



St. Peter's Parish

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Pastor ~ Bishop Gary Gordon

Assistant Pastor ~ Fr. Karam Alraban

March 17, 2019

St. Peter's Mass Schedule & Intentions

Tuesday ~ 7pm ~ Fr. Sunil Anto SI
Wednesday ~ 12:15pm ~ Peter Ferrier †
Thursday ~ 9am ~ Debbie McMillan SI
Friday ~ 7pm ~ Dwain Ingram †
Saturday ~ 9am ~ St. Peter's Parish Community
5pm ~ Abraham Quiaoit †
8:30am ~ Thecla Groot †
10:30am ~ Jim Kitney SI
7pm ~ Rubin Nasol SI

SI = Special Intention † = R.I.P.

Reconciliation

Is offered a half hour before Masses on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday; Friday 6pm; Saturday 4pm

Devotions & Adoration

Adoration ~ Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 9am-4pm
Tuesday and Friday 9am-8pm
Saturday 9am-6:30pm
Sunday 8:30am-8pm

OFFERINGS FOR LAST SUNDAY

ALL WEEKLY OFFERINGS ~ \$3,826.70
WEEKLY BUILDING FUND OFFERINGS ~ \$520.25
C.N.E.W.A. BOTTLE FUNDS TO DATE ~ \$4,140.34
LAST WEEK'S CANDLES STAND REVENUE ~ \$332.90

Sacramental Information

Baptism ~ If you are seeking to baptize an infant please contact the parish office at 250.753.3570 ext 3.

Marriage ~ If you are planning to marry we ask that you contact the parish six months prior to the intended date. This allows adequate time for marriage preparation and all paperwork to be completed.

Funeral ~ In the event of a death in the family please contact the parish office. They will be able to secure a date and put you in contact with the priest and bereavement committee.

Office Staff ~ Debbie McMillan

Office Hours ~ Monday through Friday 10am until 4pm

In Case of Pastoral Emergency: Call the priest(s) at 778.971.0011. This number is for emergency use only.

Trinity Catholic (6234 Spartan Rd.) Weekly Mass & Reconciliation Schedule

Reconciliation

1/2 hour before Masses, excluding Sunday

Weekly Mass Times

Monday 6pm; Tuesday to Friday 9am;
Saturday 6pm; Sunday 8am & 9am

Our Lady of Victory Mission

Mission Church of St. Peter's Parish
3380 South Road, Gabriola Island, BC V0R 1X7

MISSION INFORMATION

Mass ~ Every Sunday at 2:30pm
Mass Intentions: Sunday, Mar. 17th ~ Jozef Vargovcik †
Sunday, Mar. 24th ~ Katherine Brown †

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament ~ First Friday of each month
2pm-3pm
Confession ~ Before Sunday Mass

Stations of the Cross every Friday at 2:30pm during Lent

Bottle Funds raised for CNEWA to date: \$332.50
Sunday Offerings for Feb. 24th ~ \$233.25
Budget: \$400.00

Any offering made by cheque should be made payable to Our Lady of Victory

St. Peter's Mission Statement

We, the parish community of St. Peter's, are committed to reach out to others in faith and love by affirming the Gospel and Teachings of Mother Church. We seek to encourage greater participation in the life of the Church in order to strengthen and grow in our faith, celebrate sacramental life in hope and be active in works of charity.

PASTORAL NEED UPDATE

To assist the parish and Bishop Gary, Fr. Karam Alraban, who was filling in for Fr. William Hann at Holy Cross Parish in Victoria, while he was on sabbatical, has been assigned to St. Peter's on a temporary basis. There are many needs in the diocese for pastoral presence, your patience and prayers are appreciated.

Ministries and Parish Groups Information & Schedules

Parish Council ~ Third Wednesday of the month 5:30pm,

parishioners are welcome to come and observe ~

Chair ~ John DeLuca ~ jgdeluca@telus.net

Finance Committee ~ Contact Jim Kitney ~ 250-802-3064

Safe & Responsible Ministry Co-ordinator ~ Contact Rick Jones,
repjones@shaw.ca

CCD (Children's Religious Ed.) ~ September thru May, Sunday at

12noon ~ Lillian Backstrom ~ ccdstpetersnanaimo@shaw.ca

RCIA ~ September thru Easter, Tuesday at 7:30pm ~ Contact the
parish office

Music Director ~ Andrea L'Heureux

All Choirs Practice on Wednesday at 6pm

Marian Cenacle in the Adoration Chapel ~ Monday 7pm ~

Contact Marion Casey, 250-758-5785

Scripture Study ~ Tuesday 10am hall ~ Cecile Hill, 250-753-9667

Fundraising ~ Heather Hogman ~ hhogman@telus.net

Knights of Columbus ~ Meeting First Thursday of each Month at

7:30pm in the choir area of the church ~ Greg Large ~

250-729-1290

Catholic Women's League ~ Executive Meeting Last Saturday at
10am, General Meeting First Saturday after 9am Mass in the parish
hall Lori Ennis ~ 250-585-4120

Eucharistic Ministers ~ Marie Lapid, 250-667-2827

Lectors ~ Marta Wright, 250-667-7448

Altar Servers ~ Contact the office, 250-753-3570

Adoration Program ~ Coordinators ~ 6am-12noon Marion Casey

~ 12noon-6pm, 250-758-5785, Narissa MacKenzie ~ 6pm-

Midnight, 250-591-0012 ~ Ed Campbell, 250-754-7661, Midnight -
6am Rob Johnson ~ 250-741-6330

Pastoral Health Care Ministry ~ Kathy Fadum ~ 250-754-1694

Bereavement Ministry ~ Agnes Geiger, 250-753-6940

St. Vincent de Paul Society, 250-753-8500

EXPOSITION & ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Every week from Monday at 7am until Friday evening at
6:30pm (24/5). Come and adore the Lord. All are welcome.

INCENSE USAGE

Incense will be used each Friday for Benediction and at all funerals.
We will endeavour to notify you in advance of its use at other times.

WE ASK THAT YOU JOIN US AS WE PRAY FOR THE SICK IN OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

Connie Dunbrack, Marguerita Seith, Joanna Artiss, Perry Neufield,
Monica Noriega, Elisabeth Herdink, Joan Potter, Theresa Dykstra, Keith
Family, Sean McGrath, Claire Paquette, Walter Atkinson, Amby Magas,
Crystal Stasiuk, Roy Harris, Joyce Randall, Lorraine Hamilton, Amy
Hamilton-Monroe, Helen Rodgers, Denise Cain, Trudy Sroka, Ted Kelly,
Olga Kelly, Joanne Cruz, Riley Anenon, Giselle Laprise; Rina Cassino,
Joan Owen, Ben Denomme, Fr. Alan Boisclair, Edgar Dupont, Irene
Belanger, Efrene Alcade, Rosa Maria Santos, Carol-Ann Chemko, Marcia
Milligan, Louis DePagie, Dan MacNeill, Brian Gordon, Gloria
Rampenen, Gino Cassino.

*Names will be left on the sick list for one month unless the office is
otherwise informed.*

ADORATION CHANGES

Bishop Gary in consultation with the four adoration coordinators
has decided that the adoration program in its current form is no
longer working effectively.

The adoration chapel has been closed. However, effective Monday,
March 18th we will begin opening (unlocking) the church five days a
week. Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9am to 4pm, Tues-
day and Friday 9am to 8pm. We are striving, as we move forward,
to have the church open on Saturday and Sunday as well. This will
allow people to come in, spend time in prayer before the Blessed
Sacrament without having to commit to any specific time.

Hopefully, in the future St. Peter's will have a beautiful Blessed
Sacrament Chapel that would be accessible 24/7.

RITE OF ELECTION

Thanks to all those who were able to join us for the Rite of Election
last Sunday. The Catechumens and their sponsors felt very wel-
come and were in awe of the beauty of St. Peter's. A special thanks
goes out to the Liturgy Committee, the Choir, and the CWL for
their extraordinary efforts to make the Rite of Election a special
event in our Diocese.

MID-ISLAND LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICES

It is that time of year again. Lent begins on Wednesday, March 6th,
followed shortly thereafter with the mid-island Lenten Penitential
Services beginning. We encourage you to attend any of the
following services:

All Saints, Ladysmith, Wednesday, March 20th at 7pm; St. Patrick's,
Campbell River, Tuesday, March 26th at 7pm; Holy Family/Notre
Dame, Port Alberni, Wednesday, April 3rd at 7:30pm; Christ the
King, Comox, Thursday, April 4th at 6:30pm; St. Peter's, Nanaimo,
Friday, April 12th at 6:30pm.

Why does the Church exist?

"She exists in order to evangelize." (Pope St. Paul VI)

All are invited to an **Evangelization Summit** on May 4th at St. Jo-
seph the Worker in Parish in Victoria. This is a day of faith, fellow-
ship and formation by respected leaders in the church. Presenters are
streamed from a gathering in Ottawa, Ontario.

Please register at www.newevangelization.ca

Contact Glen at gpalahicky@rcdvictoria.org for more information.

THE ANNUAL ROMERO COMMEMORATION

Will be held at Hope Lutheran Church, 2174 Departure Bay Road, on Sun-
day March 24th from 3-5pm. Gathering for tea and social time, 3-4pm, and
Commemoration from 4-5pm. Our Commemoration will feature Bishop-

Emertius Remi De Roo and special guest speaker, Geraldine Manson, Snun-
eymuxw & VIU Elder who will speak about Working for Reconciliation in
Nanaimo. Popular folk singer Sue Averill will provide music. Rev. Terry
Richardson will be host and MC.

Everyone is welcome at this ecumenical event. Admission is free! No col-
lection will be taken but here will be a donation basket to support work in
Central America and among First Nations in British Columbia.

Columbarium

The columbarium has now been installed in the cemetery. There are
approximately 92 niches still available for purchase.
Should you wish to have more information on the costs please contact
the parish office at 250-753-3570 ext. 3 or by email at
stpetersnanaimo@shaw.ca

COME OUT AND REPRESENT YOUR CULTURE!!!

St. Peter's Fundraising Committee is looking to re-launch one of its beloved fundraisers, Eat Your Way Around the World.

To do this, we need the help of you, our dedicated parishioners. We are looking for 9 or 10 people/groups who would be willing to represent their ethnic cuisine on May 11, 2019 at 6pm. The committee will supply you with \$75.00 worth of gift cards for Country Grocer to use towards the supplies needed for your wonderfully delicious dish(es). If you think this is something you might want to be involved in please do not hesitate to email either the parish office or Heather Hogman (Fundraising Chair) at hhogman@telus.net.

LOVE THE WEDDING. INVITE ME TO THE MARRIAGE. LOVE, GOD

A Non-Residential **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** weekend can help you do that! A Marriage Encounter is where married couples can get away from jobs, kids, chores, phones, and focus only on each other. Sounds good, right? If you'd like greater depth, growth, and romance in your relationship, you'll like the difference a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** weekend can make. **March 30-31 at St. Joseph's School, Victoria, B.C.**

Register at www.rcdvictoria.org Questions??: wmevancouverbc@gmail.com or call Sharon & Glen at 778-386-2908

ANNUAL HANGING BASKET FUNDRAISER

Each year we sell 12" hanging baskets to raise funds for our Building Fund. The baskets are \$33.00 and are delivered to the parish on the Friday of the Mother's Day weekend. We would like to encourage you, our parishioners to participate in this wonderful fundraiser. If you would like to order one of these lovely baskets please contact the parish office.

CHRISM MASS

On Thursday, April 11th at 7pm Bishop Gary Gordon will be the principal celebrant at a Mass that is celebrated annually. At this liturgy we gather around the Bishop for the blessing and consecration of the oils that will be used in all our parishes in the coming year. May our presence at the Chrism Mass be a sign of our support and gratitude for their ministry—and a reminder that baptism calls all of us to lives of service. **All are invited to attend. A reception will follow.**

COMMUNITY BBQ & SUMMER MARKET

Once again, our wonderful Fundraising Committee is hard at work coming up with ideas on how to raise funds for our Kitchen Renovation. On Saturday, June 8, 2019 we will be hosting a Community BBQ & Summer Market out in our parking lots. Like our Christmas Craft Fair & Bake Sale we invite vendors to rent a table from us for a \$25.00 fee. You can bring your products to sell. We will have burgers, hot dogs, a sundae stand, and things for the kiddies. If you are interested in renting a table please contact the parish office or Heather Hogman at hhogman@telus.net. More details will become available as the Fundraising Committee continues planning.

Legacy Giving or Planned Giving

Have you considered a gift in your Will to provide for the faith life of future generations? A bequest in your Will to our church is an acknowledgement of your returning to God a portion of the gifts God has bestowed on you during your lifetime. What a wonderful way to ensure the continuation of catholic education for our children as well as ensuring the continued viability of parish projects of your choice. If we can be of assistance please feel welcome to contact the office.



CWL NEWS

St. Peter's Catholic Women's League 5th Annual Hats and Heels High Tea fundraiser will be held in St. Peter's parish hall on April 27th from 1-4pm. Get ready! Dress up for high tea and join us to win some prizes. Tickets (\$25) are available at the CWL Religious Articles booth before and after weekend Masses. The CWL has created a Twitter account to improve communication channels with the community and members. In this account, you will find information such as news, events, prayers, general information and much more. Follow us at <https://twitter.com/CWLNanaimo>



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

The Knights of Columbus meet once a month on the first Thursday of the month in the church choir area at 7:30pm.

CATECHIST SPRING GATHERING: FAMILIES AT THE CENTER OF FAITH, APRIL 6TH AT ST. PETER'S NANAIMO—IN THE RESOURCE ROOM

Faith formation of families is an integral part of our mission as catechist and ministers of faith experience and formation. We will explore ways to engage children and their families as we accompany them on their journey of faith. All Catechists, Youth Ministers and Ministers of Liturgy of the Word for Children and those interested in these ministries are invited to bring an idea, question or lesson to share.

Register at:

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/catechist-gathering-st-peters-families-at-the-centre-of-faith-tickets-53692016266>

A registration link is also available in the Religious Education section (Catechist Resources) of our Diocese of Victoria website: <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/religious-education> or email gjahelka@rcdvictoria.org, or by phone at 250-753-3570 ext. 5.

REFUGEE FAMILY—HELP NEEDED

The refugee family from Ascension Parish in Parksville is moving to Nanaimo and is in need of a reasonably priced 1 or 2 bedroom rental for May 1st. If you know of an available rental please reach out to Fr. Karam by email at rev.karam@gmail.com

We have tried usednanaimo.com, kijji and all the usual routes and not been successful, so please only email information to Fr. Karam that is not available via these methods.

Thank you. We really appreciate your help in this matter.

LENTEN EXPERIENCE OF PRAYER ON GABRIOLA ISLAND

Our Lady of Victory parishioners and friends are invited to attend a **Lenten Experience of Prayer & Potluck on Wednesday, March 20th from 12:00- 3:30 pm** at 1887 Garland Drive (3rd driveway on left up from South Road). Gwen Jahelka, Assistant Director of Faith Formation and Evangelization (from the Diocesan office), will lead us in an experience of prayer and reflection as we prepare our hearts this Lenten Season. Space is limited so please register early by emailing: gjahelka@rcdvictoria.org or call/text 587 284 1967

LENTEN MISSION

Mark your calendar...

St. Peter's will be hosting a Lenten Mission April 10th through 12th. The Mission leader will be Andre Regnier. Watch the bulletin for more information.

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