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September 30th and October 1st, 2017

Twenty-Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Choosing God

Jesus teaches us that God, who is Mercy, desires our obedience in word and deed.

Today's readings speak of our freedom to choose obedience or disobedience to God, and of the very real effects of our choices. God's love for us is such that while he desires our union with him, he allows us to respond to his love as we choose.

In the first reading, Ezekiel writes of the choice of each person to turn toward or away from virture, and toward or away from wickedness. In this way, we choose life or death. Paul's letter to the Philippians encourages us to be united in heart and mind, and to act selflessly. In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus tells the parable of the two sons - one who is initially disobedient but ultimately chooses obedience to the father, and the other son who claims obedience but does not fulfil the will of the father.

Daily Universal Prayer and Commentary

Ministry Liturgical Schedule October 7th and 8th, 2017

	Saturday 5:00 pm	Sunday 10:00 am	Sunday 6:00 pm
Altar Servers Coordinator-Jeanine Woodman	MC tbd V. Hinojosa, M. Hinojosa	MC tbd M. Edwardson and J. Edwardson	MC M. Faber S. Faber
Hospitality Ministers Coordinator-Karen Douglas	E. Tobin	J. Di Castri	M. Hardy
Lectors Coordinator-Linda Chatton	M. Kelland E. O'Donnell	T. Phillips M. King	M. Hardy S. Fitzmaurice
Ushers Coordinator-Maryellen Trudeau	M. Trudeau, M. Sanders D. Stevens, F. Boylan	B. Quinn, G. Erickson a. Vandekerkhove, L. Bartle	tbd
Presenters of the Gifts Coordinator-Ursule Betts	A. Mihalicz I. Mihalicz	G. Erickson L. Clarkson	tbd
Children's Liturgy Coordinator-Martin Poulin	**Seeds 10:00 Mass** C. Whiteley	**Promise 10:00am Mass** tbd	**Good News 10:00am Mass**
Vacuumers Coordinator-Ralph Scheurle	B. Douglas		
Music Ministry	Jen and Shawn	Christian Rocks	Angela Faber Wing and A Prayer
Hospital Ministers Coordinator-Denise Kyfiuk		P. Chang-Kue C. MacDonald	

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday at 4:15-4:45 pm or by appointment.
Sacrament of Marriage: Inquiries must be made 6 months in advance. Register at the office. Marriage preparation class is compulsory.
Sacrament of Baptism: Call the Parish Office at 250-479-7413 to register for the next Baptism Preparation Class on **Saturday, October 21st**. Next Baptisms will take place on **October 28th/29th.** All Baptisms are held during all Masses of the last weekend of each month.
Catechism and Children's Liturgy, Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Communion: Contact the Parish Office at 250-479-7413 for more information.
Pastoral Care Visits While in Hospital: We remind the faithful that privacy legislation in BC prevents the release of information regarding hospital admissions. If you or someone you love are admitted to a hospital and would like a visit from your pastor or Eucharistic Minister, please call your parish office or VGH/RJ hospital emergency pager 250-889-3761

From today's Gospel: A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, "Son, go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not"; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, "I go, sir"; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father? They said, "The first." (Matthew 21:28-31)
Adult: When have your actions not measured up to your promises? What was the outcome?
Child: Why is it important to follow through on your promises to others?

St. Francis Xavier Parish is seeking a part-time bookkeeper - Please give us a hand in finding a bookkeeper. Talk it up at the bank, at school, at work, and with your neighbour. For those interested, text or call Fr. Sean 778-678-4317. Of course your prayers are a means to connecting the job with the labourer. Thanks folks.
Freedom Defence Canada Presents John Carpay, LL.B - Accomplished Alberta lawyer will be speaking on z'Defending Freedom In Canada Todayz' at Duncan Meadows Golf Course 6507 North Rd, Duncan on Saturday, **October 14th** from 10:00am to 2:00pm. Tickets $30/person, $50/couple (includes coffee and catered lunch). To register contact Ken Oakes kenaoakes@gmail.com or 25-245-9310.
Sacred Sounds - on **October 21st a**t 7:30pm, at St. Andrew's Cathedral. As part of the 125th Anniversary Concert Series, Vox Humana will perform Benjamin Britten's Hymn to St. Cecilia", as well as works by Herbert Howells, James MacMillan, Vincent Persichetti, Arvo Part, and Urmas Sisask. Cost $20. Free for 25 and under. Available online www.voxhumanachoir.ca , Ivy's Bookshop or in person at the Cathedral Parish office.
Save The Date - Diocesan Conference – Faith, Science and the Wonders of Creation - Bro. Guy Consolmagno, SJ Vatican Astronomer and Director of the Vatican Observatory Saturday, **November 25th**, 2017, at St. Edward the Confessor Parish, Duncan. Explore the nature of the relationship between Faith and Science, and how that has changed from the time of Galileo. **Bishop Gary** will celebrate Mass at 8:45am. To register, and for more information, please visit the Diocesan website: http://www.rcdvictoria.org.

Mass Schedule

Weekday Masses

Monday ~ **No Mass**
Tuesday ~9:30am
Wednesday ~ 9:30am
Thursday ~9:30am
Friday ~9:30am
Saturday ~ 5:00pm
Sunday ~ 10:00am & 6:00pm

Mark Your Calendars for Pastoral Care Outreach Training!

St. Edward's Parish (Duncan):
Sat. October 14, 2017
Session 1
The Healing Ministry of Christ
9:00am to 3:00pm
and
Sat. November 18, 2017
Session 2
Listening & Communication and Mental Health
9:00am to 3:00pm

St. Mary's Parish (Ladysmith) will host Session 3 on January 27, 2018 and Session 4 on February 17, 2018.

St. Patrick's (Victoria) will host Session 1 on February 24, 2018 and Session 2 on March 10, 2018 and St. Joseph the Worker will host Session 3 on April 14 and Session 4 on May 26, 2018.

All times are 9:00am to 3:00pm

Newsworthy and Noteworthy

Our Parish Council is requesting quotes from finishing carpenters for refinishing the 80 sections of the church pews. If you require more details, please contact the parish office at 250-479-7413.

Needed - Eucharistic Ministers for Sunday 6:00pm Mass - If interested, please speak to Fr. Alfie.

Everyone is invited to the Blessing of the Animals on Wednesday, **October 4th**, at 7:00pm. It is the Feast of St. Francis, so bring your pet or just come yourself for a great time. We will serve hot chocolate and hand out special book marks.

Come and Join Us to Pray the Holy Rosary - You and your family are invited to come and pray the Rosary with us at St. Joseph the Worker, every second Sunday of the month, on Sunday, **October 14th** at 5:30pm, before the 6:00pm Mass, opening prayer by Fr. Alfredo or Fr. Michael.

World Food Day - Monday, **October 16th** highlights the need for food security for hundreds of thousands suffering hunger, malnutrition and starvation worldwide. In support of the United Nation's food and agriculture organization goal of Zero Hunger by 2030, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, the CWL, the Knights of Columbus and St. Joseph's School will collect non-perishable "unexpired" food items for the St. Vincent de Paul food bank. Volunteers will pass out donation bags this weekend and **October 7th and 8th** at all Masses.

Save The Date! Starting Tuesday, October 24th presentation of the book, "Disarming Beauty", written by Julian Carron, "The only way to truth is through freedom. History is the space of dialogue in freedom; this does not mean an empty space, void of proposals for life, because nothing can live off of nothingness. Nobody can stand, have a constructive relationship with reality, without something that makes life worth living." The book study will be led by our own Fr. Alfredo and held in the Community Room, from 7:00pm to 8:00pm.

Save the Date! Celebrated author and speaker, Sr. Nuala Kenny S.C., will speak about Rediscovering the Art of Dying: The Challenge for Christians, exploring attitudes and practical health decisions from a Christian perspective that are of central and critical concern in serious illness, care at the end of life, and dying. All are welcome. Wednesday, November 8th 7:00 pm - Church of the Ascension, Parksville and Thursday, **November 9th** 7:00 pm - St. Joseph the Worker Parish, Victoria.

Free ESL Conversation Classes at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish. Come for conversation and stay for Mass Saturdays at 3:45pm. For more info contact Penelope at 250-858-0015 or parish office olor@shaw.ca or 250-478-3482.

Up Coming Events & Start Dates

Oct 10	7:00pm CWL General Meeting
Oct 14	10:00am Freedom Defence Canada - Duncan Meadows Golf Course, Duncan
Oct 14/15	11:15am Catechism Start Up Classes
Oct 16	7:30pm K of C General Meeting
Oct 20	6:00pm Development & Peace 50 Anniversary Multicultural Dinner & Awards evening - St. Pat's
Oct 21	7:30pm Sacred Sounds - St. Andrew's Cathedral
Oct 22	11:15am K of C Pancake Breakfast
Oct 24	7:00pm Disarming Beauty - Book Presentation St. Joseph the Worker Parish
Nov 9	7:00pm Sr. Nuala Kenny S. C, - Rediscovering the Art of Dying: - St. Joseph the Worker Parish

This Week in our Community

Monday October 2 Memorial The Holy Guardian Angels
Parish Office Closed
No Mass
9:00am Diocesan Interim Meeting - Holy Family Notre Dame - Port Alberni
Tuesday October 3
9:30am Mass
7:00pm Couples for Christ Choir Practice - Church
Wednesday October 4 Memorial St. Francis Of Assisi
9:30am Mass
7:00pm Blessing of the Pets
7:00pm RCIA - Community Meeting Room
Thursday October 5
9:30am Mass
11:00am General Clergy Meeting - St. Edward's Duncan
6:00pm CCO Faith Study "Discovery" - Church Hall
7:00pm Christian Rocks Choir Practice - check your email
Friday October 6
9:30am Mass + Shawn Cafferky
Adoration from 10:00am to noon - Come and adore and listen - Church
Saturday October 7 Memorial Our Lady Of The Rosary
10:00am Contemplative Community - Community Room
5:00pm Mass + Neil Remillard
Baptism Jayhan Sinuag-Labor
6:00pm Youth Group - School Gym
6:30pm Journey of Faith - Community Room
Sunday October 8 Twenty-Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time
10:00am Mass
11:15am Sunday Coffee
6:00pm Mass + Souls In Purgatory

Journey of Faith

- Living the faith through the Bible
- Experiencing the faith in our daily life
- Faith as a daily task

Sessions start on Saturday, **September 23rd**, at 6:30pm at St. Joseph the Worker Parish in the Community Meeting Room

Contacts in the Parish

Pastor	**Fr. Alfredo Monacelli**
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Jesus Youth - Grades 8 to 12	George Philip and Reeja Paul (250) 208-7974
St. Joseph's School	Pre School-Grade 7. Call school office (250) 479-1232 for more info.
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