

**Pastor's Corner - June 6, 2010**

Five hundred year ago in 1510 the first Dominicans arrived in Hispaniola, the name given by the Spaniards to the Caribbean Island which is today the nations of the Dominican Republic and Haiti. They had come to assure the pastoral care of the Spaniards but also the evangelization of the indigenous people of the region and especially of the “naborias”, the name given to the servants in the homes of the Spaniards. Very soon the Dominicans became aware of the terrible treatment and abuse committed against the indigenous people. A certain Juan Garces, a Spaniard who was being sought by the law for having killed his indigenous wife, gave them details of this treatment. Juan converted, was given asylum in the convent and eventually made profession in the Order and received the Dominican habit of a lay brother. The community decided to dedicate hours of meetings to study the problem of the oppression and in the end they decided to make a public condemnation. **They could not keep silent because “they felt obliged to do it because of the religious profession they had made.”**

The community deliberated long and hard and then composed together a sermon which all the members signed. Friar Pedro de Cordoba the superior assigned Friar Antonio Montesinos to preach the sermon at the High Mass on the Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 21, 1511, just a year from the day of their arrival on the island. The theme of the sermon written down by Friar Bartolome de Las Casas: Ego sum vox clamantis in deserto –I am a voice crying out in the desert: “I am the voice of Christ crying in the desert of this island, therefore, it is right that you listen attentively. All of you are in mortal sin and in it you live and will die for the cruelty with which you treat these innocent people. ...Tell me, by what right or justice do you keep these Indians in such cruel and horrible servitude...? By what authority have you declared such detestable wars on this people who were living, calmly and peacefully on their lands, where you have allowed an infinite number of them to be consumed in their sickness, resulting in death and destruction never heard of before? Through the excessive work you demand of them, they fall ill and die, or rather, you kill them with your desire to extract and acquire gold every day. And what do you care of the person who instructs them in the Faith and that they know their God and Creator, are baptized, attend Mass, keep holy days and Sundays? Are these not men? Have they not rational souls? Are you not bound to love them as you love yourselves? This, do you not understand? This, do you not feel? Are you in such a profound sleep that you are lethargic? Be certain that in such a state as you are, you can be no more saved than the Moors or Turks who lack and do not want the Faith of Jesus Christ? If you continue to mistreat...you will not receive our absolution.”

**In the name of human dignity and Christian duty the community of friars could and felt obliged to name and condemn the sin of denying the dignity of every human person (“have they not rational souls?”) and to call on the Spaniards to make a commitment towards the rights that flow from that dignity.** Thomas Aquinas in the 13<sup>th</sup> century had said: “to subsist in the rational nature is the highest dignity; every individual of the rational nature is called a person...dignity itself is expressed in the name “person.”

Five hundred years later we are faced with the unjust and inhuman situation in the Middle East where the basic rights of a people are not being met: the plight of the Palestinian people living in Gaza, cut off from the rest of the world because of the Israeli blockade, unable to work and living on food handouts from the United Nations!

Shalom.

*Fr. Rolf*

# Saanich Peninsula Parish

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

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Office Hours: Tuesday to Friday 8:30 am - 12:30 pm

**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 5 pm, Sundays at 10:30 am.  
Daily on Tuesdays (9 am), Wednesdays (8:30 am),  
Thursdays (9 am), and First Fridays (9 am).

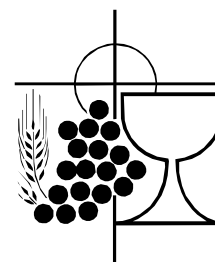
**EUCHARIST AT**

**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. )



**BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST: JUNE 6, 2010**

Gen 14.18-20 / 1 Cor 11.23-26 / Lk 9.11-17

**11th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: JUNE 13, 2010**

2 Sam 12.7-10,13 / Gal 2.16,19-20 / Lk 7.36-8.3

**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
May 23	\$ 2,901.99
May 31	\$ 4,686.55
The Pope's Pastoral Works	\$ 1,080.38
Monthly target:	Approx. \$23,000.00

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

Fabian Pavelick (funeral on Fri. June 11 at 11am)

## COVENANT

ST. STEPHEN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

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

## IN OUR PARISH



### PARISH PICNIC: JUNE 16

#### NOTE DATE CHANGE !

Our annual parish picnic will be held on Wed. **June 16** 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.

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: JUNE 13

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

### PARISH COUNCIL CALLS YOU!

If you are interested in serving on Parish Council, please contact Jan Staebell at 655-7113 or Linda MacGowan at 655-0713.

### THANK YOU!

A big "Thank You" to everyone who attended the Arbutus Singers Concert. Due to your generosity \$5,032 will be sent to Acru village in Eritrea to fund programs for women, children and destitute families.

## NEXT TWO WEEKS IN THE PARISH

	<b>MONDAY, JUNE 7</b>
1:00pm	Memory Plus
	<b>TUESDAY, JUNE 8</b>
9:00am	Mass
11:30am	Friendly Hours
<b>2:00pm</b>	<b>CWL Meeting</b>
	<b>WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9</b>
8:30am	Mass followed by Eucharistic Adoration
10:00am	Taiji Qigong
5:30pm	<u>Parish Picnic moved to June 16</u>
	<b>THURSDAY, JUNE 10</b>
9:00am	Mass
11:30am	Friendly Hours
6:00pm	Taiji Qigong
	<b>FRIDAY, JUNE 11</b>
9:00am	No Mass
<b>11:00am</b>	<b>Funeral of Fabian Pavelick at S. E. Granny to Granny Wine &amp; Cheese</b>
<b>6:00pm</b>	(see <i>In Our Parish</i> item for information)
	<b>SATURDAY, JUNE 12</b>
10:00am	<b>Granny to Granny Fundraiser (cont'd)</b>
5:00pm	Mass at St. Elizabeth's
	<b>SUNDAY, JUNE 13</b>
8:30am	Mass at Our Lady of Assumption
10:30am	Mass at St. Elizabeth's
<b>12:00pm</b>	<b>Annual General Meeting</b>
	<b>MONDAY, JUNE 14</b>
1:00pm	Memory Plus
	<b>TUESDAY, JUNE 15</b>
9:00am	Mass
11:30am	Friendly Hours
<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>K of C Annual BBQ</b>
	<b>WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16</b>
8:30am	Mass followed by Eucharistic Adoration
10:00am	Taiji Qigong
<b>5:30pm</b>	<b>Parish Picnic at Heritage Acres</b>
	<b>THURSDAY, JUNE 17</b>
9:00am	Mass
6:00pm	Taiji Qigong
	<b>FRIDAY, JUNE 18</b>
9:00am	Mass in a private home (call Barb Lovick, 652-1653 for location)
	<b>SATURDAY, JUNE 19</b>
5:00pm	Mass at St. Elizabeth's
	<b>SUNDAY, JUNE 20</b>
8:30am	Mass at Our Lady of Assumption
10:30am	Mass at St. Elizabeth's

## RELIGIOUS EDUC. COORDINATOR POSITION

For personal reasons I have submitted my resignation as your Religious Education Coordinator. I would like to thank our Heavenly Father for blessing me with this amazing opportunity for the past five years, to Fr. Rolf for always being there, to all the catechists who have volunteered these past five years - thank you, thank you, to the parents and parish, thank you for your ongoing support and patience with me. I feel truly blessed to be a member of this parish. Lynn Koett

With Lynn's resignation we are looking for a new Religious Education Coordinator. A financial compensation is involved. If you feel called to become involved in this important ministry, please call Lynn at 652-2543, email her at [lynn@spparish.com](mailto:lynn@spparish.com), or submit your resume to the church office.

### FRIENDLY HOURS LAST DAY: JUNE 15

The last day for the season will be on Tue. June 15. Will re-open in Sept. **Friendly Hours has been running in our parish for 25 years this year!**

### GRANNY TO GRANNY FUNDRAISER: JUNE 11-12

at St. Elizabeth's. Wine & cheese reception: Fri. June 11, 6 - 9 pm. Exhibit: Sat. June 12, 10 am - 2 pm. All proceeds go to the Stephen Lewis Foundation to help African Grandmothers raise their grandchildren orphaned by AIDS. Sponsored by St. Andrew's Grandmothers Helping African Grandmothers. For more information call 655-7149.

### SISTERS OF ST. ANN LEGACY FUND

Mount St. Mary Hospital in Victoria has started a *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 supports this project. For more info or to make a donation contact Mandy Parker at 480-3100.

## GENERAL

### SUMMER FUN PROGRAM

St. Andrew's Elementary is offering a Summer Fun Program with many special guests and tons of fun! Open from 7:30am - 5:30pm; from Wed. June 30 to Fri. Aug. 20. For children in grades 1 to 7. Cost: \$150 / week. **Registration closes on Fri., June 11.** For more information contact Brenda at 382-3815.

## ARBUTUS SINGERS: JUNE 11 & 12

The Arbutus Singers present their June concert at First Metropolitan Church (Balmoral & Quadra) on Fri. June 11 and Sat. June 12 at 7:30 pm. Proceeds go to support and teach choirs in inner city schools. Adults: \$12, Seniors/Students: \$10, Family: \$20. Call Paula Fogelklou at 470-9465 for tickets.

### CHANT & RENAISSANCE POLYPHONY: JUNE 12

Sat. June 12, 8pm at St. Andrew's Cathedral. Come and enjoy an evening of Gregorian Chant and Sacred Renaissance Polyphony sung by an accomplished women's ensemble. Schola Antiquae Vocis is a unique a capella female choir which performs music normally restricted to male voices. More information about the choir can be found at [www.savocis.org](http://www.savocis.org). Entrance is by donation to the St. Andrew's Organ Fund (suggested donation \$10). For more information call Jackie Ray at 384-9681.

### SILENT MEDITATION RETREAT: JUNE 12

Sat. June 12. Arrival: 9:30 - 10 am; ends at 4:30 pm. St. Mary the Incarnation Anglican Church, 4125 Metchosin Rd., Metchosin. Spend the day in silence: group sitting, walking meditation, lectio divina, chanting, reflection, and free time to explore Witty's Lagoon Regional Park. Refreshments provided. Please bring a bag lunch. Cost: \$20. For information & registration call 381-9650, email [admin@contemplative.org](mailto:admin@contemplative.org), or go to [www.contemplative.org](http://www.contemplative.org).

### TAIZE: JUNE 18

Let us enter together into the mystery of God's presence through prayer and music in the style of Taize, 6pm at Church of Our Lord, 626 Blanshard St. Sponsored by the Downtown Churches Association.

### ROSE PRINCE PILGRIMAGE: JULY 9 - 11

In Fraser Lake, BC. Free camping onsite. For more information see poster on the bulletin board, or call Fr. Vince James, O.M.I. at 1-250-699-6593.

## WORKSHOPS

### QUEENSWOOD SEMINAR: JUNE 25 - 27

- June 25 - 27: Find Healing In God**  
Facilitator: Phil Shano, sj. All-inclusive live-in price: \$459 Commuter price: \$349. Bursaries available.

Queenswood location: 2494 Arbutus Rd., Victoria. For information & registration call 477-3822, email [retreats@queenswoodvictoria.ca](mailto:retreats@queenswoodvictoria.ca), or go to [www.QueenswoodVictoria.ca](http://www.QueenswoodVictoria.ca).