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March 3rd and 4th, 2018

Third Sunday Of Lent

My daughter and her family once stayed at an Airbnb in Morocco where the owner had hired a Muslim woman to care for those who stayed there. Near the end of my daughter's stay, the Muslim woman shared that her husband was out of work and she was very anxious because Eid al-Adha was approaching and they couldn't afford to buy a lamb for the sacrifice. My daughter, instead of buying gifts for family back home, gave the money to the woman for a lamb. All of us here in Canada were very blessed by that action.

It also highlighted to me one of the important points of today's Gospel. Jesus didn't just clear the Temple of the offense of commercialism; his actions foreshadowed the significance of his own sacrifice, which was the sacrifice to end all sacrifice. Since the Second Temple was destroyed in 70 CE, no animal sacrifices have been offered by the Jewish people to this day. Christ's death is why we all don't have to head down to the Cathedral once a year to buy a sheep or an ox to sacrifice. This is why our Churches are places of peaceful prayer, not a chaos of money, blood, the bellows of dying animals and people filled with fearful anxiety because they cannot afford a lamb to sacrifice.

However, in Matthew 9:13, Jesus said, "But go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice'." God had been trying to convince his people for centuries that burnt offerings were not what pleased him but rather compassion, forgiveness and mercy, qualities the Jewish people had forgotten – or never knew.

It is compassion, forgiveness and mercy that open up our sacred spaces, be they churches or homes or work places, and make them into houses of prayer, places where God can be encountered freely, places where all are welcome and places free from violence.

May we never forget that.
Jean Allen

St. Joseph the Worker Parish Mission

Does Suffering Destroy Life's Purpose?

How do we understand Suffering?

Tuesday, **March 13th**, Mass at 6:30pm

Wednesday, **March 14th**, Mass at 6:30pm

Mission follows at 7:00pm

Reconciliation Service, Thursday, **March 15th** at 7:00pm

Presenters:

Ray MacDonald, Chaplain of General Hospital

Yvonne Parent, LPN, Medical Oncology

Gloria Real, RN Residential Care

Kevin Arndt, Chaplain, Vancouver Island Regional Correction Center

Christine Jones, PhD (Philosopher/Moderator)



Ministry Liturgical Schedule March 10th and 11th, 2018

*MCT - In Training ** T - In Training	Saturday 5:00 pm	Sunday 10:00am	Sunday 6:00pm
Altar Servers Coordinator-Jeanine Woodman	MC R. Hudson C. Rempel, A. Hudson	MC C. McCreesh C. Mykyte, G. McCreesh	MC M. Faber M. Zidek, S. Faber
Hospitality Ministers Coordinator-Karen Douglas	U. Betts & J. Betts	B. Weber, C. Weber	K. McCloskey, B. McCloskey
Lectors Coordinator-Linda Chatton	M. Kelland A. Sureshkumar	J. Vukovic M. Gwyn	S. Fitzmaurice M. Hardy
Ushers Coordinator-Maryellen Trudeau	M. Trudeau, J. Aquino, M. White, F. Boylan	J. Vukovic, J. Ross, S. Leckie	tbd
Presenters of the Gifts Coordinator-Ursule Betts	A. & I. Mihalicz	Sisters of St. Ann	tbd
Children's Liturgy Coordinator-Martin Poulin	Seeds 10:00 Mass M. Poulin	Promise 10:00am Mass R. Gillese	Good News 10:00am Mass T. Aertz & girls
Vacuums Coordinator-Ralph Scheurle	F. Fernandes, J. Fernandes		
Music Ministry	Steve and Michelle	Christian Rocks	Angela Faber Wing and a Prayer
Hospital Ministers Coordinator-Denise Kyfiuk		D. Kyfiuk, A. Kyfiuk	

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 7th, 2018**. Next Baptisms will take place on **Easter at noon Mass**. 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 and Youth Group: 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: For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles (1 Corinthians 1:22-23)

Adult: When has the message of the cross seemed absurd to you, and when have you seen its wisdom?

Child: What puzzles you in the gospel stories? Which story makes you the most hopeful?

Development & Peace Lenten Reflectioned, as well as without warning, compensation, or providing alternative hous - *Defending the rights of poor communities fractured by forced evictions in Nigeria*. In Nigeria, forced evictions carried out violently, without consulting those conceing. Thanks to your support, the **Social and Economic Rights Action Centre**, a D & P partner, can train community leaders who then work with some of the most marginalized communities so they can engage in effective dialogue with the government.

Easter Card Class - in the Community Room, Saturday, March 10 1:00-3:00, register with Adrienne at 250-588-8282 or at victoriapapershaper@gmail.com.

Fundraiser for Share Lent. Create 4 Easter cards for \$20.

Save the Date - 6th Annual Diocesan Family Conference - The Gospel of the Family: Joy for the World **August 23** Foundersrd - **26th** at Nanoose Bay Camp.

Keynote Speakers will be Andre and Angele Regnier, of Catholic Christian Outreach. Online Registration will open in the Spring.

2018 Bishop's Gala - May 5th, 2018 - The Bishop's Gala Team is seeking donations of goods and services for the Silent Auction, such as gift certificates for restaurants, travel, accommodation, spas, golf courses, themed gift baskets, and similar items. Volunteers to assist with the Silent Auction on the night of the Gala (Saturday, May 5, 2018) are also needed. If you are able to help, or would like to make a donation to the Silent Auction, please email redvictoriagala@gmail.com or phone 250-479-1331.

Mass Schedule

Weekday Masses

Monday ~ No Mass

Tuesday ~ 9:30am

Wednesday ~ **School Mass**
9:30am

Thursday ~ 9:30am

Friday ~ 9:30am

Saturday ~ 5:00pm

Sunday ~ 10:00am

Sunday ~ 6:00pm

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



Mar 9 - CWL

Mar 16 - Youth Group

Mar 23 - K of C

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Contact the Parish Office @

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for more information

Newsorthy and Noteworthy

Women's Breakfast - Saturday, **March 10th**. Guest Speaker: Monique Les - Topic: "All Lives have a Purpose." A potential abortion victim, she speaks about the impact of faith, in spite of a hearing loss. Place: Horeshoe Club - Time: 8:00am Cost: \$12. To register visit <http://bit.do/Womens-Breakfast>

Victoria Pastoral Care Sessions 9:00 am– 3:00 pm Saturday, **Mar 10** – Session 2: Listening & Communication and Mental Health, at St. Patrick's Parish. Bring a bag lunch. To register: call at their parish office at 250-592-7391 or email stpat190@telus.net 3rd session Apr 14 at St Joseph the Worker.

Chrism Mass - Thursday, **March 22nd** 7:00 pm, at the Cathedral, Bishop Gary Gordon is principal celebrant. 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. A reception will follow.

Victoria Diocesan Catholic Women's League Bursary, "In Memory of Freda Smith" (\$750). Deadline April 15. Bursaries awarded to children or grandchildren of members of the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Victoria. Bursary award based on (a) Financial Need (b) Academic Performance (c) Community and Church involvement. For more info call Barbara Strong [250 881 8612](tel:2508818612).

Rediscover the Art of Dying - NACC Webinar, April 12. See the bulletin board for details.

Development and Peace - Caritas Canada is holding a garage sale, Saturday Apr 14, at St. Patrick's Church Hall, 2060 Haultain St. 9:00-1:00. Please deliver donations to the Hall on the Friday Apr 13 anytime after 4:30pm. Please spread the word and let your friends know. Donations should be clean and in good working order. Please no clothes, shoes or furniture. All proceeds will be donated to D & P to support their long term projects in the Global South. **"40 cans for 40 Days"**- The Knights of Columbus annual food drive for Lent starts this weekend Feb.24&25 and continues until Friday April 6. Volunteers will pass out donation bags at all masses for six weeks. The theme this year is "Giving back in sacrifice." Please join the knights in this Lenten journey of remembrance and sacrifice.

Up Coming Events & Start Dates

Mar 8	7:00pm Holy Cross Reconciliation Service
Mar 10	8:00am Women' Breakfast - Horseshoe Club
Mar 12-14	7:00pm Missionaries of Charity- Encountering & Living the Charity of Christy @ St Patrick's
Mar 13 & 14	6:30pm Mass followed by Parish Mission @ 7:00pm
Mar 15	7:00pm St. Joseph Parish Reconciliation Service
Mar 29	7:00pm Holy Thursday Mass
Mar 30	3:00pm Good Friday Service
Mar 31	9:00pm Holy Saturday Vigil
Apr 1	Easter Sunday Masses 6:00am, 10:00am and 12:00 noon
Apr13-15	Youth Group - Easter Retreat - Camp Pringle
Apr13-15	Starfields Festival of Hope-see bulletin board
Apr13-15	Retrouvaille Vancouver-for couples hurting
Apr 15	Annual Golf Tournament

This Week in our Community

Monday March 5

Parish Office Closed - No Mass

9:30 CWL Diocesan Interim Meeting-St. Edward's Duncan

Tuesday March 6

9:30am Mass + Patricia Hicks (Father Stewart presiding)

7:00pm Disarming Beauty Book Study-Community Room

7:00pm Couples for Christ Choir Practice-Church

Wednesday March 7

9:30am School Mass + Gerry Gillis

7:00pm RCIA-Community Room

Thursday March 8

9:30am Mass + Babies Victoria, William & Lucy Balino

7:00pm Christian Rocks Choir Practice

Friday March 9

9:30am Mass

Adoration from 10:00am to noon-Come and adore and listen-Church

7:00pm Stations of The Cross-Social Eco Justice

Saturday March 10

10:00pm Contemplative Community-Community Room

1:00pm Easter Card Class-Community Room

5:00pm Mass + Thérèse Van Dinter

6:00pm Catechism Class

6:00pm Youth Group - School Gym

Sunday March 11 Fourth Sunday Of Lent

8:45am Catechism Classes

10:00am Mass

6:00pm Mass + Henry Assaf

Volunteers - Please Contact the Parish Office

- Fr Alfredo needs 12 parishioners to have their feet washed on Holy Thursday, Mar 29.

- Friday Home Visits needs you to join them in providing friendly visits and spiritual support to shut in parishioners.

Diocese and Island School Job Postings -Visit these links

redvictoria.org/employment.php (details on main bulletin board)

cisdv.bc.ca/employment-opportunities.php

Save the Date Our Annual Parish & School Golf Tournament

Sunday April 25, 4pm shotgun start. Tickets on sale now! Contact John Sterlinko or Carlo Silverio at sjs1golf@gmail.com



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Children's Religious Education
Development and Peace
SJTW Pastoral Care Outreach Ministry
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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Lector Schedule Coordinator
Lector Training Coordinator
Liturgy Committee
Masithuthukisane/SJTW (2015-2020) Project
Social and Ecological Justice Committee
Parish Pastoral Council

Fr. Alfredo Monacelli

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