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February 20th and 21st 2021

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First Sunday Of Lent

Into The Unknown

We have all been in a desert of one sort or another during the past year. Welcome to Lent, a time to embrace that desert for what it really is and to pay attention to who we really are.

When we find ourselves in desert circumstances, the usual immediate reaction is to say, "This can't be right!" But look at what happened to Jesus as soon as he was baptized and heard the Father's words of love. The Spirit *drove* him into the desert. Jesus had to go there. We know he endured being tempted by Satan but the desert was far more than that for Jesus – and for us.



In the desert, Jesus was deprived of everything that, up to that point, made up his identity. In the desert his carpentry skills were completely unnecessary. The calling he had to teach, heal, proclaim the love of his Father and bring salvation to the world had no bearing in the desert. There was no one to minister to, no one to proclaim to. It was just he and his Father. There were probably many days where he felt set adrift in a barren wilderness where he was nothing at all. Why had he been driven into this void? Why do any of us find ourselves in spiritual and emotional deserts?

Before we are children of our parents, before we are career established and before we discern our vocations, we are sons and daughters of the living God and before we can enter into any other part of our lives we need to know who we are. We need to find our whole identity in God alone. If we don't do that, everything we engage in, as far as roles, careers and vocations go, will be like houses built on shifting sand. The loss of any one of those things can bring our houses tumbling down leaving us without any inner identity. We wonder who the heck we are and what we're supposed to be or do.

The desert forged a bond between Jesus and the Father so strong that nothing was able to break it when he entered into public ministry. He knew who he was. He didn't need the approval or admiration of anyone else. His only source of identity was his Father and he knew he was, without a doubt, Beloved.

Embrace the desert. It is Gift.

Jean Allen

Ministry liturgical Schedule to be continued at a later date

What's Happening Around The Diocese

Mass With the Bishop Live Streamed from the Diocese of Victoria website go to:
<https://www.youtube.com/c/RCDVictoriaLiveOne>

- Sunday - 10:00 am
- Monday to Friday - 7:00 pm

Special Mass in honour of all **Health Care Workers**: Are you delivering care and services to the sick and ailing throughout the pandemic? Are you a nurse or doctor, community health aide, pharmacist, specialist, or any other of our critical health care workers? Are you a member of the clergy, religious, or a hospital, extended care or homebound visiting minister? Please **save the date** for a **Special Mass** in honour of all health workers courageously providing care throughout the pandemic. Join Bishop Gary Gordon virtually at **7:00 pm at St. Andrew's Cathedral**, via the **RCD Victoria live stream link**: <https://www.youtube.com/c/RCDVictoriaLiveOne> on **Friday, March 19, 2021**, the Solemnity of Saint Joseph, the Patron Saint of Canada.

All Brothers and Sisters: Explore Pope Francis' social Encyclical, **Fratelli Tutti**. In "**Fratelli Tutti**" Pope Francis underlines that in our common home we all live as one family, and proposes concrete actions to restore the world. **Every Thursday beginning February 18th from 7:30 -8:30pm via a Zoom Webinar**, we will break open this transforming document which will help us envision how to live in social friendship in our parishes, our schools, our communities, our diocese and in our world. During this Lenten series, Diocesan Leaders will creatively break open "**Fratelli Tutti**" for all. **Register in advance for this webinar**:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_cPElltThCp9uUIQncMDA

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: By appointment only. Please call parish office to arrange 250-479-7413.

Sacrament of Marriage: Inquiries must be made 6 months in advance. Register at the office. Marriage preparation class is compulsory.

Sacrament of Baptism: At this time Baptisms are being held privately. Please call parish office to arrange 250-479-7413.

Catechism and Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Communion:

email: ourcatechismjourney@gmail.com

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. For **emergency calls only** call 250-889-3761 and ask for **Fr. Sean Flynn**.

40 Days for Life Vigil

This Wednesday is not only the beginning of Lent, but also the starting date of the "40 Days For Life" Vigil. We are once again congregating in small numbers (2-5), while keeping our distance as prescribed.

Location: Hospital Way, across from the parking lot at the main entrance of Victoria General Hospital.

We pray peacefully for the lives of the unborn child and his/her mother who may be contemplating abortion.

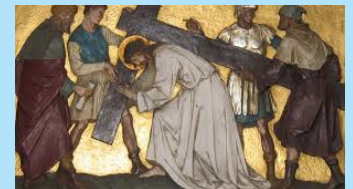
Please join us in prayer and witness for the most vulnerable member of society. Log on to:

<https://www.40daysforlife.com/Victoria> and sign up for a time which is most convenient for you or call Therese at: 778-265-6058.

2021 Collection Envelopes are available for pick up (in the Community Room), across from the office window. You can pick up anytime during parish office hours. Please do not use your old envelopes, as the number may belong to another parishioner.

2020 Tax Receipts are also ready for pick up in the Community Room.

NOTE ON GIVING: As you know with all Masses cancelled indefinitely, there is no Offertory at Mass. You can mail or drop off your weekly church envelope offering to the Parish Office.



Stations of the Cross

Through Zoom at 12 pm (noon)
every Friday
from February 19th,
until March 26th, 2021

To join the Stations of the Cross
through Zoom, please click:

<https://zoom.us/j/94810539177>

The Meeting ID is:
948 1053 9177



As we enter into the season of
Lent, here is the latest edition
of Fr. Alfie's Table featuring
Mussels!

<https://youtu.be/pC7oVtNvkjk>

Newsorthy and Noteworthy

The parish office remains open during regular hours of operation (with the exception of stat holidays). Masks are required before entering the premises. The church will remain open for private prayer during regular office hours, with existing COVID-19 safeguards in place.

This year's *Share Love, Share Lent* campaign is inspired Pope Francis's encyclical, *Fratelli Tutti* and its call "for a love that transcends... geography and distance" and "allows us to acknowledge, appreciate and love each person".

Development and Peace is offering 3 webinars:

1) Week 1: To mark the World Day for Social Justice, participate in a conversation.

Sign up here <http://bit.ly/2MKDeP6>

When: Saturday, Feb 20th , 10:00am (PST) - event will be 1 hour.

2) Share Lent, Week 2: Humanitarian intervention – realities from the field.

Sign up here <http://bit.ly/3alsokJ> to get your Zoom link.

When: Saturday, Feb 27th at 8:00am (PST). The webinar will last one hour and will be recorded.

3) Share Lent, Week 3: Changing structures and encouraging community development through partnerships.

Sign up here <http://bit.ly/3tDWSgl> to get your Zoom link.

When: Thursday, March 2nd at 4:00pm (PST). The webinar will last one hour and will be recorded.

The webinars that are recorded may be accessed at any time.

Your support helps Development and Peace's 200 partners work for social justice through more than 100 projects in over 30 countries. Send donations to: www.dev.org

ATTENTION PARISHIONERS

Ash Wednesday marks the start of Lent and normally the start of Knights of Columbus "40 Cans for 40 Days" Annual Food Drive for St. Vince de Paul food Bank, but...

We are under attack by I.S.N.'T.

Using the forces of

Isolation, Social distancing, No gatherings and Too difficult I.S.N.T. hopes to deter us from our mission of Charity, but our Knights have countered with their Secret Weapon.

MISSION POSSIBLE:

THE KNIGHTS GREAT FOOD DRIVE BY

WHERE: St. Joseph the Worker Parish Church Parking Lot

WHEN: Saturday, March 20th & Sunday March 22nd

Saturday, March 27th & Sunday March 28th

10:00 am to 3:00 pm

HOW: 1) Put non-perishables donation in a bag into your trunk.

2) Drive to church lot and pop the car trunk.

3) Volunteers will unload the trunk. Drive on.

In appreciation K of C will give you a pancake breakfast voucher for their 1st planned breakfast once restrictions are lifted. Will be announced in bulletin.

Monetary donations & cheques accepted. (Make cheques payable to St. Joseph's Conference of The Society of St. Vincent de Paul). Receipts will be issued to all who supply their name and address.

Questions? Call Robert Strong (Co-ordinator) (250) 881-8612 or (778) 350-0676.

This Week in our Community

Monday February 22 Feast Chair Of St. Peter, Apostle

Parish Office Closed

No Mass

Tuesday February 23

Mass celebrated privately

Wednesday February 24

Mass celebrated privately

Thursday February 25

Mass celebrated privately

Friday February 26

Mass celebrated privately

Saturday February 27

6:00pm Live Stream Mass

Sunday February 28 Second Sunday of Lent

Mass celebrated privately

Mass Intentions

February 24 - Special Int. President Joseph R. Biden and Dr. Jill Biden

February 26 - + Mrs. Ag O'Sullivan

February 27 - + Jennifer van Dyk

Although Masses are not open to the public, we are still taking intentions for the living and deceased. Fr. Alfie is celebrating Mass privately on Wednesday and Friday, so even if you don't hear your loved one's name said out loud, know that your mass intention is being said.

St. Joseph the Worker Parish Live-Stream Masses

Saturday 6:00pm Mass live-streamed every week

[Please click here for the link to the live-streamed Masses on our website](#)

How To Donate On-Line

Online and remote options are available for those who can contribute:

Canada Helps online donation platform:

Click on the following link:

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/47256>

(immediate electronic tax receipt issued by Canada Helps)

E transfers:

1) Go to your on-line banking site

2) Select Transfer/Pay bills

3) Select e-transfer (or electronic transfer)

4) Follow the steps outlined by your bank

5) Send funds to sjtwp@rcdvictoria.org

No password is needed

6) Any special instructions may be added to notes/memo

Credit Cards:

Click on attached form and complete:

[PAD for Credit Card Donations](#)

Pre-authorized Debit:

Click on attached form and complete:

[PAD Agreement](#)

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Proclaimer Training Coordinator
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