Our season of Lent takes us to some mighty interesting places. We start off in the desert, and then we make the rounds to the mountaintop, the well, the courthouse, and the cemetery respectively. Today we meet Lazarus, a name that means "the helpless one." Lazarus! The helpless one! Does he stand for us, too? Helpless, frustrated and bound up, blind, thirsty, deaf, at a loss, and sometimes feeling dead? Let's be honest, there are times in our lives when the Good News doesn't sound very good, does it? And suddenly, before we realize how it happened, we find ourselves shivering in the tomb. We are bound! Is this where God wants us to be? My sisters and brothers, Jesus spent his life inviting people to come out of the tomb - to tear aside the restrictive cloths, leave the darkness behind, and step out into the light.

Jesus calls us out of our graves to truly experience the freedom as sons and daughters of God. Life without Jesus is an empty, boring and useless life, like being in a tomb. That is what Jesus calls us to. We are Lazarus. We are Mary. We are Martha. We are the bystanders at that tomb. We are weeping with Jesus. Normal events may challenge us and pain is very real but the liberating power of Jesus’ love calls us to rise above circumstance and woe and to love deeply and dearly. The only acceptable response to such an amazing offer is an illogical, life changing, "turn the world upside-down” commitment to follow the one who has set you free. Come out," says Jesus, from under that pile of unfounded fears that have become a virtual burial place, untie yourself from all unnecessary concerns and find new courage and freedom in me. Come out," says Jesus, from the dark loneliness of death and be forever untied from its bonds and come to share the freedom of everlasting life with God, with the Spirit, with Me.

My dear sisters and brothers, in just one week we will enter into the most solemn time in the church's calendar. The power of the Lord is revealed to the Elect today in the story of Jesus’ authority over life and death. This last of the great gospels for the instruction of the Elect is a reminder to the entire assembly of the reason for our hope through our baptism into Christ. Lazarus stepping from the tomb is strongly reminiscent of Paul describing the baptism of the early Christians. They stood beside the baptismal pool, and submerged themselves completely. They then came out on the other side as Jesus emerged from the tomb and were clothed in a new white garment to symbolize their new life in Christ.

Experience the freedom
Father William

~Youth Ministry~

A Thinkfast is happening next week on March 22-23! High School students: Join the fun and the cause! Learn more about Thinkfast (www.devp.org) and help us fundraise to help Canadians partner with people in developing countries - working together to build better world! Pre-registration is required. For more information or to register contact Kelly Bourke, Coordinator of Youth Ministry, at youthoffice@redvictoria or call the parish. To make a donation through this event and help us reach our fundraising goal, visit: www.devp.org/thinkfast/348

DYC in the Diocese of Victoria is on May 24-26, 2013 in Victoria – Mark your calendars!!
Ministry Liturgical Schedule...March 23rd and 24th, 2013

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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, April 27th. Next Baptisms will take place on Easter Sunday. All Baptisms are held during all masses of last weekend of each month.
Catechism and Children’s Liturgy, Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Communion: Contact Anita at 250-477-1121 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 and ask for Fr. Vince Borre to make this request.

From today’s Gospel reading: Then Jesus said to the woman, "Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on, do not sin any more."
Reflection: One can imagine that hearing the Word of God, which did not condemn the woman, but set her free, might also have been a word that renewed and enabled her to start a new life. What effect would it have on us if we knew we had done wrong and were ready to be harshly and justifiably judged – and weren’t? Would we feel that “the finger of God” had touched and freed us so we could start all over?
So we ask ourselves:
Do we remember something someone said to us that deeply affected us and made a change in our lives?
Is there a word we need to speak to someone that will set them free?

On Thursday, March 21 at 12 noon, Bishop Richard will preside at a special Mass at the Cathedral for the Holy Father. All are invited to attend.

Estate Planning for Catholics: On April 12th, 2013 at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Hall, join Fr. Paul Szczur, SDS, Jacqueline Flett of Flett Law, and Julie Evans of Sands Memorial for a discussion about what it means to have a Catholic funeral and burial, how you can make your wishes known to your family members, and to learn about the steps you can take to ensure your final wishes are carried out. Doors will open at 9:30 for a 10:00 a.m. start time. Coffee and other refreshments will be served. Bring your questions! Please RSVP to Jacqueline: 250.483.7080 or jacqueline@flettlaw.com or to Parish Office 250.478.3482 or olor@shaw.ca If you wish to attend but lack transportation, please let us know.

DO YOUR SPRING CLEANING AND SUPPORT OUR LOCAL CHARITIES!!! St. Patrick’s Parish Catholic Women’s League Spring Good Used Clothing Sale will be held on Friday April 19 and Saturday April 20 from 9:30am - 2:00pm, at 2060 Haultain St., Victoria, BC. We must emphasize ONLY CLEAN CLOTHING AND LINENS SUITABLE FOR SALE may be left in the hall cloakroom next to the office. We appreciate your support.

Mass Schedule
Weekday Masses
Monday ~ 6:30pm
Tuesday ~ 10:00am
Wednesday ~ 10:00am
Thursday ~ 10:00am
Saturday ~ 5:00pm
Sunday ~ 10:00am & 6:00pm

See schedule on Page 3 of bulletin for Easter Mass times

Tax Receipts
If you are looking for your 2012 donation Tax Receipts, please check at the back of the church.

Keeping in Contact
We extend our hands and hearts in Christian companionship to you here, celebrating with us, whether long-time residents or newly arrived in the parish. We thank God that you are with us. If you wish to register in the parish please fill out the pink registration form located outside the church office or back of church.
This Week in our Community

**Senior’s Lunch Bunch** - is ready to reconvene. Please join us at noon on Wednesday, March 20th. Contact Allan Sequeira at 250-479-2333.

**Chrism Mass** - On Tuesday, March 26th at 7:00 p.m. Bishop Richard Gagnon will be the principal celebrant at a Mass that is celebrated annually. At this liturgy, the bishop gathers the faithful of the diocese—priests, religious and laity—around him for the blessing and consecration of the oils that will be used in all our parishes in the coming year. Here the Oil of the Sick, used to strengthen and console and heal those who are infirm, will be blessed. Here the Oil of Catechumens, used to strengthen and free those who are preparing for baptism, will be consecrated. And here, too, we will witness the Rite of Recommitment to Ministry by our priests. May our presence at the Chrism Mass be a sign of our support and gratitude for their ministry—and a reminder that baptism calls all of us to lives of service. All are invited to attend. A reception will follow.

**Welcome Pope Francis! What a week!!**

It is indeed a new springtime in the church with Pope Francis. My first impressions: charisma, humility, simplicity and a presence that is inviting and welcoming. Let us pray for him and for the church that together we will serve Christ.

**Coming Soon! - a New website** for St. Joseph the Worker, with a modern, consistent look. Our parishioners are becoming more and more “web connected” each day. Look forward to the technologies of today at your fingertips (Twitter, Blogs, Podcasts).

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**Up Coming Events & Start Dates**

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**Easter Masses**

**March 28 - Holy Thursday**

- 7:00pm Mass

**March 29 - Good Friday**

- 3:00pm Mass

**March 30 Holy Saturday**

- 8:30pm Vigil

**March 31 - Easter Sunday**

- 6:00am Mass
- 10:00am Mass
- 12:00 noon Mass
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