

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:

Baptism: Contact the parish office

Reconciliation: Saturday 5:30 pm 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

Mass Intentions: If you would like to have a Mass said for a special intention, please call the parish office.

Our hospital Chaplain, **Fr. Sean Flynn** celebrates a 6:30am Mass every Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday at St. Joseph the Worker parish. All are welcome.

WEEKDAY MASSES
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday—9:00am

WEEKEND MASSES
Saturday, 6:00 pm
Sunday, 8:30 am
Sunday, 11:00 am

CONFESSION
Saturday at 5:15 pm
Sunday at 9:30—10:30 am

OPEN CHURCH HOURS
Tuesday – Friday 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

November 28, 2021 First Sunday of Advent

Mass Intentions for the week of Nov 28-Dec 5

Sunday, Nov 28 (First Week of Advent)

8:30am Mass for our Parish

11:00am Mass

Intention: Amparo Carbo-Mora

Tuesday, Nov 30

9:00am Mass

Intention: Mary Keane—RIP

Wednesday, Dec 1

9:00am Mass

Intention: Lynn Furman—RIP

Thursday, Dec 2

9:00am Mass

Intention: William Connors—RIP

Saturday, Dec 4

6:00pm Mass

Intention: Collian & Brian Bargery—RIP

Sunday, Dec 5 (Second Sunday of Advent)

8:30am Mass for our Parish

11:00am Mass

Intention: Lloyd and Ann Devlin—65th Wedding anniversary

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. **Thank you for your generosity.**

Last Week's Envelope Offering: \$ 2720.00

Loose Collection: \$ 495.90

Catholic Mission in Canada: \$ 10.00

Building Fund: \$ 115.00

PAD Offering (October) : \$ 5174.00

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

Let us pray for all who have died especially, **William Connors, Lynn Furman, Collian & Brian Bargery, Mary Keane, Frances Dolny, Katherine Umayam and all the names listed in our Book of Remembrance** that they may live in the light and peace of God's presence forever.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Wednesday at 9:30am and Benediction at 12 Noon.

Liturgy of the Hours: Morning Prayer every Wednesday at 8:40am. All are welcome.

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be offered on Fridays at 3:00pm in OLOR Those who can are invited to pray for the general intentions of our parish in these times of great need for prayers.

Birthright Fudge.

Birthright is taking Orders for their delicious Chocolate Fudges. A bit of sweet in this challenging year! The packets make great stocking stuffers or holiday gifts. Please order by December 7 for Langford pick-up. See our poster for ordering details or contact Peggy to order at 250.478.5372 or info@birthrightvictoria.org. Your purchase supports the pro-life pregnancy support work of Birthright Victoria.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

OLOR Christmas Eve 5pm, 7pm, 9pm, 11pm and Christmas Day 11am.

SRL Christmas Eve 5pm, and 7pm Children's Mass; Christmas Day 9:00am.

ELDERS CHRISTMAS GIFT BOXES



A big THANK YOU for taking all the boxes for elders gift box collection. Deadline is Dec 6, 2021 or on weekend Masses to be dropped in the Sacristy.



Interesting times in the province of BC.

St Andrew's High School Wonderful Update

The Allen and Loreen Vadekerhove Family Foundation has gifted \$150,000 to the Building On Success capital campaign to fund the Performing Arts Wing at St. Andrew's Regional High School! They have asked that this be a matching contribution. Every dollar raised, up to \$150,000, before Dec 31, 2021 will be matched.



**First Sunday of Advent
November 27/28 2021**

On our recent priest's retreat, Bishop Scott McCaig referred a number of times to the foundress of a Canadian 'lay apostolate' called Madonna House. It's based in Combermere ON and its second house was established, and still serves Christ's mission in Whitehorse Yukon. There are two Madonna House members here in Victoria. Catherine de hueck Doherty had a 'colorful life', filled with sorrows, joys, successes and failure, but marked by unshakeable faith in God despite her varied circumstances. I'm reading "Fragments of My Life", a brief autobiography which is both refreshingly frank, and marvelously inspiring. It's a good way to begin an Advent which has more of a sense of environmental (circumstantial) foreboding than most. Apparently the Malahat received 182 mm of rain in the 3 day 'atmospheric river', while places like Hope were under a deluge of the mid 200 mms. Enough to wipe out B.C.'s transportation infrastructure, tragically kill a few unfortunate travelers, decimate Fraser Valley homes, farms and countless livestock. Three days of rain! Doesn't take much to reduce our BC lotus land pride to a humble sense of realistic vulnerability. Another inspiration in my daily devotion to the Blessed Trinity is short and pithy fragments of G.K. Chesterton. Today's little missive included this: "It may be the citizen's highest duty to cling on to every scrap of the past that he can find, if he feels the ground is giving way beneath him and sinking into mere savagery and forgetfulness of all human culture." Not a bad thought as a gateway into the solid reminder of Christ's first coming 2000 years ago and his promise of return in the midst of cosmic calamity.

To celebrate the first Sunday of Advent with a little extra solemnity I remind the faithful of both parishes (except 8:30 a.m. OLOR) Sunday Masses, I'll be letting incense rise up to God as a symbol of earthly prayers joining with those of the hosts of heaven. We'll also switch from the Apostle's to the Nicene Creed.

Shortly we'll be celebrating with Bishop Mark for our Advent Mission and you'll have received plans for the gatherings and Masses. He'll plan to offer addresses after Masses using power point slides. For details about the dinner on Sunday, the opportunity for confessions, for social visits with the Bishop and plans for a collection, see the poster for more details.

I hope you've picked up and plan to use an Advent devotional booklet, but there are still some left at each parish. God bless us with fidelity and fruitfulness in His service.

Fr. Dean



1874, foundress and guiding light of Madonna House

Bishop's Appeal Update – Spirit of Hope – Healing & Reconciliation

Our parish project is to **support St. Ann's Parish in Duncan**

Our parish goal is **\$45,000.00**

As of **Nov 24, 2021**, our total pledged is **18,825.00** number of gifts is **69**

We sincerely thank all those who have contributed, made a commitment and those praying for the success of the appeal. If you have not contributed and would like to, you can still send your donation to the parish office or do it online. "Spirit of Hope – Healing & reconciliation". Donations may be made on-line www.rcdvictoria.org/spirit-of-hope-2021

Sports Night at Langford Our Lady of the Rosary Hall. Kids of all ages are welcome. Game on Friday, December 10th at 6:30 until 8:00 PM. (This will be every 2nd & 4th Friday of the month) Dodgeball, Capture the Flag, Everybody-is-it Tag, Soccer.... The best way to have a good sleep on Friday night. Please bring a water bottle and a mask, COVID rules apply. For more info, please call Dave de Bree at 250-590-7004 or Cynthia B. at 250-217-1787.

Development & Peace—Bringing the school to the children

In a largely rural province of Afghanistan, many children, especially girls do not go to school simply because the nearest school can be up to 20 kilometres away. Development and Peace is partnering with Catholic Relief Services (CRS) for a community-based schools project to bring education to these remote communities. To ensure the project's sustainability, CRS will also work with state schools, school management shura (committees) and government officials to build capacities and plan for eventually integrating the students into mainstream schools.

[Give now | Development and Peace \(devp.org\)](http://www.devp.org)

The prayer group is inviting everyone to pray with them in the church after the 9am Mass.

We appreciate your support for these businesses!



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1-800-968-3146

To report sexual abuse or cover-up by a Catholic Bishop, visit BishopReportingSystem.ca or call

1-866-892-3737

CHRISTMAS 2021 AT ANAWIM HOUSE !! We, like all of you I am sure, are looking forward to spending time this Christmas with family! It has been a challenging year for all of us and the need to help the marginalized and vulnerable is greater than ever. Anawim House has been providing caring acceptance and support to those that come through the house door for **30 years. (1991-2021)**. With fewer restrictions this year we will be able to have a "family dinner" and gift sharing. We are asking for your help with donations of new warm clothing, underwear and socks. A decorated box for your donations will be at the entrance to your Church. If you are not attending Church yet and would like to donate you can contact Anawim House at info@anawimhouse.com. If you would prefer to make a financial donation you can donate through <https://www.canadahelps.org> or by mail to Anawim House, 973 Caledonia Ave. Victoria, B.C. V8T 1E7. The very popular Island grown, fresh cut Christmas trees will be on sale at the house from December 1st. Mon.-Fri.: 10am to 8pm, Saturday: 9am to 7pm, Sunday: 11am to 6pm. We are grateful for all the support you have provided. Without your many generous acts of charity we would not be able to assist those that come to the door looking for help to make positive changes in their lives. May the peace, love and joy of the Christmas season be with each you. Thank you for caring.

Feast of St. Andrew . On Tuesday, November 30th, St. Andrew's Cathedral will celebrate our Patronal Festival with Mass at 12:00 pm and at 7:00 pm and all are welcome. For the evening Mass, entry to the Cathedral is via our View Street door.

Job Posting: St. Peter's Church in Nanaimo is looking for an office Manager/Coordinator. For more information, please click the link., <http://olorchurch.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/Pastoral-Office-Coordinator-St-Peters-Church-Nanaimo.pdf>

Island Catholic Schools is recruiting! We are in search of enthusiastic people who are certified, talented, love what they do and wish to work in vibrant school environments! We are currently searching for **teachers on call**, **educational assistants** and **out of school care workers**. Island Catholic Schools consists of five schools: St. John Paul II in Port Alberni, Queen of Angels in Duncan, as well as St. Joseph's, St. Patrick's and St. Andrews Regional High School in Victoria. For more information: <https://www.cisdv.bc.ca/employment-opportunities.php>

A new article has just been posted on the Diocesan website about the CCCB's series of Advent reflections on healing and reconciliation. You can find the article online at <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/special-announcements/journey-through-advent-2021-towards-healing-reconciliation>.