

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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Dear St. Joseph's School Families,

This week, we hold our community close in prayer and spirit as we reflect on both profound sorrow and enduring hope.

We are deeply saddened by the tragic events that took place during the Lapu Lapu celebrations in Vancouver this past weekend. The sudden loss of life has deeply affected many, including members of our community and school family. One of our dear staff members is mourning the heartbreaking loss of a friend who was among the victims. As our province marks today as a day of remembrance and mourning in solidarity with the Filipino community, we offer our prayers and heartfelt condolences to all who are grieving.

For families who feel called to offer additional support, we are including links to verified fundraising pages created to assist those most directly impacted. Your prayers, presence, and acts of charity offer great comfort in times such as these. [BC Kapwa Strong Fund] [Vancouver Festival Tragedy: Donate or Fundraise] Bishop Gary will celebrate a memorial Mass this evening at St. Andrew's Cathedral at 7:30, with Fr. Dino Villadiego saying the homily.

Even as we mourn, we draw strength from the faith that unites us. On May 1st, our school community gathered to celebrate the **Feast of St. Joseph the Worker**, our patron saint and a model of quiet strength, humility, and perseverance. St. Joseph reminds us that great holiness is often lived out in small, faithful acts—in caring for family, in responding to difficulty with courage, and in trusting God's presence even amidst uncertainty and sorrow.

As we move forward, may the example of St. Joseph inspire us to be a community marked by compassion, resilience, and hope. Let us continue to walk with and pray for those who are suffering, and hold fast to the light of Christ that shines even in the darkest times.

We have missed Mr. Palahicky this week, as he has been away for an Administrative Retreat with principals from across our province's Catholic Schools. We look forward to his return on Monday!

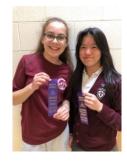
With prayers for peace and healing,

Elena Amos Vice Principal St. Joseph's School



TOONIE FREEZIES!

Please bring your twoonies and support the Grade 7 fundraiser! Friday, May, 9th
Thursday, May 15th
Friday, May 23rd



WELL DONE BADMINTON TEAM!

Congratulations to Joanne and Ella, from Grade 7, on winning the consolation final round at the recent Middle School Badminton Invitationals! We are so proud of all of your hard work girls! What a great way to cap off a season of fun and dedication by all Grade 6 and 7 Badminton Players!



A SPECIAL BIRTHDAY MESSAGE!

Each class has made a page for Sr. Marina Smith's 90th birthday card, celebrating 70 years as a Sister of St. Anne. One of our students has put it all together with help from an EA, and we think she will love it!

2H COMMUNITY OUTREACH

On April 16th, 2H visited Broadmead Lodge and spread some Easter cheer.









INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS ART SHOW

Saturday, May 3rd 10am-3pm

Come and support budding artists from St. Joesph's and other local independent schools.



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. 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!



WEEKLY SNAPSHOT

In honour of the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker, our children from Daycare to Grade 7 planted lilies —symbols of St. Joseph's purity, faithfulness, and gentle strength—as a lasting reminder of his quiet, steadfast presence as the patron saint of our school















EVENTS2025

AY BADMINTON CITY

FINALS @ SMUS

MIDDLE SCHOOL TRACK **MEET #1@ UVIC** 4PM - (APPROX) 6PM

MIDDLE SCHOOL TRACK MEET #2 @ UVIC 4PM - (APPRX) 6:30PM

MIDDLE SCHOOL TRACK **MEET #3 @ UVIC** 4PM - (APPROX) 6PM

THE WOLF DEN

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



Independent Schools Association

AZT SHOW

K - Grade 8





Hosted by St Michaels University School, Junior School 820 Victoria Ave., Victoria, BC

St Joseph's Early Learning Centre Pro D Day Care Registration for Friday, May 16th 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 (Please include your child's name and what the transfer is for.)

Pro D Day on Friday, May 16th.	
Registration Date:	
Name(s):	-
Grade(s): Child #1	
Child # 2	
Total Payment:\$	
WAIVER: "Accidents can be result of the nature of the either the part of the student, or the school or its emplo place. By allowing your son/daughter to participate in occurring, and agree that this activity, as described about	yees or agents, or the facility where the activity is taking this activity, you are accepting the risk of an accident
Parent Signature:	

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

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

Program Dates:

Monday, June 23rd – Friday, August 1st, 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 by:

Friday, May 9th, 2025

If you have any questions, please email Susan and Debbie at 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 Car	np:	
Name(s) of Children:		Grade:	
		Grade:	
We would like to register for:			
June 23 rd -27 th , June 30 th -July 4 th July 7 th -11 th July 14 th -18 th July 21 st -25 th July 28 th -August 1 st	(\$285.00) (\$285.00) (\$285.00) (\$285.00) (\$285.00) (\$285.00)		
Total payment Included:	(, == 00)	\$	

*Please e-transfer payment to 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) by Friday, May 9th, 2025.

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

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





Anne Shirley Marilla Cuthbert Matthew Cuthbert Gilbert Blythe Diana Barry Josie Pye Miss Stacu 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**

ANNE Gables The Musical

Performances at Esquimalt
High School Theatre

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



Ensemble

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

PSG News



What's Happening...



Movie Night

Date: May 2nd e 6PM

Details: FREE popcorn and beverages

Bring blankets, pillows, wear comfies 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

Contact



St. Joseph's School - Parent Support Group



est.josephselementary



sjv-psgecisdv.bc.ca

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-psgecisdv.bc.ca with your interest and come to the AGM May 27th



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June 6th 2025
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Or visit us in store at 1050 Boundary Road, Burnaby BC V5K 4T3

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NEWS FROM THE CHANCERY

Bishop Gary Gordon will be offering a special Memorial Mass for those who recently died at the Lapu-Lapu Festival in Vancouver. All are welcome to attend at St. Andrew's Cathedral on Friday, May 2, at 7:30 pm. Fr. Dino Villadiego will be giving the homily. Your continued prayers for the victims of this tragedy, their families, and all those impacted are greatly appreciated.

The annual March for Life will take place on May 8th, beginning with a noon Mass at St. Andrew's Cathedral in Victoria. The march will start at 1:45 pm from Centennial Square and proceed to the Legislature for a rally at 2:15 pm. All are welcome to participate. A dinner will follow at St. Joseph the Worker Parish in Victoria (753 Burnside Rd W), co-sponsored by the March for Life Committee and the Knights of Columbus Councils 1256 and 13356. Doors open at 5pm. Tickets are \$55 and can be reserved or purchased until May 5 by contacting Gary at garys235@outlook.com.

To celebrate National Family and Life Week from May 11–18, 2025, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops has released liturgical and pastoral resources themed "Abound in Hope!". These materials are available at: https://www.cccb.ca/faith-moral-issues/family-and-life/national-family-and-life-week/

May 15th is Moose Hide Campaign Day, an Indigenous-led, national day of ceremony calling all Canadians to stand together against violence toward women and children and to take meaningful steps toward reconciliation. All are welcome to register for the virtual events, and/or join the Walk to End Violence in Victoria from 12:00 pm-1:00 pm. Details and registration can be found here: https://moosehidecampaign.ca/campaignday/

The Knights of Columbus and CWL are hosting a Craft Sale & Flea Market at St. Elizabeth's Church (10030 Third St, Sidney) on May 10 from 9:00 am-1:00 pm, with spots available to rent for \$20— email gary.koett@telus.net to reserve. All are welcome to shop and enjoy refreshments and baked goods for sale, as well as potted plants available from Birthright Victoria!

St. Joseph the Worker Church (753 Burnside Rd W) is hosting a Community Garage Sale on Saturday, May 10 from 9:00 am-2:00 pm, featuring over 30 tables of household items, books, jewelry, plants, tools, vintage finds, clothing, and more. Shoppers can enjoy coffee, tea, and lemonade, with hot Egg McKnight breakfasts and BBQ burgers and hotdogs available from the Knights of Columbus. Donations are being accepted until Friday, May 9. Come find a treasure and support the parish community!

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



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April 28, 2025

Dear People of God.

After consultation with the Diocesan Liturgical Commission, the Diocesan Health Care Committee, and the Council of Priests, I have determined that it is now time to reintroduce the distribution of the Precious Blood from the chalice during the Liturgy of the Eucharist to all the faithful. This change will come into effect on the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ, June 22, 2025.

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM) has a number of statements lauding the practice of the administration of both species (i.e., the Body and the Blood of Christ) in the Mass. For example:

80. Since the Eucharistic Celebration is the Paschal Banquet, it is desirable that in keeping with the Lord's command, his Body and Blood should be received as spiritual food by the faithful who are properly disposed.

281. Holy Communion has a fuller form as a sign when it is distributed under both kinds. For in this form the sign of the Eucharistic banquet is more clearly evident and clear expression is given to the divine will by which the new and eternal Covenant is ratified in the Blood of the Lord, as also the relationship between the Eucharistic banquet and the eschatological banquet in the Father's Kingdom (Eucharisticum Mysterium, May 25, 1967, no. 32)

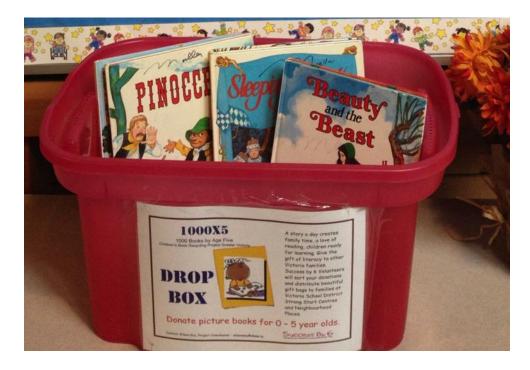
The liturgical principle laid out in GIRM # 160 of making a simple bow of the head before receiving the Body of Christ would apply when receiving the Blood of Christ.

GIRM # 286 then states that the communicant "moves and stands facing the minister of the chalice. The minister says, The Blood of Christ, the communicant responds, Amen, and the minister hands over the chalice, which the communicant raises to his or her mouth. Each communicant drinks a little from the chalice, hands it back to the minister, and then withdraws; the minister wipes the rim of the chalice with the purificator." (emphasis mine).

It is important here to reiterate the above instruction of the Church that the posture for receiving the Blood of Christ is one of standing. This is done to avoid situations of spillage from the chalice. It is much safer for the minister who is standing to give the chalice to a communicant who is also standing; it also allows for easier flow within the liturgy.

Pastors / pastoral administrators / executive committees with their parishes are free to choose if and when they will offer Communion under both kinds at their Masses. Please note that on

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Help change a child's future.

DESSERT AUCTION FUNDRAISER

Friday, May 30 7:00pm

Beloved Catholic Women's Ministries invites you to a delicious and fun way to raise funds to send any of the women in our Diocese who desire to attend our annual Women's Retreat at Camp Homewood but are prevented due to financial reasons. Make it a date night, or bring a group of friends and bid on delicious desserts that you can eat all together there with tea and coffee, or bring home to share with the family or co workers. Get your free tickets at https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/dessert-auction-fundraiser-tickets-1343131946809?utm experiment=test share listing&aff=ebdsshios

To donate a dessert, or make a financial donation, please email vicatholicwomensretreat@gmail.com





St. Elizabeth's Craft Sale & Flea Market

Saturday May 10th from 9 am - 1 pm St. Elizabeth's Church, 10030 Third St, Sidney

Rent a spot for \$20 and sell your surplus stuff and your homemade items - or just come and shop. All are welcome!

Refreshments (hot dogs, coffee, tea & soft drinks) for sale.

The CWL is also offering yummy baked goods for sale, and Birthright will be selling potted plants (viewable online at birthrightvictoria.org).

To rent a spot, email gary.koett@telus.net or call 250-652-2543







SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

12:00PM Protestant Prayer Service

Central Baptist Church

833 Pandora Avenue, Victoria, BC

12:00PM Mass at St. Andrew's Roman

Catholic Cathedral

740 View Street, Victoria, BC

1:45PM March leaves from Centennial Square

down Government Street

to the B.C. Legislature

5:00PM Dinner at St. Joseph the Worker

Parish Hall—753 Burnside Road West,

Victoria, BC

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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



1–4 pm | Every 2nd & 4th Saturday
Sacred Heart Parking Lot | 4040 Nelthorpe Street
https://garry-oak-ecosystem-restoration.eventbrite.ca

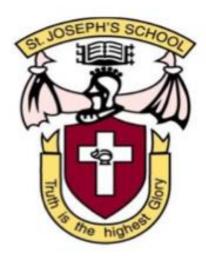




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Our Business Directory is a service provided by the Parents Support Group to help fundraise for our school children and also support our local parent businesses!



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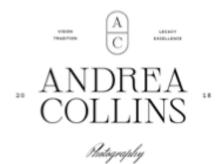
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