



Catholic Diocese of Victoria
Office of the Bishop

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Dear Friends In Christ,

I write to you regarding the very serious matter of criminal charges being laid against a member of our clergy who has been inactive as a priest since 2002 when he resigned as Pastor of St. Joseph the Worker Parish. This past week he was arrested when he arrived in Victoria and charged with a number of counts of abusing minors.

I wish to say first of all that sexual abuse of minors is not only a crime but like all forms of abuse, goes directly against what the priesthood is and stands for. Such activity is totally inappropriate and cannot be tolerated and the news of these criminal charges is both sad and difficult for our Catholic Community and the Community at Large. It is particularly difficult for those who are affected on a personal level – our prayers and support are with them.

The Diocese has met with the police and is fully cooperating with the police in this matter. I would encourage anyone with relevant information to contact the police.

Needless to say, this news may be the cause of great stress and frustration among our Catholic Community, but we are a Community of Faith – a praying Community filled with the presence of Jesus Christ who often spoke of difficulties to come. The Lord asks us to remain trusting in him in spite of the challenges that life offers.

With God's help, we will move forward together and do our part in building up a more purified, trusting and loving Community.

I ask for your prayers for all concerned in this situation that justice be done and those possibly harmed and affected by this situation may receive the help and assistance they require.

Yours in Christ

Saanich Peninsula Parish

A ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IN COVENANT WITH ST. STEPHEN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH
Box 2116, Sidney, BC, V8L 3S6 **web-site: www.spparish.com** e-mail: spparish@shaw.ca

Parish Office: 250-656-7433, Fax 250-483-1597, Rectory: 250-652-1990

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: Janet Staebell & Linda MacGowan (Co-Chairs)



EUCCHARIST 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).

EUCCHARIST 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.)

ASSUMPTION OF MARY

Aug. 15, 2010

Rev 11.19; 12.1-6, 10 / 1 Cor 15.20-26 / Lk 1.39-56

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):	\$ 3,265.00
Aug. 1:	\$ 3,728.10
Aug. 8:	\$ 4,823.50
Monthly target:	Approx. \$23,000.00

We welcome into our faith community in Baptism:

- **Misha Velasco**, daughter of Val and Mhylyn
- **Brooklyn Jesse Daly-Needham**, daughter of Dallas and Corey
- **Hannah Jasmine Yanos**, daughter of Donabel

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

- **Albert Keimel** who passed away on July 18
- **Irene Hoffman** who passed away on Aug. 2
- **Evdokia Vlassenko**, mother of Marianne (Don) Tarasoff, who passed away on Aug. 5
- **Ray Cartwright** who passed away on Aug. 5
- **Marie St. Arnaud** who passed away on Aug. 12

COVENANT

ST. STEPHEN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

See ststephensanglican.net for service times.

IN OUR PARISH

URGENT: REL. ED. COORDINATOR NEEDED

Jacque wasn't able to take on the role of Religious Education Coordinator due to unforeseen circumstances. We are in urgent need of a coordinator for the Religious Education program. **If nobody can be found the program will have to be curtailed!** A financial compensation is involved. Please submit your resume to the parish office.

CATECHIST NEEDED

We are still looking for a Catechist to help in this fall's religious education program. Course materials and support are provided. Please consider sharing your gifts with the children of our parish. If you are interested, call the parish office at 250-656-7433, or email sparish@shaw.ca.

NEXT TWO WEEKS IN THE PARISH

TUESDAYS

9:00am Mass

WEDNESDAYS

8:30am Mass
9:00am Eucharistic Adoration

THURSDAYS

9:00am Mass

FRIDAYS

9:00am **Aug. 20** - Mass at the Legion Manor
7601 E. Saanich Rd.
7:30pm **Aug. 20** - **Victoria Summer Choir**
11:00am **Aug. 27** - Mass at Saanich Pen. Hospital

SATURDAYS

5:00pm Mass at St. Elizabeth's

SUNDAYS

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

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR PAKISTAN

There will be a special collection this week for the victims of flooding in Pakistan. Please make donations out to the parish and mark your cheque "For Pakistan". All monies collected will be sent to Dev. & Peace who have partners in Pakistan.

VICTORIA SUMMER CHOIR: AUG. 20

On Friday, Aug. 20, 7:30 pm at St. Elizabeth's, members from 30 choirs including soloists and a string orchestra directed by Simon Leung, will perform "*Touching My Soul*", a mix of Baroque to Modern, folk to pop. Tickets are \$15, available at Tanner's Books, Musicworks (2353 Bevan Ave.), or at the door.

TAIJI QIGONG: SEPT. 1 & 2

Taiji Qigong will resume on Wed. Sept.1 and 2.

BABY GRAND PIANO WANTED

The church would like to acquire a baby grand piano. If anyone has one that they would be willing to donate, please contact Gary in the church office at 250-656-7433, or email sparish@shaw.ca.



GENERAL

SUMMER CAMP: AUG. 23

Senior Camp - Aug. 23 - 29 (for grades 8 to 12)

For fun, friendship and faith consider this camp at Camp Barnard, Young Lake Rd., Sooke. For registration or more information call 250-479-1331, ext. 232.

NEW CHAPEL GROUND-BREAKING: AUG 18

You are cordially invited to a celebration of the ground-breaking for the new Chapel at the Saanich Peninsula Hospital on Wed. Aug. 18, 10:30am at the site of the new Chapel (beside the entrance to the Extended Care Unit). Refreshments will be served in the Clinical Lecture Room from 9:30 to 10:30am. If you plan to come please call 250-652-7531.

BIRTHRIGHT FUNDRAISER: AUG. 21

On Sat. Aug. 21 join the 5 km walk around James Bay pushing baby strollers (baby optional), or sponsor someone walking. The walk starts at Fisherman's Wharf Park on St. Lawrence St. at 10 am. Decorate your stroller - there will be a prize for the best stroller. Please help raise funds for mothers and babies who need our help. For more info call Ann at 250-391-9892.



MARCH FOR LIFE: SEPT. 12

The Victoria Right to Life Society is holding its annual fundraising Walk for Life on Sun. Sep. 12, 2 pm at Beacon Hill Park in the picnic area next to the children's playground (east of Arbutus Way, which enters park from Southgate and Quadra). The walk starts at 2:30 pm sharp. All ages are welcome. Pledge sheets are available in the church office. For more info see poster on St. Elizabeth's bulletin board or call 250-383-1782.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CLOTHING DRIVE

SVDP is extremely low on summer clothing. The inventory is depleted and they still have one month to go. You can drop off ladies, children's or men's summer clothing Mon. to Sat., 9 to 5 at 9788B 2nd St., Sidney (or at one of their other locations).

COULD YOU EVER COME BACK TO THE CHURCH?

Wed. evenings, Oct. 6 to Nov. 17 from 7 - 9pm at St. Joseph's Parish, 753 Burnside Rd. West. Fr. William Hahn's course offers an opportunity for people to explore that inner tug to come home. Your thoughts and feelings and questions will be listened to and explored in a safe, accepting environment. The hope is that this journey will lead to healing and reconciliation and a coming home to the church. This course is only available to those who have left the church or are just coming home. To register call 250-479-7413 or email sjtwoffice@shaw.ca.

SALT & LIGHT TELEVISION ...

is available in our area on Shaw Digital Cable 160. Coming up this week:

- Sun. Aug. 15 8pm: Witness - Most Reverend Bernard Fellay

For schedule & more info visit www.saltandlighttv.org or call 1-888-302-7181

FAITH & LIGHT ...

is a community that offers fellowship and support to individuals and their families with disabilities. We meet monthly to share in worship, fellowship and music, and are always looking for new members as well as individuals who would like to share their talents. If this is something that interests you or you have a family member with a disability, please contact Amber at 250-383-4009.

PLEASE SUPPORT MENTAL HEALTH & EMPLOYMENT

Due to funding cutbacks, The Cool Aid Society is seeking your donations in order to maintain their employment, mental health, exercise and nutrition and counseling services. See www.CoolAid.org/stories to read how your donations really matter. You can donate online at www.CoolAid.org/donate (specify "REES" as the "Fund/Designation"), call 250-383-1977, or mail a donation to 102 - 749 Pandora Ave., Victoria, B.C. V8W 1N9.

RIGHT FOR LIFE OFFICE SPACE NEEDED

The Victoria Right to Life Society is in need of office space. They currently have an office on Fifth St. in Sidney that is used a few hours a week to answer phone calls and pay bills, at a cost of \$600 - \$800 per month. If anyone has an unused basement office they would be willing to share (with an extra phone and internet capacity), please contact the office at 250-383-1782 or email victoria.right.to.life@shaw.ca.