

*Pastor's Corner - September 20, 2009*

Earlier this month I asked you to react to possible measures of prevention which the Parish could take during the Liturgical Celebrations re. H1N1. Thank you for your comments. Having taken these into consideration we ask all members of our parish community to respect the following temporary measures (in place only while there is the H1N1 threat):

Hand sanitizer dispensers will be available at the entrance to the church by September 26. A hand sanitizer is already in use at the back of the altar by the Eucharistic ministers. Signs will be put up requesting people to use them and to respect those who wish to greet without physical contact.

During the praying of the Our Father we will **not** join hands with each other but you may wish to raise your hands in prayer, a form of prayer which is very old and which we share with other faith communities.

At the end of the Our Father we usually wish each other Christ's Peace by shaking hands or giving a hug, gestures which according to the experts are especially susceptible of passing the virus. You are now asked to slightly bow to each other and wish Christ's Peace to the other person without physical contact.

Some persons have suggested that we suspend communion under the two species of bread and wine and have communion only under the form of the bread. For now we will maintain the optional drinking from the cup; experts agree that drinking from the cup alone is not susceptible in passing on the virus. Most people who have a cold do not drink from the cup. Vatican II in the renewal of the Liturgy made this possible in order that Holy Communion be more fully understood as partaking of the bread of life and the cup of salvation. It is regrettable that in some dioceses and in some parishes on the Island it has been the occasion to abolish communion from the cup not just in the flu season but throughout the year.

We need to look at all of this with serenity and common sense. Yes, we need to take the necessary precautions (most important: to wash our hands well and regularly) but we also need to come together to celebrate and nourish each other in our faith and do so joyfully and peacefully.

**Verv important for families with young children:**

For the past year the Bishop together with a committee has been looking into modifying the sacramental (**confirmation and first communion**) preparation program into a two year program. There are several reasons for this. Depending on parental and family involvement today's children have sometimes little religious knowledge. Both children and parents felt "rushed". **A need was seen for a longer and fuller preparation which could better prepare both the children and the parents for receiving these sacraments of initiation.** Already last year the children of Sacred Heart and St. Edward's Parishes and of our own community began such a two-year program on a trial basis. This year Our Lady of Fatima Parish will also commence the two year program (eventually all the parishes in the Diocese will join this program). The well-prepared program is lectionary-based: the theme, the listening, sharing and reflection, any possible activity are all based on the readings of the particular Sunday. **This preparation program (to be held in the reception area at the back of the church) is a journey of faith which begins on Sunday September 27 at 9:45 am and continues every Sunday till shortly after Easter next April. What is different this year is that at least one of the parents is asked to accompany their child on that journey by participating in the program.** At the end of each Sunday's program at 11:00 am the children and participating parents will join the rest of the community at offertory time in order to continue the celebration of the Eucharist. The community as a whole participates in the journey by having listened and reflected on the same Word of God proclaimed. Then at the end of Mass we will all together continue the celebration by sharing fellowship, cookies and drink!

For more information call Lynn Koett at 250-652-2543.

*fr. Rolf*

# Saanich Peninsula Parish



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**PASTOR:** Father Rolf Hasenack, O.P. **PARISH ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT:** Gary Koett  
**PASTORAL COUNCIL:** Chair, Tim Leadem 250-656-5628

**EUCHARIST AT ST. ELIZABETH'S**  
10030 Third Street, Sidney

Saturdays at 5pm, Sundays at 10:30am  
Daily at 9am Tuesdays, Wednesdays  
& Thursdays and First Fridays

**EUCHARIST AT  
OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION**

7742 West Saanich Road, Saanichton  
Sundays at 8:30am  
Last Friday at Saanich Peninsula Hospital at 11am  
Remaining Fridays at 9am in a private home  
See inside bulletin



## 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### SEPTEMBER 20, 2009

Wis 2.12, 17-20 / Jas 3.16-4.3 / Mk 9.30-37

#### **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 Visitation Team, please call the office (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:

September 6 \$3,727.00  
September 13 \$3,114.25

PAD's \$3,315.00

### SPECIAL COLLECTION: SEPT. 27

2nd collection after communion for the Needs of the Canadian Church. The money raised will help finance the activities of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB), an organization created by and for the Bishops of Canada.

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

**Art Calow:** funeral on Wednesday, Sept. 23 at 2pm

**Tony Mortimer:** funeral on Friday, Sept. 25 at 2pm  
(both funerals are at St. Elizabeth's)

## COVENANT

### ST. MARY & STEPHEN'S ANGLICAN CHURCHES

Sept. 27 9:00 St. Stephen's BAS Holy Communion  
10:30 St. Mary's BCP Holy Communion

## IN OUR PARISH

### MEMORY PLUS: SEPT. 21

Silver Threads Service is running a program called "Memory P.L.U.S." (Practice, Laughter and Useful Strategies) for participants experiencing progressive memory difficulties. Monday afternoons at St. Elizabeth's. For more information contact Lisa Coulson at 250-655-3973.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: SEPT. 22

General meeting will be on September 22<sup>nd</sup> and will include the investiture of the executive.

### FAITH REFLECTION GROUP: SEPT. 23

Will resume Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1pm.

### CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

Just a reminder that registration for the 2009/2010 Religious Education classes is taking place in the foyer at St. Elizabeth's on Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> after the 10:30 mass. Classes start on Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>. For further information call Lynn at 250-652-2543 or email [lynn@spparish.com](mailto:lynn@spparish.com).

## THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

1:00pm	<b>MONDAY, SEPT. 21</b> Memory Plus
7:45am	<b>TUESDAY, SEPT. 22</b> Eucharistic Adoration (1 hour)
9:00am	Mass
11:30am	Friendly Hours
	<b>WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 23</b> <b>NO MASS</b> at 9:00am Faith Reflection Group <b>Funeral Mass for Art Calow</b>
1:00pm	
2:00pm	
	<b>THURSDAY, SEPT. 24</b> Mass Friendly Hours Prayer Group
9:00am	
11:30am	
2:00pm	
	<b>FRIDAY, SEPT. 25</b> <b>NO MASS</b> at Saanich Pen. Hospital <b>Funeral Mass for Tony Mortimer</b>
2:00pm	
	<b>SATURDAY, SEPT. 26</b> Mass at St. Elizabeth's
5:00pm	
	<b>SUNDAY, SEPT. 27</b> Mass at Our Lady of Assumption Mass at St. Elizabeth's Religious Education Registration
8:30am	
10:30am	

### CATECHISTS NEEDED:

Please consider sharing your gifts with the children of our parish. For info call Lynn at 250-652-2543.

### R.C.I.A.: SEPT. 30

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults starts on Wed., Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm at St. Elizabeth's. If you are yourself or know someone who is interested in learning about the Catholic Faith, or returning to the church, or continuing your faith journey, you are invited to join the RCIA program. For more information or to register, please call Janet Moir at 250-655-6781 or Fr. Rolf at 250-656-7433.

### YOUTH GROUP DOUGH SALE: SEPT. 27

Participate in our fun and tasty fundraising. Our parish Youth Group will prepare cookie dough of different flavours which you can order. Free samples! Join us after the 10:30 mass on Sunday, Sept. 27 and order your favourite flavour in time for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

## GENERAL

### TEACHING TEENS RELIGION: SEPT. 23

Danny Brock, a teacher at St. Andrew's High School and leader of the school retreats, shares his stories and insights from his book "Teaching Teens Religion" at St. Andrew's High School Library on Wed., Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> from 7 - 8:30pm. No charge.

### ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER BAZAAR: SEPT. 26

St. Joseph's annual bazaar on Sat. Sept 26<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am to 1:00pm at 785 Burnside Road West.

### ST. ROSE OF LIMA GARAGE SALE: SEPT. 26

In Sooke, 6221 Sooke Rd. on Saturday, Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 1pm. Parish Office at 1-250-642-3945.

### GOLF TOURNAMENT & DINNER: SEPT. 26

St. Joseph's Church in Chemainus is hosting a Centennial Golf Tournament and Dinner at Mt. Brenton Golf Course, Chemainus on Saturday, Sept. 26th at 3pm. \$50/person, includes golf and meal. Call Bill at 250-245-1023 if interested.

### DEVELOPMENT & PEACE: OCT. 2 & 3

Diocesan Council AGM and Fall Action Workshop on Friday, Oct. 2 from 7 - 9:30pm and Sat., Oct. 3 from 9:30am - 4pm at Sacred Heart Parish. Guest speaker: Dr. Chandu Claver; Presenter: John Gabor. Contact Margie at 250-388-3173.

### EVENING FORUM: OCT. 5

Come, hear and ask questions of speakers from Afghanistan: "The Courage to Learn: Education for Afghan Women and Girls" on Monday Oct. 5th at 7pm at St. Aidan's United Church, by donation.

### PRAY FOR PRIESTS

Did you know that there is a group of people who commit themselves to pray for the priests of our diocese? If you would like to register to do this please visit the website [www.prayforpriests.ca](http://www.prayforpriests.ca), view the list and submit the form committing for prayers. For those who do not have computers call Gary at the office and he can assist you. The list has recently been updated.

### ABBEYFIELD SING ALONG: SEPT. 25

The Summergate Singers will be at Abbeyfield on Friday, Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> at 2pm. You are warmly invited to join the residents for this event.

## WORKSHOPS / LECTURES

### PUBLIC LECTURE SERIES: SEPT. 23

Centre for Studies in Religion and Society UVic. Wednesday, Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>, David Strong Building, Room C116 at 4:30pm. Anne MacDonald, Dept. of South Asian, Tibetan and Buddhist Studies University of Vienna: *The Bodhisattva's Balancing Act: Altruism in an Empty World*.

### QUEENSWOOD 2494 Arbutus Road, Victoria

For Registration or Information call 477-3822 or e-mail [info@queenswoodcentre.com](mailto:info@queenswoodcentre.com)

### SILENT DIRECTED RETREAT: SEPT. 25-27

Fri. evening to Sun. 3pm.

### EMBODIED PRAYER & MEDITATION RETREAT: OCT. 5-8

Mon. evening to Thurs. 1pm

### PERFECT LOVE YOUTH CONFERENCE: OCT. 2

From Friday, Oct. 2 at 6:15pm to Saturday, Oct. 3 at Trinity Catholic Church, Nanaimo. Guest speaker Brad Henning, with other guests, Julian Bakker and Danny Brock. Cost \$40 includes t-shirt, snacks on Friday evening and all meals on Saturday. See Gary at the office for registration information.

### DAY OF REFLECTION: NOV. 3

Tuesday, Nov. 3 from 9:30 - 3:30pm. Presenter Dr. Nancy Reeves, a clinical psychologist, spiritual director and author (*Gifts of the Eucharist - Stories to Transform and Inspire*). More details to follow.

### ICA IMMIGRANT WOMEN'S GROUP: SEPT 24+

The Inter-Cultural Association (ICA) Immigrant Women's Group will be meeting Thursday's at 9:00 to 11:30am from Sept. 24 to Dec. 10 at First Metropolitan Church, 930 Balmoral Rd., Victoria. There is no cost. Daycare is available. Make new friends, learn more about Victoria and Canada, express yourself through theatre and art, practice English. Web site: [www.icavictoria.org](http://www.icavictoria.org). Register with Anna Escher at 250-388-4728 (ext. 123), or email [annaescher@icavictoria.org](mailto:annaescher@icavictoria.org).

### PILGRIMAGE & CULTURAL TOUR OF MEXICO

Nov. 14 - 28 led by Fr. Bill MacDonald OMI. Cost is \$2,898 Cdn. for 15 days. Includes shrines of Our Lady of Guadalupe, San Miguel Del Milagro, Our Lady of Ocotlan, as well as the Yucatan Peninsula, and Mayan sites. For more information call Liz at 604-277-5303.