



## St. Joseph's Catholic School

757 West Burnside Rd. - Victoria, BC V8Z 1M9

*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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Out of School Care, Daycare & Preschool

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

Newsletter  
April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025



Living,  
**CELEBRATING**  
and Proclaiming  
**OUR FAITH**



### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

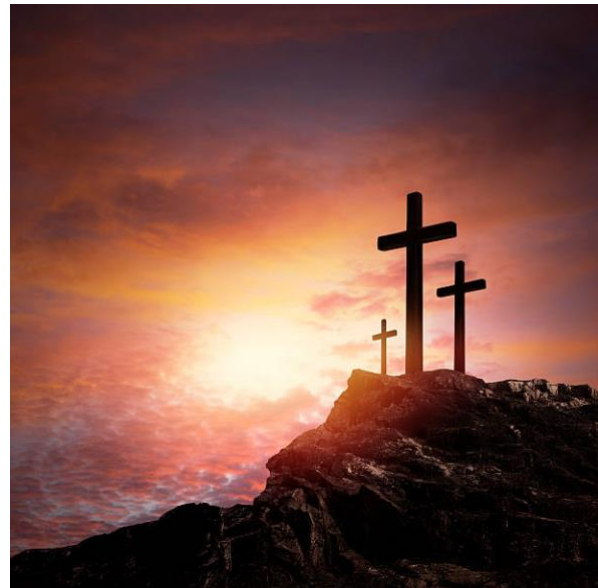
Dear Families of St. Joseph,

Our school is honored to have received a striking print by renowned Indigenous artist Roy Henry Vickers, depicting the Crucified and Risen Christ. This sacred image was generously gifted by the Sisters of St. Anne and it now sits in our front office.

The timing of this gift, during Holy Week, is especially poignant as we reflect on the mystery of Christ's passion and resurrection. We extend our sincere gratitude to the Sisters and to Angela Hudson (curator) for their thoughtful and enduring support of our faith community. Their beautiful legacy to Catholic Education continues to inspire and enrich our lives.



Wishing all of you a blessed Triduum and joyful Easter Weekend.



In Gratitude,

*Glen Palahicky*

Principal, St. Joseph's School



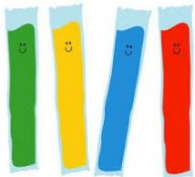
**NO SCHOOL**  
**Good Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup>**  
**Easter Monday, April 21<sup>st</sup>**



**FAMILY PAYMENT SCHEDULES**

Family Payment schedules for the school year 2025/26 have been sent home with your oldest child. **Please read the instructions and return the form to the office by no later than April 29<sup>th</sup>.**

If you also have a child that is attending St Andrews Regional High School please wait for further instructions from them. Before and After School care schedules will be sent out separately at a later date. Reach out to Maria if you have any questions or concerns or if you did not receive a Family Payment schedule. [msullivan@cisdv.bc.ca](mailto:msullivan@cisdv.bc.ca)



**TOONIE FREEZIES**

For just \$2, students can enjoy an end-of-the-week treat AND support our Grade 7 graduation fundraiser. Available after school Thursday, April 17 & Friday, April 25. More dates in May TBA.

**MEAT ORDER FUNDRAISER**

Please see the flyer in this newsletter for items!

Send order and payment to [sjv-psg@cisdv.bc.ca](mailto:sjv-psg@cisdv.bc.ca) before midnight April 30<sup>th</sup>

**WELL DONE!**



Please include the following information:

Parent Name:

Student Name:

Items ordered & quantity:

Total cost:

Confirmation that you, or a designate, are available for pick up

**Friday May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 2:40pm**

Any questions please contact: [sjv-psg@cisdv.bc.ca](mailto:sjv-psg@cisdv.bc.ca)

**ICS SHOWCASE**

Thanks to all staff and students who shared their talents on Tuesday night. A special thank you to Ms. Miranda and Mr. Q for their guidance and time.





## HOMEWORK CLUB

After school in the library Monday to Thursday 2:40-3:10pm.  
On Wednesday math tutors from St. Andrew's will be here for extra math support!



## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Dear St Joseph's families,  
The members of the LSC and PSG are excited to invite you to our Annual General Meeting!

Meeting Details:

- **Date:** May 27th, 2025
- **Time:** 6.30 pm
- **Location:** St. Joseph's Library



## LOCAL SCHOOL COUNCIL

Local School Council has one role needing to be filled for the upcoming school year.

The Local School Council is an elected body whose members are elected to participate in decision-making in designated areas of responsibility. The Local School Council (LSC) is involved with planning, policy formulation and enactment, finances, selection and appointment of school staff, public relations and marketing, and evaluation of goals and plans.

If you are interested in putting your name forward or have any questions, please contact Allison Menzies @ 250 710 5023 or [allisonmenz@gmail.com](mailto:allisonmenz@gmail.com). The deadline to submit your application is May 15, 2025.

A huge thank you to Erika Dalla Torre for her contribution to council over the last 6 years. We really appreciate her time and commitment to St Joseph's School. Thanks Erika!



**CHEESE!**



## WEEKLY SNAPSHOT

Ms. Buckie's Kindie's learned about and honoured Holy Thursday by washing each other's feet and sharing a meal of bread and grape juice. We learned that Jesus calls us to remember His love and sacrifice in these actions! We wish everyone a blessed Holy Triduum and a sacred Easter!

# SPRING PRACTICES

TRACK PRACTICES BEGIN THURSDAY, APRIL 10TH

Schedule	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs
8:00-8:30am		Shot Put	Long Distance	
11:55-12:40pm		Discus 5-7 Long Jump	Triple Jump 6-7 High Jump	4-5 High Jump Discus 3-4 Long Jump Ball Toss
2:45-3:30pm	Sprint Training	Badminton Practice		Badminton Practice + Sprint Training

## THE WOLF DEN



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## DANCE FESTIVAL NEWS!

Dear Parents of Irish and Jazz Dancers,

All of our St. Joseph's dancers will be performing at the Greater Victoria Performing Arts Festival on April 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> at the School Dance Section of the Festival. Parents are encouraged to come watch them perform. The festival will be held at the UVIC Farquhar Auditorium. The performances begin at 9 am. Sharp. You may purchase tickets in advance at the Farquhar Auditorium box office or online. The contact phone number for the Farquhar Auditorium is 250-721-8480. The other contact for Farquhar is as follows: <https://tickets.uvic.ca/TheatreManager/1/online?event=0>  
\$8.50 adults, \$6.50 students/child, free for children 2 and under.

There are a few dancers who have not yet returned their permission form for the festival. This form must be signed and returned to school no later than Tuesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>. All permission forms should be turned in to me or the office. **No** student may attend the festival without a signed permission form. I thank you in advance for your support.

**On the day that your child is to perform in the festival he/she must arrive at school by 7:30 a.m. and come directly to the gym. ALL** the children may wear their gym strips to school if they are not arriving in their costume. Boys should arrive in their black dress pants, black socks, long sleeved white dress shirt, and black vest. Primary girls in the 8 Hand or 6 Hand groups should wear their white ankle socks, and black tumble shorts under their gym strip. Primary girls in the circle group should wear plain white underwear, and white ankle socks under their gym strip. Jazz girls should wear their beige tights under their gym strip. Junior and Senior Irish dancers should wear their black tights and tumble shorts under their gym strip. All the girls should wear their hair in a half up and half down ponytail. **ALL students need to bring along their black dance slippers.** Dancers will dress in their costumes and leave on the school bus for UVIC by **8:15 a.m.** If any parents are available to help get the students dressed your help would be greatly appreciated.

The students have all worked extremely hard and I am looking forward to seeing them perform. If you have any questions please email me at [ghiggins@cisdv.bc.ca](mailto:ghiggins@cisdv.bc.ca)

Sincerely,

Mrs. G. Higgins

St Joseph's Early Learning Centre  
Pro D Day Care  
**Registration for Friday, May 16<sup>th</sup>**  
**Deadline to register is Friday, May 9th**

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](mailto:sjv@cisdv.bc.ca) (Please include your child's name and what the transfer is for.)

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**Pro D Day on Friday, May 16<sup>th</sup>.**

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: \_\_\_\_\_

**St. Joseph's After School Care  
Summer Camp  
Monday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>-Friday, August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025**

Dear Before and After School Care families,

We are pleased to offer a summer camp program this year which will run from **Monday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>-Friday, August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025.**

**Please register as soon as possible as we have limited spaces.**

**Program Dates:**

**Monday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> – Friday, August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025**

Monday to Friday 7:30am – 5:00pm

\*\*Please note our closing time for July\*\*



**Program Activities:**

A finalized calendar will be sent home with registered families. This year we will again be offering theme days, organized activities, and plenty of arts and crafts! We are opening the camp to BSC and ASC families first, but if there is space, we will then open it up to the rest of the school. **We have 20 spots available each week.**

**Cost:                   \$285.00 per child per week**

To register, please complete the attached registration form and return it by email to [scarvalho@cisdv.bc.ca](mailto:scarvalho@cisdv.bc.ca) by:

**Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025**

**If you have any questions, please email Susan and Debbie at [sjvelc@cisdv.bc.ca](mailto:sjvelc@cisdv.bc.ca) or call the centre at 250-479-1237.**

**St. Joseph's After School Care  
Summer Camp 2025  
Registration Form**

Children must be registered in the Before/After School Care Program to attend Summer Camp

**Yes, we wish to register in the 2025 Summer Camp:**

Name(s) of Children: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

We would like to register for:

June 23 <sup>rd</sup> -27 <sup>th</sup> ,	(\$285.00)	_____
June 30 <sup>th</sup> -July 4 <sup>th</sup>	(\$285.00)	_____
July 7 <sup>th</sup> -11 <sup>th</sup>	(\$285.00)	_____
July 14 <sup>th</sup> -18 <sup>th</sup>	(\$285.00)	_____
July 21 <sup>st</sup> -25 <sup>th</sup>	(\$285.00)	_____
July 28 <sup>th</sup> -August 1 <sup>st</sup>	(\$285.00)	_____

**Total payment Included:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\*Please e-transfer payment to [sjv@cisdv.bc.ca](mailto:sjv@cisdv.bc.ca) and include your child's name and what the payment is for in the comments section.

**Please submit to the Early Learning Centre ([sjvelc@cisdv.bc.ca](mailto:sjvelc@cisdv.bc.ca))  
by Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025.**

**Payment must be e-transferred before your child is considered registered.**

**All registrations are on a first-come, first-serve basis.**





# The Cast

THEATRE  
**al dente**  
Presents

Anne Shirley  
Marilla Cuthbert  
Matthew Cuthbert  
Gilbert Blythe  
Diana Barry  
Josie Pye  
Miss Stacy  
Mr. Phillips  
Mrs. Rachel Lynde  
Mrs. Spencer  
Mrs. Blewett  
Earl  
Cecil/Station Master  
The Minister  
Malcom Andrews  
Lucilla Harris  
Mrs. MacPherson  
Mrs. Barry  
Mrs. Sloane  
Mrs. Pye  
Prissy Andrews  
Ruby Gillis  
Tilly Boulter  
Gertie Pye  
Moody MacPherson  
Charlie Sloane  
Tommy Sloane  
Gerry Buote

Genevieve Roszmann  
Alison Bendall  
Garrett Clayton  
Kaidyn Robertson  
Kaiya Gibbs  
Paige Roussel  
Maia Niedjalski  
Spencer Ronnenkamp  
Karmen McNamara  
Katie Liebault  
Grace Martin  
Stu Adam  
Rob Friesen  
Laura Simons  
Bear Spry  
Emma Sainte  
Andrea Bugslag  
Zara Rodger  
Ravenna Callejas  
Jas Wong  
Isla Home  
Savannah Morrison  
Elanor Walker Collins  
Chiamaka Okafor  
Laurel Whiteside  
Penelope Mackie  
Griffin Hunt  
Norah Whiteside

## Ensemble

Jennifer Beatty, Jenni Woodcock, Wally Trotter  
Isabella Martin, Payton martin, Kate Payne, Rachel Les,  
Katherine Cerna, Brianna Gilson

# ANNE of Green Gables The Musical

Performances at Esquimalt  
High School Theatre

June 20 @ 7pm  
June 21, 22 @ 2pm



# PSG News



## What's Happening...



### Movie Night

**Date:** May 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 6PM

**Details:** FREE popcorn and beverages

Bring blankets, pillows, wear comfy clothes or PJs and hang out for a family movie night in the school gym.

Doors open at 5:30pm

No camp style chairs please, there will be a limited number of chairs available for use that will not scratch the gym floors

**Movie is:** Rise of the Guardians

## Volunteer Opportunities

**Photography Assistants:** We need 4 volunteers to assist with the family photo shoots.

May 3, 2025 between 10am-3:30pm  
90min time slots!

SIGN UP: <https://shorturl.at/KxPD7>

**Movie Night:** We need 4 volunteers to help this event run smoothly! Need help with handing out popcorn and drinks!

SIGN UP: <https://shorturl.at/Fs9lo>

## UPCOMING AGM

### CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR 2025/2026 PSG EXECUTIVE

Interested in what the PSG does?  
Want to help the school community, raise money for the kids, and not have to write a volunteer cheque? JOIN THE PSG!

1 monthly meeting (1 hour on the 2nd Tuesday of each month)

#### Looking for:

Vice President  
Secretary  
Treasurer  
Members at Large

Have a say in where we spend and fundraise for the school!  
Interested?

Email [sjv-psg@cisdv.bc.ca](mailto:sjv-psg@cisdv.bc.ca) with your interest and come to the AGM May 27th

## Contact



[St. Joseph's School - Parent Support Group](#)



[@st.josephselementary](#)



[sjv-psg@cisdv.bc.ca](mailto:sjv-psg@cisdv.bc.ca)



# 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



# ST. JOSEPH'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

1150 WILLOW, BC



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Order Deadline: April 30, 2025**

Pick Up : 2pm May 23rd at St. Joseph's elementary

To order: Contact Jenn Souter jmiskulin2@gmail.com



ITEM	COST	ORDER	TOTAL
6oz Sirloin Steak 24pc/cs *	\$140.00	X _____ =	\$ _____
Lil Chef 5oz Beef Burger 36/cs **	\$70.00	X _____ =	\$ _____
Chicken Breast B/S 4KG *	\$60.00	X _____ =	\$ _____
Chicken Strips 2x2KG ^~	\$60.00	X _____ =	\$ _____
Double Smoked Bacon 4mm 2x2.5KG *	\$90.00	X _____ =	\$ _____
Breakfast Sausage 4KG *	\$60.00	X _____ =	\$ _____
Chicken Thigh B/S 5KG *	\$70.00	X _____ =	\$ _____
Chicken Wings 10KG *	\$100.00	X _____ =	\$ _____
26/30 Prawns P&D 2LB "	\$25.00	X _____ =	\$ _____
Chicken Cordon Blue 12/cs ^^~^	\$80.00	X _____ =	\$ _____
6" Cheese Pizza 18/cs ^ ^^	\$45.00	X _____ =	\$ _____
6" Pepperoni Pizza 18/cs ^ ^^	\$45.00	X _____ =	\$ _____
6" Supreme Pizza 18/cs ^ ^^	\$45.00	X _____ =	\$ _____
Meatballs 320x0.5oz ^^ ** ^	\$75.00	X _____ =	\$ _____
Chicken Souvlaki Skewers 60pc/cs *	\$110.00	X _____ =	\$ _____
Torpedo Prawns Breaded 10x8pc^^ ^ ~	\$80.00	X _____ =	\$ _____
Breaded Pork Cutlets 40x4oz/cs ^^ ^ ~	\$75.00	X _____ =	\$ _____
Chicken Apple Leek Sausage 4KG *	\$70.00	X _____ =	\$ _____
*Allergen Free **Soy ^Gluten ^^Dairy ~Egg "Seafood		<b>ORDER TOTAL =</b>	\$ _____



# 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**



# Uniform Fitting Day

Bundle deals available

Join us for your Uniform  
Fitting Day at St. Joseph's  
School on Friday  
June 6th 2025  
10:00 am to 5:00 pm

To order online 24/7 visit: [www.mccarthyuniforms.ca](http://www.mccarthyuniforms.ca)

Or via our Call Centre Toll Free: 1-800-668-8261

Or visit us in store at 1050 Boundary Road, Burnaby BC V5K 4T3

Phone: 1-800-668-8261

Email: [customerservice@mccarthyuniforms.ca](mailto:customerservice@mccarthyuniforms.ca)



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UNIFORMS

• ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE •

# Spring

GENTLY USED

## CLOTHING JEWELLERY & BOOKS SALE

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### OTHER ACCESSORIES

**FRI. APRIL 25**

9:30AM - 2PM

**SAT. APRIL 26**

9:30AM - 2PM



**CLOTHING**

For women, men  
& children, shoes,  
& household  
linens

**St. Patrick's Church** [Lady of Lourdes Hall]  
**2060 Haultain Street**  
Ample Parking + Wheelchair Accessible

**Pick Up for Clothing Donations**  
Lorrie 250-595-5981  
Donations accepted until Tuesday, April 22

NOW ACCEPTING  
DEBIT/CREDIT CARDS



#### SOME OF THE CHARITIES WE SUPPORT ARE:

African Heritage Assoc., Anawim House, ANCOF (Answering the Cry of the Poor), Birthright, Development and Peace, Kids Klub - School Brown Bag Lunch Program, Coady International, Missions in Canada and abroad, Mount St. Mary Hospital, Oak Bay Volunteer Service Society, St. Vincent de Paul - Rosalie's Village, Cool-Aid Society, Rachel's Vineyard, Sandy Merriman House, The Soup Kitchen, St. Patrick's/St. Andrew's Schools and Student Bursaries, Youth at risk charities, as well as church needs.



## NEWS FROM THE CHANCERY



Mass times for Holy Week—including Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil, and Easter Sunday—are now available on the diocesan website. The schedule includes times and locations provided by parishes across the Diocese of Victoria. Please find the list of Mass times here: <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/events/2025-lent-easter-mass-times>

Bishop Gary Gordon has written a message to the people of the Diocese of Victoria on the occasion of Easter 2025. The message may be read online at <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/news/bishop-gary-gordons-message-for-easter-2025>. A copy of his letter is also attached to this email to share with your communities.

Bishop William T. McGrattan, Bishop of Calgary and President of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, has recorded a video message for Easter 2025. The video can be viewed here: [https://youtu.be/-Coxb0q\\_aAY](https://youtu.be/-Coxb0q_aAY)

St. Patrick's Parish is hosting the Arbutus Singers on April 29th at 7:30 pm for a concert. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased from July at 250-384-2840; proceeds support the Choir Kids program. Please see the attached poster for more details.

The Anawim Companions Society is looking for a volunteer to support donor relations. The role involves approximately 3–4 hours per week and includes a mix of on-site and remote activities. Please see the attached role description for more information.

## 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](mailto:SJTWYouthGroup@gmail.com)



# Catholic Diocese of Victoria

*Office of the Bishop*

1-4044 Nelthorpe Street, Victoria, BC V8X 2A1 - Tel: 250-479-1331 - Fax: 250-479-5423 - Web: [rcdvictoria.org](http://rcdvictoria.org)

*Easter 2025*

Dear people of the Diocese of Victoria,

Alleluia, Alleluia! Jesus is risen; Easter has arrived and brought us through Lent.

Our Lenten journey of persistent hope brings us to a new beginning of life in Christ and a new conversation beyond the tired and failed words of battle, war, and victory.

Indeed, these past 40 days of Lent has brought us through new deserts of the age-old temptations which Jesus himself found in the wilderness—consumption (turn these stones into bread), conquering (the kingdoms of the world will be yours), and control (do not put the Lord to the test).

These tired temptations will always give the illusion of a prosperous life and security, but true freedom—new and eternal life—comes only through the Crosses of Humility, Dialogue, and Peace.

“Do not be afraid.” (Matthew 10:26, 10:28, 10:31, 14:27, 17:7, 28:10; Mark 5:36, 6:50; Luke 5:10, 8:50, 12:7, 12:32, John 6:30, 14:27) These words, spoken by Jesus time and again throughout the Gospels, are not just a reassurance but a call to trust in Him, even in times of uncertainty. Fear can hold us back, but Christ’s resurrection is the ultimate sign that hope prevails.

Today, as we hear the Easter Proclamation, this message takes on a new urgency for God’s people in this Year of a Jubilee of Hope. We are invited to embrace courage, to live as people of faith, and to be bearers of Christ’s hope in a world that longs for renewal.

*Exult, let them exult, the hosts of heaven,  
exult, let Angel ministers of God exult,  
let the trumpet of salvation  
sound aloud our mighty King’s triumph!*

Like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, may our hearts burn within us as Christ speaks to us. In recognizing Him, the disciples turned back to Jerusalem—not with resigned bitterness, resentment, or regret, but transformed by their encounter with the Risen Christ. Nourished by His life of hope, they returned with a desire to share that hope with all people.

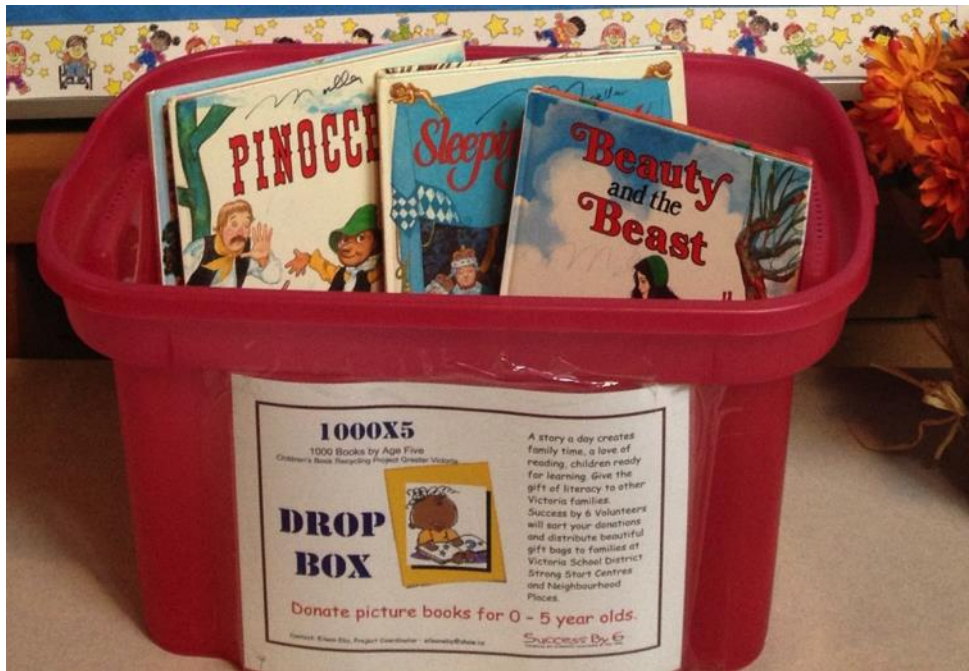
Just as the disciples returned to Jerusalem bearing hope, I invite you to bring hope to others by joyfully living and serving as witnesses of Jesus’ resurrection. In a world weighed down by uncertainty, division, and despair, we are called to be messengers of resurrection joy and help turn fear into faith. It is this quiet work of love that expands and transforms, making space for new life.

This Easter season, may we all hear and accept the words of Christ: “Do not be afraid.” Let us be signs of hope, reminding the world that death and fear do not have the final word—love and faith do.

In the peace of Christ, Happy Easter.

Most Reverend Gary Gordon  
Bishop of Victoria

## 1000X5 and Greater Victoria Families Increase Early Literacy



**360,000 books cleaned and labelled**  
**120,000 gift bags with 3 books each**  
**Thousands more young children now with home libraries.**  
**Thousands more young children in the early literacy club.**

**Together we achieved this in 14 years.**  
**Please continue to take your gently used books to the pink bin in front of the library.**  
**Help change a child's future.**



# VOLUNTEER TO CHANGE LIVES

## Volunteer Opportunity

### The Anawim Companions Society – Victoria BC

The Anawim Companions Society is looking for a volunteer to help us care for and connect with our valued donors. This role supports our efforts to express our gratitude, build relationships, and keep our community informed and engaged. The commitment is approximately 3-4 hours per week with a flexible schedule, and can include a mix of on-site and remote activities based on your availability and the needs of the team.

**Location:**

973 Caledonia Avenue, Victoria, BC

**MISSION AND CORE BELIEFS:**

**Mission:** To support the healing of those living in physical, emotional, spiritual and social poverty, through compassion, empowerment, love and respect.

**Core belief:** The Anawim Companions Society believes that beyond the face of poverty, there exists a whole person worthy of dignity, equality and unconditional love who needs to be accepted and reunited to humanity. We believe that every human is worthy of love and compassion, regardless of their financial state, mental, physical or social status.

**WHY US?**

At the Anawim Companions Society, we are committed to creating a supportive and positive experience for everyone who joins our team—whether as staff, volunteers, or community members. We believe that every voice matters and strive to cultivate a culture where each person's perspective is valued and respected, regardless of their role.

Working and volunteering with Anawim offers the chance to be part of something deeply meaningful. Our community is built on compassion, connection, and purpose—and the experience of contributing to that is not only impactful but truly rewarding.



The  
Anawim  
Companions  
Society

#### **ROLE OVERVIEW:**

This volunteer position will support our organization by managing the intake and acknowledgment of donations. This role involves reviewing and processing donations, entering donation details into our financial systems, and reaching out to donors to express gratitude via letters, emails, and phone calls.

#### **KEY RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Review and process incoming donations.
- Accurately enter donation details into financial records.
- Compose and send personalized thank-you letters, emails, and thank-you calls to donors.
- Maintain accurate records of donor interactions.

#### **QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Kindness
- Strong attention to detail.
- Excellent communication skills, both written and verbal.
- Comfortable making phone calls.
- Ability to maintain confidentiality.

#### **Please reply to:**

**E-mail:** [executivedirector@anawimhouse.com](mailto:executivedirector@anawimhouse.com)

Please note 'Donor Relations' in the subject line of your email.

**Phone:** 250.986.9065

# ARBUTUS SINGERS



# SPRING

## *Concert*

**Tuesday, April 29, 2025**

**7:30-8:45pm**

Light refreshments to follow.

**St. Patrick's Parish**

2060 Haultain Street

Victoria

**Tickets: \$20 Each or \$50 Family Pack**

Purchase from an Arbutus Singers member  
or call July at 250.384.2840

**Choir Director**  
Jack Boomer

**Pianist**  
Robyn McKinnon

**Percussionist**  
Brad Hawkes

Proceeds to support **Choir Kids**





# 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.

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WITH QUESTIONS ABOUT SUBSCRIPTIONS



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## Activity & Arts

### Ponies and Paint

Kaitlyn Hendry

[poniesandpaintnights@gmail.com](mailto:poniesandpaintnights@gmail.com)

Ph: 250-588-4121

[poniesandpaintnights.com](http://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

[info@homeroombookkeeping.com](mailto:info@homeroombookkeeping.com)

Ph: 604-739-9536

[www.homeroombookkeeping.com](http://www.homeroombookkeeping.com)

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



## Food & Beverage

### Kung Pao Wok

Ankie Leung

[kungpaowok\\_victoria@yahoo.ca](mailto:kungpaowok_victoria@yahoo.ca)

Ph: 778-433-8806

*Chinese Food (Hillside Shopping Center)*



### Maize Fusion Cuisine

Cesar Ibarra

[maizefusion@gmail.com](mailto:maizefusion@gmail.com)

Ph: 250-590-2555

[www.maizefusion.com](http://www.maizefusion.com)

*Restaurant: Mexican Canadian Food*



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## Health & Wellness

### Chatterton Way Dental

Dr. Matthew Foulkes

[info@chattertonwaydental.ca](mailto:info@chattertonwaydental.ca)

Ph: 250-598-5441

[chattertonwaydental.ca](http://chattertonwaydental.ca)

*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

[carolin.etiquette@shaw.ca](mailto:carolin.etiquette@shaw.ca)

Ph: 250-474-1941 and 778-432-3344

[www.eyeetiquetteoptical.ca](http://www.eyeetiquetteoptical.ca)

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## Photography Services

### Andrea Collins Photography

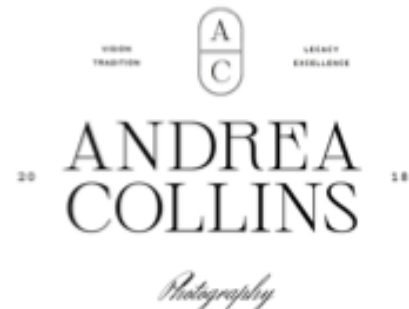
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*Family, Wedding, Event and professional portrait photography services.*



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## Real Estate Services

### Kamaretsos Real Estate Team | Pemberton Holmes

Michelle & Lee Kamaretsos

[michelle@myvictoriarealty.com](mailto:michelle@myvictoriarealty.com)

Ph: 250-686-7590

[www.myvictoriarealty.com/st-joes-parents.html](http://www.myvictoriarealty.com/st-joes-parents.html)

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



## Technology Services

### Qmulus

Benoni Cabrera

[sales@qmulusolutions.com](mailto:sales@qmulusolutions.com)

Ph: 250-999-5075

[qmulusolutions.com](http://qmulusolutions.com)

*Virtual staffing, local recruitment, and technology services.*



## Trades & Construction

### Lisnabreeny Plumbing Ltd.

Sam Payne

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