# OUR LADY OUEEN OF PEACE CHURCH Feb.12, 2021 Volume 91#5

# **Collection Envelopes** – for 2021

If you are new to the parish and would like to have a box of pre-numbered collection envelopes, please contact the parish office at 250-384-3884 or email: office@gop.ca

# Parish Database - ASAP

If you have changed your address/email/phone number in the past year or so, please make sure to update your information with the parish office. Tax receipts will be prepared in Feb and this will help the parish save on postage expenses by reducing returned mail.

# Please Note - Parish Office

Fr. John will be in the office from 10am – 12noon Please call ahead to book an appointment for confessions

## Please Note – Queen of Peace Church

Everyone must: Sign-In & Hand Sanitize & Wear a Mask - mandatory Open for Private Prayer: Tues – Fri. 9:30am – 2:30pm (except Tues Feb. 16 will be closed) Parish Office will be closed on Fri. Feb. 19.



#### **Sunday Missals - 2021**

Sunday Missals has arrived. Drop by the parish office to pick up your copy (\$4 each) Between: 9:30am – 2:45pm (Tues- Fri)

#### **Collection Envelopes** – 2021

Sunday Collection Box Envelopes are ready for pick-up through the parish office:

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## Free - Calendars

2021 Calendars (supplied by McCalls)

# PLEASE NOTE - Ash Wednesday – Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>

This year, we are asking everyone to please keep your old palms in storage at home.

#### DO NOT BRING THE PALMS TO THE CHURCH!!!

We will invite their return in two years but this year, circumstances as they are, we will not need them. We have sufficient ashes for distribution.

This year ashes will be distributed by having them sprinkled on top of your head as per directives issued by the Vatican & Diocese. Ashes will be distributed on Wed. Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> @ 12:10pm until 1pm, Come and Go, no registration required, you come in through the main church doors and immediately exit by the side landing. No gathering in the church!!! Masks are mandatory. No public Masses permitted.

Live-streamed Masses at 9 am & 7 pm from the Cathedral.

Ash Wednesday is a day of fast and abstinence throughout the universal church. Fridays of Lent are also compulsory days of abstinence throughout the universal church. In Canada, Catholics may substitute an act of charity in place of abstinence. However, it is strongly encouraged that some form of penitential discipline be undertaken. Pentitential discipline on Fridays applies to all except for children who have not yet reached the age of reason. The "fasting discipline" of Ash Wednesday applies even during Covid times and pertains to those 18 years of age or older until 65 years of age. Of course, those older may also fast, should they desire, according to health dictates. Fasting, in the Church, does not necessarily mean going without all food; rather, it means a diminishment of food - one regular meal and perhaps smaller meals at other times. No meat as we abstain from meat on those days. And all of this is done to unite ourselves to the Lord Jesus – to make amends for our own sins and failings and also to pray for the salvation of the world. Those who are vegan and therefore do not eat meat, can find some other way of performing an act of penance during Lent.

#### **Daily Mass with Bishop Gary**

As we continue to journey together during these challenging times, all are invited to join Bishop Gary Gordon from the comfort and safety of your homes as he celebrates Mass. To access the live stream link from the Diocese of Victoria website simply google: Diocese of Victoria or go to:

www.rcdvictoria.org/diocese-ofvictoria-live-stream.

(https://youtu.be/PgANmtRGK6g)

#### Other Televised Mass Options

Salt + Light TV is also televising the daily Mass celebrated by Pope Francis from Casa Santa Marta. This airs every day at 9:00 am and will be televised in both English and French. "La Messe du jour" produced and televised by Salt + Light TV from the crypt at Saint Joseph Oratory in Montreal will now be televised on Sundays through arrangements with the Archdiocese of Montreal, enabling everyone access to the televised Mass in both French and English seven days a week. The channel number for each cable company that carries Salt + Light TV can be found at: <a href="https://saltandlighttv.org/subscribe">https://saltandlighttv.org/subscribe</a>

\*Please note that the Daily TV Mass is also available on other faith-based television networks besides Salt + Light TV.

The various networks and Mass times can be found at https://dailytvmass.com/about/broadcast-schedule/

### **Diocese of Victoria**

To view the B.C. COVID-19 Immunization Plan PowerPoint, visit:

http://news.gov.bc.ca/files/BC\_COVID-19\_Immunization\_Plan.pdf

To learn more about B.C.'s COVID-19 Immunization Plan, visit:

www.gov.bc.ca/covidvaccine

For technical immunization information, visit the BC Centre for Disease Control online:

www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/covid-19-vaccine

For more information on what to expect when you go to get vaccinated for COVID-19, visit: www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/covid-19-vaccine/getting-a-vaccine