



St. Joseph's Catholic School

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

Newsletter
February 27th, 2026

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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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:



As we look ahead with great anticipation, our entire school community is filled with excitement for our upcoming musical production of **The Lion King Jr.**. This beloved story, brought to life by our talented students, promises to be a joyful celebration of creativity, dedication, and faith-filled community spirit.

Over the past several weeks, our gym and halls have been alive with music, laughter, and the steady rhythm of creative talent. Our students have worked tirelessly to prepare for this special performance. They have stretched themselves in remarkable ways – learning lines, mastering choreography, strengthening their singing voices, and growing in confidence as performers. Even more inspiring has been watching them support one another, practice teamwork, and demonstrate responsibility and cooperation. The pride we feel in their hard work and perseverance is truly immeasurable.

This production would not be possible without the incredible generosity of our volunteers. Parents, grandparents, staff members, and friends of our school have given countless hours to build sets, design costumes, assist with rehearsals, coordinate logistics, and offer encouragement every step of the way. Their commitment is a beautiful reflection of the strength and unity of our St. Joseph's Catholic community. We are deeply grateful for the many hands and hearts that have helped bring this vision to life.

Our performance of *The Lion King Jr.* is far more than a show – it is a celebration of our students' God-given talents and a testament to what can be accomplished when we work together. The stage will shine with amazing displays of acting, singing, dancing, and teamwork. Most importantly, it will shine with the joy and confidence of our children.

We warmly invite all families and their friends to join us for this special event. Come celebrate our kids, our community, and the extraordinary talent within our school. Your presence and support mean so much to our students, and we cannot wait to share this special experience with you.

With Gratitude and excitement,

Glen Palahicky

Principal, St. Joseph's Elementary



PURDY'S CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER

The Purdy's Easter 2026 Fundraiser is live! Get your Easter Goodies here at <https://fundraising.purdys.com/campaign/000027134>.



Who doesn't love a treat after 40 days of Lent?!

Deadline for orders is Thursday, March 12th at midnight.

Pickup is Wednesday, April 1st after school, 240-5pm (Location TBD)



FRIENDLY REMINDER FROM THE OFFICE OF MRS. SULLIVAN

If you are planning on receiving the Practicing Catholic Tuition rate for the 2026/27 school year please ensure you complete the form and submit to office by no later than March 7th

<https://stjosephschool.ca/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/Fillable-Practicing-Catholic-Tuition-Rate-Criteria-and-Request-2026-2027-Copy-2.pdf>



TAX RECIEPTS ARE HERE!

Come pick them up in the office, Mon-Fri, 8am-4pm



SHARING KINDNESS AND CARE THIS LENT

This Lent, our students are following Pope Leo's message to "fast" from grumpy words or being unkind. Instead, we are practicing using our voices to lift each other up, both in the classroom and when we use our tablets or computers at home.

As a school family, we also want to reach out to our neighbours who may be going through a difficult time. We are asking our generous community to help us fill the shelves for the Knights of Columbus food drive. By sharing what we have, we can make sure no one in our local area goes hungry this season. Please send in your donations by Thursday, March 12 at the latest.

Suggested Items for Our Food Drive:

- Canned Goods: Veggies, fruit, soup, tuna
- Boxed Items: Pasta, rice, cereal, crackers
- Jars: Peanut butter and pasta sauce
- School Snacks: Granola bars and fruit cups



SPECIAL TALK: DYING TO MEET YOU

Tuesday, March 3, 2026, from 7 pm to 8:30 pm (after 6:00 pm Mass) at St. Joseph the Worker Parish, Amanda Achtman, founder of Dying to Meet You, will speak about preventing euthanasia and encouraging hope, rooted in the dignity of every human person. No charge. Coffee & tea at 6:30 pm.



SPRING BREAK SPANISH LESSONS

Interested in Spanish for your child during spring break? One of our St. Joseph's parents will be offering a Spanish Intensive for children 7 to 10 years old in the Parish Hall: March 16th, 17th, 19th and 20th from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. For more information, email rebk78@gmail.com



PARENT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

The Lion King Jr. is looking for volunteers, click the link for more information and to sign up. <https://signup.com/go/aQpeLPS>



HOMEWORK CLUB

Please note that next week will be the last week for Homework Club for this term.

Grades 4-7

Tuesdays & Thursdays

After school in the *primary learning support room* 2:40-3:10

CENTRE OF THE UNIVERSE

On Wednesday grade 2 had an intergalactic field trip to Centre of the Universe, the Dominion Astrophysical Observatory and home to the historical Plaskett Telescope. Thank you to the parent volunteers who came along and helped out.



GO TIMBERWOLVES!

What a great season we had with our Girl's Volleyball Teams. They participated in three Jamborees and had lots of fun and skill development. We are extremely proud of all our players. Thanks for making the season so much fun!

The 17 members of the St. Joseph's Boy's Volleyball season had a tremendous season. With an almost even split of 6th graders and 7th graders, they participated in 3 jamborees, playing a total of 14 sets. The Timberwolves won 12 of those 14 and most importantly, showed great sportsmanship.



What a great year we have had with our swimmers. This week was the VISSA SWIM MEET. The swimmers had a great time and celebrated their success with ribbons and cheers. Congratulations to St. Joseph's Timberwolves Swim Team. We can't wait to see you swim again next year!



FAMILY WORKSHOP SERIES

March 2026

Join our free interactive online workshops for parents and caregivers, delivered by posAbilities and funded by the Ministry of Children and Family Development.

Each topic below is offered at two different times:

Wednesday, March 4, 2026
12:00pm - 1:30pm
6:00pm - 7:30pm

Understanding the functions of behaviour
Behaviours happen for a reason. Let's explore the ABCs of behaviour to better understand what might be influencing a child/youth's actions.

Wednesday, March 11, 2026
12:00pm - 1:30pm
6:00pm - 7:30pm

How to Prevent Challenging Behaviour
Develop a tool box of preventative strategies to minimize challenging behaviours.

Wednesday, March 18, 2026
12:00pm - 1:30pm
6:00pm - 7:30pm

Teaching online safety and consent
The internet is full of opportunities but also risks. Learn key safety tips and how to teach your child/youth to stay safe online.

[Click here to register](#)



We'd love to see you and hear from you! Cameras on and participation encouraged to help us build a welcoming and supportive space for everyone

Email: laurel@posabilities.ca | Phone: (778) 945-1435 | Website: www.laurelbc.ca



**St Joseph's After School Care
Spring Break Camp 2026**

Dear Before and After School families,

This year we are offering Spring Break Camp for 2 weeks, running from **March 16th - March 20th and March 23rd-27th, 2026**

Program Dates:

- March 16th -March 20th
- March 23rd- March 27th

Monday to Friday from 7:30-5

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.



Cost:

Week #1- March 16th-20th- \$295 per child

Week #2- March 23rd- 27th- \$295 per child

To register, please complete the attached registration form and return it by email to sjvelc@cisdv.bc.ca

(Please note: Please pay through School Cash Online

Deadline: Friday, March 6th, 2026

If you have any questions, please email Susan at sjvelc@cisdv.bc.ca or Debbie at dclarke@cisdv.bc.ca.

You can also call the centre at 250-479-1237.

Spring Break Calendar March 16-20 & March 23-27, 2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p style="text-align: right;">16</p> <p>Little Chefs Day</p> <p>Activities: -Making Pizza</p> 	<p style="text-align: right;">17</p> <p>St Patrick's Day</p> <p>Crafts: -Leprechaun peg dolls -Rainbow raindrops</p> <p>Activities: -Leprechaun Hunt</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">18</p> <p>PJ Day</p> <p>Crafts: -Movie Trail Mix</p> <p>Activities: -Movie</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">19</p> <p>Astronaut for a Day</p> <p>Crafts: -Galaxy slime</p> <p>Activities: -Rocket Experiment</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">20</p> <p>Centre of the Universe:</p> <p>-Observatory Fieldtrip</p> 
<p style="text-align: right;">p23</p> <p>Fairytale Day</p> <p>Crafts: -Fairy wreaths -Dragon eggs</p> <p>Activities: -Movie</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">24</p> <p>Under the Sea Day</p> <p>Crafts: -Shell waterfall -Mermaid Headbands</p> <p>Activities: -Outside games -Ocean sensory bin</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">25</p> <p>Beacon Hill Park Fieldtrip</p> <p>-Petting Zoo -Playground -Ice Cream</p> 	<p style="text-align: right;">26</p> <p>Jurassic Safari Day</p> <p>Crafts: -Paper Tree Frogs</p> <p>Activities: -Dinosaur Safari</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">27</p> <p>Easter Party</p> <p>Craft -Easter sock bunnies.</p> <p>Activities -easter egg hunt -party -movie</p>

St. Joseph's Elementary School Presents

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Scan QR or visit LionKingTix.ca for tickets



THUR
MAR 5 | 7PM

FRI
MAR 6 | 7PM


SAT
MAR 7 | 1 & 7PM

TIMBERWOLF TOQUES!

Click here to purchase and pick up in the school office:

<https://cisdv.schoolcashonline.com/Fee/Details/1016/556/False/True>

Or scan the QR code!




St Joseph's Elementary School

Timberwolf Toques

\$20

Pick up at the school office

**Grab it at School
Cash Online**



NEWS FROM THE CHANCERY

Amanda Achtman will be visiting the Diocese from February 26 – March 8 to present *Dying to Meet You: A Tour of Hope*. Find the full schedule of events here: <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/events/dying-to-meet-you>

Ahead of the tour, the Diocese is seeking input from parishioners. All are encouraged to participate in this short survey: <https://forms.gle/8QRGCnUcGMQcyvKo9> –p0

St. Francis Xavier Parish in Mill Bay will be presenting the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops' *Horizons of Hope: A Toolkit for Catholic Parishes on Palliative Care* on Thursdays in March, starting March 5 at 2:00 pm. For more information and to register, please email sfx@rcdvictoria.org or call 250-743-1688.

In the spirit of Lent and Truth and Reconciliation, the CWL of Sacred Heart Parish invites parishioners to participate in a KAIROS Blanket Exercise on Saturday, March 7, from 9:30 am to 12:00 pm in the parish hall. This powerful, interactive experience explores 500 years of historic and present-day relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples in Canada, guided by trained facilitators. A coffee break and a reflective debrief in a talking circle will follow. For more information, please contact Margie Noonan at margielnoonan@gmail.com or 250-589-6313.

Join the 40 Days for Life campaign to support mothers and children by praying and fasting for an end to abortion. All are welcome to participate in the local vigil at the Helmcken Road Overpass from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm daily, February 18 – March 29. To learn more or sign up for prayer times, please visit: <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/victoriabc>

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops continues to offer their *Journey through Lent* video series. It is hoped that this video series will provide the faithful with additional opportunity to prepare for the Church's celebration of the Resurrection of the Lord on Easter Sunday. To view the videos, please visit: <https://www.cccb.ca/evangelization-catechesis-catholic-education/video-resources/journey-through-lent/>



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 following! For more information, please contact:

SJTWYouthGroup@gmail.com



Preventing Euthanasia & Encouraging Hope

JOIN US

March 3, 2026

7:00 pm–8:30 pm

St. Joseph the Worker, Victoria

Discover the Dying to Meet You Project and be part of the conversation.

St. Joseph the Worker Parish is hosting a *Dying to Meet You: Preventing Euthanasia & Encouraging Hope* talk at the parish on Tuesday, March 3, from 7:00 pm–8:30 pm, after Mass at 6:00 pm.



See full event schedule here: rcdvictoria.org/events/dying-to-meet-you



Amanda Achtman is the founder of the Dying to Meet You Project.

She is also the Ethics Director for Canadian Physicians for Life and an instructor of Catholic

Bioethics for St. Bernard's School of Theology and Ministry. She holds graduate degrees from the John Paul II Catholic University in Lublin, Poland and the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome.

Learn more about about Dying to Meet You here: dyingtomeetyou.com





Lent

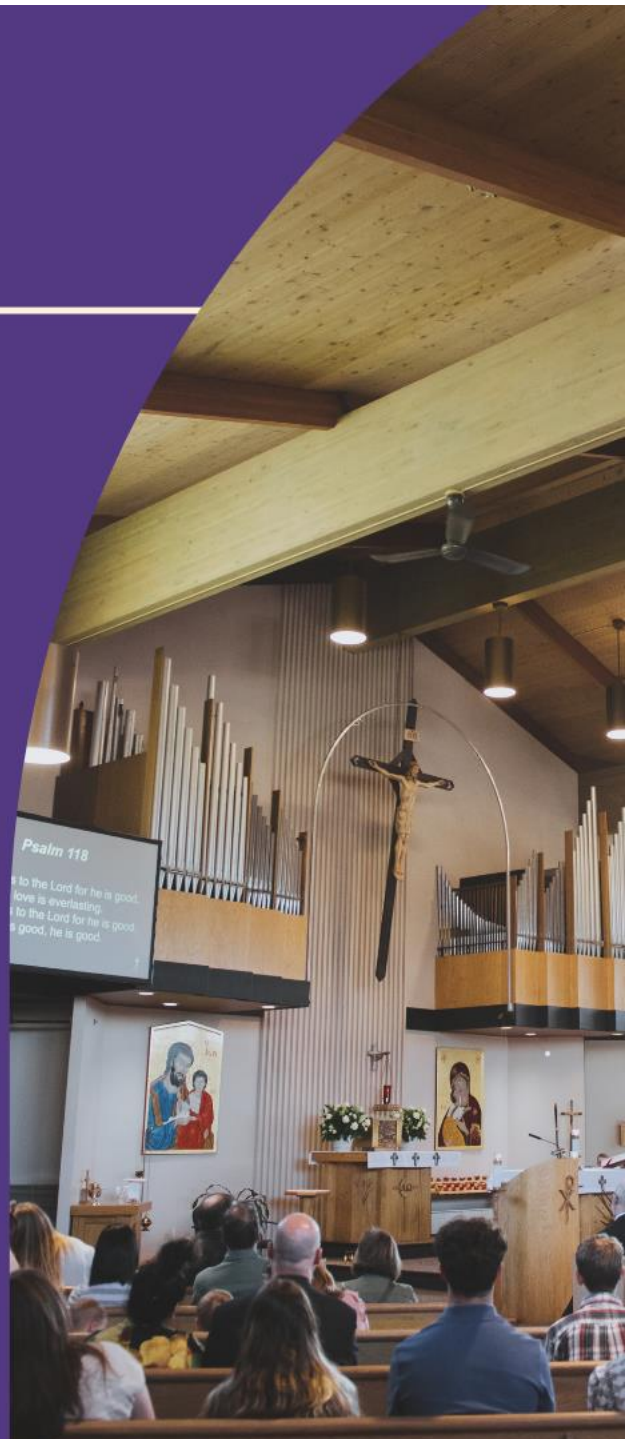
Penitential Service

Tuesday,
March 24, 2026

Confessions | 7:00 p.m.

At **St. Joseph The Worker Parish**
753 Burnside Road West,
Victoria, BC V8Z 1M9

Let Jesus meet you with
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Zoom MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE

A wedding is a day, a marriage is a lifetime

JOIN US:

Date: Fri. April 17 from 7 pm–10 pm &
Sat. April 18 from 9 am–4 pm, 2026*

Location: Zoom

Cost: \$75

***Both days must be attended to
receive a Certificate of Completion**

Registration deadline: April 2, 2026

TOPICS INCLUDE:

- Children/Fruitfulness
- Sexuality/Intimacy
- Personality & Marriage
- Communication/Conflict Resolution
- Spirituality
- Wedding History & Liturgy
- Financial Management



Scan the QR code or register at:
<https://zoom-spring-2026-marriage-prep.eventbrite.ca>

For more information, please contact the
Diocese of Victoria Marriage Office at: 250-479-1331
or email: marriageprep@rcdvictoria.org



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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!



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- Homeroom Bookkeeping & Income Tax

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- Kung Pao Wok

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WITH QUESTIONS ABOUT SUBSCRIPTIONS

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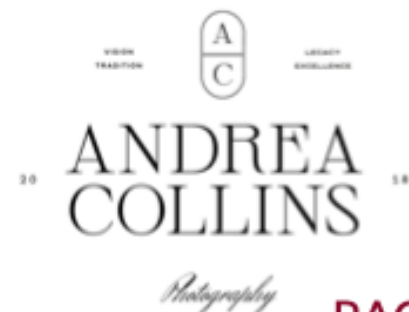
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