the families and pray for the repose of the souls of:

- **Charles Pitcher**
- **Edward Lally**
- **Frances Dolan** - Funeral Mass at OLA on Thu. Mar. 18 at 11am

### TREND DISCERNMENT DISCUSSIONS: MAR. 15, 25 & 29

The Diocese of Victoria is sponsoring the following discussions at St. Elizabeth's from 7 - 9pm:

- Mon. Mar. 15 - Liturgy & Sacraments, Spirituality & Prayer and Religious Education
- Thu. Mar. 25 - Marriage & Family Life and Youth & Young Adult Ministry
- Mon. Mar. 29 - Parish Outreach & Social Justice and Stewardship & Finance

We need volunteers to assist with taking notes, photography, and coffee fellowship. If you are able to assist please contact Gary at 250-656-7433 or email [spparish@shaw.ca](mailto:spparish@shaw.ca).

## GENERAL

### DEVELOPMENT & PEACE SHARE LENT

The Share Lent Collection will take place on "Solidarity Sunday" (Mar. 21). There is an envelope for this purpose in your envelope boxes. If you do not have an envelope we can provide one. Also, please consider our Share Year-Round monthly giving program. A pamphlet for this is on our display table in the foyer. Please read our "write-up" in the Pastor's Corner in this weeks' Bulletin. Our many partners are depending on your generosity!!!!

From your D&P Committee

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

### MONDAY, MAR. 15

1:00pm Faith Reflection Group  
1:00pm Memory Plus  
7:00pm **Diocesan Trend Discernment Meeting (first of three sessions)**

### TUESDAY, MAR. 16

9:00am **Mass for deceased CWL members with Fr. Doll**  
Friendly Hours  
11:30am **K of C Rosary**  
7:00pm **K of C General Meeting**  
7:30pm

### WEDNESDAY, MAR. 17

8:30am Service of the Word (**NO MASS**) followed by Eucharistic Adoration  
10:00am Taiji Qigong

### THURSDAY, MAR. 18

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

### FRIDAY, MAR. 19

9:00am Service of the Word at Legion Manor, 7601 East Saanich  
1:30pm Writer's Group

### SATURDAY, MAR. 20

5:00pm Mass at St. Elizabeth's

### SUNDAY, MAR. 21

8:30am Mass at Our Lady of Assumption  
9:45am Religious Education  
10:30am Mass at St. Elizabeth's  
11:30am **Pancake Breakfast**

### DAY OF THE UNBORN CHILD PRAYER SERVICE: MAR. 23

The Knights of Columbus will be holding a "Day of the Unborn Child" prayer service on Tues. Mar 23 at 7pm. This is a service of Prayer for the right to life and well being of unborn children, their mothers, fathers and family. We invite everyone to join us to pray for the protection of God's precious gift of human life at every moment from conception to natural death. The Order of Service will be included in the Mar. 21 bulletin and we ask you to bring it with you if you are able to join us. If you are unable to attend the service, please join your prayers with ours wherever you may be to protect the right to life for unborn children.

### SAANICH PENINSULA HOSPITAL PASTORAL CARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

For almost 20 years I have represented our Parish Community on this committee. I am looking for someone to replace me for this important group. We support the work of the Chaplain and work with staff to ensure that the spiritual needs of patients, staff, residents and their families are a priority in our local hospital. We meet 3 to 4 times a year at the hospital. I have been taking notes for these meetings which is not a major commitment. We are at an exciting time as we are finally, after years of planning, fund raising and waiting, about to witness the construction of the Interfaith Chapel addition. Please leave your name with Gary at the office if you are interested in this important work. Thank you. Susan McConnell.

### PANCAKE BREAKFAST: MAR. 21

The Knights of Columbus are hosting a pancake breakfast on Sun. Mar. 21 after the 10:30 mass. Adults are \$5.00 children are free.

### MASS FOR DECEASED CWL MEMBERS: MAR 16

Mass will be celebrated on Tues. Mar. 16 at 9 am for all of the deceased CWL Members .

## GENERAL

### A DAY APART: MAR. 20

The disabled of our community invite everyone to come to "A Day Apart" at Sidney Pentecostal Church, 10364 McDonald Park Rd, Sidney on Sat. Mar. 20 from 10:30am to 2:30pm for fellowship and singing. Bring a bag lunch. Coffee and tea will be provided. Speaker: Nicky Hunter. For more info call Elly at 250-656-5286.

### VIA CHORALIS CONCERT: MAR. 28

Via Choralis Chamber Choir is performing Mozart's Requiem with soloists and orchestra, on Sun. Mar. 28, 2:30pm at St. Elizabeth's. Tickets are available at the door for \$20. Meet the choir and enjoy refreshments following the concert.

### LENTEN REFLECTION: MAR. 28

John Quigley, OFM (recognized advocate for social justice and former executive director of Franciscans International in Geneva) will speak on Sun. Mar. 28, 7pm at the Franciscan Friary, 1076 Joan Crescent. The theme "Jesus' Entry into Jerusalem:

A Political Statement?" will challenge and inspire us.

### ICA HALF DAY DIALOGUE: MAR. 29

How can we make our community more welcoming? The Inter-Cultural Association is hosting free half-day dialogue on diversity and multi-culturalism followed by lunch on Mon. Mar. 29 from 9am to 1pm (registration 8:30am) at Victoria City Hall, #1 Centennial Square, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Ante-Chamber. Seating is limited. Please register before Fri. Mar. 12 by calling 250-388-4728, ext 116. For more information see the poster on the bulletin board at St. Elizabeth's.

### QUEENSWOOD UPDATE

On Mar. 1, the University of Victoria and the Sisters of St. Ann announced the signing of an agreement that will see UVic purchase the properties at the corner of Arbutus Rd. and Queenswood Dr. from the Sisters. The agreement is in keeping with the Sisters of St. Ann and UVic's shared history and their shared commitment to education and health promotion. UVic and Queenswood Society for Spiritual Growth are currently exploring potential arrangements for a longer-term presence for the retreat centre on the property. It is anticipated there will be no significant change in the use of the properties in the immediate future. Pending final approvals, the properties are expected to transfer to UVic in June. The announcement is posted on UVic's media release webpage: <http://communications.uvic.ca/releases/releases.php>

## WORKSHOPS / LECTURES

### PROGRAMS IN EARTH LITERACIES: MAR 20

"Transition to a Sustainable World: Leadership Lessons of Aldo Leopold and Thomas Berry" with Ray Travers, R.P.F. , Gertie Jocksch, SC DMin, & Bill Wilson, SJ, PhD.

In the transition to a sustainable world, Aldo Leopold, forester and philosopher and Thomas Berry, cultural historian, have showed the way. We will explore ways of living responsibly today.

Date: Saturday, March 20

Time: 9:30 am - 3:30 pm

Location: Queenswood, 2492 Arbutus Rd.

Cost: \$85 (includes lunch)

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