

Our Lady Queen of Peace Church (1930)

SHRINE TO INFANT JESUS of PRAGUE (2003)



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MONDAYS: CHURCH & PARISH OFFICE ARE CLOSED

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

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 on the 2nd Wed. of every month after Noon Mass
PRESIDENT: ELSIE LAMBTON
No meetings in July & August

KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS – *meeting held at Our Lady Queen of Peace Community Centre
 *4th Degree-3rd Thurs. of the month - 7 pm **Contact:** FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR: Michael O’Rielly - 250.477.8950
 3rd Degree(Council 1256) -1st Mon. & 2nd Thurs. at 7.00 p.m. Grand Knight: Don Lambton - 250.995.1531

IMPORTANT: IN THE HOSPITAL?

If you or family member is hospitalize or is going to the hospital and would like to be visited by your PARISH PRIEST, Please call the PARISH OFFICE to make this request.

HOSPITAL EMERGENCY ONLY!

After office hours including weekends, holidays or during the night, you can call: the Hospital Chaplain: ☎250.889.3761

KEEPING IN CONTACT: We extend our hands and hearts in Christian fellowship to you here, celebrating with us, whether long time residents or newly arrived in the Parish. We thank God that you are with us. If we may assist you, please fill out the form below and place in the collection basket or mail to the PARISH OFFICE (address on top) . THANK YOU. Please mark the proper BOX (below on the left side).

- New Parishioner
- Have moved here is new address
- I am home-bound and would like someone to visit me
- I am going to be in the hospital, please call on me

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

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e-mail: _____ @ _____

SUNDAY DONATIONS can be done by using:
 boxed Sunday Envelopes or by automatic bank withdrawal. (The PARISH OFFICE can supply you with necessary documents).

'Legacies'

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.**

Respect Life Ministry

If you are expecting a child and are feeling confused; if you are thinking that there is no way out of this situation for you; if you want to talk to someone, call or text 250-812-0087 or email: respectlifem@gmail.com

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 short meeting is **Wed. Dec. 9, meet at Gaby's Restaurant (West Bay Marina) at 1:00pm**, please bring personal hygiene items for St Vincent de Paul Society. (toothpaste, toothbrush, single bar soaps, hand cream, shampoo, and so on)

Forgotten to pay for your membership fee of \$30.00, please bring your monies to the meeting.

We are **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 that is marked **'CWL Christmas Flowers'** or give it to Suzanne Bergeron or the Office.

MASS	INTENTIONS	For: Requested by:
Dec. 1	TUESDAY	Allan Melville+ Michael & Molly Dolan
Dec. 2	WEDNESDAY	Choose Life Society
Dec. 3	THURSDAY	All Souls Alex Fernandez
Dec. 4	FRIDAY	Aime Auger+ Anita Auger
Dec. 5	SATURDAY	Anneke McKay Alex Berns

Dec. 8	TUESDAY	personal intentions Augustina Manguerra
Dec. 9	WEDNESDAY	Redo Serafini+ Susan Serafini
Dec. 10	THURSDAY	Ernesto Herrera+ Augustina Manguerra
Dec. 11	FRIDAY	in thanksgiving Edna McGarry
Dec. 12	SATURDAY	personal intentions Augustina Manguerra
Dec. 15	TUESDAY	Aime Auger+ Anita Auger
Dec. 16	WEDNESDAY	Choose Life Society
Dec. 17	THURSDAY	personal intentions Leszek Richmond
Dec. 18	FRIDAY	Phillipe Espineli+ Joey Espineli
Dec. 19	SATURDAY	Ligia-Rosa & Ramos Castellanos+ Heidy Lopez

Please remember the following persons who are ill in your prayers: Barbara Dunahee, Lucy Praud, Lorna Cue, Dina McGregor, Ann VanNoordt, Carol Retallack, Lynn Wood, Alberta McIntyre, Sarah Murphy, Christine Stornebrink, Agnes Berard, Linda King, Frank Domotor, Anneke McKay

Mark Your Calendars



'Pot-Luck Dinner' for the **85th Anniversary** to Our Lady Queen of Peace Church, on **Sat., Dec. 5, Mass at 5:00pm** and **supper at 6:15pm** in the community centre. Everyone is welcome.

Also we will celebrate the **90th Anniversary of the Catholic Woman's League** of our parish.

Piano Lessons!

Queen of Peace Music Director, **Helen Krauch**, offering piano lessons in your own home all ages and levels

Contact: 778-922-3684

Email: krauchenator@gmail.com

Saint Joseph...Sunday Missal '2016'

Missals (blue) are now available at a cost of **\$4.00**

Financial Statement July 2015

Sat./Sun. Collections - Envelopes	\$ 3,571.10
Sat./Sun. Collections - Loose	\$ 705.20
Latin Mass Collections - Envelopes	\$ 1,399.00
Latin Mass Collections - Loose	\$ 120.75
Spanish/Hungarian Mass Collections	\$ 322.10
<u>Direct Deposit</u>	\$ 875.00
<u>TOTAL COLLECTIONS</u>	<u>\$ 6,993.15</u>
<u>Building Maintenance Donations</u>	\$ 1,795.00

Financial Statement - August 2015

Sat./Sun. Collections - Envelopes	\$ 4,562.80
Sat./Sun. Collections - Loose	\$ 956.45
Latin Mass Collections - Envelopes	\$ 1,301.50
Latin Mass Collections - Loose	\$ 119.15
Spanish/Hungarian Mass Collections	\$ 292.70
<u>Direct Deposit</u>	\$ 900.00
<u>TOTAL COLLECTIONS</u>	<u>\$ 8,132.60</u>
<u>Building Maintenance Donations</u>	\$ 400.00

An estimated \$10,000 per month (\$2,500 per week) is required to cover our operating expenses. Thank you to all who contributed to Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish to assist with our operating expenses.

Diocesan Annual Appeal

As of Nov. 25, we have received \$13,106.00. Thank you! to all who were able to support the 2015 Appeal. There is still time to participate and all contributions will be very much appreciated. Additional pledge brochures are available at the back of the church. You are reminded that donations received by December 31 will generate income tax receipts for 2015. Receipts will be mailed directly to you from the Diocese for the Appeal only.

Development and Peace

Following up on our post-cards urging support for reduction of world emissions of carbon to less than 2%. 'People's Spark' heeding the call of Pope Francis, you are invited to attend The People's Spark, on **Sunday Nov. 29 at 12 noon at the Legislature lawns**. It is a gathering in solidarity with people worldwide on the eve of the Climate Conference in Paris (COP21), where world leaders will hopefully sign on to a binding agreement to keep the global temperature rise below 2 degrees Celsius. The Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace (the organization of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, which oversees and promotes development and peace globally) stands together in hope to make our world a better place for all. At the event, gather at the banner "Create a Climate of Change". See <http://catholicclimatemovement.global/>
<https://www.facebook.com/peopleclimatevictoria>.

Sacred Heart Parish

Featuring the following Christmas Movie "Nativity Story" at Sacred Heart Parish Hall on **Fri., Dec.4, at 7pm** Free Admission, a Family Knight event.

Ukrainian Christmas Food Fair

Hot Ukrainian lunch and sale of Baba's best perogies, cabbage rolls, borscht, pyrizsky, homemade sauerkraut, preserves, traditional Christmas breads and pastries, and Ukrainian sausage from **11am - 2pm, Sat., Dec. 5 at St. Nicholas Ukrainian Hall, 1110 Caledonia Ave (corner of Cook St & Caledonia Ave)** Free admission, wheelchair accessible, a great time to stock up for Christmas and also to enjoy a delicious Ukrainian lunch.

Special Mass – St. Andrew`s Cathedral

To coincide with the arrival of their new Altar Missal, the Ordinariate Community – Fellowship of Blessed John Henry Newman - worshipping at St. Columba Church will celebrate a **Solemn Sung Mass at the Cathedral on Sat., Dec. 5th at 9:30 am** to introduce the Ordinariate Liturgy to the Diocese of Victoria on a wider scale. This is a valid Catholic liturgy and will replace the usual Mass that morning.

Spiritual Healing Parish Mission

Co-Sponsored by Sacred Heart and Cathedral parishes **Dec. 7–10, Fr. Emmerich Vogt**, a Dominican Priest, will speak at the **Cathedral at 10:30am on The Eucharistic Principles of the Spiritual Life**. The same talks will be shared at **Sacred Heart Parish on Mon., Dec. 7th at 7:30 pm & Wed./Thurs. Dec. 9/10 at 7 pm. Cathedral daily Mass at 12 noon. Sacred Heart Mass Mon. only at 7pm**, Fr. Emmerich will also preach at the weekend Mass, Sat. 5pm & Sun. 8:30am at Sacred Heart and at the Cathedral Sun. 9:30 & 11am & 5pm. **No evening talk at Sacred Heart on Tues., Dec. 8th as there will be a Diocesan Mass at 7pm at the Cathedral to mark the beginning of the Year of Mercy and the 50th Anniversary of Vatican II.**

Diocesan Mass for Year of Mercy

Bishop Gary Gordon invites you to a special Mass at the Cathedral on Tues., Dec. 8th (Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception) at 6:45pm to mark the beginning of the Year of Mercy & the 50th Ann. of the conclusion of Vatican II. Reception to follow

Film on Our Lady of Guadalupe

A documentary on 'Guadalupe' The Miracle and the Message, **Salt & Light TV** will broadcast the film several times beginning **Dec. 12**, check TV schedules for times.

Holy Cross Parish

Sun., Dec 6 at 2:30 pm, Gordon Head Road, celebrate the beginning of the Year of Mercy with us. Cost: free will offering. Brought to you by Holy Cross Parish Community and the Catholic Students Association at University of Victoria and Camosun College.

Penitential Services

St. Joseph the Worker, Thurs. Dec. 10 - 7 pm
St. Patrick Parish, Mon. Dec. 14 - 6 pm
Our Lady of the Rosary, Tues. Dec. 15 - 7 pm
Holy Cross Parish, Thurs. Dec. 17 - 7 pm

Royal Canadian College of Organists

Victoria Centre & Alumnae Association of the Royal Jubilee Hospital School of Nursing presents a Carol Sing-Along **Sun., Dec. 13 - 2.30pm at the Pemberton Memorial Chapel, Royal Jubilee Hospital Diagnostic & Treatment Centre - 2nd Floor.** Admission by donation Daniel Fournier, Conductor - David Berry, Accompanist on the Casavant Pipe Organ

5 Reasons Every Layperson

Should Pray the Liturgy of the Hours

Routines are difficult to start and usually more difficult to maintain. If you find yourself struggling in your prayer life or looking for something more, the Liturgy of the Hours might be your answer! The built in schedule within the pages of the Liturgy of the Hours puts you in a position to pray at the same appointed times every day. Routines are an essential part of growth in any particular area of life, and the spiritual life is no exception. The Liturgy of the Hours provides this and much more. The Liturgy of the Hours is one of the oldest forms of prayer in the Church. It was cultivated by the desert fathers and later developed by St. Benedict in the 5th century. From the earliest institution of this practice, the Liturgy of the Hours has served as means of encountering Christ throughout the day. Following the words of St. Paul to “pray without ceasing,” (1 Thes. 5:17) the Church has allotted that the Liturgy of the Hours be divided into five segments, or hours of prayer. These hours include the Office of Readings, Morning Prayer, Daytime Prayer, Evening Prayer, and Night Prayer. However, for the laity, it is sufficient and honorable to pray Morning and Evening prayer.

1) The Church encourages it! In the Second Vatican Council document Sacrosanctum Concilium, the Church declared, “the laity...are encouraged to recite the divine office either with priests, or among themselves, or even individually” (IV.100). This humble recommendation from the council fathers should be contemplated by everyone. The Catechism states, “the Liturgy of the Hours ‘is truly the voice of the Bride herself addressed to her Bridegroom. It is the very prayer which Christ Himself together with His Body addresses the Father’” (1174). In other words, the Liturgy of the hours is the prayer of the Church. All members of the clergy and religious communities are required to pray it. That means that if you pray the divine office you will be praying in communion with the pope, bishops, priests, deacons, friars, monks, sisters, nuns, etc.

2) It provides a foundation for your prayer life One of the common stumbling blocks to cultivating a prayer life is the absence of a routine. The Liturgy of the Hours is perfect, because it provides you with a prayer schedule for the day. Morning and Evening prayer offer you a consistent means of sanctifying your day, by praising God in the morning and thanking Him in the evening. This built in routine guarantees that you spend some time in prayer each day and serves as a building block to the rest of your spiritual life.

3) It immerses your prayer in Scripture St. Jerome once said, “Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ.” In the Scriptures we encounter Jesus Christ who is the Word made flesh. The whole of the Christian life is oriented towards an encounter with Jesus and union with Him. The Liturgy of the Hours is saturated in Scripture. By praying the Liturgy of the Hours you will immerse your prayer life in the Psalms and readings from the Old and New Testaments, improving your knowledge of the Scriptures and Christ.

4) It follows the liturgical year. There are many celebrations throughout the Liturgical Year and the Liturgy of the Hours immerses you in all them. Each of the seasons of the Church focuses intentionally on specific moments in the life of Christ and salvation history. The Liturgy of the Hours provides us with a means of prayerfully contemplating these particular events.

5) It’s great for travel as I mentioned earlier, routines are important. Whenever I travel, my normal prayer schedule is thrown out the window and replaced by spontaneity and chaos. Prayer often becomes an afterthought. The Liturgy of the Hours is what holds my prayer life together during these joyfully uprooting times. When silent prayer is hard to come by the Liturgy of the Hours provides solace in the midst of a noisy environment. The format of the Liturgy of the Hours enables me to remain prayerful even in a busy setting. After reading through the reasons to pray the Liturgy of the Hours, I hope that you will take the time to prayerfully contemplate adding this practice to your prayer life. It is guaranteed to help you build and maintain a prayer routine that will draw you closer to Christ.

The saints are witness to this.

(copied from St. Andrew’s Cathedral Bulletin)

Communion (during Flu Season)

At all times, but especially during the flu season, it is important to receive Communion in the proper manner. If receiving on the hand, please extend your hand, palm totally flat, with the other hand underneath the hand you hold flat. Your hand must not be curved. The minister ought not to touch your hand when giving you Communion. If he does touch your hand, then you are not extending your hand in the correct manner. If receiving on the tongue, please stick out your tongue. Do not simply open your mouth.

In all cases, when the minister says,

“The Body of Christ” the response is “Amen”.

Also, come sufficiently close to the minister so that he or she does not have to reach and hold your hands at a reasonable height. If you are not comfortable sharing the sign of peace by touching another person you should feel no pressure to do so. All of us must be aware of such sensitive matters in the intimate life of the Christian community and we should expect that some will refrain from the sign of peace out of care for our well-being and not out of unkindness. And finally, if you are sick, please stay home. This is an act of charity so as to prevent others from becoming ill. (Fr. John Laszczyk – Diocese Vicar General)

1st Sunday of Advent - Sun. Nov. 29th

What is Advent?

The word **Advent** is from the Latin *adventus* for "coming" and is associated with the four weeks of preparation for Christmas. **Advent** always contains four Sundays, beginning on the Sunday nearest the feast of St. Andrew the Apostle, (November 30) and continuing until December 24. It blends together a penitential spirit, very similar to Lent, a liturgical theme of preparation for the Second and Final Coming of the Lord, called the Parousia, and a joyful theme of getting ready for the Bethlehem event. Since the 900s **Advent** has been considered the beginning of the Church year. This does not mean that **Advent** is the most important time of the year. Easter has always had this honor. The traditional color of **Advent** is purple or violet which symbolizes the penitential spirit. Religious traditions associated with **Advent** express all these themes.



Advent Wreath – “Customarily the **Advent Wreath** is constructed of a circle of evergreen branches into which are inserted four candles (**advent candles**). According to tradition, three of the candles are violet and the fourth is rose. However, four violet or white candles (**advent candles**) may also be used”. The rose candle is lit the third Sunday of Advent, for this color anticipates and symbolizes the Christmas joy announced in the first word of the Entrance Antiphon "Rejoice" (Latin, *Gaudete*). For this reason the Third Sunday is also called *Gaudete* Sunday, and rose color vestments are permitted.

The Advent Wreath represents the long time when people lived in spiritual darkness, waiting for the coming of the Messiah, the Light of the world. Each year in Advent people wait once again in darkness for the coming of the Lord, His historical coming in the mystery of Bethlehem, His final coming at the end of time, and His special coming in every moment of grace. During Advent, family and friends can gather around the Advent Wreath lighting the appropriate candle(s), read from the daily Advent meditation and sing songs. (EWTN - Fr. Hal Stockert, Fishnet)



Christmas Mass Schedule



Thurs. Dec. 24: ‘Christmas Eve’

‘The Nativity of the Lord’

Family Mass - 7pm

Traditional Latin Mass - 12:00 Midnight

Fri. Dec. 25: ‘Christmas Day’

‘The Nativity of the Lord’

Mass - 10am

Sat. Dec. 26: ‘Anticipated Sunday Mass’

Mass: 5pm (Fr. John’s 67th Birthday)

Sun.: Dec. 27:

‘The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph’

Mass: 10am

Traditional Latin Mass - 12:00noon

Mon. Dec. 28: No Mass

Tues.: Dec. 29: No Mass

Wed. Dec. 30: No Mass

Thurs. Dec. 31: ‘Anticipated Sunday Mass’

Mass: 5pm

Fri. Jan. 1:

‘The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God’

Mass - 10am

Traditional Latin Mass - 12:00noon

Sat. Jan. 2: ‘Anticipated Sunday Mass’

Mass: 5pm

Sun. Jan. 3: ‘Epiphany of the Lord’

Mass – 10am

Traditional Latin Mass: 12:00noon

Mon. Jan. 4: No Mass

Tues. Jan. 5: No Mass

Wed. Jan. 6: No Mass

Thurs. Jan. 7: No Mass

Fri. Jan. 8

Latin Mass: 9:00am

Mass: 12:10pm

Sat. Jan. 9 ‘Anticipated Sunday Mass’

Mass: 5:00pm

Sun. Jan. 10

Mass: 10:00am

Traditional Latin Mass: 12:00noon



CHRISTMAS-OFFICE-HOURS

Closed: Fri. Dec. 25th to Wed. Jan. 6th

Open – Thurs. Jan. 7th

“May the Prince of Peace and His Holy Mother keep you in their care this Christmas and throughout the New Year.”

See you next year, keep smiling - Carol Molloy

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Pilgrimage World Youth Day Krakow 2016

If you want to register or for more info please contact Fr. Paul SDS: paul.szczur@mailsds.org or Fr. Dean: catholic@uvic.ca or Jim O'Reilly: jeoreilly@rcdvictoria.org

Diocese Webpage

Check out the diocesan webpage. It now has a link to 'Salt and Light' and under News and Events something called the Pope's page which will link you to homilies and newsworthy items.

2016 International Eucharistic Congress

Jan. 24-31, every four years, Catholic faithful from around the world are invited to gather together to reflect on and celebrate the great mystery of the Eucharist during the International Eucharistic Congress. Thousands of Catholic clergy and lay people will gather in Cebu, Philippines, for the 51st Congress, on the theme "*Christ in you, our hope of glory*" (Colossians 1:27) The Diocese of Victoria is not sponsoring its own pilgrimage. Therefore, those who wish to participate are invited to join one of the two groups leaving from Vancouver. Please note that you will also have to register directly for the Congress while transportation and accommodation will be taken care of by the tour group. Details can be found at <http://rcav.org/iec-2016/>.

"Spring in Ireland Tour"

Please join Victoria's newest priest, Fr. Harrison Ayre of St. Patrick's parish on an inspiring 11-day "Spring in Ireland Tour" **April 4 - 14, 2016. Contact OC-Travel for details and registration: info@oc-travel.com or 778-655-0387** Pilgrimage will include Blarney Castle, the crystal factory of Waterford, the Guinness Storehouse in Dublin, the National Shrine of Knock, and finally Croagh Patrick where St. Patrick lived and worked miracles. Visits will also include Kilkenny, Galway, Limerick, Killarney, Blarney, Croagh Patrick, the Cliffs of Moher and more. Cost is \$3,799 for shared accommodations.

A CATHOLIC'S PRAYER FOR THE PRIESTS OF THE DIOCESE

Loving God, I ask for a special blessing on all the priests of my diocesan presbyterate. Help them to remember always that they do not work alone, but that they are an "intimate sacramental brotherhood" under the leadership of our bishop, a ministry team for which they are all responsible. For the sake of their unified and coherent ministry, help them to remember that the ministry they do is not theirs alone, but a share in our bishop's ministry. For that reason, keep them always respectful of and obedient to his leadership. Help them to be diligent in their ministry, absorbed in it, so that their commitment may be evident and their service helpful. Inspire them to take good care of themselves and help them be attentive to becoming more effective in their service. Show my fellow Catholics and me ways to encourage our priests—those who offer priestly service to us in the Church. Help them to set a good example for us in all that they do. Support our sick, retired and absent priests with your loving care. I ask this in the name of the Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen! (Fr. John Laszczyk – Diocese Vicar General)