



# St. Joseph's Catholic School

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*St. Joseph's School acknowledges with gratitude that we work, play and pray on the territory and traditional lands of the Lekwungen Speaking Peoples of the Songhees and Esquimalt First Nations whose historical relationship with the land continues today.*

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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/272859616539977> (SJV Parent Support Group Page)

Newsletter  
June 21, 2024



**Happy retirement  
Mr. Pollard!**



**EnVoix**

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the topic,  
Strong feeling  
statements...



## National Indigenous Peoples Day

National Indigenous Peoples Day is a day recognizing and celebrating the cultures and contributions of the First Nations, Inuit, and Métis Indigenous peoples of Canada. St. Joseph's held a flag ceremony this morning, accompanied by prayer to honour this significant day. Thank you to one of our parents for generously donating the Survivor's Flag to our school, which will also be used on September 30th, National Day for Truth, and Reconciliation.



National  
Indigenous  
Peoples Day



### Library News



Hello School Community –

The school Library is now closed for the school year. Please return all books to the library. Overdue notices have been emailed to families. Please check your spam to see if a notice inadvertently landed there.

As well, in this newsletter you will find information regarding the [Greater Victoria Public Library Summer Program and Contests](#). This program is a great way to support reading with wonderful incentives to encourage participation.

At this time, I would like to thank all parents/guardians, students and staff for supporting literacy at St. Joseph's Elementary School. I look forward to introducing new books in the coming school year and hosting another Scholastic Book Fair.

To all, I wish everyone a happy and safe summer.  
Mrs. Hemmings [dhemmings@cisdv.bc.ca](mailto:dhemmings@cisdv.bc.ca)

# 2024/25 Catechism and Youth Group Registration



## **Did you know there is no sacramental preparation pathway within the current St. Joseph's Elementary School curriculum?**

In order for your child(ren) to receive their sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation they must complete their sacramental preparation journey through their parish.

Now is the time to register your child(ren) for 2024/25 St. Joseph the Worker Parish catechism classes or youth group.

**CLICK HERE TO REGISTER**

If the above button doesn't work, click or copy <https://forms.gle/BycyBUWze1siYLcr6>  
For more information, email [ourcatechismjourney@gmail.com](mailto:ourcatechismjourney@gmail.com).

## Summer 2024 Call for Student Gardeners

The Masithuthu Garden is our St Joseph's School and Parish social justice venture where potatoes are planted in the spring by students, cared for by parishioners, parent and student volunteers over the summer, and harvested in the fall by the Gr. 4s. Potatoes are donated to the Soup Kitchen, the Social Concerns Office of the SVdP, and to the student-run Foodbanks at both Camosun College and UVic.



There is a lot of growth over the summer. Besides potatoes, we have found there's a lot of *other* green stuff that grows in our Masithuthu Garden: you guessed it - weeds!

If you are in grade 4 and above and would like to spend an hour or two per week doing some weeding with us, we would certainly appreciate your help and enjoy your company.

Though it may not be glamorous work, it's outside in the fresh air and sunshine. You may learn something about gardening – and perhaps discover some of your own hidden talents too. You will also be contributing your time to practically and genuinely help others in our community who need it.



At the end of the summer (and providing you have volunteered at least 3 times with us), we will provide you with a **Masithuthu Crew** tshirt, and provide an **awesome** letter of reference – I promise! What a way for you to feel good about yourself, and even wow your parents and future employers!



Parents and caregivers, work provided in the Garden also counts towards next year's Parent Involvement Hours. (If you provide the time, we will even throw in a Masithuthu Crew t-shirt for you too! :)

If you are curious about what we do, check us out on the web:

<https://sites.google.com/cisdv.bc.ca/sjvmasithuthugarden>

Contact me, Farmer Jamie (aka Mr. Zwicker) via email at [sjvmasithuthugarden.com](mailto:sjvmasithuthugarden.com) or by text (250-391-1280). You won't be disappointed!

**Ngiyabonga!** (*Thank you* in Zulu.)  
Farmer Jamie





**Island Catholic Schools  
Local School Calendar  
2024-2025**

Admin Days	Sun-Tues, August 18-20
School Admin Day	Tues, September 3
Schools Open for Students (Full Day)	Wed, September 4
National Day for Truth and Reconciliation	Mon, September 30
Thanksgiving	Mon, October 14
Provincial Pro-D Day	Fri, October 25
ICS Pro-D Day	Fri, November 1
Remembrance Day	Mon, November 11
Diocesan Faith Day	Fri, November 22
Schools Close for Christmas	Sat, December 21
Schools Re-open	Mon, January 6
Catholic Schools' Week	Sun, February 2 - Sat, February 8
ICS Pro-D Day	Fri, February 7
Family Day	Mon, February 17
Ash Wednesday	Wed, March 5
Schools Close for Spring Break	Sat, March 15
Schools Re-open	Mon, March 31
Island Catholic Schools Showcase Concert	Tues, April 15
Good Friday	Fri, Apr 18
Easter Monday	Mon, April 21
Island Catholic Schools Speech Competition	Thurs, May 15, 2025
Victoria Day	Mon, May 19
Last Day for Students	Fri, June 20
Year End Admin Days for Staff	Mon-Wed, June 23-25
Last Day for Staff	Fri, June 27
2 Pro-D Day	TBD Locally
1 Retreat Day	TBD Locally



## FORMED Webinar Link and Family Camp Save the Date



*On The Way Together*

**EVERYONE WELCOME! ALL AGES**

**10th Annual Family Life Conference & Camp**

**August 15th-18th, 2024 | Nanoose Bay**

[www.rcdvictoria.org/family-camp](http://www.rcdvictoria.org/family-camp) | [familycamp@rcdvictoria.org](mailto:familycamp@rcdvictoria.org)

**Purchase Tickets here!**



On Eventbrite

**Early Bird Pricing until April 30th!**

  
Sr. John Mary Sullivan  
Associate Director,  
Ministries and Outreach  
Archdiocese of Vancouver

  
Bishop Gary Gordon  
Diocese of Victoria

  
Joelle Dressler  
Director, Faith Formation  
and Evangelization  
Diocese of Victoria

- [FORMED overview for Schools and their Associated Parishes in the Diocese of Victoria - Zoom](#) This webinar is a wonderful overview and navigation of the treasure that is FORMED!

- 10th Annual Diocesan Family Camp and Conference, Nanoose, 2024 Save the Date!

For more information and the link to register, please visit <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/family-camp>.

## St. Joseph's Parish Corner

### Weekly Mass Schedule

Fri 6:30am, 9:00am  
Sat 6:30am, 5:00pm  
Sun 10:00am, 6:00pm  
Mon 6:30am  
Tue 6:00pm  
Wed 6:30am, 6:00pm  
Thu 6:30am, 9:00am



### St. Joseph's Parish Youth Group

Youth Group All Youth Grades 6 - 12 are invited to join us on Saturday evenings following! For more information, please contact: [SJTWYouthGroup@gmail.com](mailto:SJTWYouthGroup@gmail.com)



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DWXI-PRAYER PARTNERS FELLOWSHIP INTERNATIONAL  
Victoria Chapter, Victoria, BC Canada  
(A Catholic Charismatic Prayer Group)

*Where Jesus Christ is Lord*

## VICTORIA CHAPTER

**Come to the milestone journey**  
*Celebration*  
**OF**  
**FAITH, LOVE, & UNITY**

**Mass Main Celebrant**

**MOST REVEREND BISHOP GARY MICHAEL GORDON**  
BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE OF VICTORIA

**Mass Con Celebrant**

**FATHER ROLF HASENACK**  
PASTOR, ST ELIZABETH  
CHURCH, SIDNEY BC



**MASS TIME:**  
**11AM-12NOON**

**Inspirational Talk**

**BRO ERNIE VIVA**  
DISCIPLE-PREACHER  
VANCOUVER CHAPTER



**Healing message**

**SIS MAE HARTBERG**  
EXECUTIVE COORDINATOR  
USA CANADA EUROPE



**"THE PENTECOST"**

**REVIVE! REFRESH! RENEW! REJOICE!**

**-John 15: 26-27, 16: 12-15**

**Emcee:**

**Sis Lowela Recelestino**  
**Bro Ervin Halili**



**FREE**  
**ADMISSION**

*You are cordially Invited*

Mary Winspear Centre  
2243 Beacon Avenue, Sidney, BC V8L 1W9

**MAY | 19<sup>th</sup> | 2024**

**Sunday 10am - 4:30pm**

For more information please call:  
Council Members

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Sis Flor Cadiz-250 415 7720 - Secretary/Treasurer







## How the BC Summer Reading Club works:

- Pick up your reading record at any GVPL branch.
- Read (or be read to) for 20 minutes for 7 weeks:
  - Read what you like, in any format, or language.
  - Read anywhere: on holiday, at home, at the beach, etc.
- Record your daily reading for 7 weeks:
  - 1 light = 1 day of reading
  - 7 lights = 1 week of reading
- Come back to the library to collect your weekly sticker and prize at any GVPL branch upon completing your 7 days of reading.
- Repeat until you've completed 7 weeks of reading. Congratulations!

### Weekly prizes

Week 1. Bookmark

Week 2. Pencil

Week 3. Tattoo

Week 4. Enter draw for more awesome prizes!

Week 5. Greater Victoria Active Communities Recreation Centre Passes

Week 6. Book

Week 7. Medal

While supplies last!



Visit [gvpl.ca](http://gvpl.ca) for more information about programs, weekly prizes, and more!  
Explore [bcsrc.ca](http://bcsrc.ca) for more online resources and fun.

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