



St. Joseph the Worker Parish

Diocese of Victoria

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February 27th and 28th, 2016

Third Sunday of Lent

From the Pastor's Desk

The Determined Gardener



It is our natural propensity to hear condemnation and not hear the solution. It would be so easy to listen to the parable of the barren fig tree, squirm inside at the "repent or perish Jesus" and miss what he was really saying to the people. The owner of the fig tree feels the tree is useless and wants to cut it down. But the gardener wants to work with the tree and fertilize it and bring it back to health. He wants to save it. The gardener wouldn't have suggested that if he thought it was a useless exercise. In this parable, Jesus is the determined Gardener. He was telling his audience that no matter who they were, Pharisee or prostitute, they needed to repent. Just because some Jews suffered and died in different circumstances didn't mean they were more sinful than the ones Jesus was talking to. Everyone is broken. As Paul says in Romans 3:23 "We have all sinned and fallen short of the glory of God." In telling the parable of the barren fig tree, Jesus was saying that if they turned to him (repentance), he would be the one to heal them and make them fruitful in spite of the fact that they had all fallen short.

The emphasis and focus in Jesus' mind was on turning back to God and on forgiveness, not on the sins committed. This emphasis is actually part of the Jewish doctrine. The Talmud holds that a repentant sinner attains a more exalted spiritual eminence than one who has never sinned, something that Jesus often emphasized and something that some of the Pharisees and scribes seemed to completely forget.

Jesus is the Gardener, the one who desires to tend and feed your roots and bring your dead branches back to life. Your responsibility is to turn to him with a true desire to be changed in mind and heart. You are called to allow the Gardener to do his job, a job that sometimes entails a painful pruning away of the dead branches. He's going to get you whole and healthy in the garden of the Kingdom – even if it kills him.

And it did kill him.

Jean Allen



"SAVE THE DATE" Friday, April 1st at 7:00pm: For a '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 and run through to April 1st or when all 150 tickets are sold!!



"SAVE THE DATE" Friday, April 8th at 7:00pm: Singer-songwriter Michael Mitchell's "Canada Is for Kids" Show – a benefit family concert in support of St. Joseph School needs, as well as the SJTW Masithuthukisane (South Africa) project. This concert celebrates Canada through songs and stories, and will feature a guest appearance by: St. Joseph School Grade 3 student singers. Location: the new Oak Bay High School Theatre. No reserved seating. Prices: Adults - \$20.00, Youth (18 and under) \$10.00. Purchase tickets after masses starting next week, 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 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

Ministry Liturgical Schedule...March 5th & 6th, 2016

	Saturday 5:00 pm	Sunday 10:00 am	Sunday 6:00pm
Altar Servers Coordinator-Pam Corpus	MC J. Price V. Hinojosa, M. Hinojosa	MC M. Edwardson (T) J. Edwardson, J. Grohovac	MC M. Faber S. Faber
Hospitality Ministers Coordinator-Karen Douglas	C. Hinojosa O. Hinojosa	J. Di Castri	E. Oliveira
Lectors Coordinator-Linda Chatton	B. Bella M. Liefhebber	R. Mykyte I. Mykyte	S. Fitzmaurice S. Hryhoryshen
Ushers Coordinator-Maryellen Trudeau	M. Trudeau, K. Kopeck J. Green, M. Sanders	S. Leckie, G. Rossato J. Ross	tbd
Presenters of the Gifts Coordinator-Ursule Betts	C. Hunt M. Wood	E. Bartle K. Fraser	tbd
Children's Liturgy Coordinator-Martin Poulin	Seeds 10:00 Mass C. Whiteley	Promise 10:00am Mass M. Poulin	Good News 10:00am Mass T. Aerts and Family
Vacuums Coordinator-Ralph Scheurle	F. Fernandes		
Hospital Ministers Coordinator-Claude Mury		C. Mury R. Garman	

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 determined. 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: The reign of God is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in the garden; it grew and became a tree, and the birds of the air made nests in its branches. (Luke 13:19B)
 Question for Adults: What important work could bear fruit in your life right now if you have more confidence in God's loving care?
 Question for Children: What great work would you like to do as you grow older? What can you do to begin now?

Share Lent Pilgrimage - Working to end inequality in Paraguay - This week our pilgrimage travels to Paraguay where we meet Liz Benitez. Her country is one where 1% of the landowners hold 77% of arable land. Liz's family are part of a peasant movement supported by Development and Peace who work to gain access to land for the poorest farmers in the country, the campesinos. They have been threatened by the state and police because of their work. "I just want to live peacefully with my family," she says. This year consider stretching your Share Lent donation across the whole year with our Share Year-Round monthly giving program. Brochures are available at the back of the church.
 Women's Breakfast on Saturday, March 5th at 8:00am at the Horseshoe Club. Guest Speaker: Jo-anne Roberts Topic: "Grace in the Midst of Change". Cost \$10. To register: click the following link <http://goo.gl/forms/YZBsVBBYrz> If you do not have access to a computer, there is a sign up sheet in the foyer of the church.

The Diocese of Victoria invites all Catechists to attend a Catechist Workshop on March 5th at 9:00 am – 1:00 pm at St. Joseph the Worker Parish in Victoria. Please register online www.rcdvictoria.org/ or contact Jim O'Reilly jeoreilly@rcdvictoria.org
 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>

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

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

Feb 26 Proclaimers

Mar 4 K of C

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!

A few Advertising Spots are available on back of church bulletin. This pays for the bulletin and is an effective way to reach Community members in advertising your business. Contact parish office 250-479-7413.

Newsorthy and Noteworthy

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

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.

THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER- FRIDAY MARCH 4th - St. Joseph the Worker is hosting the World Day of Prayer this year. The ceremony is being organized by the Catholic Women's League. The World Day of Prayer is a worldwide movement of Christian women of many traditions who come together to observe a common day of prayer. The Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada sponsors it and this year's focus country is Cuba. This is an ecumenical service and many neighbouring churches will be taking part. All are invited to attend the service at 1:00pm on Friday, March 4th.

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. May our presence at the Chrism Mass be a sign of our support and gratitude for their ministry—and a reminder that baptism calls all of us to lives of service. All are invited to attend.

Up Coming Events & Start Dates

March 4	1:00pm World Day of Prayer Service hosted by CWL
Mar 5	8:00am Women's Breakfast - Horseshoe Club
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	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 February 29

Parish Office Closed

No Mass

7:00pm Marriage Enrichment Program - Church

Tuesday March 1

9:30am Mass - Fr. Marc presiding

7:00pm Couples for Christ Choir Practice - Church

Wednesday March 2

9:30am Mass - Fr. Dan presiding

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

7:00pm RCIA - Community Room

7:00pm Centering Prayer Workshop - School Gym

Thursday March 3

9:30am Mass - Fr. Marc presiding

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

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

Friday March 4 World Day of Prayer

9:30am Mass - Fr. Vince presiding

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

1:00pm World Day of Prayer Service hosted by St. Joseph's CWL - Church

7:00pm Stations of the Cross - K of C

Saturday March 5

8:00am Women's Breakfast - Horseshoe Club

10:00am Centering Prayer Workshop - School Gym

5:00pm Mass + Carmen Sabado - Fr. Jim Bekkema presiding

6:00pm Jesus Youth Ministry

Sunday March 6 Fourth Sunday of Lent

10:00am Mass - Fr. Ian Stuart presiding

11:15am Catechism Classes

11:15am Sunday Coffee

6:00pm Mass + Marjorie Gallagher - Fr. Carl presiding

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

Lenten Trivia Contest!

Test your knowledge of the Catholic Faith ... and have a chance to win a tablet!

Who: Kids aged 9 -18

When: Any time throughout Lent

How: It's all online! Visit the Diocesan Website

www.rcdvictoria.org



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

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 to the Catholic Church?
 Centering Prayer
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 Children's Religious Education
 Development and Peace
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 Finance Committee
 Lector Schedule Coordinator
 Lector Training Coordinator
 Liturgy Committee
 Masithuthukisane/SJTW (2015-2020) Project
 Social and Ecological Justice Committee
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