

Pastor's corner: Gift-giving and community

This month of February which brings with it filing your income tax return reminds me of the many ways in which our Parish is generous. Yes, your financial contribution to the Parish is absolutely essential for our faith community to function as well as to contribute to the life of the wider community with its various ministries. Our Canadian Government recognizes the important contribution which church communities bring to the wider community and allows you to reduce your income tax when you give financial support to your church; that is why you are receiving receipts. Depending on various aspects your financial contribution given to the church comes back to you in concrete money. **The barometer which you can use is that for every dollar which you give 43 cents comes back to you in less taxes. In that sense gift-giving is for your own benefit!**

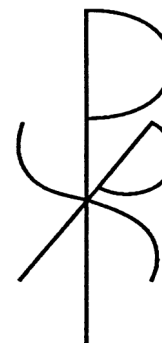
However, treasure is not the only way of being a fully active participant in our community. Time and talent are also essential ways of being an active participant. Many of you achieve a combination of these three essential and necessary elements of our participation in the life of our faith community. We should also remember that your very presence is important as we gather because we need that encouragement and that challenge in a world which discards not only God but often also the sacred.

When we gather for worship we nourish and strengthen each other in our faith. We even nourish the faith and hope of those who are not there, all those who consciously or unconsciously rely on us, on our prayers, on our talents shared. We need to be thankful for that gift of grace that we are and which is ultimately God's gift to us.

We cannot underestimate the positive impact which our faith community has on others, on neighbours, on those passing by, on those noticing the many activities during the day and the evening: the twice daily AA meetings; Friendly Hours; gardeners; concerts; birthday, anniversary, remembrance and other joyful and sometimes sad but hopeful gatherings; all kinds of groups meeting trying to promote and strengthen their community and their faith, to build a better world; musicians and singers and prayer groups praising God, and of course our daily and weekend worship services. Our impact also goes beyond our immediate surroundings by our many volunteers who reach out to those confined to their residence, to nursing homes and hospitals; to our First Nations people of the Pauquachin, Tsartlip, Tsawout and Tseycum; to people worshiping elsewhere; to our wider Diocesan community; and yes also to people in other countries with who we are connected because of family ties or because we have decided to reach out to them in solidarity.

Our Parish faith community has also shared its financial resources with others: with the Bishop's Hearts and Hands Appeal, with Catholic Missions in Canada, with the CCCB, with Caritas Canada Development and Peace, with Hanti Sidra - One Global Family, with St. Vincent de Paul (your blue envelopes), with Anawim, BirthRight, Marianagar; Friendly Hours, K of C and CWL etc. these organizations appreciate your contributions to their important work. Years ago our Parish decided to set aside 10% of our budget to be given to charitable organizations. We decided to favour international organizations because one Canadian \$ is worth so much more in Third World countries. **I think we can be very proud of what these charitable donations are enabling small local organizations to do in a wide range of services.** Because of my stay in Indonesia and East Timor from 1989-1993 and several visits since I personally know what these parish donations have done for children/adults in **Timor Leste (East Timor)** and for the **Pasobolong Holy Rosary Family Centre in Zamboanga City, Mindanao, Philippines.** **Individual and communal lives have been bettered and people have renewed hope as their youths are prepared for their future.**

CHARITY	2016	2017	2018
Hanti Sidra - One Family (Eritrea/South Sudan)	\$2,500	\$3,500	\$3,500
CNEWA Canada	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500
Aid to the Church in Need (ACN Canada)			\$1,000
Development and Peace	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500
D & P - emergency relief (e.g., Refugees, Nepal, Rohingya, etc.)		\$3,000	\$3,000
Timor Leste (East Timor) - formation of young adults	\$2,500	\$3,500	\$3,500
Pasobolong Family Center - Mindanao, Philippines	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500
Catholic Missions in Canada	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
Talitha Koum Society (Vancouver) - housing, first nations women	\$2,500		
Queen of Peace Monastery, Squamish	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
Anawim House	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
St. Vincent de Paul - Rosalie's House	\$1,800		
Development and Peace - Letter Writing Group	\$200	\$300	\$500
TOTAL:	\$23,000	\$23,800	\$25,000



Saanich Peninsula Parish

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SUNDAY EUCHARIST at ST. ELIZABETH'S

10030 Third Street, Sidney
Saturdays at 5 pm, Sundays at 10:30 am.

at OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION

7742 West Saanich Road, Saanichton
Sundays at 8:30 am

WEEKDAY MASSES

Daily at St. Elizabeth's: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 9:00 am

Third Friday: 9:00 am at the Legion Manor, 7601 East Saanich Road, Saanichton

Last Friday: 11:00 am in the Chapel at Saanich Peninsula Hospital

Remaining Fridays: 9:00 am in a private home (for location see "This Week in Our Parish" ...)

RECONCILIATION at ST. ELIZABETH'S: Saturdays 4 - 4:30pm, or by appointment.

FEB. 10, 2019
5th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8
1 Cor. 15:1-11
Luke 5:1-11
Psalm 138: Before the Angels I sing your praise, O Lord.



FEB. 17, 2019
6th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Jeremiah 17:5-8
1 Cor. 15:12, 16-20
Luke 6:17, 20-26
Psalm 1: Blessed the one who trusts in the Lord



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: _____ Postal Code: _____

Email: _____

Need Pre-Authorized Debit package? Yes ___ No ___

Need donation envelopes? Yes ___ No ___

IN OUR PARISH COLLECTIONS

January Total	\$17,700
Feb. 3.....	\$ 3,354
Pre-Authorized Debits (Feb.)	\$ 5,055
Monthly Target	\$ 25,000

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

- **Elizabeth Thibeault, whose funeral will be on Wednesday, February 13 at 10 AM**
- **Elsie Littlejohn, who died on February 1**

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Children/youth 11 years & older, who have not yet received the Sacrament of First Communion are encouraged to join Sunday morning Sacramental preparation at 9:45 am at St. Elizabeth's

K OF C PASTA NIGHT: FEB. 22

Our Council's annual Pasta Night will be on Fri. Feb. 22. Cocktails at 6:30 pm, with dinner at 7 pm. Tickets: \$10/person or \$25/family. Enjoy a good meal and socialize with friends and family. This is a fundraiser for *Coats For Kids*. For tickets and to volunteer to assist our worthy cause call either Brother Denis Courchene (250-213-2661) or Brother Francois Vinay (250-652-0144).



CWL BRIDGE TOURNAMENT: FEB 16

Sat. Feb 16, 11:30 am - 3:00 pm at St. Eliz. Tickets on sale now. \$20 / person or \$80 / table (incl. lunch). **Call Olga Sweet at 778-426-1941.** CWL members are asked to donate sweets: drop off Fri. Feb. 15 (afternoon) or Sat. Feb. 16 (9 am).

FORCED TO FLEE: FEB. 20

A simulation experience about conflict and forced migration, Wed, Feb. 20, 10 am to noon, St. Patrick's, 2060 Haultain St. For more information or to register by Feb 18th, contact victoriaareadp@gmail.com.

CELEBRATION OF NATURE IN MUSIC

Visiting acclaimed pianist, Becky Billock, will perform at St. Eliz. on Tues March 12 at 7 pm.

EMILY CARR STRING QUARTET CONCERT FEB 23 7:30 PM AT ST. ELIZABETH'S

"Music in the time of World War II: 1939-1945

NEXT 2 WEEKS IN OUR PARISH

MONDAY, FEB. 11 & 18

1:00 pm Faith Reflection

TUESDAY, FEB. 12 & 19

9:00 am Mass at St. Elizabeth's
11:30 am Friendly Hours Luncheon
2:00 pm **CWL General Mtg. (Feb. 12)**
7:30 pm **K of C General Mtg. (Feb. 19)**

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 13 & 20

9:00 am Mass at St. Elizabeth's (Feb. 20)
10:00 am **Funeral: Elizabeth Thibeault (Feb. 13)**
10:00 am **Taiji Qigong (Feb. 20)**

THURSDAY, FEB. 14 & 21

9:00 am Mass at St. Elizabeth's
11:30 am Friendly Hours Luncheon
2:00 pm Prayer Group
6:00 pm **Taiji Qigong (Feb. 21)**

FRIDAY, FEB. 15 & 22

9:00 am **Mass at Legion Manor (Feb. 15)**
11:00 am **Mass at Saan. Pen. Hosp. (Feb. 22)**
6:30 pm **Pasta Night (Feb. 22)**

SATURDAY, FEB. 16 & 23

11:30 am **CWL Bridge Tournament (Feb. 16)**
5:00 pm Mass at St. Elizabeth's

SUNDAY, FEB. 17 & 24

8:30 am Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption
9:45 am **Sacramental Preparation**
10:30 am Mass at St. Elizabeth's
11:30 am Coffee Fellowship
11:30 am **Samahan Fellowship (Feb. 17)**

For the latest schedule see tinyurl.com/sppcal

PLEASE PICK UP YOUR 2018 TAX RECEIPTS

KAIROS BLANKET EXERCISE: MAR. 9

Sat. Mar. 9, 1-4 pm. This is a deeply moving, participatory history lesson – developed in collaboration with indigenous Elders and educators – that fosters truth, understanding, respect, and reconciliation among indigenous and non-indigenous peoples. Limited to 60 participants. Please sign up in the foyer of the church. Info.: kairosblanketexercise.org

BY HIS WOUNDS WE ARE HEALED: FEB. 21

Opportunities to dialogue with Bishop Gary Gordon and members of the Diocesan Leadership Team regarding the clergy sexual abuse crisis in the Church, and to learn about the Diocesan Responsible Ministry & Safe Environment policies and protocols that were established to address these concerns in our Diocese. **Thurs. Feb. 21, St. Joseph the Worker Church, 7 pm to 9.**

CATHOLIC PRAYER BREAKFAST: FEB. 23

Catholic prayer breakfast will be held at the Comfort Inn, 3020 Blanshard Sat. Feb. 23, 9 am to noon. The speaker, Father Alfredo Monacelli, immigrated from Italy after military service and is the Pastor at St Joseph the Worker in Victoria.. Before the priesthood he has been a restaurant manager, photographer and had a photography business. He has a powerful personal testimony. Price: \$15. Tickets are available from Cathy Kelsey 250-652-2365 or 250-477-4700 (the Dunstons) for a reservation. All welcome.

LITURGY MATTERS: FEB. 23

Sat. Feb. 23, 8:30 am - 2 pm. Liturgy Workshop: a great opportunity to deepen your understanding of the Sacred Liturgy. Church of the Ascension, Parksville. Bring a bagged lunch. Register with Glen gpalahicky@rcdvictoria.org

2019 PASTORAL CARE TRAINING SESSIONS

Workshops are open to anyone who wants to understand the practical aspects of pastoral care; present hospital and homebound parish visitors who have yet to take this training; parishioners who look after their own family members. Like the Good Samaritan, may we walk by the side of the road of our own lives – to be good and caring neighbours to one another and, especially, to the sick, the elderly and the dying – those in need of a loving and healing presence.

St. Patrick's Parish Hall

Saturday, March 23 – Session 2: *Listening & Communications and Mental Health*

All sessions are 9:00 am – 3:00 pm. No charge. Bring a bag lunch. Coffee/Tea will be available. Contact the parish office to register: (250) 592-7391 or stpat190@telus.net

If you are planning to attend, please contact Fatima Warner, Visiting Ministry Coordinator at 250-656-8863 or email at bfwarner@shaw.ca We are hoping to arrange car pools.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER: MAR. 30-31

At St Joseph's School, Victoria. **LOVED THE WEDDING. INVITE ME TO THE MARRIAGE. LOVE, GOD.** A Non-Residential **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** where married couples can get away from jobs, kids, chores, phones, and focus only on each other. If you'd like greater depth, growth, and romance in your relationship, you'll like the difference this weekend can make. Reg: rcdvictoria.org Sharon & Glen 778 386 2908.

TANZANIAN PRIEST IN NEED

At the suggestion of Fr. Don Malins, Mr Chris Harker will speak to us next Sun. Feb. 17th regarding helping an 84 year old priest in Tanzania who is in need of financial aid. Please listen to his story. Unfortunately we are unable to issue a tax receipt. If you wish to help you can do so directly to Chris.

BISHOP'S GALA 2019

It's (almost) Party Time – Save the Date! We're looking forward to welcoming you on May 4, 2019, at the annual Bishop's Gala. Prepare to mix and mingle at Our Lady of Fatima parish hall in Victoria: catch up with friends, browse the silent auction, and prepare to bid on some exciting new live auction items—all in support of West Coast Missions. Mark your calendars now: tickets will be available on line beginning March 15.

ELVIS & FRIENDS: MAR. 9

St. Andrew's High School presents Ronnie Scott as Elvis and Friends. Sat., Mar. 9, 2 6:30 pm. All proceeds to the Fine Arts building and Sports Field. Tickets: \$50.00. For more information please call 250-479-1414.

LENTEN MISSION: MAR. 16 & 17

Lady of the Rosary, 798 Goldstream Ave.. Speaker: Fr. Andrew Szablewski: a *priest, psychologist, theologian, formator at Grand Séminaire De Montréal.* Theme: will Christ transform my body or will technology? When: weekend March 16/17 Sat. 5 pm or Sun. 8:30 am and 10:30 am. Tuesday March 19th 6:30 pm Mass, talk to follow and Thursday March 21st 6:30 pm Mass, talk to follow and Friday March 22nd 6:30 pm The Way of the Cross with question and answer session. Weekend March 23/24 Sat. 5:00 pm or Sun. 8:30 am and 10:30 am. All are welcome.