



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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Newsletter
March 14th, 2025



Living,
CELEBRATING
and Proclaiming
OUR FAITH



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

Dear St. Joseph's Families,

As we approach the much-anticipated spring break, I want to take a moment to reflect on the wonderful progress our students have made this term. It has been a joy to witness their growth, both academically and personally, and I am incredibly proud of their hard work and dedication. Report cards have been sent home with the kids today.

Spring is a time of renewal and hope, and I encourage each of you to take this opportunity to relax and recharge. Whether you are planning a family getaway, spending time outdoors, or simply enjoying each other's company at home, I hope you find joy in these moments together and live out this Irish Blessing, "**May you never forget what is worth remembering, nor ever remember what is best forgotten**"

Thank you for your continued support and partnership in your child's education. I wish you all a restful and joyful spring break filled with laughter and cherished memories.

In the Spirit of St. Patrick whose feast is on Monday, March 17th, I share one of his prayers for you to reflect on.

*I arise today, through
God's strength to pilot me,
God's might to uphold me,
God's wisdom to guide me,
God's eye to look before me,
God's ear to hear me,
God's word to speak for me,
God's hand to guard me,
God's shield to protect me. Amen*

In Gratitude,

Glen Palahicky

Principal, St. Joseph's School

ENJOY YOUR SPRING BREAK!

School is back in session on Monday, March 31*

EARLY DISMISSAL

2pm Wednesday, April 2nd



HOT LUNCH ORDERS ARE OPEN!

The Hot Lunch system has been reopened for orders from April to June.

Orders will be accepted until 8pm on Friday, March 28th.

Payment will only be accepted via e-transfer to sjv-psg@cisdv.bc.ca, and is due at the time of ordering.

Unpaid orders will be cancelled without notice.

<https://stjosephs.hotlunches.net/>

Any questions can be sent to the PSG at sjv-psg@cisdv.bc.ca



ICS SHOWCASE - THE JOY OF MUSIC CONCERT

Tuesday, April 15th at 7:30pm at UVic Farquhar Auditorium

This musical night will showcase the talents of Island Catholic Schools and feature special guests The Avalon Singers. Tickets will be available beginning March 20, at the UVic Box Office. Tickets at the UVIC box office in person (Mon.-Fri. from 9:30 - 4:00), by phone (250)721-8480, or online at tickets.uvic.ca. Tickets are \$10 each, and babies on laps, 2 and under, are free. For more information, email the box office at tickets@uvic.ca.

TC 10K - GO TIMBERWOLVES!

Hello Runners, Walkers, Fitness seekers..



Please consider joining St. Joseph's TC10K Team. As an added bonus, you will receive a team shirt with our logo if you sign up on or before April 1st. (No this is not an April Fool's Day Joke).

<https://raceroster.com/events/2025/95989/36th-annual-tc10k-powered-by-runsport/pledge/team/743662>

There is a kid's team, a walking team, and a running team within our group. You can participate however you would like. Let's have some fun!



HOMEWORK CLUB

Homework club will restart after Spring break, but please be aware no homework club on Wednesday, April 2nd.



THE 2025 ST. JOSEPH'S EASTER PURDY'S FUNDRAISER IS LIVE!

Here is the link: <https://fundraising.purdys.com/1982987-126556>

Orders are due by Friday, March 21st

Families can pick up their orders on April 7th, between 2-3pm in front of the school.

Any questions, please contact Monique: monique.les85@gmail.com



WEEKLY SNAPSHOT

Kindergarten is making good use of their muddy buddies! A joyful reminder for everyone to get outside and have fun during Spring Break



EVENTS 2025

UPCOMING

APR LUNCHTIME INFO
2 MEETING FOR TRACK
AND FIELD ATHLETES

APR INTRAMURAL GAMES
3 ORCAS VS
PRAETORIANS
TROPICS VS BISCUITS

APR BADMINTON
3 PRACTICES BEGIN,
AFTER SCHOOL; TUES
AND THURS

APR INTRAMURAL GAMES
7 WINNERS FROM SEMI
FINALS ON APRIL 3

THE WOLF DEN

GAME SCHEDULE

PLAYOFFS

MARCH 12

ORCAS VS EAGLES | TROPICS VS AVIATORS

MARCH 13

SOUNDERS VS PRAETORIANS | SITKAS VS BISCUITS

APRIL 3

ORCAS VS PRAETORIANS | TROPICS VS BISCUITS

APRIL 7

WINNER FROM APRIL 3 VS WINNER FROM APRIL 3



**PLAYOFFS BEGIN APRIL 3, WITH THE WINNERS FROM
MARCH 12 PLAYING WINNERS FROM MARCH 13**

St Joseph's Early Learning Centre
Pro D Day Care
Registration for Friday, April 11th
Deadline to register is Friday, April 4th

During Pro D Days, St. Joseph's Child Care offers a supervised program of activities operating from 7:30am – 5:00pm. Please pack two snacks, a full lunch and a refillable water bottle. Super Days are civies days and we will all meet in the multi-purpose room above the gym to start the day.

Program Details:

- We will spend lots of time outside, playing organized games, doing art activities and crafts, and watching a movie.

All students attending Pro- D Day care must be registered with St. Joseph's Before and/or After School Care programs.

Cost: \$55 per child

Payment must be made at time of registration. E-transfers can be sent to sjv@cisdv.bc.ca (Please include your child's name and what the transfer is for.)

Pro D Day on Friday, April 11th.

Registration Date: _____

Name(s): _____

Grade(s): Child #1 _____

Child # 2 _____

Total Payment: __\$_____

WAIVER: "Accidents can be result of the nature of the activity and can occur with or without any fault on either the part of the student, or the school or its employees or agents, or the facility where the activity is taking place. By allowing your son/daughter to participate in this activity, you are accepting the risk of an accident occurring, and agree that this activity, as described above, is suitable for your child."

Parent Signature: _____

SISTER ACT JR.

THANK YOU!

A final word of gratitude from the musical production team to all who supported Sister Act Jr musical this year!

We'd also like to congratulate Grades 3N & 6J on winning the class ticket sales competition!

The Junior Class winners are awarded an excursion to the Saanich Fire Hall plus Tim Hortons treat (3N), while the Senior Class gets an excursion to Varsity Performance Karate plus Boston Pizza treat (6J). All your contributions led to the success of the show!

If you'd like to enjoy a keepsake from the production, you can purchase a professional video/photo bundle using the link below or by scanning the QR code.

bit.ly/sisteract2025

A reminder that proceeds go towards further development of the musical theatre program as well as many other PSG-endorsed school-related initiatives that benefit all our childrens.

God bless you all for your continued support and have a fantastic Spring Break!



Beacon Hill Wildflower Minis

St Joseph's Elementary School Fundraiser



The Garry Oak meadow above the Children's Farm bursts into a sea of purple camas flowers every May, and it's the perfect place to capture the fleeting beauty of spring.

- Beacon Hill Park Garry Oak Meadow (above the Children's Farm)
- May 3
- 10 AM - 3:30 PM (20 slots available)
- 10 minute session
- 3-5 hand edited photos
- \$80

These spots will go fast—just like the camas blooms! Book yours before they disappear. 🌸



ANDREA COLLINS
Photography



BAKE SALES

1st FRIDAY OF THE MONTH

Oct 4th - Grade 7
Nov 8th - Grade 6
Dec 6th - Grade 5
Jan 10th - Grade 4

Feb 14th - Grade 3
Mar 7th - Grade 2
Apr 4th - Grade 1
May 2nd - Kindergarten





Welcome to our Instagram!



We are very happy to
welcome you

@st.josephselementary

NEWS FROM THE CHANCERY



The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops is hosting a series of videos for Lent titled Journey Through Lent. This series is meant to offer spiritual inspiration and guidance on how to prepare well for the Easter season. New videos will be released each week, you can watch the series here: <https://www.cccb.ca/lent/>



Listening Circles are now being held across the diocese as part of our Diocesan Permanent Pastoral Synod journey. All are invited to participate—please contact your parish office to sign up for a Circle. If you're unable to participate in a Circle in person, facilitators are hosting online Listening Circles on various dates beginning March 16. Please sign up here: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/dpps-online-listening-circles-tickets-1263055064699>



March 16, the Second Sunday of Lent, marks the Jubilee 2025 Day of Action. As people of faith, we are called to act justly and work for change (Micah 6:8). Join the movement for economic and ecological justice by signing the petition to turn debt into hope: <https://www.kairoscanada.org/jubilee-2025-canada>



The Diocese of Victoria is offering a two-day, in-person marriage preparation course on April 5 and 12, from 10:00 am–4:00 pm in Ladysmith (venue TBD), with a remote Zoom option available. Open to all, this course provides essential guidance for couples preparing for marriage. A joint Certificate of Completion will be issued upon completion of all sessions. Please register by March 19 here: <https://in-person-marriage-prep-april-2025.eventbrite.ca>



St. Joseph the Worker Parish is seeking a part-time Secretary to join their team. This role includes working closely with the pastor, staff, and volunteers to create a welcoming environment for visitors while managing administrative tasks and confidential office functions. View the full job description here: <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/employment>

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE:

Monday: 6:30am

Tuesday: 6:30am and 6:00pm

Wednesday: 6:30am and 6:00pm

Thursday: 6:30am and 9:00am

Friday: 6:30am and 9:00am

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday: 6:30am

Saturday: 5:00pm (Livestream)

Sunday: 10:00am

Sunday: 6:00pm



ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH YOUTH

GROUP Youth Group All Youth Grades 6 - 12 are invited to join us on Saturday evenings. For more information, please contact SJTWYouthGroup@gmail.com



1000X5

1000 Books by Age Five

Children's Book Recycling Project Greater Victoria

1000X5 would love books from your spring cleaning

14years: 355,000 books

1000 babies and preschoolers/month receive a gift bag of 3 books.

Please check the corners of your house and continue to donate books into the pink bin in front of the library.

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

Lenten Retreat

“Meeting Jesus Along the Way”



SAVE THE DATES

TUESDAY, APRIL 1 AND
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2, 2025
AT 7:00 PM

Introducing David Pitt

Originally from Peterborough, Ontario, Dave Pitt began his lifelong journey of ministry as his parish organist. He has focused his writing and teaching on Christian initiation, the Eucharist, liturgical music, and the liturgical year – especially as these connect to living lives of service. He holds a Master of Arts in liturgical music from St. John’s University, Minnesota, and a PhD in liturgical studies from the University of Notre Dame, Indiana. He currently teaches liturgical and sacramental theology at Loras College, Iowa.

Please Join Us!

The Joyful Hope of the Gospel

*A Lenten Mission Retreat
at Sacred Heart Parish
Sunday, March 30 to Tuesday, April 1*

Theme for each evening

Sunday, March 30 : Being Loved

9 am - Regular Sunday Mass

7 pm - Mission Mass with Fr. Dean Henderson

Monday, March 31 : Being Transformed by God's Love

Only 7 pm - Mission Mass with Fr. Dean Henderson

Tuesday, April 1 : Being Healing ministers of the Gospel

No 11 am Weekday Mass

7 pm - Mission Mass with Fr. Dean Henderson



*Join Fr. Dean Henderson
(Rector of St. Andrew's Cathedral)
for three evenings of Lenten transformation!*

Based on Pope Francis' encyclical: "The Joy of the Gospel" and celebrating this Jubilee Year of Hope, the Mission Retreat will share Biblical stories, personal anecdotes, a laugh or two and even shed a tear, to encourage the faithful in the Lenten love for Christ, and those who need both him and the familial affection of his Church.

All Are Welcome

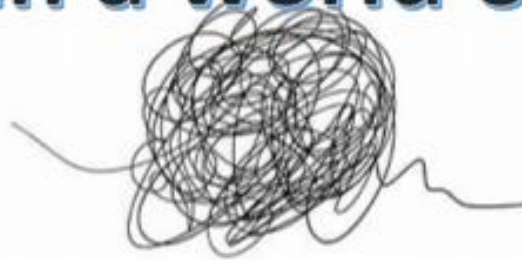


SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH
Victoria BC

ST FRANCIS XAVIER ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
In conjunction with Madonna House
Invites you to a
LENTEN MISSION

HOPE

in a world of



CHAOS

Where: St Francis Xavier Church

790 Kilmalu Rd, Mill Bay

When: Tuesday March 18 – Thursday March 20 2025

Time: 7:00

Illuminate ²⁰/₂₅

Let His Light Shine

Join us for a one-day youth retreat
as we gather to learn about God's
great love for you!

Saturday,
May 3, 2025

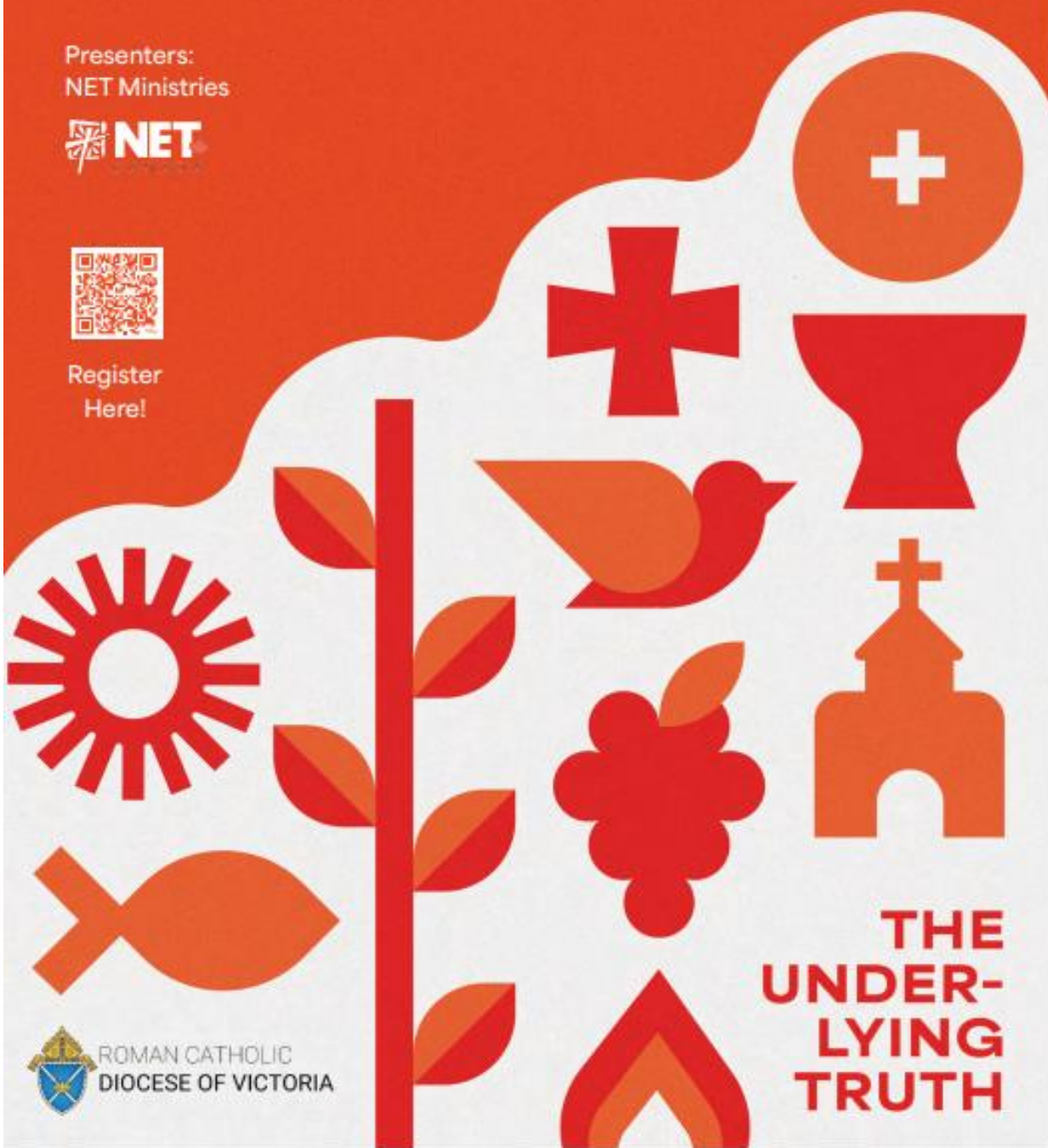
Grades 4-7

St. Joseph's
School
Victoria, BC

Presenters:
NET Ministries



Register
Here!



**THE
UNDER-
LYING
TRUTH**




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SAVE THE GARRY OAKS

Join us in revitalizing an important Garry Oak ecosystem on Christmas Hill by removing invasive species like English ivy, Scotch broom, and Himalayan blackberry!

Our efforts will help prepare the land for a native flower meadow.

-  Every 2nd & 4th Saturday from 1-4 pm
-  Pruners and shovels will be provided
-  Please bring gloves, safety glasses, and water



Learn more here

1-4 pm | Every 2nd & 4th Saturday

Sacred Heart Parking Lot | 4040 Nelthorpe Street

<https://garry-oak-ecosystem-restoration.eventbrite.ca>



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PARENT COMMUNITY

BUSINESS DIRECTORY



*Please note that any manner of association, inclusion, and participation of any Businesses within this Directory, is not an indication of endorsement by St. Joseph's Elementary School or Church Parish or any of its affiliates.



Support Local Parent Owned Businesses!

Our Business Directory is a service provided by the Parents Support Group to help fundraise for our school children and also support our local parent businesses!



DIRECTORY:

Activity & Arts

- Ponies and Paint

Financial & Legal Services

- Homeroom Bookkeeping & Income Tax

Food & Beverage

- Kung Pao Wok
- Maize Fusion Cuisine

Health & Wellness

- Chatterton Way Dental
- Eye Etiquette Optical Boutique

Photography Services

- Andrea Collins Photography

Real Estate Services

- Kamaretsos Real Estate Team

Technology Services

- Qmulus

Trades & Construction

- Lisnabreeny Plumbing Ltd.

CONTACT SJV-PSG@CISDV.BC.CA
WITH QUESTIONS ABOUT SUBSCRIPTIONS

PARENT COMMUNITY BUSINESS DIRECTORY



Activity & Arts

Ponies and Paint

Kaitlyn Hendry

poniesandpaintnights@gmail.com

Ph: 250-588-4121

poniesandpaintnights.com

Ponies and Paint Nights strives to provide a unique experience by blending art, horses, and nature in to an all-in-one experience! We do: paint nights, birthday parties, private events, wellness programs, & more! All ages welcome!



Financial & Legal Services

Homeroom Bookkeeping & Income Tax

Teya Jensen

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We provide bookkeeping for all types of small businesses, payroll, GST/PST filings and Personal income tax returns.



Food & Beverage

Kung Pao Wok

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Chinese Food (Hillside Shopping Center)



Maize Fusion Cuisine

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Restaurant: Mexican Canadian Food



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At Chatterton Way Dental, your oral health is our priority. Our dedicated team makes every visit comfortable and stress-free. Experience dental care that keeps you smiling with confidence.



Eye Etiquette Optical Boutique

Carolin Roussel

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Eye Etiquette offers a range of glasses that are sophisticated, fun, minimal to eye-catching. Our customer service award-winning optical team of licensed opticians, optometrists, and optical assistants are here to help. Providing eyewear, contact lenses, safety glasses and full eye health examinations for all ages.



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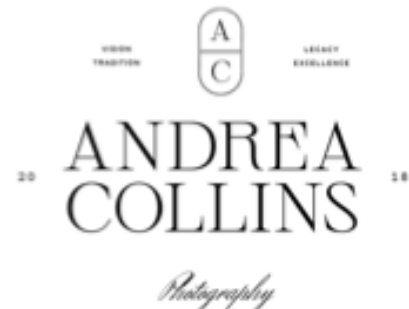
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Family, Wedding, Event and professional portrait photography services.



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Michelle & Lee Kamaretsos

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Real Estate Specialist specializing in residential, investment, and commercial properties in the Greater Victoria areas. See our dedicated link for St. Joes Parents!



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Trades & Construction

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