



Our Lady of Grace Parish

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Parish Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday, 9am to Noon

Parish Office Tel: 250-537-2150 **Secretary:** Daniela Madrid

Regular Mass Times: Celebrated **privately.**

Tuesday-Saturday, 9 am, OLG.

Sunday: Our Lady of Grace, 10 am.

Confession Schedule: Saturdays, 4-5 pm, in the parking lot.

5th Sunday of Lent & Palm Sunday. March 29 & April 5, 2020.

Welcome new parishioners and visitors to Our Lady of Grace Parish!

Whether you are attending Mass at St. Paul's or Our Lady of Grace, thank you for sharing your faith with us.

Drive Through Confession



Each Saturday, 4-5 pm, Fr Scott will be in the parking lot of Our Lady of Grace Church, seated in his silver pickup, for Confession. Orange cones will be placed around the vehicle's perimeter for safe physical distancing. Both driving or walking up to the vehicle works.

COVID-19 Pope Francis' Prayer for protection

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick.

At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith.

You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need.

We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us:

He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God.

Do not despise our pleas - we who are put to the test - and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.



Regular Offerings: March 15, \$969.00

New Parish Website Pages

There are two new pages available on Our Lady of Grace website to keep parishioners updated on covid-19 notices and informed on how to access Mass remotely and other resources that might be useful during this time to help you be more connected with our Church.



Parish Office Notice

The Parish office is closed for person to person contact and is transitioning to home office. For any inquiries please phone 250-537-2150 and **leave a message** so that we can get back to you as soon as possible. Messages will be checked remotely. Office hours remain the same: Monday to Friday 9am to noon, except Wednesdays.

Prayer of Spiritual Communion

For every person connecting with Mass remotely, the following prayer should be said, or other prayers like it:

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,

come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.



PARISH CONTACTS:

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Catechism: Parish Office 250-537-2150

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Baptism

Congratulations to the Blondahl family on the baptism of their baby boy, Bjorn Arganda Blondahl, March 15. He enjoyed the blessed water being poured on his head, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.



Reflection

"Every hand that we don't shake must become a phone call that we place.

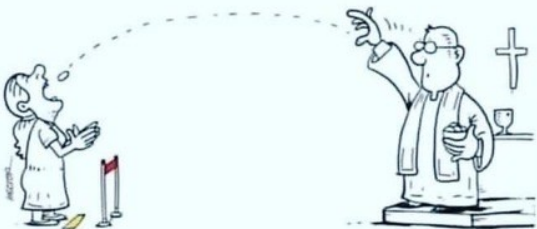
Every embrace that we avoid must become a verbal expression of warmth and concern.

Every inch and every foot that we physically place between ourselves and another, must become a thought as to how we might be of help to that other, should the need arise.

It is obvious that 'distancing,' if misplaced or misunderstood, will take its toll not only upon our community's strength and resiliency but upon the very integrity and meaning of our spiritual commitment...."

-Rabbi Yosef Kanefsky of B'nai David-Judea Congregation in Los Angeles

Next sunday:



Development and Peace Share Lent 2020 Collection - an update on the situation

During these uncertain times because of the COVID-19 crisis, all Masses in the Victoria Diocese are cancelled. We are mindful of the difficult time we are in and that many of you are experiencing financial difficulties.

Nationally, the Share Lent collection has been postponed. At this time, it is important that we support the most vulnerable members of our communities: the homeless, those in nursing homes, the unemployed, our frontline support workers, and our healthcare professionals.

People in the Global South are some of the most vulnerable members of our global society. Our parishioners have been very generous supporters of Development and Peace - Caritas Canada in the past and we are very grateful for your ongoing support.

Please stay safe, and stay well.

Please visit our Development and Peace website for more information www.devp.org

COVID-19 Elderly Recoveries

Alma Clara Corsini, a 95-year-old grandmother, and a 97-year-old Italian man of Cremona have recovered from the Coronavirus. They were stronger than the virus.

Covid-19 and Financial continuity

We know that Covid-19 and the resulting economic slow down has effected many of you personally. Given that financial uncertainty is greater than ever we understand that some of you will no longer be able to give to the parish at your regular level and those on automatic debit may need to cancel their contributions. If you need to cancel or change your automatic payments, please contact the parish office at 250-537-2150 and leave a message or email us.

We are very grateful that you are part of our Catholic parish family.

May God bless you and your families.

-Leah McKenzie, Chief Financial Officer, Victoria Diocese

Prayer List

Elizabeth Hangstler, Raymond Currie, Linda Petrinov, Rita Dods, Jacquie Severn.



Country Grocer Save-Tape Program

Parishioners are encouraged to place their Country Grocer receipts in **Box 85** at the store or **in the box at the entrance of OLG Church**. CWL will receive 1% of the total of all receipts submitted and funds will be distributed within our community.



"You'll feel like Family"
10 % off Tuesdays
Supporting Our Lady of Grace
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