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Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Inner Leprosy

In a time when leprosy was untreatable, misunderstood and deeply feared, Jesus' compassion for the afflicted man was amazing. He touched the man. He did not worry about the fact that the man was unclean. He touched him. Jesus could have simply said the words, "Be made clean," and that would have been enough to heal the leprosy – but he touched him as well. And I'm guessing it wasn't just a light tap on the shoulder. Take a look at the image accompanying this reflection. Like that.



We don't know how long the man had been leprous and therefore, we don't know how long it had been since a healthy person had touched him with compassion. Christ's touch could have meant as much to him as having the leprosy banished. Jesus didn't wait until the man was made clean before he touched him because he knew that there is leprosy of the heart and spirit as well as an affliction of the physical body. Through his touch, Jesus healed the years of isolation, loneliness, despair, guilt and fear that was eating away at the man's inner being.

We don't need to fear the physical disease of leprosy today because medicines have been developed to treat the disease but we are still deeply afflicted by inner leprosy. We still have isolation, fear, loneliness, depression, guilt and despair that eat away at our inner beings as surely as leprosy eats away at physical tissue and we can feel unclean inside. We feel that surely Christ finds our inner uncleanness repugnant. Surely Christ would not choose to touch us. If those kinds of thoughts ever fill your mind, please remember what Jesus said to the leprous man.

"Of course I choose! Be made clean." Then allow him to touch you.

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.

Pastoral Training Outreach sessions to be offered on-line in the future: For several years the Diocese has offered training sessions for Pastoral Care Ministry volunteers who wish to visit the lonely, homebound, sick, injured, elderly, and dying, in hospitals, extended health care facilities, or at home. As we look to the future, and the opportunity to train more Lay Pastoral Care visitors to help share the message of Christ's healing love and compassion with those in need, plans are being made to offer the training sessions on-line. The Diocesan Health Care Committee continues to explore ways to respond, support and minister to health care concerns of those in need. More details on the virtual sessions will follow in the weeks ahead.

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_cP_ElltThCp9uUIQncMDA

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**.

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.

Mass Schedule

All Masses are suspended until further notice

By pre-registration only up to 50 people per Mass

Weekday Masses

Monday ~ 7:00pm

Wednesday ~ 7:00pm

Friday ~ 7:00pm

Saturday ~ 7:00pm

Sunday ~ 7:00pm

Weekend Masses

Monday ~ 6:00pm

Sunday ~ 9:00am

Sunday ~ 11:00am

Sunday ~ 6:00pm



Here is the latest edition of Fr. Alfie's Table, with a really fabulous and tasty dish; Pasta with Gorgonzola Cheese.

<https://youtu.be/xoQCgujl-kQ>

Newsworthy and Noteworthy

Please note that the parish office will be closed on:
Friday, February 12th for a Diocesan "Wellness Day" Retreat
Monday, February 15th (regular day closed)
Tuesday, February 16th (in lieu of "Family Day" stat holiday)
Regular hours will resume on Wednesday, February 17th

Please be advised that on February 5, 2021, Minister of Health, Adrian Dix, and the Provincial Health Officer, Dr. Bonnie Henry, extended the Provincial Health Order currently in place with restrictions to curb the spread of COVID-19. The Province wide ban on indoor gatherings and events (including religious services) has been extended until further notice. Therefore, the Diocesan Directives previously issued by Bishop Gordon have also been extended and remain in place for the time-being.

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.

Ash Wednesday

The distribution of ashes on Ash Wednesday, February 17th will occur between the hours of:

11:00 am - 1:00 pm at Sacred Heart

2:00 pm - 8:00 pm at St. Joseph the Worker Parish

This year, ashes will be sprinkled on the head.

COVID-19 Restrictions and Safety protocols set out by WorkSafe BC will be in place, with a limited number of people (maximum of 10 including priest) allowed in the church at one time.

Jesus: The Way, the Truth, and the Life

Jesus is our Savior, our Redeemer, our Lord, and our God. Our belief in Jesus is what makes us who we are as Catholics, as Christians, but do we really know Him as we should? We invite you to make him the center of your life by joining us for *Jesus: The Way, the Truth, and the Life*, a 10-week video study program that explores the entirety of Jesus' life and what He means for us today. Parishioners of St. Joseph The Worker and Sacred Heart are invited to gather remotely on:

Tuesday evenings at 7:30pm, starting on February 16th

Participants will meet every week to view an engaging video presentation by Marcellino D'Ambrosio, Jeff Cavins, and Edward Sri, followed by a group discussion. For more information or to register, email Deacon Michael at mwatkins@rcdvictoria.org

St. Joseph's Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Conference members continue to offer a kind-ear to listen and food vouchers to local families and single persons in need... even during the Pandemic. Although socially distant in their deliveries, it does not lessen the care and kindness that is shared. Our mission is to serve those in need so if you or another family find yourself needing help, please contact us. Email stephanie.jm.peters@gmail.com. Please support by filling up the food cart in the church or donate online through the St Vincent de Paul website. <https://www.ssvpvancouverisland.ca>. Your generosity is appreciated!

This Week in our Community

Monday February 15

Parish Office Closed

No Mass

Tuesday February 16

Parish Office Closed

Mass celebrated privately

Wednesday February 17 Ash Wednesday

Mass celebrated privately

Thursday February 18

Mass celebrated privately

Friday February 19

Mass celebrated privately

Saturday February 20

6:00pm Live Stream Mass

Sunday February 21 First Sunday of Lent

Mass celebrated privately

Mass Intentions

February 17 - + Lynne Hnefka

February 19 - + Mrs. Ag O'Sullivan

February 20 - + Noela Holash / +Paolo Zanardo

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 sjtwparish@rcdvictoria.org
- No password is needed
- 6) Any special instructions may be added to notes/memo

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Children's Religious Education
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Development and Peace
Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA)
Youth Group - Grades 6 to 12
St. Joseph's School
Catholic Women's League(CWL)
Knights of Columbus
St. Vincent de Paul

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Proclaimer Training Coordinator
Liturgy Committee
Social and Ecological Justice Committee
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