

St. Joseph's Catholic School

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

Newsletter
March 6th, 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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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/272859616539977> (SJV Parent Support Group Page)

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:



Wow! A huge and heartfelt congratulations to the entire school musical team for the absolutely spectacular performance of *The Lion King Jr.* last night! What an impressive evening.

Every aspect of the production was truly exceptional. The costumes were vibrant, imaginative, and beautifully crafted, bringing the characters to life in such a magical way. The choreography was graceful and so thoughtfully staged, filling the whole gym with movement and excitement. The voices were incredibly polished and the students' acting and stage presence were confident and deeply engaging. Baby Simba will make your heart smile!

The lighting and sound were seamless and professional, elevating every moment and creating such a rich theatrical atmosphere. It genuinely felt like a full professional production.

Beyond the performance itself, what stood out just as much was the extraordinary organization and sense of community behind it all. From the beautifully arranged merch setup to the smooth flow of the audience and thoughtful coordination throughout the evening, everything reflected such care, planning, and teamwork. It's clear that countless hours of dedication, creativity, patience, and passion went into making this production happen. We are so grateful for the energy, heart, and commitment that made this show so special. Thank you Adrienne, Teya, Jolene, Shay, Lesley, Jody and the dozens of other parents and staff who made this production into a masterpiece.

Bravo to everyone involved – truly outstanding work and a real witness to the beauty and creativity of God and community.

I end with another more terse review that I shared with my staff today:

“ Six Stars! If you are not standing and clapping at the end of this show; please go see a doctor”

With Gratitude and excitement,

Glen Palahicky

Principal, St. Joseph's Elementary



GREEN DAY CIVVIES & ASSEMBLY

Friday, March 13th

Assembly starts at 10:45am

Students are invited to wear green civvies in celebration of St. Patrick's day. The assembly will feature our amazing Irish dancers and choir performances.



SPRING BREAK!

Friday, March 13th will be noon dismissal

School will be closed for Spring break, we will re-open on Monday, March 30th



EASTER

School will be closed

Good Friday, April 3rd

Easter Monday, April 6th



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 Monday, March 9th**

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



FAMILY PAYMENT SCHEDULE - UPDATE!

FPSs will be ready for signing sometime after spring break – stay tuned for more information.

We would like to inform you that updates have been made to the Family Payment Schedule (FPS) and the Pre-Authorized Debit (PAD) Agreement for the upcoming school year.

These revisions include important changes to payment terms and PAD requirements. We kindly ask that you carefully review both documents in full before signing and returning them. It is essential that families understand the updated policies, authorization terms, and payment obligations outlined in the revised agreements.

Please ensure that all required sections are completed and that any necessary supporting documentation (such as a VOID cheque or bank-approved PAD form, if applicable) is submitted along with your signed forms.

If you have any questions or require clarification regarding the changes, we encourage you to contact the office at the school prior to signing. Maria is happy to assist.



CHRISTIAN MEDITATION/JESUS PRAYER

Are you desiring deeper peace and wanting some inner quiet? Interested in learning more about Christian Meditation and/or the Jesus Prayer? **Come out to St. Joseph's School Library for 20 minutes every Wednesday from 5:00 p.m.- 5:20 p.m starting April 1st.** All are welcome. Email Glen Palahicky gpalahicky@cisdv.bc.ca for more information or questions.



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)



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.

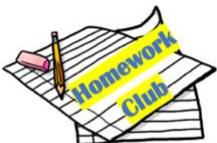
Suggested Items for Our Food Drive:

- 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



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



NO HOMEWORK CLUB

Homework Club will resume after spring break

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

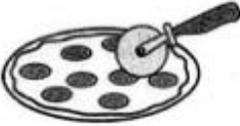
(Please note: Please pay through School Cash Online

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>

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

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\$20

Pick up at the school office

**Grab it at School
Cash Online**



NEWS FROM THE CHANCERY

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops has issued a statement inviting the faithful to pray for peace in the Middle East. A copy of the statement is attached; for more information, or to read the statement online, please visit:

<https://www.cccb.ca/media-release/statement-calling-for-prayer-for-peace-in-the-middle-east/>

Amanda Achtman's "*Dying to Meet You: A Tour of Hope*" continues until March 8. Find the full schedule of events here: <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/events/dying-to-meet-you>

Would you like to help restore an important Garry Oak ecosystem? Beginning on March 8, and running every 2nd and 4th Sunday from 1–4 pm, all are invited to come rain or shine and help remove invasive species from our property on the slopes of Christmas Hill. Please meet in the Sacred Heart parking lot (4044 Nelthope Street, Victoria). For more information and to sign up, email jseale1234@gmail.com or visit <https://garry-oak-ecosystem-restoration-2026.eventbrite.ca>

All are invited to participate in an online "*Conversation in the Spirit*" on Saturday, March 21 from 10:30 – 11:45 am. In this safe, respectful, and non-judgmental session, we will be exploring questions about how to bring the Good News to our communities. Our thoughts will help Bishop Gary and other leadership discern and direct the future of our diocese. If you would like to have your voice heard, please register by noon on March 20 at <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/cits>

Our Lady of the Rosary Parish in Langford invites qualified early-learning and childcare operators to submit proposals for a long-term lease agreement to operate a licensed childcare facility on parish property. The deadline for proposals is March 31, 2026 at 4:00 pm PST. For more information, please visit <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/employment>.

This week's videos are now available in the *Journey through Lent* video series. This series was designed by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops to help the faithful 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



Lent

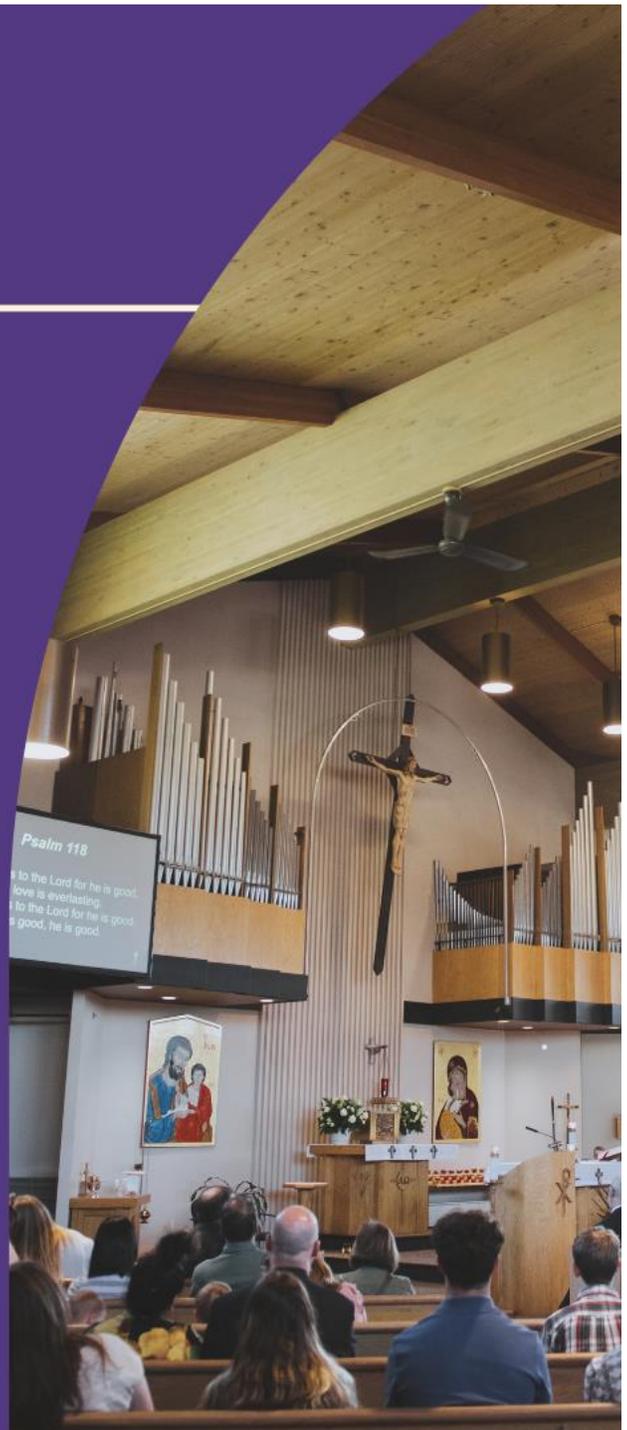
Penitential Service

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
His mercy, healing, and love.





Preventing Euthanasia & Encouraging Hope

MARCH 3 – MARCH 8, 2026

Join South Island parishes for *Dying to Meet You: A Tour of Hope* from March 3–8

South Island Events:

Tues, Mar 3: St. Joseph the Worker | 7:00 pm–8:30 pm

Wed, Mar 4: St. Andrew's Cathedral | 6:00 pm–8:00 pm

Thurs, Mar 5: St. Patrick's | 5:00 pm–7:00 pm

Fri, Mar 6: Holy Cross | 6:30 pm–8:30 pm

Sat, Mar 7: St. Elizabeth's | 1:30 pm–3:30 pm

Sat, Mar 7: Our Lady of the Rosary (at Star of the Sea Chapel) | 6:30 pm–8:00 pm

Sun, Mar 8: St. Rose of Lima | 10:30 am–12:30 pm



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





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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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 Sunday 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 Sunday

Sacred Heart Parking Lot | 4040 Nelthorpe Street

<https://garry-oak-ecosystem-restoration-2026.eventbrite.ca>



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BUSINESS DIRECTORY



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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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WITH QUESTIONS ABOUT SUBSCRIPTIONS

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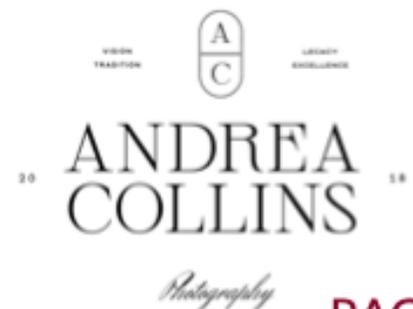
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