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Palm Sunday Of The Passion Of The Lord

A Passion For Forgiving

When Jesus cried out "My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?" he was quoting Psalm 22, which is today's Psalm. Every Jew who heard him would have known that he was quoting that well-known psalm but it's questionable as to whether they understood its significance.

Psalm 22 is one of the rare psalms where the psalmist is not crying out to God for vengeance against his enemies.

Jesus had decisively taught his followers about the utter necessity of forgiveness. He preached about the Father's heart of forgiveness. He said, "Love your enemies and do good to those who hurt you. If you have anything against one of your brothers or sisters, reconcile with them before you go to the synagogue (Mass). Forgive seventy times seven." He taught these things because that is how he, the Father and the Spirit live, move and have their being and because it is the foundation of Kingdom life.

We know that on the cross Jesus prayed, "Father, forgive them. They don't know what they're doing." Even as the innocent victim of cruel and tortuous injustice, even as he was in agony, Jesus was teaching forgiveness over vengeance. When he rose from the dead he had no words of condemnation or resentment for the ones who ran away and betrayed him. Nada. He only had words of peace, love and forgiveness.

We need to search our hearts for all the big and small resentments we harbour against anyone or anything, even against governments and politicians. There is no valid justification for any of those resentments; they only engender violence in our hearts and holding on to them turns us away from Christ. It blocks the grace and peace he longs to share with us. It is not Christ's choice, it is ours.

On Good Friday bring those resentments to the cross. All of them. At the foot of the cross speak forgiveness to each and every one. Warm fuzzy feelings are not required. I doubt if Jesus was feeling warm and fuzzy in his agony but he knew that spoken forgiveness is a powerful, lifesaving act that has reverberating consequences of the best kind.

How did we miss that?

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
- Saturday 7:00pm April 3 - Easter Vigil

Diocesan Pastoral Training Outreach training will be offered through nine online Sessions:

The Pastoral Care Outreach Training series **will be launched via Zoom starting April 17, 2021** and will be offered over **nine consecutive Saturdays** (9:30 to noon) concluding on **June 12th**. Participants will require a phone number and an email address and they should register through their local parish. Participants will require a computer, smartphone, or tablet with a strong internet connection, with access to speakers, a microphone and a camera. If you are fluent with the Zoom platform, using visuals, breakout rooms and can troubleshoot minor issues we need your volunteer support with one or more of the new nine Diocesan Pastoral Care sessions. For inquiries or to volunteer to assist with one or more sessions, please contact: moiraking@shaw.ca

Pastoral Ministry Appointment – Church of the Ascension

As we continue to remember Fr. Michael Favero, Pastor of the Church of the Ascension, in our prayers as he undergoes treatment for multiple myeloma, we remain mindful of the pastoral needs of the People of God. Given that Fr. Favero has been away from the parish for cancer treatments for several weeks, Bishop Gary has, in consultation with the Priest Personnel Committee, made the following pastoral ministry appointment: **Effective March 15, 2021: Fr. Thomas Chinnappa**, on loan from the Diocese of Mysore in India, **appointed Administrator – Pro Tem** of the Church of the Ascension in Parksville.

Sacraments of Reconciliation or Holy Communion: 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**.

Looking for items for small apartment

- 1) tall skinny bookshelf
- 2) small coffee table

Please contact parish office (250-479-7413) if you have either of these items you wish to donate

Catholic Health Association of BC CHABC's \$500 Bursary for Graduating Students

This year, the Catholic Health Association of BC (CHABC) will award a bursary valued at \$500 to a graduating student who is enrolled in a Catholic secondary school, a member of a BC or Yukon parish and enrolled in a public secondary school, or who is home-schooled. Students are asked to submit a 500 word essay that demonstrates an awareness and understanding of the significance of Spirituality in Health Care. Please ensure that you read the essay guidelines as many past applicants have missed this nuance and failed to capture the true meaning of spiritual care. **Submissions must be received on or before April 2, 2021.** For essay and submission guidelines, please visit:

<https://www.chabc.bc.ca/bursary/>.

40 Days for Life Vigil

Throughout Lent, 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 Glenda at: 250-661-2613.



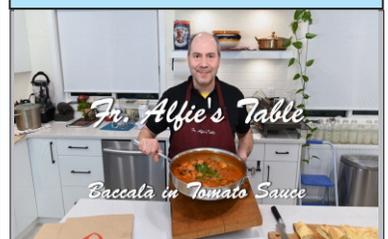
Stations of the Cross

Through ZOOM
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:
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Still in the season of Lent, Fr. Alfie's shares his recipe for salted cod, or Baccalà, in tomato sauce in this episode of Fr. Alfie's Table.

<https://youtu.be/YNon9JqcL74>

Newsorthy and Noteworthy



Distribution of Palms

Blessed Palms will be available outside the church on **Palm Sunday**.

Please note the 2 different locations & times:

Saturday, March 27th - 11:00 am to 2:00 pm at Sacred Heart

Sunday, March 28th - 9:00 am - 12:00 noon at St. Joseph the Worker

Fr. Alfie will be available for personal Sacraments (Reconciliation/Holy Communion)

- **11:00 am to 1:00 pm: Sacred Heart Parish (Mar 27th)**
- **9:00 am to 12:00 pm: St. Joseph the Worker Parish (Mar 28th)**

Please observe COVID-19 restrictions and safety protocols when you arrive, including signing in at the door. The church is limited to a maximum of 10 people at all times.

Veneration Of The Cross

will be held on **Good Friday, April 2, 2021**

9:00 am to 1:00pm at St. Joseph the Worker Parish

1:00pm to 6:00 pm at Sacred Heart

3:00pm Good Friday Service live-streamed St. Joseph the Worker

2021 Collection Envelopes and **2020 Tax Receipts** are available for pick up (in the Community Room), across from the office window. You can pick up anytime during parish office hours. If you are unable to pick up, please contact office to make other arrangements.

Easter Flower Envelopes are available in the Community Room. If you would like to contribute and remember a loved one, please pick one up, fill out who it is "In Memory of" and drop in collection box. Don't forget your name, address and envelope number. You can also contribute online by e-transfer or Canada Helps. See "How to Donate On-Line" on this page.

MISSION POSSIBLE:

THE KNIGHTS GREAT FOOD DRIVE-BY

LAST CHANCE THIS WEEKEND...to contribute to the Knights of Columbus FOOD DRIVE for the St. Vincent De Paul food bank in need of donations of non-perishable items, especially protein items.

Knights will man the donation centre in St. Joseph the Worker parking lot this Saturday & Sunday, from 10am to 3pm. Come out and say hello, make a donation and become part of this unique one time drive and join us for a **FREE PANCAKE BREAKFAST** once COVID precautions are lifted.

Monetary donations & cheques accepted. (Make cheques payable to St. Joseph's Conference of The Society of St. Vincent de Paul). For receipt, supply name and address. Shut-in or can't make it? Call Gerry Poitras at (250) 812-7611 to arrange pick up of donation.

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

Upcoming Date for Sanctioned Collections

Church in the Holy Land (Good Friday) April 2, 2021

<https://commissariat.ca/supporting-us>

This Week in our Community

Monday Of Holy Week March 29

Parish Office Closed

No Mass

Tuesday Of Holy Week March 30

Mass celebrated privately

Wednesday Of Holy Week March 31

Mass celebrated privately

Thursday Of The Lord's Supper April 1

6:00pm Mass Live-streamed from Sacred Heart

Friday Of The Passion Of The Lord April 2

Parish Office Closed

Veneration of the Cross (see left side of page)

3:00pm Service Live-streamed from St. Joseph the Worker

Holy Saturday April 3

7:00pm Vigil Mass Live-streamed from St. Andrew's Cathedral

Easter Sunday The Resurrection Of The Lord April 4

9:00am Mass Live-streamed from St. Joseph the Worker

11:00am to 3:00pm - Holy Communion only at both parishes

Deacon Michael at St. Joseph the Worker

Fr. Alfredo at Sacred Heart

Mass Intentions

March 31 - Special Intention Josephine Meurs

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:

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Contacts in the Parish

Pastor

**Admin Assistant/Secretary/Bookkeeper
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Responsible Ministry Coordinator

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Children's Liturgy of the Word

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Eucharistic Ministry Contact

SJTW Pastoral Care Outreach Ministry

Rite of Christian Initiation(RCIA)

Youth Group - Grades 6 to 12

St. Joseph's School

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Coffee/Hospitality Committee

Finance Committee Chair

Proclaimer Schedule Coordinator

Proclaimer Training Coordinator

Liturgy Committee Chair

Social and Ecological Justice Committee

Parish Pastoral Council

Fr. Alfredo Monacelli

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