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Third Sunday Of Lent

An Acceptable Sacrifice

In Mark's version of The Cleansing of the Temple, he added that Jesus "did not allow anyone to carry anything through the temple." The Greek word there for 'anything' is 'skeous', meaning vessel, the same word that is found in 1 Kings to describe the sacred vessels of the Temple. These vessels carried oil, hot cinders from the sacred fires and the meat of the sacrificed animals for consumption by the worshipper.



Jesus was seriously against the Temple sacrifices and in this scripture he was not only clearing out the commercial activity; he was also temporarily but completely interrupting the Temple sacrifices. No animals plus no vessels equals no sacrifice.

Why? What was wrong with animals and birds being slain on the altar for the sins of the people? The problem was, it didn't work and was anathema to God. It totally distorted the understanding of God's nature of love and forgiveness. He continually told his prophets, "I want mercy, not sacrifice!" but the Israelites did not get it. They believed God required blood in order to be appeased and Jesus came to dispel that notion once and for all. He became the bloody victim to end bloody victims. He came so that we can freely enter in to the house of our Father to pray, have relationship and receive mercy freely so we can give mercy freely.

Jesus' death and resurrection changed the meaning of sacrifice. Where it once meant a sacred and bloody death of another to save oneself, it now means a free will self-giving to save another. We might think that sacrifice like the Israelites practiced is just an obsolete ritual but we can't claim that there aren't times when we will throw someone else under the bus to save ourselves. Anger, resentments and non-forgiveness are the new ways to sacrifice others to save ourselves, to save our egos, our desires and our senses of self-righteousness and justification. The blood that's spilled is the lifeblood of another's heart.

Our Lenten sacrifices are not what make us acceptable to God. We're already acceptable. But God's heart is blessed when we sacrifice on behalf of others in need of God's – and our - mercy.

Start with your family.

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.

David Wells <https://davidwellslive.com/> is a motivational speaker, teacher, catechist and author, who recently shared two short videos with our pastors, principals, schools and parish support staff on the topic of "Wellness". Given the challenges of the pandemic and the past year, we recognize the need to "take care of ourselves in order to take care of others". rcdvictoria.org/diocesanblog/well-being

Please find below links to the latest Diocesan Blog posts featuring:

- **St. Rose of Lima Parish**: diocesanblog/st.-rose-of-lima-parish-sooke-a-true-beauty
- **Meet Taku!** An introduction of a new addition to the Bishop's little family: meet-taku

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**.

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.

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. To apply for this bursary, students are asked to submit a 500 word essay that demonstrates an awareness and understanding of the significance of Spirituality in Health Care. Applicants are reminded that spiritual health is a much broader concept than religious beliefs, which may very well form a large part of an individual's spirituality. Before submitting your essay, 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/>.



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:
948 1053 9177



Here is the latest edition of
Fr. Alfie's Table, featuring
Brussel Sprouts!
Enjoy the dishes (in this
video are two ways of
cooking Brussel Sprouts).

<https://youtu.be/2nhA-982G2E>

Newsorthy and Noteworthy

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.

Share Love, Share Lent: Strengthening Vulnerable Communities

WEEK 3: MARCH 1 TO 7, 2021

Did you know that Development and Peace supports a school for peasant filmmakers in Colombia?

This week in the *Share Love, Share Lent* campaign, discover the creative ways in which we assist communities in speaking for and taking charge of their own development. In keeping with the Catholic Social Teaching principle of participation, let your Lenten journey make a difference in the world. Learn about our work and consider giving to help sustain it.

Discern and donate at devp.org/lent

MISSION POSSIBLE:

THE KNIGHTS GREAT FOOD DRIVE BY

WHERE: St. Joseph the Worker Parish Church Parking Lot

WHEN: Saturday, March 20th & Sunday March 21st

Saturday, March 27th & Sunday March 28th

10:00 am to 3:00 pm

In appreciation K of C will give you a pancake breakfast voucher for their 1st planned breakfast once restrictions are lifted. Will be announced in bulletin.

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

Children's Stations of the Cross Prayer and Reflection ZOOM Sessions

Hosted by The Catechism Program of St. Joseph the Worker on:

March 5th, 12th and 19th at 7pm.

[Click here for the ZOOM link](#)

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

Conference members continue to offer a kind-ear to listen and give 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!

Upcoming Dates for Sanctioned Collections

Development & Peace (Share Lent) March 21, 2021

<https://www.devp.org/en/donate/sharelent>

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

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

This Week in our Community

Monday March 8

Parish Office Closed

No Mass

Tuesday March 9

Mass celebrated privately

Wednesday March 10

Mass celebrated privately

Thursday March 11

Mass celebrated privately

Friday March 12

Mass celebrated privately

Saturday March 13

6:00pm Live Stream Mass

Sunday March 14 Fourth Sunday Of Lent

Mass celebrated privately

Mass Intentions

March 10 - + Special Int. Marion Jorgenson

March 12 - + Michael Murphy

March 13 - + Steven Bertoia

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:

[PAD for Credit Card Donations](#)

Pre-authorized Debit:

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[PAD Agreement](#)

Contacts in the Parish

Pastor

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Children's Liturgy of the Word
Children's Religious Education
Development and Peace
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St. Joseph's School
Catholic Women's League(CWL)
Knights of Columbus
St. Vincent de Paul

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Proclaimer Schedule Coordinator
Proclaimer Training Coordinator
Liturgy Committee Chair
Social and Ecological Justice Committee
Parish Pastoral Council

Fr. Alfredo Monacelli

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