

Roman Catholic Our Lady of the Rosary Parish

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Welcome....
If you recently moved into the Langford area, welcome to Our Lady of the Rosary Parish. We would like to meet you personally to invite you to participate in our community. Please be in touch with our clergy or the office staff:

WEEKDAY MASSES IN THE LARGE HALL
(No need to register but please sign in upon entrance for contact tracing)

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday – 9:00am

WEEKEND MASSES:
(Registration is on a weekly basis)

Sunday – 8:30am Mass in the large hall
Sunday -11:00am Family Mass in the church
Sunday—1:00am Mass in the hall

CHURCH HOURS

Tuesday – Friday 9:00am – 3:00pm

There will be NO Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament this Wednesday this June 2, 2021. Adoration will resume next Wednesday June 9th at 9:30am.

Funerals, weddings and baptisms will continue to be celebrated with more than 10 people.

Baptism: Contact the parish office or Fr. Dean
Reconciliation: Sunday 9:00am - 10:30am AND 12:30pm-2:00pm in the Sacristy or by appointment.
Marriage: Contact Father Dean 6 months in advance of the planned wedding date.
Funerals: Please contact the parish office or Pastor
Anointing of the sick: If you or a family member are admitted to a hospital or other care facility and you wish to have a priest visit, please be sure to have someone call the parish office to make this request.
Hospital Visitation: Roman Catholic Hospital Chaplain for VGH & RJH - Fr. Sean Flynn - 250-889-3761

May 30, 2021 The Most Holy Trinity

Some Masses are prayed privately by Fr. Dean and Fr. Sean

Sunday, May 30 **The Most Holy Trinity**
8:30am Mass for Our Parish
11:00am Mass for + Alida Anne Van der Pijl

Let us pray for the sick from our families, especially **Judite Costa, Ben Jarrett, Fr. Favero, Lisa Volk** for their healing and union with Christ.

Tuesday, June 1
9:00am Mass

Let us pray for all who have died especially, **Alida Van der Pijl, Bill Green, John Harris** that they may live in the light and peace of God's presence forever.

Wednesday, June 2
9:00am Mass for + Bill Green

Thursday, June 3
9:00am Mass for + John Harris

Sunday, June 6 **The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**
8:00am Mass for Our Parish
11:00am Mass

Parish Support Last Week

We rely on the generosity of your contributions to provide for the ongoing mission to seek the lost and make disciples .

Last Week's Envelope Offering: \$ 1872.00
Loose Collection: \$ 220.00
Debt Reduction: 15.00
PAD Offering (April) : \$ 4219.00

RCIA will commence in September! Want to become a Catholic or know someone who might? The Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA) course will be offered mostly virtually starting in September through to next Easter. The process is one of friendly formation in the practice of the Christian faith, while being informed of the riches of the Catholic doctrinal, moral and spiritual life in Jesus Christ. This course could be for those yet to be baptized, those baptized but yet to be confirmed, and those who may have been away from the practice of the faith for a significant time and need a refresher!! Please be in touch with our pastor **Fr. Dean** who along with sponsors will facilitate, teach and guide the course.

Homily Pentecost 2021

Since last summer I've been using the Duolingo app to study Spanish almost every day. I'd love to take my next sabbatical in a Spanish speaking country, immerse myself in the culture and language and come back fluent enough to celebrate a Mass en Espanol. But it's slow, tedious work and frankly as I hear the story of that first Christian Pentecost and the outpouring of the fiery Holy Spirit upon the disciples, I'm a bit envious. Instant gift of languages! Simple Galilean fisherman, and others speaking of God's deeds of power in a multitude of varied languages. It's the reversal of the linguistic chaos of the tower of Babylon (from which we get the word babbling) in Genesis. Something powerful has transformed the disciples as Jesus predicted prior to his ascension.

When I was a university student and got a job as a salmon fishing guide, the Holy Spirit gave me a few enthusiastic Christian convert guides the courage and joy to witness to our faith amongst both fellow guides and customers.

From the Biblical witness of the work and effect of the Holy Spirit, the third person of the One God, we see an increase in the COMMON GOOD and an affirmation of COMMON SENSE.

Common Good. St. Paul teaches in Corinthians that the one and same Spirit motivates and inspires a variety of services, activities, and gifts. Like a single body with many parts, so the Spirit inspires the many baptized members of the Church; why? For the common good!! St. Basil the Great says the Spirit is "like the sunshine, which permeates all the atmosphere, spreading over land and sea, and yet is enjoyed by each person as though it were for him alone... The Spirit raises our hearts to heaven, guides the steps of the weak, and brings to perfection those are making progress."

In the Spirit of God, we have authentic unity within diversity. This not the same as the popular but misguided notion of 'inclusivity and diversity' which has a more political, radical and sexual connotation. These concepts must be tested with the simple question: Does the definition of inclusivity and diversity include the person of Catholic faith and morals?

Common Sense. "When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of Truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf." Jesus refers to the Holy Spirit as the Advocate, the one who pleads our cause, takes our side and brings us to our senses. He defends us from the Accuser, the evil One, who pleads our guilt, takes an opposite side, and scatters our senses. Philosopher Mortimer Adler says "without truth, there can be no unity and no peace".

For common sense and the common good to return to our individual lives we need the Holy Spirit.

For common sense and the common good to return to our family lives, we need the Holy Spirit. For common sense and the common good to return to earth and the marketplaces of cultures and societies, we need the Holy Spirit. Come Holy Spirit!



Holy Trinity Sunday May 29/30 2021

New Provincial Health Orders came out this week but nothing really changes our ecclesial pattern until potentially mid-June. So, we'll continue with parking lot Masses in both parishes until further notice with gratitude that the Covid cases are diminishing as the days lengthen and temperatures increase.

There is a 1955 plaque in the small hallway of the OLOR offices petitioning the prayers for benefactors Mr. and Mrs. MacLeod and Fr. A. J. MacLellan. In this 70th year of the establishment of the parish of Our Lady of the Rosary it would be good to remember in prayer those who offered a substantial donation and assisted the construction of the then new Church. From the clergy records of the Diocese, you'll note that Fr. MacLellan never served as a priest of the parish, but generously offered an inheritance so that Fr. Willard O'Brien could serve as founding Pastor. Fr. MacLellan lived his retirement in Langford and is buried in the Hatley Cemetery. As we proceed with building plans for the next Church in the history of the parish, it is good to remember all those who have gone before, whose faith and hard work has made it possible under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. With the guidance of our Parish Council chair Roland Wauthy, we are planning on a Covid limited AGM in the near future. At the very least I hope to offer a brief summary of the financial status of the parish, and possibly supplement our Parish Council with new members. If you or anyone you know would like to serve on the parish council during this exciting time in the parish's life, please let me or Roland know.

As mentioned in the previous missive, I'll be off retreating next week and will not produce a bulletin memo. At OLOR the weekday Masses will be offered by Fr. Sean (adoration on Wednesday must be cancelled but will resume the next Wednesday) but unfortunately as hospital chaplain he is unable to be as far from the hospitals as Sooke. For retreat direction I have found a recent Calgary clergy retreat online with Fr. Stephen Penna that I will use, along with some selected spiritual reading. Not only do I hope to benefit personally from an extra immersion in the Holy Trinity, let's hope there's 'collateral benefit' for you. Trinity Peace and Power to you all.

Fr. Dean



March 22, 1976 Fr. Lewis MacLellan

Born in Inverness, NS on February 15, 1894, he received his early schooling there. He received his BA at St. Francis Xavier College, Antigonish in 1914 prior to studying theology at St. Augustine's in Toronto in 1916. He was ordained on May 29, 1920 in St Michael's Cathedral in Toronto. He served the Diocese of Antigonish from 1922 - 1932 as Secretary to the Bishop, Rector of the Cathedral and Chancellor of the Diocese. Post graduate studies were taken at the Catholic University of America in Washington and he received his M.A. in 1933. After holding that chair of Professor of English at St. Patrick's College in Ottawa he came to the diocese. He was appointed assistant at St. Andrew's Cathedral on December 1, 1937 and then served as pastor of St. Peter's parish in Nanaimo from 1937 - 1943 before going to Esquimalt where he served until his appointment as Chaplain of Loretto Hall in June 1965. Following the closure of the Hall he lived in retirement at St. Anthony's Home in Langford. He is buried at Hatley Memorial Gardens.

Our Pastor's availability for appointments:

Monday - Day off
Tuesday - Flexible location day
OLOR - Wednesday and Thursday 9:00am - 5:00pm
SRL - Friday - 9:30-3:00pm

Building Prayer: Loving and Provident God, Creator of all. We, the parish family of our Lady of the Rosary, humbly ask your continued blessing on the spiritual, human and financial commitment we have made for the building of our new Church and the fulfillment of Your Kingdom on earth. Unless You build the house, we labor in vain to build it. Through the intercession of Mary, Mother of God, St. Joseph the Builder, bring to perfection the good work You have begun in us. We ask this through Christ the Lord. Amen.

Just a friendly reminder:

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Message from the Diocese of Victoria

A new article has just been posted on the Diocesan blog about the plans for the St. Joseph's School property in Chemainus. The text of the article is copied below, or you can find the article online at <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/diocesanblog/new-vision-with-new-neighbours>

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1-800-968-3146

To report sexual abuse or cover-up by a Catholic Bishop, visit [BishopReportingSystem.ca](https://www.bishopreporting.ca) or call

1-866-892-3737

Mass with the Bishop Live-Streamed

<https://www.youtube.com/c/RCDVictoriaLiveOne>
Sunday 10:00 am and Monday to Friday 7:00 pm

BURSARIES and AWARDS are available through the Diocesan website: <https://www.rcdvictoria.org> under Programs. Deadline for submittals is July 15.

SCAMS AND FRAUD

Please note that fraudulent email and text scams continue to circulate globally, masking the true identity of the scammer. Several versions of the correspondence have appeared alleging that the Bishop and/or Pastor needs assistance/funds and therefore require contact and banking information and/or direct purchase of "credit/play/google cards or ebay vouchers".

These scams serve as a sad reminder that individuals, churches and charities are often the victims of fraud. The Bishop, clergy and/or staff members do not directly solicit funds. All donations for legitimate parish and diocesan activities are made through traditional verifiable methods (parish, Diocese, and/or charitable organization), NOT individuals. Please do not share personal banking information with anyone or any organization without verifying the authenticity, appropriateness and validity of the request, or call the Diocesan Finance Office at 250-479-1331. If you have been the victim of a financial scam, you are encouraged to make a report to the police