

# Our Lady Queen of Peace Church (1930)

## SHRINE TO INFANT JESUS of PRAGUE (2003)



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		SUNDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>M A S S</b>	<b>Weekday</b>	-	<b>12.10</b>	<b>12.10</b>	<b>12.10</b>	<b>12.10</b>	-
	<b>Weekend</b>	<b>10.00</b>	-	-	-	-	<b>5.00</b>
	<b>TRADITIONAL LATIN</b>	<b>12.00</b>	-	-	-	<b>9.00</b>	-
	<b>SPANISH 2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; last Sunday of the month</b>	<b>2.00</b>	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>HUNGARIAN 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday every month</b>	<b>2.00</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>SUNSET LODGE 1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed. 952 Arm Street</b>		-	-	<b>9.30</b>	-	-	-
<b>ADORATION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT</b> every Tuesday and 1 <sup>st</sup> Friday of the month		-	<b>10.00</b>	-	-	<b>10.00</b>	-
<b>ROSARY - 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month - 10:30 am</b>		-	<b>11.00</b>	<b>11.30</b>	<b>11.30</b>	<b>11.30</b>	-
Devotion to <b>MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP</b>		-	-	after Mass 12.10	-	-	-
Devotion to <b>INFANT JESUS OF PRAGUE</b>		-	-	-	after Mass 12.10	-	-
<b>CONFESSIONS: 1<sup>st</sup> Sat. of every month 3:00- 4:00pm.</b> <b>Ring the bell and enter when GREEN light is ON.</b>		<b>9:15am- 9:30am</b>	<b>10:15 – 11:30am</b>	<b>11:00 – 11:45am</b>	<b>11:00- 11:45am</b>	<b>10:15 – 11:30am</b>	<b>4:00-4:30pm</b>

**BAPTISMS:** To have your child baptized at Our Lady Queen of Parish, please call the Parish Office at least 3 months in advance to arrange an appointment with the Pastor. Parents are expected to participate in the Baptismal preparation course TBA.

**MARRIAGES:** If you wish to have your marriage solemnized at Our Lady Queen of Peace Church, please call the office at least 6 months prior to the intended date as the preparation for this life commitment takes time, thought and considerable paper work. If you are not registered at Our Lady Queen of Peace parish have the documents prepared in your own Parish.

**The CWL:** meets every month on 2<sup>nd</sup> WEDNESDAY after Noon Mass.

**KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS – meetings held at Our Lady Queen of Peace Community Centre**

**PRESIDENT: ELSIE LAMBTON**  
No meetings in July & August

3<sup>rd</sup> Degree (Council 1256) - 1<sup>st</sup> Monday & 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday at 7.00 p.m.

4<sup>th</sup> Degree 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at 7.00 p.m. **Contact: FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR Shawn Leckie 250.360.2620**

**IMPORTANT: IN THE HOSPITAL?**

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**Our Lady Queen of Peace acknowledges with gratitude past legacies which we use to maintain the integrity of our Church.**

**Please include us in your 'LAST WILL', how will we survive without it?**

**Legacies are a way of providing assurance that the parish has income or savings in the event of unforeseen emergencies.**

**The monthly 'Building Fund and Collection' pays for maintenance/replacement items.**

### **Baptism at Our Lady Queen of Peace**

To have your child Baptized at Our Lady Queen of Peace Church, you must **call the office at least 3 months in advance to arrange an appointment with the Pastor.** It is assumed that the family has Our Lady Queen of Peace parish connection and practices the faith by attending Sunday Mass on a weekly basis. You may meet with the Pastor and take the course even if your child has not yet been born. **Parents are expected to participate in the Baptismal preparation.** At least one Godparent or both must be baptized and confirmed and are practicing Catholics. **Non-parishioners are required to have a Letter of Recommendation from your Pastor to have your child Baptized in our parish.**

### **Please Note**

If you suffer from Celiac disease, we are able to offer a low-gluten Host. If you are interested, please come to the sacristy before Mass and inform the priest.

### **Catholic Women's League**

Next meeting is **Wed. Dec. 10, meet at Gaby's restaurant 1:00pm, if you have not paid for your membership fee of \$30.00, please bring your monies to the meeting.** Mark your calendars, **CWL Bake Sale after the Masses on Dec. 6/7.** Anyone who wishes to donate bake goods please bring them in around 3:00pm on Sat. and 9:00am on Sun.

We are now **collecting donations for Christmas Altar flowers** the forms are at the back of the Church. Please drop them in the collection Basket in a sealed envelope or give it to Suzanne Bergeron or the Office. Thank you!

### **Ordination to the Priesthood**

The Diocese of Victoria is pleased to announce that the **Ordination to the Priesthood of Deacon Harrison Ayre** will be held on **Sat., Feb. 7, 2015 at 10am at St. Andrew's Cathedral.** Kindly please remember the intentions of Deacon Harrison in your prayers, as he prepares to celebrate this joyous occasion.

MASS	INTENTIONS	For: Requested by:
Nov. 25	TUESDAY	Holy Souls in Purgatory Agnes Beread
Nov. 26	WEDNESDAY	Choose Life Society
Nov. 27	THURSDAY	Louis Beread(RIP) Agnes Beread
Nov. 28	FRIDAY	Erdulfo Ceguerra(RIP) Yolunda Abuan
Nov. 29	SATURDAY	Raphael Giordano(RIP) Giordano family

Dec. 2	TUESDAY	Donald Wayne Grifseth(RIP) Vaeda
Dec. 3	WEDNESDAY	Choose Life Society
Dec. 4	THURSDAY	Louis Beread(RIP) Agnes Beread
Dec. 5	FRIDAY	
Dec. 6	SATURDAY	Loretta Giordano(RIP) Giordano family

Dec. 9	TUESDAY	Louis Beread(RIP) Agnes Beread
Dec. 10	WEDNESDAY	Choose Life Society
Dec. 11	THURSDAY	
Dec. 12	FRIDAY	personal intentions Augustina Maguerra & family
Dec. 13	SATURDAY	Angela Giordano(RIP) Giordano family

**Please remember the following persons who are ill in your prayers:** Lucy Praud, Lorna Cue, Dina McGregor, Marion Turner, Barbara Dunahee, Eva Gerard, Christine Stornebrink, Carol Retallack, Alberta McIntyre, Ann VanNoordt, Lynn Wood, Marcia Brown, Anna Urban

### **Condolences**

**We join in extending our deepest condolences to the family and friends of "Elaine Shannon" May her soul and the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen**

### **Saint Joseph...Sunday Missal '2015'**

Missals (blue – St. Joseph's) are now available from the parish office at a cost of \$3.50.

### **Borscht Fest - St. Nicholas Ukrainian Parish**

1st annual Borscht Fest, **Sun., Nov. 23 from 12 - 2:30pm at St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Hall**, (1110 Caledonia Ave, Victoria). Door prizes also. The Borscht Fest is a fundraiser to provide medical and humanitarian aid to the people of Ukraine. (Note: St. Nicholas church will also have frozen perogies, cabbage rolls, and its own borscht available for sale, with proceeds from these sales directed to St. Nicholas parish)

### **St. Rose of Lima Parish Christmas Bazaar**

**Sat. Nov. 29 – 10am – 2pm** at St. Rose of Lima Parish Hall (2191 Townsend Rd. Sooke) Join us for Seasonal baking, giftware, refreshments, raffle & door prizes. Free admission!

### **St. Andrew's High School**

**“From the Youth Office:** Please pray for the grade 12 students of St. Andrew's Regional High School in Victoria while they are on **retreat from December 3-5, 2014**. Let us pray for all the students in our diocese graduating from high school this year. May it be a year filled with inspiration and faith! ”

### **UKRAINIAN CHRISTMAS FOOD FAIR**

**Hot Ukrainian Lunch PLUS** sale of home-made perogies, cabbage rolls, borscht, sauerkraut, preserves, Ukrainian breads and pastries; and fresh Ukrainian sausage. **Sat., Dec. 13 - 11am to 2pm at St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Hall, 1110 Caledonia Ave., (corner of Cook St. and Caledonia Ave)**. Free admission, wheelchair accessible. If you are planning to stock up for Christmas we suggest you come early as we always sell out. For info call 250-384-2255.

### **St. Joseph the Worker Parish(Victoria)**

**Men's Breakfast**, continuing conversations in faith **Sat., Dec.13, 8:00 to10:00am** at the Horseshoe Club 620 Kenneth St, Victoria, BC with fellowship **Guest Speaker: Glen Palahicky**, Director Religious Education - Diocese of Victoria **To register call 250-479-7413 or sjtwoffice@shaw.ca**

### **World Youth Day 2016**

Those 18 – 35 are invited to consider World Youth Day in Krakow, Poland (**July 19 – 31, 2016**). Travel with Fr. Dean Henderson and Fr. Paul Szczur so as to grow in faith, share experiences with friends and make memories that will last a lifetime. For more information and to sign up contact:

Fr. Paul 010r@shaw.ca (250 478-3482 or  
Fr. Dean catholic@uvic.ca 250 882-2151.

### **Development & Peace - “Sow Much Love”**

I hope you are still supporting local farmer and asking your grocery stores who supplies their fruits and vegetables. This week I want to tell you about a petition to the House of Commons we will have at the back of the church for the next 3 weeks.

Without small family farmers who perform the labour-intensive task of preserving seeds, biodiversity and the future of food is threatened. Multinational seed companies are gradually replacing the immense diversity of farmer seeds by industrial varieties, are obtaining an increasing number of patents on different seeds, and are threatening the ability of small family farmers to produce the food required to feed their families and their communities. Because of the ratification by a number of countries of the latest version of the International Convention for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants, known as UPOV'91, these ancestral rights, which consisted of preserving, using and exchanging farmer seeds, have become in some cases illegal acts, which are punishable by law.

Please talk to Margaret Varga if you want to discuss further, and sign the petition if you are interested in encouraging our government to:

- Adopt international aid policies that support small family farmers, especially women (remember small farmers grow 70% of the worlds food), and recognize their vital role in the struggle against hunger and poverty.
- Ensure that Canadian policies and programs are developed in consultation with small family farmers and that they protect the rights of small family farmers in the Global South to preserve, use and freely exchange seeds.

### **Camp Homewood 2015**

Diocesan Youth Retreat for Youth in Grades 7-12 **January 30th - February 1<sup>st</sup>** with Ken Yasinski & the Face 2 Face Team as our Retreat Leaders! Contact Camp Coordinators: Terri-Ann Wynans (wynans@shaw.ca ) 250-724-5465 or Bonni Roset (broset@telus.net) 250-923-4299 Sponsored by St. Patrick's Parish, Campbell River and Notre Dame Parish, Port Alberni, with financial support from the Catholic Foundation of Vancouver Island. Cost - \$150.00 per participant

\*this includes all food, accommodation & activities\*

## **Ever Wondered What to Say to a Homeless Person?**

Here Are 5 Things to Say. The right words can make a big difference when talking to someone living on the streets. The five things NOT to say will appear in next bulletin.

When you see a homeless person, what do you do?

Most of us tend to have the same response: We avoid eye contact and walk a little faster. But you might also ponder the situation, thinking to yourself, what's his story? How did this happen to her? How long have they lived on the streets? Maybe you even wanted to help, but didn't know how to start a conversation. Should you decide to talk to one of the many homeless individuals, what you say is vitally important. Utter the wrong thing, and you make a person in crisis feel less than human. Make the right comment, however, and you just might provide the help that he or she so desperately needs. Here's what the experts advise saying and what's better left unsaid.

### **What to Say**

"I don't have money, but is there another way I can help you?" "This is an especially good thing to say if you're uncomfortable handing over cash or don't have any to offer," says Jake Maguire, director of communications for Community Solutions, a national organization dedicated to solving complex problems like homelessness and poverty. Undoubtedly, money is something that a homeless person needs, but often there is a specific thing that can quickly help that individual out of a dire situation. Shaun Gasson, a 32-year-old homeless man in Portland, Ore., says that someone once asked him if he needed clothes. Not only did the generous soul leave him three bags of nice clothing, but also gave him a bike and some money. You might also consider asking the person if she or he is actually homeless. Kara Zordel, executive director of Project Homeless Connect, a San Francisco agency that links the homeless with resources in the city, says that she often will say to a person on the street: "I see you sitting out here every day, and it makes me wonder where you sleep at night." This allows Zordel to do a better job of helping others. Sometimes a person isn't homeless and doesn't need a place to sleep, but might be in desperate need of something else. In that case, Zordel often hands out pairs of socks or granola bars, along with her agency's business card. Greg Staffa, a homeless man in Farmington, Minn., suggests filling plastic baggies with non-perishable raisins or chewing gum, which will definitely be consumed.

### **"Did you catch the game?"**

Athletic events are often shown on televisions in shelters. "Talking about sports can be one of the most interesting, neutralizing things," says Robert Marbut, a homeless advocate in San Antonio, Texas. So while the game you're referencing depends, of course, on your locale, bringing it up is like talking about the weather - sports is a topic of conversation that you don't have to be of a certain class to experience.

### **"Good morning." or say "hi" or "hello"**

Or try to acknowledge the person in some way. "It's good to hear kindness," says Joe, who has been homeless in Portland, Ore., off and on for the past 16 years. Regardless of what your greeting may be, it's important to look the person in the eye when speaking. According to another Portland man, Troy Thompson, who has been homeless several times despite being a skilled carpenter (when he can't find work, he can't afford to pay rent), one of the many difficult things about being homeless is that you feel less than human. "It's like being invisible," he says.

Adds Marbut,

"The non-homeless person almost never looks the homeless in the eye. If you just look a person in the eye and sort of nod, it's the most respectful thing you can ever do." "How are you doing? Would you like to talk?" These questions are great because they're open-ended, Zordel says, giving the homeless person a choice either to brush off a deeper conversation or engage in one without judgment or pressure. Don't be surprised if the individual isn't interested in chatting, though, says Joe. "You're getting into people's personal lives. Maybe they don't want to discuss that with a complete stranger." If, however, the person is open to talking, this can lead to a real conversation — and maybe even provide a way for you to offer help. But even if you're just having a casual exchange, you could be satisfying an important need: social connection. Many who live on the streets battle the feeling that they're inadequate or non-existent to the rest of the world. Having a real conversation can reduce those sentiments.

### **"I will keep you in my thoughts."**

Offering a wish of good will can be a powerful thing to someone who's homeless, says Gasson. And for those that are religious, saying a prayer for the person can provide some comfort. "When somebody prays with you, it just makes you feel a little better," he says, which is the exact feeling you hope to give to someone who's without a home.

## **What (Definitely) Not to Say To A Homeless Person?**

When you see a homeless person, what do you do?

Most of us tend to have the same response: We avoid eye contact and walk a little faster. But you might also ponder the situation, thinking to yourself, what's his story? How did this happen to her? How long have they lived on the streets? Maybe you even wanted to help, but didn't know how to start a conversation.

Should you decide to talk to one of the many homeless individuals, what you say is vitally important. Utter the wrong thing, and you make a person in crisis feel less than human. Make the right comment, however, and you just might provide the help that he or she so desperately needs. Here's what the experts advise what's better left unsaid.

### **“Why don't you get help?”**

This assumes the person hasn't already tried to get help. It also infers that homelessness is that individual's own fault or a result of his or her own failings. Most homeless people are not chronically on the street. Instead, they're living there temporarily because of an awful situation — whether it is because of a job loss and a resulting downward spiral, a flight from an abusive partner or an exorbitant rent increase while on a fixed disability or Social Security income. These individuals may have already tried a dozen different ways to get help, only to hear that they don't qualify for a specific assistance program, for example. Or, they might not be aware of existing resources, in which case you could actually make a huge difference by pointing them in the right direction. Tell them about charitable groups like the Salvation Army, or any local agency or non-profit that works with the homeless.

**“Here's a dollar. Please don't use it to buy alcohol.”** If you choose to give someone money, it must be given without strings. Yes, a person who is homeless may use your gift for something that doesn't necessarily help his situation, but your generous action could also provide an opportunity to start a conversation — and eventually lead to an opening to approach with more substantive help. “Not everyone is ready to receive what they need today,” Zordel says. “But we can take the first step together, engaging and building a trusting relationship... without expectations of the individual.” **“Why don't you go to a shelter?”**

To some homeless people, the conditions at some shelters are worse than on the street. Shelters can be loud, dangerous or require quiet times that don't align with a person's sleep habits. Plus, in many parts

of the country, particularly big cities, there may not be enough beds available for the homeless population, adds Jenny Friedenbach, executive director of the Coalition on Homelessness in San Francisco. For example, “There's one shelter bed for every five homeless people in San Francisco,” she says. **“You don't seem like you should be homeless.”** This is another common utterance, Friedenbach says, and while it may be well intentioned, a statement like this reveals your prejudice against homeless people. It conveys to the person that, for the most part, you presume the homeless to be smelly, or drug addicts, or mentally ill. Whereas the only thing that really connects all homeless people is the fact that they're impoverished and don't have access to subsidized housing at the moment, says Friedenbach. **“Get a job.”** Homeless people hear this comment most often. But it fundamentally misunderstands and refuses even to consider what the person is actually going through. Many homeless people suffer from mental illness or other conditions that prevent employment. Or they're on the streets because they once had a job, but suffered an injury that ended their ability to work. Case in point: Just before becoming homeless in 2009, Staffa was making \$20.20 an hour in a union job in Farmington, Minn., working for an employer he had been with for nine years. An on-the-job injury ended that, Staffa says, right in the middle of the Great Recession. For three years after that, he lived out of his car. The impact on his psyche, he says, was damaging. “Several friends of mine tell me ‘just find a job and everything will be fine.’ But I have to find myself again.” “If I had a job, I wouldn't be out here,” adds Joe while panhandling in Portland, Ore.

(copied from St. Andrew's Bulletin)

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**Wed. Dec. 24:** 'The Nativity of the Lord'  
 Family Mass - 7pm  
 Traditional Latin Mass - 12:00 Midnight  
**Thurs. Dec. 25:** 'The Nativity of the Lord'  
 Christmas Day Mass - 10am  
**Fri. Dec. 26:**  
**NO MASS**  
**Sat. Dec. 27:** 'Anticipated Sunday Mass'  
 Mass: 5pm (Fr. John's 66<sup>th</sup> Birthday)  
**Sun.: Dec. 28:** 'Feast of the Holy Family'  
 Mass: 10am  
 Traditional Latin Mass - 12:00noon  
**Mon. Dec. 29:**  
**No Mass**  
**Tues.: Dec. 30:**  
**No Mass**  
**Wed. Dec. 31:**  
 Mass – 5pm  
**Thurs. Jan. 1:** 'The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God'  
 Mass - 10am  
 Traditional Latin Mass - 12:00noon  
**Fri. Jan. 2:**  
**No Mass**  
**Sat. Jan. 3:** 'Anticipated Sunday Mass'  
 Mass: 5pm  
**Sun. Jan. 4:** 'Epiphany of the Lord'  
 Mass – 10am  
 Traditional Latin Mass: 12:00noon



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