

**Pastor's corner - May 2, 2010**

Last fall our Diocese of Victoria began a process in view of developing a Pastoral Plan for the Diocese for the next five years. Many people participated in the first survey which dealt primarily on how you saw the pastoral needs in your own parish. The results of this first survey were tabulated and compiled on a Diocesan wide basis and served as the basis for a series of regional consultation and discernment meetings held in March. Unfortunately, only a small number of people became involved in the three evening meetings held at St. Elizabeth. We need to thank them for taking the time and effort to come forward with suggestions for Diocesan wide pastoral needs and priorities.

We are now entering the third phase of this pastoral planning process which consists of a second shorter survey. You will be given a copy of this survey today. You will be able to fill in the survey manually. **However, if possible, please, consider completing the survey online at: <http://www.rcdvictoria.org>.** By doing it online a considerable amount of time is saved by the volunteers who will be compiling the results. It is a matter of days rather than of weeks!

**During the first survey last November our parish had the highest rate of participation among all the parishes in the Diocese. Let us continue and make that a tradition!** Many thanks to you all for taking the time. A special thank you goes to Kimberley House who is a member of the Diocesan Pastoral Planning Committee, which Fr. William Hann and I co-chair. We also need to thank Robert Fowler who took on the task of animating the March discernment sessions which, in the words of Bishop Richard Gagnon's letter "focused on the increased need for family support including youth and seniors, lay and ministry formation, human resources and financial support, and communications: both from the diocese as well as between parishes."

Bishop Richard continues: "A key component in the current pastoral planning process is the need for ongoing involvement of both the clergy and the lay faithful. Pastoral planning is also a sign of the vitality of the Church as it reflects on the needs of the community in light of current conditions and hopes for the future. We pray that the Holy Spirit, source of all unity, will bring us together as a Diocesan family to complete this Second Consultation Survey of our Diocesan Planning Year."

Where do we go from here?

This second survey will be analyzed and tabulated by mid-June at the latest.

The Diocesan Pastoral Planning Committee together with the Bishop will then develop a paper which will outline the pastoral priorities and needs as expressed since the beginning of the Pastoral Planning Process last fall. It will also develop a series of recommendations and strategies needed to implement those pastoral priorities and needs. I suspect that this will take most of the summer. The Bishop will then announce the official Diocesan Pastoral Plan and invite the parishes to help in its implementation.

By September each Parish will also receive the tabulated results of the first survey as they apply to the parish. Each Parish will be invited to discuss the results and discern what steps are needed for implementation.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please, do not hesitate to contact your Pastoral Council members or myself at 656-7433 or email [pastor@spparish.com](mailto:pastor@spparish.com).

Shalom,

# Saanich Peninsula Parish



A ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IN COVENANT WITH ST. STEPHEN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH  
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Office Hours: Tuesday to Friday 8:30am - 12:30pm

**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 (9 am), Wednesdays (8:30 am),  
Thursdays (9 am), and First Fridays (9 am).

### EUCHARIST AT

### OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION

7742 West Saanich Road, Saanichton

Sundays at 8:30 am

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



Love one another.

Jn 13:34

## 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### MAY 2, 2010

Acts 14.21-27 / Rev 21.1-5 / Jn 13.1, 31-33, 34-35

### 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 \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

Need Pre-Authorized Debit package? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Need donation envelopes? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

## PARISH REPORT

### COLLECTIONS:

PAD's (monthly total):	\$ 3,395.00
Easter Sunday:	\$ 7,038.50
April 1:	\$ 4,792.60
April 18:	\$ 3,880.00
April 25:	\$ 3,087.25
Monthly target:	Approx. \$23,000.00

## COVENANT

### ST. STEPHEN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

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

## IN OUR PARISH

### REQUEST

Please be aware that some people with asthma and other respiratory problems are sensitive to perfumes etc. Thank you for your cooperation!

### REMINDER

Please fill in your name & address on your blue St. Vincent de Paul Society donation envelopes. The Society records donations by name, not envelope number.

### K of C ANNUAL GARAGE SALE: MAY 8

At St. Elizabeth's on Sat. May 8, 8am - 2pm. Items will be accepted on Friday, May 7 **ONLY**. We will only accept re-salable items. Please, **NO** clothes, shoes, mattresses, baby cribs etc. All items are subject to inspection to cut down on unsalable items. Thank you. For further info call Gord at 652-4379 or 588-1226 (cell).

### PLANT SALE FOR BIRTHRIGHT: MAY 8

The annual plant sale in support of Birthright Victoria will take place during the K of C garage sale. Donations of plants for the sale will be gratefully received and may be dropped off at the church the evening of Friday, May 7. For more information, contact Art Menu at 656-0138.

### CWL SILENT AUCTION: MAY 8

The CWL will be holding a Silent Auction on Sat. May 8 in conjunction with the Annual Knights of Columbus Garage Sale. Your support of the CWL and Knights is very much appreciated.

## THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

### MONDAY, MAY 3

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

### TUESDAY, MAY 4

9:00am **No Mass** - Service of the Word  
11:30am Friendly Hours  
7:30pm Knights of Columbus Ex. Mtg.

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 5

8:30am **No Mass** - Service of the Word followed by Eucharistic Adoration  
10:00am Taiji Qigong

### THURSDAY, MAY 6

9:00am **No Mass** - Service of the Word  
11:30am Friendly Hours  
6:00pm Taiji Qigong

### FRIDAY, MAY 7

9:00am **No Mass** - Service of the Word

### SATURDAY, MAY 8

8:00am **K of C Garage Sale**  
5:00pm Mass at St. Elizabeth's

### SUNDAY, MAY 9

8:30am Mass at Our Lady of Assumption  
9:30am **No** Religious Education classes  
10:30am Mass at St. Elizabeth's

### C.W.A.: MAY 4

The CWA meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 4 at 1:30pm at the home of Margaret Jackson, 2427 Henry Ave., Sidney, Phone: 250-656-1291.

### COUPLES CELEBRATING 60 YEARS OF MARRIAGE.

The June 4th Diocesan Messenger will include an article with photos of couples in the Diocese who have been married 60 years or longer. If you would like to be recognized, please contact Gary in the parish office at 655-7433 before May 5.

### ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC: JUNE 9

Mark your calendars! The date for our annual Parish Picnic will be Wednesday, June 9 from 5:30 - 7 p.m. at Heritage Acres. For more info call Lynn at 652-2543 or email her at [lynn@spparish.com](mailto:lynn@spparish.com).

**THANK YOU** to all in our parish community who supported the Confirmation & First Communion children and their families during this phase of their journey of faith. Thank you to Fr. Rolf, Prayer Group, CWL, Coffee Fellowship Team (Kipot families and friends). A special thanks to Shirlee and the choir who provided beautiful music for our celebration. You are all truly amazing! Lynn.

## BEING A CHRISTIAN IN THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY: MAY 7

Timothy Radcliffe, OP, Former Master of the Dominican Order will be preaching the Victoria clergy retreat from May 3 - 7. **He will also give a public lecture open to all on Fri. May 7, 7pm at Holy Cross Parish, 4049 Gordon Head Road.**

### A SPECIAL THANK YOU

The parish community wishes to thank Lynn & Gary Koett and Jim & Carla Fretwell who with the assistance of Kathy Gillis animated the weekly sessions to prepare our children for Confirmation and First Communion. Many thanks also to the parents who participated in these sessions. We also want to thank the other catechists: Stasia Hartley, Maria Hilton, Susan Lawes, Liane Funk and Roy Battilana for their commitment to this important ministry. We are in need of catechists, so if you wish to become involved please call Fr. Rolf or Gary at 656-7433 or email [pastor@spparish.com](mailto:pastor@spparish.com).

### ANAWIM HOUSE APPEAL

Anawim House is experiencing difficulty because of the ever increasing needs of the poor. They are in need of food and/or money donations. Thank you for your generous support. Donations can be dropped off at the box in the foyer marked "Anawim Society". **You can also donate online by credit card at [canadahelps.org](http://canadahelps.org)**: choose "Anawim Companions Society" and follow the prompts.

## IMPORTANT EVENTS

### PASTORAL PLANNING SECOND SURVEY

The Diocese of Victoria Pastoral Planning Committee invites you to participate in the second survey. The regional consultation meetings, conducted in March, made suggestions which helped in developing this survey. If possible, please complete the survey online at [www.rcdvictoria.org](http://www.rcdvictoria.org).

### DIOCESAN YOUTH CONFERENCE: MAY 14-16

All youth in grades 8 - 12 and recent grads: come to the 7th annual Diocesan Youth Conference! Theme: "From The Inside Out". Guest: Fr. Tony Ricard, an inspiring speaker from New Orleans. May 14-16 at St. Andrew's High School, Victoria. To register contact Roy Battilana at 652-0340 or download the registration form at [www.rcdvictoria.org](http://www.rcdvictoria.org). Questions? Contact the Conference Planning Committee at 250-479-1331 ext. 232, or e-mail [follero@shaw.ca](mailto:follero@shaw.ca).

## SUMMER CAMPS: AUGUST

The Diocese of Victoria invites all youth to a summer camp at Camp Barnard, Young Lake Rd., Sooke on August 3-8 (for grades 5-7); Aug. 23-29 (for grades 8 - 12). For registration or more info call 250-479-1331.

## GENERAL

### COAST SALISH ART SHOW: MAY 3 - 24

at the First Unitarian Church of Victoria, 5575 West Saanich Rd (opposite the Red Barn), May 3 - 24 from 11 am - 3 pm, Mon. to Sat.

### MOTHER'S DAY TEA: MAY 8

St. Rose of Lima Parish in Sooke invites you to their Mother's Day Tea on Sat. May 8. Three sittings: 11:00, 12:30 & 2:00. Featuring fancy sandwiches, scones & preserves, assorted sweets, tea and coffee. Tickets: \$15, sold in advance. Call 250-642-3945.

### MARCH FOR LIFE: MAY 13

Life is the first basic human right! Join the third annual march for life in Victoria on Thu. May 13. Meet at 2pm at Centennial Square, Victoria.

### SISTERS OF ST. ANN LEGACY FUND

Mount St. Mary Hospital in Victoria has started the *Sisters of St. Ann Legacy Fund* to provide sustainable funding for pastoral care, volunteer services, music therapy, resident activities, palliative care and practical nursing education. The Diocese of Victoria is supportive of this project. For more info or to make a donation contact Mandy Parker at 480-3100.

## WORKSHOPS

### GENERATIONS OF FAITH (G.O.F.): MAY 8

Sat. May 8, 12:15 - 4pm at St. Nicholas Parish, 1110 Caledonia. G.O.F. is a new approach to lifelong faith formation that prepares all ages to participate actively in the events and life of the Church. We invite fellow Catholics to join us. The focus will be the seasons and feasts of the Byzantine Liturgical Year. Registration: \$14. Call their church office at 384-2292 or Motria Koropeccky at 658-3051.

### QUEENSWOOD SEMINAR: MAY 21

- **Life-Work Balance Workshop** for teachers. Fri. May 21, 9 am to 4 pm at Queenswood, 2494 Arbutus Rd. Workshop facilitators: **Flo Follero-Pugh** and Dawn Schell. Cost: \$130.

For more info or to register call 250-477-3822, email [retreats@queenswoodvictoria.ca](mailto:retreats@queenswoodvictoria.ca), or see [QueenswoodVictoria.ca](http://QueenswoodVictoria.ca).