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April 9th and 10th, 2016

Third Sunday Of Easter

On the second Sunday of Easter, 'Divine Mercy Sunday', St. Joseph the Worker Knights of Columbus presented a beautiful image of the Divine Mercy, which they so generously donated in memory of Reid Kyfiuk. Reid passed away on Dec. 22nd 2015, while snowboarding with his family at Mount Washington. The Image has become part of our church and will serve to remind us of God's Great Mercy during this Year of Mercy and for many years to come. The Kyfiuk family would like to thank the Knights of Columbus for the Icon and the Parish for extending such love and compassion over the last few months.

The Divine Mercy Image and Divine Mercy Chaplet, along with many other prayers, were revealed to Helena Kowalska who later became Sister Faustina and then Saint Faustina. Saint Faustina lived from 1905 to 1938 and was born to a very poor but devout Catholic family in rural Poland. She passed away at age 33 from Tuberculosis, just 11 months before Germany invaded Poland and World War II began. Her family didn't know what it meant to be a Sister in a Convent and felt threatened when she decided that she wanted a religious life. They never really did like or embrace her decision to become a Sister. Helena was the third daughter of 10 children.

At 7 years old she was called to God, but didn't understand what was being asked of her. As a child she prayed much more than other children and her parents would need to make her go back to bed because she would be praying in the middle of the night. All thru her young life she was repeatedly called to serve God and just followed what she was told to do. Because she was poor, and most convents required a dowry to enter an order which her family could not afford, St. Faustina had a hard time getting into a convent but was eventually admitted because of her persistence. She was very uneducated so was a "working sister" rather than an "intellectual sister". This caused her problems because she was not supposed to lead or add knowledge to her order; she was just supposed to pray, cook, garden, do laundry or manual work. Eventually most of the sisters understood how extremely holy Sister Faustina was and showed her respect, but she endured many ungracious comments, even when sick and in bed right up to the end of her life.

Jesus spoke to St. Faustina regularly and gave her specific instructions such as having the Divine Mercy Image painted, keeping a diary (which you can purchase and read), starting a new religious order, and she agreed that she would accept the sufferings of other people for instance. She questioned and pushed back at some of Jesus requests and had a very close relationship with him but at the same time was very obedient to Jesus requests and to the clergy that helped her throughout her life.

Jesus revealed the Divine Mercy Chaplet and other prayers to St. Faustina throughout her life and asked her to pray the Chaplet for Poland in preparation for what would be World War II. He also gave her other information, such as Jesus helping souls if the Chaplet is being prayed when someone passes away and many other items that are recorded in her diary.

The Divine Mercy Chaplet was a very important prayer for Poland through the war but the Holy See in Rome banned the Devotion in 1959 due to faulty translations of St. Faustina's diary that were misunderstood. Cardinal Karol Wojtyla, who later became Pope John Paul II, initiated an investigation of Sister Faustina's life in 1965 and the ban on the devotion was lifted in 1978. Sister Faustina was declared a Saint in 2000 on the Feast of the Divine Mercy which is the first Sunday after Easter.

The Divine Mercy Devotion is very important to the Year of Mercy which we are now in, and St. Faustina's message is fully embraced by the Church and Pope Francis.



Ministry Liturgical Schedule...April 16th & 17th, 2016

	Saturday 5:00 pm	Sunday 10:00am	Sunday 6:00pm
Altar Servers Coordinator-Pam Corpus	MC tbd	MC tbd	MC tbd
Hospitality Ministers Coordinator-Karen Douglas	E. Tobin	J and J. Moreau	K. Pitac and Family
Lectors Coordinator-Linda Chatton	C. Watkins M. Watkins	A. Grohovac A. Vandekerkhove	M. Gill S. Fitzmaurice
Ushers Coordinator-Maryellen Trudeau	M. Trudeau, T. Butler K. Kopeck, W. Burgess	B. Quinn, J. Ross J. Moreau and J. Moreau	tbd
Presenters of the Gifts Coordinator-Ursule Betts	J. Green M. White	R. Coulter E. Coulter	tbd
Children's Liturgy Coordinator-Martin Poulin	Seeds 10:00 Mass C. Whiteley	Promise 10:00am Mass W. and R. Weber	Good News 10:00am Mass M. and M. Poulin
Vacuuumers Coordinator-Ralph Scheurle	R. Scheurle		
Hospital Ministers Coordinator- Denise Kyfiuk		M. Watkins V. Gustafson	

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 to be held on Saturday, April 16th, 2016. Next Baptisms will take place on April 23rd/24th. 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: When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." (John 21:15)

Question for Adults: In what ways are you answering Jesus' command to Peter to "feed my sheep"?

Question for Children: What do you do to take care of others as Jesus asked Peter to do?

Dr. Moira McQueen Executive Director of the Canadian Catholic Bioethics Institute will be speaking at St. Patrick's Parish on Wednesday, April 13th at 7:00pm about current issues regarding *end-of-life decision making*. For more info call 250-479-1331 or visit Diocesan website www.rcdvictoria.org. Sign-up sheet at back of church.

Retreat with Bishop Gary Gordon - All are welcome to attend the Diocesan retreat led by Bishop Gary Gordon, "Interdependence, communion and solidarity in relation to Laudato Si" on Saturday, April 16th from 9:30am to 2:30pm at Trinity Catholic Church, 2634 Spartan Rd., Nanaimo. Register by email bishopgaryretreat@gmail.com. Phone registration and transportation inquiries: North Island: Jeff King at 250-203-9778; Mid Island: Katheryn Boudreau at 250-710-0386; South Island: Nancy Stuart at 250-477-6952. Car pooling can be arranged, please call Jeff, Katheryn or Nancy to coordinate a ride.

Men's Breakfast and Presentation on Physician Assisted Suicide - Dr. Jane Murphy, President & CEO of St. Joseph's General Hospital, Comox, BC, will present on Physician Assisted Suicide on Saturday April 23rd, 8:00am, at the Victoria Horseshoe Club. Cost: \$12. Email Chris Burke at info@mfaff.org to register.

Living a Life in the Spirit Retreat - Friday, April 22nd to Sunday April 24th at St. Patrick's Parish. It will begin with registration at 6:30pm on Friday. For more info call David at 250-383-9955 or email: victoriaccrs@gmail.com

March For Life - May 12th - The event starts with 12:00pm Masses at the Cathedral or at St. Patrick's, Oak Bay at 12:00 noon followed by the March at 1:45pm from Centennial Square to the Legislature down Government St. 2:15pm: Rally for life outside Legislature on front lawn.

Mass Schedule

Weekday Masses
Monday ~No Mass
Tuesday ~9:30am
Wednesday ~ 9:30am
Thursday ~ 9:30am
Friday ~9:30am
Saturday ~ 5:00pm
Sunday ~ 10:00am & 6:00pm

Bishop's Gala

Saturday April 30th
Our Lady of Fatima Hall

In support of

West Coast Missions

Doors Open at 6PM
Entertainment by award-winning jazz musician Maureen Washington, a sit-down meal catered by Island Culinary Service
Silent & Live Auctions
Tickets \$100 each available at www.bishopsgala.eventbrite.ca or phone 250-479-1331

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to assist in maintaining the financial records of the Island Catholic Schools and the Diocese of Victoria.

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Leah MacKenzie
Chief Financial Officer
leahm@rcdvictoria.org
Refer bulletin board for details

Newsorthy and Noteworthy

The Dinner/Dance was, Indeed, a Fabulous and Successful Sold-Out Event!

Thanks to: Shauna, and her amazing team, including the CWL, Mike and the other musicians, the Knights of Columbus, Ron, who took photos, the parishioners, who supported the cause by coming out, John as our MC, and our wonderful pastor and chef – kilt and all – Fr. Alfredo.

The Masithuthukisane Steering Committee members are also most grateful.

Local businesses donated door prizes for the April 1st Dinner/Dance Fundraiser. Thank you to: Amazing Nails at Tillicum, Cobs at Eagle Creek, Indigo at Tillicum, Tim Hortons at Eagle Creek, and Save On at Tillicum, also Bishop Gary and Michael Mitchell. Your support and generosity helped make our FUN Raiser a memorable evening!

Next Senior's Lunch Bunch is Wednesday, April 20th at 12:00 noon. To sign up, call Allan Sequeira 250-479-2333.

We are hosting a Working Garden Party on Friday April 15th and Saturday April 16th, from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm - Again this year, food grown at our Masithuthukisane Garden will serve and support our local 9-10 Club, and will offset the increasing cost of produce incurred by our volunteers. So, weather permitting, we will prepare the site. Bring your sun hats, gloves, your rakes and shovels, and your smiles. Enjoy and develop friendships between our school and parish communities. (Time spent counts towards your Parent Involvement hours). In case of inclement weather, you will be notified by email, so please pre-register at the School or Parish Offices, or by emailing me directly at jzwicker@cisdv.bc.ca Sign-up sheet at back of church.

Youth Retreat at Camp Imadene 2016 - An Experience of Mercy - April 22nd 6:00pm to April 24th, 12:30pm This retreat is for the Youth (Grade 6 and up) of St. Edward's and St. Joseph the Worker parishes only. Cost: \$150 per person. Meals provided, including dinner Friday. Contact Camille Nunn, nunn@telus.net or 250-710-9911. Fr. Alfredo will be more than happy to answer any questions.

Prayer and Music in the style of Taize at St. Andrew's Cathedral - Fridays: April 15, May 20 and June 17, 2016 at 6:00pm. Let us together enter into the mystery of God's presence. Everyone Welcome!

Up Coming Events & Start Dates

Apr 13	7:00pm Dr. Moira McQueen speaking on End-Of-Life Decision Making - St. Patrick's Parish
Apr 16	9:30am Retreat with Bishop Gary - Trinity Catholic Church, Nanaimo
Apr 22/24	6:00pm Youth Retreat for St. Joseph the Worker and St. Edward's youth
Apr 23	8:00am Men's Breakfast - Horseshoe Club
Apr 23	*9:30am (Please note time change) - Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel Mass
Apr 24	11:15am K of C Pancake Breakfast
Apr 30	6:00pm Bishop's Gala - Our Lady of Fatima Hall
May 1	10:00am Confirmation/First Holy Communion Year II Sacramental Prep
May 12	1:45pm March for Life - Centennial Square
May 14	11:30am St. Joseph's School and Church 2nd Annual Golf Tournament Silent Auction and Dinner - Glen Meadows Golf and Country Club
May 28	Diocesan Youth Conference - St. Joseph the Worker Parish

This Week in our Community

Monday April 11 Memorial St. Stanislaus, Bishop, Martyr Ordinary Office

Parish Office Closed

No Mass

1:00pm CWL General Meeting - Community Room

7:30pm K of C General Meeting - Church Hall

Tuesday April 12

9:30am Mass Fr. Marc Parant presiding

7:00pm Social Eco Justice Committee Meeting

7:00pm Couples for Christ Choir Practice - Church

7:30pm K of C Training Session - Church Hall

Wednesday April 13

9:30am Mass + Sharon Grohovac

Thursday April 14

9:30am Mass Special Int. Joline Sequeira

6:30pm Parish Council Meeting - Community Room

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

Friday April 15

9:30am Mass + Sarah Beckett

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

Saturday April 16

9:00am Baptism Prep Class - Community Room

9:30am Family Retreat Year II Sacramental Prep

10:00am Centering Prayer - Rectory

5:00pm Mass + Soledad Imperial

6:00pm Jesus Youth Ministry

Sunday April 17 Fourth Sunday Of Easter

10:00am Mass

11:15am Regular Catechism Classes

11:15am Sunday Coffee

6:00pm Mass + Clara Benna

St. Joseph's Catholic School and Church
2nd Annual Golf Tournament
Silent Auction and Dinner!
in support of School's PAG (which directly supports Students) and the Masithuthukisane Project
Saturday, May 14th
Glen Meadows Golf and Country Club
Registration: 11:30am
Cost: \$95 - Dinner Only: \$45.
Pay at school office
For more info contact sjsgolf33@gmail.com

Pastoral Care Outreach Program Session 4
Who Am I as a Pastoral Care Outreach Visitor?
Saturday, May 14, 2016
9 AM – 2 PM
St. Joseph the Worker Parish

All Pastoral Care Outreach workshops are open to anyone who wants to understand the practical aspects of pastoral care; present hospital and homebound parish visitors who want to become more effective in their ministry; parishioners who look after their own family members; other caregivers; anyone interested in knowing more about their faith; and those for whom this program is an opportunity for professional development. Please bring a bag lunch; coffee and tea will be provided. Contact the parish office to register: (250) 479-7413 or email sjtwooffice@shaw.ca

Contacts in the Parish

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