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ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISH ACKNOWLEDGES AND RESPECTS THE LÁK'WƏNƏN (LAY-KWUNG-GEN) PEOPLES REPRESENTED BY THE SONGHEES AND ESQUIMALT NATIONS, ON WHOSE TRADITIONAL TERRITORIES WE STAND AND WORSHIP, WHOSE HISTORICAL RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE LAND CONTINUE TO THIS DAY.

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Our Gracious Gardener

BY JEAN ALLEN

In this week's Gospel, Jesus points out that we all can end up having tragedy in life no matter who we are. The focus, he explains, should be on changing our hearts and minds and not on feeling self-righteously justified for any reason.

“Unless you repent...” the Greek word actually used for repent was *metanoia*. The word *metanoia* means “a primal change of mind, worldview, God-view or your way of processing.” St. Jerome (4th century) translated the word as ‘repent’ or ‘do penance’. Penance is not going to help very much if your worldview, God view or your way of perceiving these things remains unchanged. God does not look upon the surface circumstances and actions of our lives, no matter how acceptable or unacceptable they are to others.

Jesus goes on to illustrate this in a parable. A landowner only sees that the fig tree is not producing fruit and is therefore only worthy of destruction. I would say that the landowner signifies us and is symbolic of our proclivity to judge people and situations just on what we see on the surface. The gardener, who indeed is God or Jesus, says, “Wait just a minute! Not so fast! Give this over to me and let me work on this. Let me care for this tree in a special way because I can bring it to fruition.” The Gardener is so convinced of his ability to bring life where there is none that he says to the landowner, “If I fail, you can then destroy the tree.” He knows he will not fail!

The prophet Habakkuk wrote, “*Though the fig tree does not blossom and there be no fruit on the vine...yet will I rejoice in the Lord...God the Lord is my strength.*” (Habakkuk 3:17-19) We need to let Habakkuk's kind of rejoicing fuel our desire for true *metanoia* this Lenten season.

Because the Gardener will not fail!



The Week of March 21 to March 27 in our Community

***During Lent,
Let us be united in Prayer***

Monday March 21
Parish Office Closed
No Mass

Tuesday March 22
6:00pm Mass + Liliana Bissi

Wednesday March 23
6:00pm Mass + Bernardina Carvalho

Thursday March 24
No Mass - Fr. Alfie away

Friday March 25 Solemnity The Annunciation Of The Lord
9:00am Mass + John Fleck
10:00am - 12:00 noon Adoration
7:00pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday March 26
10:00am Mass Our Lady of Good Counsel
10:00am Contemplative Community - Community Room
5:00pm Mass + Luis Fernandes
6:00pm Youth Group in School Gym

Sunday March 27 Fourth Sunday Of Lent
10:00am Mass
6:00pm Mass Special Int. Xavier Orango

Mass Schedule

Weekday Masses
Tuesday ~ 6:00pm
Wednesday ~ 6:00pm
Thursday ~ 9:00am
Friday ~ 9:00am

Weekend Masses
Saturday ~ 5:00pm
Sunday ~ 10:00am
Sunday ~ 6:00pm

CLICK BELOW TO WATCH
ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER LIVE-STREAMED
SUNDAY MASS

Saint Joseph the Worker -
Victoria, B.C. - YouTube

Easter Schedule

Holy Thursday April 14
7:00pm
Good Friday Service April 15
3:00pm
Holy Saturday Vigil April 16
8:00pm
Easter Sunday April 17
10:00am
12:00 noon

Mass With the Bishop

LIVE-STREAMED FROM THE
DIOCESE OF VICTORIA WEBSITE
SUNDAY - 9:30 AM
MONDAY TO FRIDAY - 7:00 PM
CLICK BELOW TO WATCH

<https://www.youtube.com/c/RCDVictoriaLiveOne>

Please note the following changes to the Bishop's live-stream schedule in March.

- **Friday, March 18: Livestream at 7 pm from Port Hardy**
- **Sunday, March 20: Livestream at 9 am from Port McNeill**

NEEDED - 9-10 CLUB SOUP KITCHEN VOLUNTEERS

We need a volunteer for Tuesday mornings, **starting March 22nd**. Shift starts around 7:30 am until 10:00 am, dishing out soup and preparing bagged meals. If you can help out or know of someone - please let me know. Also, the spring/summer holiday schedule will be starting soon and many volunteers will be taking some well deserved time off. I will be building up the spares list for the Team Leaders to utilize. Please spread the news to family, friends and co-workers.

Thank you immensely for your support - it is so appreciated.

Sheila Connelly

thesoupkitchen.ca@gmail.com

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"TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE"

We are reminded by the plight of refugees in Ukraine, with lineups for food and water, of the casualties of the circumstances, here at home - mothers and children fleeing abusive relationships and those forced by circumstances to rely on food banks to help provide nourishing food for their children and themselves.

The Knights of Columbus ask you to join us to fill the empty spots at our food bank. Knights will provide donation bags after Mass for those wishing to donate and will host a non-contact donation drive thru in the church parking lot on:

APRIL 9th Saturday, 10 am to 4 pm
APRIL 10th Sunday, 12 noon to 3:30 pm

This year we are joined by St. Joseph's Elementary School and Our Lady of the Rosary St. Vincent de Paul.

Cash and cheque donations are accepted. Please make cheques payable to:

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Fr. Alfie will be available for Reconciliation, in the church, 1/2 hour before evening Masses on Saturday and Sunday, or by appointment. Please call parish office 250-479-7413 to arrange.

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 is admitted to a hospital and would like a visit from your Pastor, Eucharistic or Pastoral Care Ministers, please let the Office staff know.

For emergency calls only call 250-889-3761 and ask for Fr. Sean Flynn.



The parish office is open during regular hours of operation Tuesday through Friday 8:30am to 3:30pm

The use of face coverings is now optional in church buildings. However, the continued use of face coverings is highly recommended as a prudent and wise choice to ensure the safety of all. Bishop Gary Gordon. Please refer to page 6 of bulletin for more details of easing of restrictions.

Donation Options



**CANADA HELPS ONLINE DONATION:
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CREDIT CARDS:

[Payment Authorization Form for Credit Card Donations.pdf](#)
([parishpal.com](#))

PRE-AUTHORIZED DEBIT:

https://000011.parishpal.com/files/docs/PAD_Agreement.pdf

CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION AND LINKS.

Catholic Health Association of BC \$500 Bursary

FOR GRADUATING STUDENTS enrolled in a Catholic secondary school, a member of a BC or Yukon parish and enrolled in a public secondary school, or home-schooled: To apply submit a 500-word essay that demonstrates an awareness and understanding of the significance of Spirituality in Health Care. Deadline: Wednesday, April 13, 2022 at noon. For essay and submission guidelines, please visit:
<http://www.chabc.bc.ca/bursary>

Victoria Diocesan Bursary In Memory of Freda Smith

The Victoria Diocesan CWL Council is offering a \$750 bursary to a graduating Catholic student within the Diocese of Victoria. This bursary will be awarded to a student proceeding on to a form of higher education. Criteria and applications are available at the Parish Office, online at: <https://cwldov.org/> or from your local CWL president. The deadline for applications is March 31, 2022.

Bishop Thomas J. Lobsinger, OMI Memorial Bursary Program

The annual BC and Yukon Bursary program is underway. The 2022 program is now receiving applications. We are privileged to offer 14 bursaries of \$1,000 each to Catholic students across BC. See details on our website: <http://www.stjosephtheworkerparish.com/> under Ministry & Groups/K of C tab/Bursaries.

EASTER FLOWER OFFERING

Easter Flower envelopes are now available at the back of the church. If you would like to contribute to our Easter flowers and remember a loved one, please pick up an envelope and include:

- Your name
- name(s) of those to be remembered
- your envelope number

Kindly place in the offertory box.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

From March 2nd – April 10th
You're invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion.

You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Victoria General Hospital (please call/email for exact location),

and also to help spread the word about this important community outreach.

If you'd like more information – and especially if you'd like to volunteer to help or join our at home prayer group,

please contact: Glenda at
(250) 885 – 6261

forlifeplace@hotmail.com

or visit www.40daysforlife.com/victoria



Stations of the Cross

Fridays at 7:00 pm
During Lent

March 4 - Proclaimers
March 11 - Children's Ed
March 18 - Youth
March 25 - Music Ministry
April 1 - CWL
April 8 - K of C

Newsworthy and Noteworthy

Knights of Columbus On-line Lenten Retreat March 26th

The Knights of Columbus Sacred Heart Council is inviting member Knights of Greater Victoria Councils to join our LENTEN RETREAT on Saturday, March 26th from 1 to 4 p.m. The Retreat Master will be Deacon Philip Yuson; and the topic of the Retreat is "Spiritual Warfare" (from the KofC's "Into the Breach"). Be sure to have a working microphone and camera in order to fully participate in the talks & prayers. To join, simply click on this link: <http://refuge.conceptbc.ca>

Women's Retreat

with Mona Goodman, Saturday, April 2, 2022

9:30 am - 3:45 pm

Holy Cross Parish

Register through the Parish:
office@holycrossvictoria.org
250-477-5321

Please bring: a bagged lunch,
journal, Bible, something to write
with, magazines, glue, scissors



World Youth Day Information Meeting Sunday, April 4th

The next World Youth Day is August 2023 in Lisbon, Portugal. This is a gathering of young adult Catholics, 19 to 35 years, from all over the world, celebrating the joy of being Catholic. The event concludes with an overnight vigil and Mass with the Pope! The Diocese of Victoria is organizing a pilgrimage group to the event with Fr Harrison Ayre and Fr Eduardo Santos as chaplains. **Come for an informational meeting at Our Lady of Fatima, Sunday, April 10th at 4pm to learn more.** If you're unable to be in Victoria, we will have a zoom link available for you. To register for the meeting, please e-mail Fr. Harrison: hayre@rcdvictoria.org to register.

Knights of Columbus UKRAINE SOLIDARITY FUND

Join us today in supporting Ukraine Solidarity Fund! To further your impact, the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council has promised to **match every dollar up to \$500,000.**

Your gift today will provide temporary shelter, food, medical supplies, clothing, communications and religious supplies. These items will all be immediately distributed, and **100% of your gift will go directly to these displaced people.**

Please prayerfully consider how you can contribute to this effort. **Your gift of any amount** will go a long way in helping our brothers and sisters. Together, we can bring Christ's healing love to a wounded world.

Go to the Ukrainian Solidarity link at kofc.org and click on "Donate" on the red banner. Tax receipts will be issued. You may also call 1-800-694-5713 from 5:00 - 1:30 pm PST to donate that way. All donations are accepted!

Message from the CWL - Help for Ukraine

Please click on link below to read a communique from **Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA)**. The focus is providing help to Ukraine. Two ways to support Ukraine are provided: (1) support Caritas Ukraine through a donation to CNEWA and (2) support the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Canada.

Thank you for your continued prayers and consideration,

<https://cnewa.org/ca/campaigns/ukraine/>



A post has just been added to the Diocesan website about the free Roots of Reconciliation Workshop sessions that are being offered in April and May. The text of the post may be read online at:

<https://www.rcdvictoria.org/indigenous/roots-of-reconciliation-workshop-registration-now-open>.

Statement of Appreciation from the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Canada

A Statement of Appreciation from the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Canada has just been added to the Diocesan website. The text of the statement can be read online at:

<https://www.rcdvictoria.org/news/statement-of-appreciation-from-the-ukrainian-catholic-church-in-canada>

National Indigenous Reconciliation Fund Details Released

A post has just been added to the Diocesan website with details about CCCB's national Indigenous Reconciliation Fund. The text of the post can be read online at:

<https://www.rcdvictoria.org/indigenous/indigenous-reconciliation-fund-details-released>

Message from the Chancery: Update March 11, 2022

As announced on March 10, the Province is further easing Covid-19 restrictions. Please see a Memo from Bishop Gary Gordon regarding these changes: [Memo easing of restrictions Mar 11 2022](#) and corresponding updated versions of the General and Liturgical Directives and Music Ministry Covid-19 Prevention Plan, to be followed by all parishes in the Diocese of Victoria:

[General_and_Liturgical_Directives_-_Mar_11_2022_update.pdf \(parishpal.com\)](#)

[Music Ministry COVID-19 Prevention Plan Mar 11 2022 update](#)

To summarize:

- Capacity limits on attendance at worship services or other gatherings in church buildings are no longer required. It is highly recommended that parishes continue to encourage physical distancing.
- The use of face coverings is now optional in church buildings. However, the continued use of face coverings is highly recommended as a prudent and wise choice to ensure the safety of all. This is especially true during higher-risk situations such as while singing or while distributing Communion.

The Directives, Prevention Plan and Memo are also available online at:

[HTTPS://WWW.RCDVICTORIA.ORG/NEWS/RESPONSETOCVID19-0](https://www.rcdvictoria.org/news/responsetocovid19-0).

As always, please do not hesitate to contact the Bishop's Office with any questions or concerns.

Contacts in the Parish

Pastor

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Admin Assistant/Secretary/Bookkeeper

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Responsible Ministry Coordinator

Altar Server Training/Coordinator

Baptism

Contemplative Community

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Children's Religious Education

Eucharistic Ministry Contact

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Knights of Columbus

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A message from



Do not be afraid of new beginnings. Be creative. Be inventive. - Blessed Frederic Ozanam

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Conference President Stephanie Peters!
stephanie.jm.peters@gmail.com or 250-514-7853

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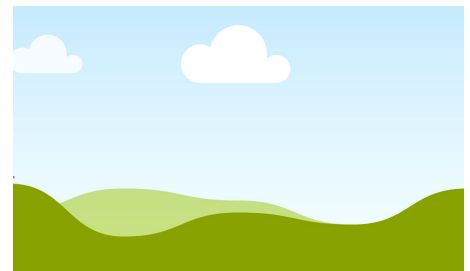
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