

Pastor's corner - March 21, 2010

Fr. Rolf is still away in East Timor (he will be returning on Thursday, March 25), so this week we are reprinting the following message from the Development & Peace Committee:

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.



## 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

### MARCH 21, 2010

Isa 43.16-21 / Phil 3.8-14 / Jn 8.1-11

**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
Mar. 14	\$ 3,721.30
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 family and pray for the repose of the soul of **Evelyn Dionne**

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

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

- Thu. Mar. 25 - Marriage & Family Life and Youth & Young Adult Ministry
- Mon. Mar. 29 - Stewardship & Finance and Parish Outreach & Social Justice

We are still looking for volunteers to assist with taking notes and photography. If you are able to assist please contact Gary at 250-656-7433 or email [sparish@shaw.ca](mailto:sparish@shaw.ca).

### RECONCILIATION SERVICE: MAR. 26

Friday, March 26, 7:00 pm at St. Elizabeth's.

### DEVELOPMENT & PEACE SHARE LENT

The Share Lent Collection will take place this Sunday ("Solidarity Sunday"). 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. 22

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

### TUESDAY, MAR. 23

9:00am Mass with Fr. Fred Doll  
11:30am Friendly Hours  
7:00pm **Prayer Service for the Day of the Unborn Child**

### WEDNESDAY, MAR. 24

8:30am Service of the Word (**NO MASS**) followed by Eucharistic Adoration  
10:00am Taiji Qigong  
1:30pm **St. Vincent de Paul Meeting**

### THURSDAY, MAR. 25

9:00am Mass with Fr. Fred Doll  
11:30am Friendly Hours  
2:00pm Prayer Group  
6:00pm Taiji Qigong  
7:00pm **Diocesan Trend Discernment Meeting (2nd of three sessions)**

### FRIDAY, MAR. 26

11:00am Mass at Saanich Peninsula Hosp.  
1:30pm Writer's Group  
7:00pm **Reconciliation Service**

### SATURDAY, MAR. 27

5:00pm Mass at St. Elizabeth's

### SUNDAY, MAR. 28 (Palm Sunday)

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

### 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.

### PANCAKE BREAKFAST: MAR. 21

The Knights of Columbus are hosting a pancake breakfast on Sun. Mar. 21 after 10:30 mass. Adults \$5, children free.



### PARISH PHOTO DIRECTORY

The parish council has approved a project to produce an updated parish photo directory. We need someone who is comfortable using a computer. If you are able to assist please contact Gary at 656-7433 or email [sparish@shaw.ca](mailto:sparish@shaw.ca).

### EASTER VIGIL: APR. 3

Coffee fellowship will be held after the Easter Vigil on Sat. Apr. 3. Everyone attending is requested to please bring snack food or something to share.

### NO INTER-CHURCH GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

There will be **NO** Good Friday Community Inter-Church Service this year at Mary Winspear Centre.

### PENINSULA CO-OP NUMBER FOR PARISH

If you shop at the Peninsula Co-op (or buy gas there) and you don't have a co-op membership, please use the parish membership number (**48301**) when making your purchases. Thank you!

### CHRISM MASS: MAR. 30

The annual Chrism Mass is on Tue. Mar. 30, 7pm at St. Andrew's Cathedral with Bishop Richard Gagnon. At this service the bishop gathers the faithful of the diocese - priests, religious and laity - around him for the blessing and consecration of the oils that will be used in all our parishes in the coming year. We will also witness the Rite of Recommitment to Ministry by our priests. All are invited to attend. A reception will follow.

### MANY THANKS TO ...

Sharon Frketch for all her hard work cleaning up the flower beds around the church.

## GENERAL

### VICTORIA BROADWAY CHORUS: MAR. 27 & 28

At the Charlie White Theatre on Sat. Mar. 27 at 7pm and Sun. Mar. 28 at 2pm. Something familiar, something for everyone, it's musical comedy. Music from Kern, Lerner and Lowe, Les Mis, and The Phantom are in the show.

### 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.

### VICTORIA CHILDREN'S CHOIR: MAR. 28

Sun. Mar. 28, 2:30pm at St. Mary's Church, 1973 Cultra Ave., Saanichton (corner of East Saanich and Cultra). Adults \$12, students \$10, child \$5. Contact 652-5392 for tickets and info.

### 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 - 1pm (registration 8:30am) at Victoria City Hall, Centennial Square, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Ante-Chamber. Seating is limited. Please register before Fri. Mar. 12 by calling 388-4728, ext 116. For more info. see poster on the bulletin board at St. Elizabeth's.

## WORKSHOPS / LECTURES

### FREE LECTURE SERIES: MAR. 26

"A Church for the 21st Century: The Spirit of Vatican II in Our Time" sponsored by UVic Centre for Studies in Religion & Society:

- Fri. Mar. 26, 7:30pm in the UVic David Strong Building, Room C103. Speaker: Christine Jamieson, Concordia University. Theme: "The Ethical Challenges of Medicine Today: Drawing on the Wisdom of Vatican II".

### VISIONTV - A GOD FOR ALL SEASONS: MAR. 29 & 30

The National Catholic Mission 2010, "A God for All Seasons", will be broadcast on VISIONTV on Mon. Mar. 29 (part 1) and Tue. Mar. 30 (part 2) at 6pm and again at 8pm. It will feature Spiritan Fr. Pat Fitzpatrick and Benedictine Sr. Joan Chittister.