



# St. Joseph the Worker Parish

Diocese of Victoria

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March 5th and 6th, 2016

*Fourth Sunday of Lent*

From the Pastor's Desk

## After forgiveness, then what?

In the parable of the Prodigal Son, have you ever wondered how the son responded to such a lavish welcome? He was not only forgiven but he was treated with honor and dignity, the same honor and dignity he earlier rejected by demanding his inheritance and then squandering it. It must have been extremely humbling for him. He may have even considered refusing it all and insisting on being treated as a slave. That might have been easier on his ego.

He didn't refuse it. We know this because the elder brother heard the partying going on and had to ask what was happening. However, even as the returned son gratefully received all his father's gifts, I'm guessing that he was deeply changed by the forgiveness and honor being showered upon him. Could it be that as he was given a ring of familial authority, a robe to cover his nakedness, the sandals of restored status and food for his starving body, he became acutely aware that even though he was being treated with honor, he was no better than anyone around him, slave, servant, hired hand, prostitute or drunkard? Within this awareness perhaps he understood that this new kind of status called him to a new way of walking: with kindness and openness to all because he knew the bondage of shame, with generosity to those in need because he knew the despair of poverty and with the freedom to forgive as he was forgiven because he knew the fear of condemnation and rejection.

No wonder there is such rejoicing in heaven when one person repents. No wonder the Good Shepherd leaves the ninety-nine sheep and seeks out the one that is lost. No wonder the Father welcomes his prodigal children. They are precious to his heart because they are the ones who know they can't claim worthiness based on their own goodness. They just know that the goodness of God has healed them and their familiarity with God's true mercy gifts them with authentic mercy towards others.

What's after forgiveness? The resounding repercussions of being a forgiven one.

Jean Allen



Friday, April 1st at 7:00pm: 'Rocking Good Fun-Raiser' Dinner and Dance at St. Joe's Parish Hall to raise money for our Masithuthukisane Project, as well as for St. Joseph's Parish!! Dinner by our very own 'Chef Alfredo' with 60's/70's live music to follow. 150 tickets available @ a cost of \$25.00 per person with kids under 6 free. Ticket Sales start March 5th after each Mass and run through to April 1st or when all 150 tickets are sold!!

Friday, April 8th at 7:00pm: Friday, April 8th at 7:00 pm: Singer-songwriter Michael Mitchell's 'Canada Is For Kids' Show – a family concert to benefit the Masithuthukisane organic farming project that helps feed the poor in Mariannhill, South Africa, as well as Joseph's School's Parent Auxiliary Group, with direct support to students (Library books, athletic equipment, Rec. Program, etc.). This concert celebrates Canada through songs and stories, and will feature a guest appearance by St. Joseph's Grade 3 student singers. It is a family-friendly concert for all ages! Location: The new Oak Bay High School's Dave Dunnett Theatre. No reserved seating. Prices: Adults - \$20.00, Youth (18 and under) \$10.00. Please purchase tickets after weekend Masses, and at both parish and school offices. "Michael Mitchell is on a one-man mission to instill patriotism in Canadian children." – Times Colonist (Victoria). "You can't come away from a [Michael Mitchell] show without a patriotic flush and the tune to 'Farewell Nova Scotia' stuck in your tonsils – not a bad condition in these times." – Ottawa Citizen. Contact the parish office: 250.479-7413 or [sjtwoffice@shaw.ca](mailto:sjtwoffice@shaw.ca)

## Ministry Liturgical Schedule...March 12th & 13th, 2016

	Saturday 5:00 pm	Sunday 10:00 am	Sunday 6:00pm
<b>Altar Servers</b> Coordinator-Pam Corpus	MC B. Newton (T) R. Hudson, A. Hudson	MC P. Kumar C. Mykyte	MC A. MacRae N. Corpus, N Sabado
<b>Hospitality Ministers</b> Coordinator-Karen Douglas	U. Betts J. Betts	M. Goley J. Percy	M. Hardy
<b>Lectors</b> Coordinator-Linda Chatton	I. Mihalicz L. Chatton	C. Mury L. Hawkes	C. Lissamer C. Blais
<b>Ushers</b> Coordinator-Maryellen Trudeau	M. Trudeau, M. White W. Burgess, B. Randall	J. Moreau, G. Rossato R. Strong, J. Moreau	tbd
<b>Presenters of the Gifts</b> Coordinator-Ursule Betts	S. Heaps B. Heaps	K. Wysiiecki R. Wysiiecki	tbd
<b>Children's Liturgy</b> Coordinator-Martin Poulin	<b>Seeds 10:00 Mass</b> C. Whiteley	<b>Promise 10:00am Mass</b> W. and R. Weber	<b>Good News 10:00am Mass</b> M. Olivas
<b>Vacuums</b> Coordinator-Ralph Scheurle	M. Grenier		
<b>Hospital Ministers</b> Coordinator-Claude Mury		D. Kyfiuk M. Olivas	

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 is planned for Apr. 16, 2016. Next Baptisms will take place on Easter Sunday, March 27th. 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 and ask for Fr. Ian Stuart to make this request.

From today's Gospel: Then the father said to him, "Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found." (Luke 15:31-32)  
 Question for Adults: When have you been generous enough to forgive someone who hurt you deeply?  
 Question for Children: Is there someone you need to forgive or ask forgiveness of?

Share Lent Pilgrimage - Helping nuns serve their people in Bethlehem - D&P is supporting Salesian nuns in the Cremisan Valley in Bethlehem in their struggle. The construction of a separation wall will cut them off from the people they serve and their ability to provide schooling to over 450 children. Your support helps to provide them with crucial legal support to fight the construction in the courts. Next Sunday is Solidarity Sunday and the Share Lent collection. Please be generous!

Parishioners who may wish to sign the petition [Declaration on Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide], sent out recently, but who do not have an e-mail address or access to a computer, there is a form at the back of the church that you can add your signature to. St. Joseph's School in Victoria invites applications for Out of School Care Workers (to start immediately) and Education Assistants (to start April 11th). Application forms and details are posted on <http://cisdv.bc.ca/employmentopportunities.php>

Refugee Sponsorship Retreat - (The Solemnity of St. Joseph)  
 When: Saturday March 19 from 9:00am - 2:00 pm. Who: anyone who wants to pray for refugees coming to Canada. Where: St. Joseph's friary 1076 Joan Crescent. Lunch will be pot luck style; bring walking gear. We will begin with Mass. Cost: donation to sponsor refugees. Contact: [friardan47@gmail.com](mailto:friardan47@gmail.com)

THINKFAST Students at St. Andrew's High are committing to 25 hours without junk food or a cell phone on Mar. 9-10. You can support the Thinkfast! participants, by visiting <https://www.devpo.org/en/civCRM/pcp/info?reset=1&id=1537&ap=0> and donating to D&P. For more info, contact: Kelly Bourke at [kbourke@cisdv.bc.ca](mailto:kbourke@cisdv.bc.ca) or (250) 479-1414

**Mass Schedule**  
 Weekday Masses  
 Monday ~ School Mass  
 9:00am  
 Tuesday ~ 9:30am  
 Wednesday ~ 9:30am  
 Thursday ~ 9:30am  
 Friday ~ 9:30am  
 Saturday ~ 5:00pm  
 Sunday ~ 10:00am

Stations of the Cross  
 Schedule for Lent  
 Fridays at 7:00pm

Mar 11 CWL  
 Mar 18 Choirs



**SAVE THE DATE!**

**Bishop's Gala**  
**April 30, 6 PM**

You won't want to miss this exciting evening of fun and fellowship held at Our Lady of Fatima Hall in Victoria. Mark it on your calendar . . . and let the anticipation begin!



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.

## Newsorthy and Noteworthy

St. Joseph the Worker Parish Lenten Mission in the Year of Mercy  
Beginning with Mass at 6:30pm on Monday and Tuesday

Monday, March 14th at 7:00pm - "Seeking and Finding Mercy in  
Everyday Life Events through the Gospel" with Phil Jennings

Tuesday, March 15th at 7:00pm - "God's Mercy through the  
Firmament" with John Blakeslee, Astronomer

Wednesday, March 16th - Parish Reconciliation Service at 7:00pm

Diocese of Victoria Pastoral Care Outreach Session 2  
Listening and Communication & Mental Health

Where: Holy Cross Parish

Date: Saturday, March 12th, 2016

Time: 9:00am to 2:00pm

Please bring a bag lunch. Coffee and Tea will be provided  
For registration call parish office 250-477-5321 or email

[office@holycrossvictoria.org](mailto:office@holycrossvictoria.org)

Sign up sheets at the back of the church

"I Was Hungry"...And You Fed Me" - The Knights of Columbus are proud to host our "40 Cans For Lent" program. We are asking parish families to support us with a can of food per day for the disadvantaged (40 cans = 40 days). Please leave non-perishable items in the grocery cart display, beside St. Vincent de Paul sign. Help us to amass 1,000 lbs. and to reach our goal. Presentation by Peter Daniels - The St Joseph the Worker Masithuthukisane twinning project, in collaboration with the Mariannahill Diocese in South Africa, is into its second year! Peter Daniels a parishioner at St Joe's has recently returned from a 3-month sojourn in Africa, of which he spent six weeks of mission work in Mariannahill. Peter will give a brief presentation with photos of the outreach project, in the Community Room after the 10am mass on Sunday March 13th. Coffee/tea and refreshments will be provided.

Chrism Mass- On Thursday, March 17th at 7:00 pm - Bishop Gary Gordon will be the principal celebrant at a Mass that is celebrated annually at the Cathedral. At this liturgy, we gather around the Bishop for the blessing and consecration of the oils that will be used in all our parishes in the coming year. All are invited to attend!

### Up Coming Events & Start Dates

Mar 12	10:00am Children's Reconciliation
Mar 12	9:00am Pastoral Care Outreach Training Session 2: Listening and Communication & Mental Health - Holy Cross Parish
Mar 14	7:00pm K of C General Meeting
Mar 14	1:00pm CWL General Meeting
Mar 14	7:00pm Parish Mission - Speaker Phil Jennings
Mar 15	7:00pm Parish Mission - Speaker John Blakeslee
Mar 16	7:00pm Parish Reconciliation
Mar 24	7:00pm Holy Thursday
Mar 25	3:00pm Good Friday
Mar 26	9:00pm Holy Saturday Vigil
Mar 27	Easter Sunday
	6:00am Mass
	10:am Mass
	12:00 Noon Mass
Apr 1	7:00pm -Dinner & Dance Fundraiser for Masithuthukisane Project and St. Joseph's Parish
Apr 8	7:00pm Canada Is for Kids Concert - Oak Bay High

## This Week in our Community

### Monday March 7

Parish Office Closed

9:00am School Mass - Fr. Dan presiding

7:00pm Marriage Enrichment Program - Church

### Tuesday March 8

9:30am Mass Special Int. for Martorana Family - Fr. Marc presiding

7:00pm Couples for Christ Choir Practice - Church

7:00pm Centering Prayer Workshop - Rectory

### Wednesday March 9

9:30am Mass For Repose of the Souls of the Venasquez Family - Fr. Dan presiding

2:00pm The Divine Will Study Group - Prayer Room

7:00pm RCIA - Community Room

### Thursday March 10

9:30am Mass - Fr. Marc presiding

7:00pm Christian Rocks Choir Practice - check your email

7:00pm Development and Peace - Community Room

7:00pm The Theme of Mercy in Scripture - Holy Cross

### Friday March 11

9:30am Mass - Fr. Vince presiding

10:00am Adoration followed by Benediction - Come and adore and listen

7:00pm Stations of the Cross - CWL

### Saturday March 12

9:00am DHCC Pastoral Care Outreach Training - Session 2  
"Listening and Communication & Mental Health" - Holy Cross Parish

10:00am Centering Prayer Workshop - Rectory

10:00am Year I Sacramental Prep Reconciliation Service - Church

5:00pm Mass + Jose Racoma

6:00pm Jesus Youth Ministry

### Sunday March 13 Fifth Sunday of Lent

Solidarity Sunday - Share Lent

10:00am Mass

No Catechism Classes

11:15am Peter Daniels Presentation - Community Room

11:15am Sunday Coffee

11:30am Masithuthukisane Fund Raiser Meeting - Rectory

6:00pm Mass + Evelyn Kennedy

Please Note: Fr. Alfredo will be away from:  
Monday, February 22nd to Friday, March 11th



### Join Our Youth Group

An Invitation to all  
Youth Grades 6 and up.  
(after Saturday 5:00pm Mass)  
in the School Gym  
Games, Singing, Fun, Prayer  
as an Education  
in the Faith.  
"Friendship  
the experience  
of an Encounter".



## Contacts in the Parish

Pastor  
 Administrative Assistant/Secretary  
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 Diocesan Responsible Ministry Coordinator  
 Altar Server Training/Coordinator  
 Baptism  
 Could You Ever Come Back  
 to the Catholic Church?/Centering Prayer  
 Children's Liturgy of the Word  
 Children's Religious Education  
 Development and Peace  
 Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA)  
 Jesus Youth - Grades 8 to 12  
 St. Joseph's School  
 Catholic Women's League (CWL)  
 Knights of Columbus  
 St. Vincent de Paul  
 Building and Maintenance Committee  
 Coffee/Hospitality Committee  
 Finance Committee  
 Lector Schedule Coordinator  
 Lector Training Coordinator  
 Liturgy Committee  
 Masithuthukisane/SJTW (2015-2020) Project  
 Social and Ecological Justice Committee  
 Parish Pastoral Council

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