

In the past few weeks the proclamation of the Word in the Gospels, in the Book of Acts (“acts of the Spirit”) has shown us that the early followers of Jesus had two principal convictions about God on which they founded a new religion. One was their belief and hope that God had raised Jesus from the dead (the Resurrection). The other was the conviction that the Spirit of God had been given them and was present within them strengthening & enabling them to make their faith truly “catholic” or universal. The symbol for Easter became the light (Pascal Candle); the symbol for Pentecost became the flame of fire. Through it we celebrate the fire of God and God’s Spirit spreading out in the world to become truly universal.

The flame symbolizes the importance of fire in maintaining life, giving light, refining raw materials in nature and supernature alike. It is the fire of zeal and enthusiasm, the fire of passion and ecstasy. The flame has an ability to dance, spread, warm and consume. It suggests what Jesus spoke of: “I have come to set fire to the earth.” It is that enflaming, that refining, that warming, that enlightening work which continues today through the Spirit of Jesus at work in us. And so our prayer: May we and the world be set ablaze by this fire!

Yes, the Holy Spirit is present and continues to create wonders as She did in the past. So we need to believe in the surprises of the Holy Spirit. We need to hope in it’s possibilities. Hope is not a dream. It is a way of making dreams become reality. In the Spirit, I believe that those who dream dreams will be happy if they are ready to pay the price to make them become true.

During the liturgy of Pentecost we have just before the Gospel a Sequence which calls on the Holy Spirit to come into us as individuals and in us as a community: it is called Veni, Sancte Spiritus (also a hymn). The following is a translation in contemporary paraphrasing:

“Holy Spirit, send us a spark of the love you are.
Holy Life Giver, Father of Agape, send us a spark of the love you are.
God of Christ’s poor ones, don’t hesitate to come closer to us and hear what we have to say.
You are the best comfort we have when things go wrong.
Your visits to us are a delight. From you we get our strength to pick up and go on.
When we are working the thought of you relaxes us and breaks the tension.
You give us more relief than a cold glass of water on a hot day.
And you know how to make us smile when things go wrong.
You are so bright you make the sun seem feeble.
Light ... flood our souls even in the hard-to-reach corners.
Without you though, bursting godliness, we are not worth too much by ourselves.
Lord, get rid of our sin-strains. Irrigate our souls and make them spring to life.
Heal up the wounds we have been too busy nursing. Light a bonfire in our hearts.
Turn our feet so that we head in the right direction.
Give us every gift we need to love you so that some day we jump for joy before your very eyes.
The Spirit of the Lord fills the whole world. It holds all things and us together.”

Shalom,

fr. Rolf

Saanich Peninsula Parish

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

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

<p align="center">EUCHARIST AT ST. ELIZABETH’S 10030 Third Street, Sidney</p> <p align="center">Saturdays at 5 pm, Sundays at 10:30 am. Daily on Tuesdays (9 am), Wednesdays (8:30 am), Thursdays (9 am), and First Fridays (9 am).</p>	<p align="center">EUCHARIST AT OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION 7742 West Saanich Road, Saanichton</p> <p align="center">Sundays at 8:30 am</p> <p align="center">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.)</p>
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PENTECOST SUNDAY: MAY 23, 2010

Acts 2.1-11 / 1 Cor 12.3-7, 12-13 / Jn 20.19-23

TRINITY SUNDAY: MAY 30, 2010

Prov 8.22-31 / Rom 5.1-5 / Jn 16.12-15

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: _____

Email: _____

Need Pre-Authorized Debit package? Yes ___ No ___

Need donation envelopes? Yes ___ No ___

PARISH REPORT

COLLECTIONS:

PAD's (monthly total):	\$ 3,395.00
May 2	\$ 4,092.12
May 9	\$ 5,027.25
May 16	\$ 4,843.00
The Pope's Pastoral Works	\$ 1,080.38
Monthly target:	Approx. \$23,000.00

We offer congratulations on the celebration of the Marriages of:

- Norman Richardson & Irene McLachlan
- Anthony Goluza & Catherine Quirion

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

- Raymond Sam from the Tsawout Nation
- Fr. David Fitzpatrick in Montreal

COVENANT

ST. STEPHEN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

See ststephensanglican.net for service times.

IN OUR PARISH

YOUTH TALENT SHOW: THIS SUNDAY, MAY 23

At noon at St. Elizabeth's. Donations accepted. Half the proceeds go to Victoria youth oriented shelters, operations track shoes and Birthright.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MEETING: MAY 26

The next meeting of St. Elizabeth Conference of St. Vincent de Paul will be held at 11:30 am in meeting room #1 at St. Elizabeth's on Wed., May 26. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

URGENT! PASTORAL PLANNING SURVEY

Let's keep our reputation for excellent participation intact! The Diocese of Victoria Pastoral Planning Committee invites all parishioners to complete their 2nd Consultation Survey. **Please don't forget to return your completed surveys by the June 1st deadline.** While parishioners can submit hard copy surveys, **it would be very helpful if you could complete this questionnaire online at www.rcdvictoria.org.** Let us keep praying for one another. Thank you and Blessings, Diocese of Victoria Pastoral Planning Committee.

NEXT TWO WEEKS IN THE PARISH

MONDAY, MAY 24

(No scheduled events)

TUESDAY, MAY 25

9:00am Mass
11:30am Friendly Hours

WEDNESDAY, MAY 26

8:30am **No Mass** - Service of the Word followed by Eucharistic Adoration
10:00am Taiji Qigong
11:30am **St. Vincent de Paul Meeting**
7:30pm **Arbutus Singers Benefit Concert**

THURSDAY, MAY 27

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

FRIDAY, MAY 28

11:00am Communion Service at Saan. Pen Hospital

SATURDAY, MAY 29

5:00pm Mass at St. Elizabeth's (Fr. Mark Hoo, OP)

SUNDAY, MAY 30

8:30am Mass at O.L.A. (Fr. Mark Hoo, OP)
10:30am Mass at St. Elizabeth's (Fr. Mark Hoo, OP)

MONDAY, MAY 31

1:00pm Memory Plus

TUESDAY, JUNE 1

9:00am **No Mass** - Service of the Word
11:30am Friendly Hours
7:00pm **K of C Executive Meeting**

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2

8:30am **No Mass** - Service of the Word followed by Eucharistic Adoration
10:00am Taiji Qigong
10:00am **CWL Executive Meeting**
7:00pm **Parish Council Meeting**

THURSDAY, JUNE 3

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

FRIDAY, JUNE 4

9:00am Mass at St. Elizabeth's

SATURDAY, JUNE 5

5:00pm Mass at St. Elizabeth's

SUNDAY, JUNE 6

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

ARBUTUS SINGERS CONCERT: MAY 26

This coming Wednesday, May 26, 7:30pm at St. Elizabeth's,. A lively, enjoyable evening of your favourite songs - golden oldies and contemporary. All proceeds will go for kindergarten children, women's programs and destitute families in Acrur, Eritrea. Tickets: \$10 each or \$25 per family, available after the 10:30 am mass, from the church office, or call Stephanie Schroeder at 250-655-3635.

CLERGY APPRECIATION DINNER: MAY 28

The third annual Clergy Appreciation Dinner will be held at St. Joseph the Worker Parish, 753 West Burnside Rd. on Fri. May 28. Doors open at 5:30pm with dinner at 6:30pm. Tickets are \$40 per person. For tickets contact Gord Hryhoryshen at 250-652-4379 or Ralph Gillis at 250-655-4898.

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PARISH PICNIC: JUNE 9
 Our annual parish picnic will be held on Wed. June 9 from 5:30 - 7:00 pm at Heritage Acres, located off Island View Rd. & Pat Bay Hwy. Bring your own picnic, food and dishes. Refreshments, dessert, and BBQ grills will be provided. The train will be running for kids of all ages. Good fellowship and lots of fun. Everyone is welcome! For more information call Lynn at 250-652-2543 or email her at lynn@spparish.com.
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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: JUNE 13

The parish Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held at noon on Sun. June 13. **Please attend!**

FAITH REFLECTION GROUP - SUMMER BREAK

The Faith Reflection Group is beginning a summer break from the Monday gatherings. The group will reconvene on Monday, Sept. 20.

FREEZER AVAILABLE - BY DONATION

Eaton Viking chest freezer available by donation. Capacity: 8 cubic feet. Dimensions: 34" wide x 22" deep x 36" high. Located in St. Elizabeth's foyer next to the cloak room.

GENERAL

MOTHER/DAUGHTER TEA: JUNE 5

A Fertility and Infertility Awareness Tea will take place on Sat. June 5 at 3 pm at Maple Bay Rowing Club. Cost \$5 per mother / daughter team. Register at 250-709-9081 or email infobillings@shaw.ca. For more info see poster in foyer at St. Elizabeth's.

HAITI BENEFIT CONCERT: JUNE 5

Spirit and Space, a benefit concert of guitar and cello with Michael Waters and Allannah Dow to rebuild the schools and clinics of the Sisters of St. Ann in Haiti. Sat. June 5, 7 pm at Queenswood. Tickets: \$20. For more info call 250-477-3822 ext. 0. Tax receipts for donations can be made at the concert or online at www.QueenswoodVictoria.ca/support.

PRAY FOR PRIESTS GROUP

All parishioners are invited to view the group's website at www.prayforpriests.ca and to join the group. There are no fees, costs or obligations in joining. Members commit to pray daily for the priests of the Diocese. They may choose individual priests for whom they wish to pray.

FR. BILL HILL'S RETIREMENT: MAY 27

Come and show your appreciation to Fr. Bill Hill at his retirement (and the 49th anniversary of his ordination). Location: St. Patrick's, 2060 Haultain St., Victoria. For more information call Ardene at 250-592-7391 or email stpatricks-cr@shaw.ca.

WORKSHOPS

CONFERENCE & CONCERT: MAY 28 & 29

"*Evangelism and Transformation in a Secular Society*", a conference led by Brian McLaren and Steve Bell, May 28 & 29 at Christ Church Cathedral, 930 Burdett Ave., Victoria. Brian McLaren is a respected author, speaker, activist, and networker among Christian leaders and Steve Bell is a Juno award-winning musician. A concert by Steve Bell will also be held on Saturday evening providing an opportunity to hear Steve in an outstanding venue! Further info and registration forms are available at www.cccvictoria.wordpress.com, or call the church office at 250-383-2714.

VISIONING A PROMISING LIFE IN

CHALLENGING TIMES WORKSHOP: MAY 29

Presented by international speaker Duane Elgin. Sat. May 29, 9:30 am to 5 pm at UVic. For more information see www.livinglanguageinstitute.org.