



St. Joseph the Worker Parish

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January 21st & 22nd 2012

Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

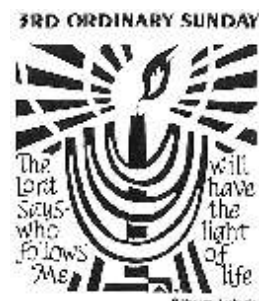
From the Pastor's Desk

Why follow Jesus? Because he asked. It is as simple as that. We have received an invitation from the Son of God to follow him. Our mission: To bring good news to the poor and gain everlasting life. So, like the first disciples, we are invited to abandon our nets and say goodbye to anyone or anything that is holding you back, and follow Jesus. Don't forget to ask others to join you along the way. Dear friends, we must never tire of inviting people to come into the Church, to discover the beauty and light inside. Part of our mission is to build up the Body of Christ, the Church, by being an inviting and welcoming community. In fact, it is in the very act of invitation and welcome that we maintain our bearings and stay the course of Jesus. Hospitality is the most basic Gospel value!

Today's Gospel is part of the beginning of Mark's Gospel. Jesus appears on the scene. He does not have much to say, but in the little he does say it is not difficult to detect a tone of urgency: **the time is fulfilled; the Kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.** I realize that we have heard these words before. And we may well receive them with skepticism or indifference, because for many of us these experiences have become worn, and have lost their immediacy. That is explained in part by the fact that the reality of the Kingdom of God has been made into such a distant and heavenly thing that nobody can get very excited about it anymore. And if, in addition to that, the notion of repentance has been made into such a negative and depressing thing, no wonder that there will be few among us, if any, who would want to react to Jesus' summons with something like: "Yes, that is what we have been waiting for. Finally something really significant is happening." If we take the dust of these Gospel words, kingdom and repentance, then we will discover what Paul and Jesus are doing is to provide us with a new perspective. With this perspective, those deeply human values such as being married, our family, social responsibilities, and mourning take on a new depth.

When Jesus called his apostles, he also came to them in the midst of their everyday work, and they literally dropped it and followed him. They recognized something so compelling and true and vital to them that they threw caution to the wind and changed the direction of their lives on a dime, much like the citizens of Nineveh who repented at the words of Jonah so immediately and completely that even God was impressed and changed God's mind--that is, repented. Repentance is much more than turning to God out of fear. It's being able, in every moment of our lives, to take a chance that answering God's call is always a risk worth taking. God seems to choose the most unlikely people to proclaim the good news. All these readings describe how fascinating God's ways are in reaching out and calling people. We hear of Prophet Jonah who tried to escape his call and was carried to his ministry in the belly of a large fish; of simple fishermen who knew a lot about bait and nets, but little about preaching; of Saul later known as Paul, a tent-maker and a notorious persecutor of Christians, who became a disciple when the power of God knocked him down. And today God's call is extended to all of us!

Come follow,
Fr. William



Youth Ministry

IGNight: This Sunday will be a night not to miss! Special guest Mark Mallett will be with us all evening- speaking, playing, sharing, and assisting in a time of Adoration and Praise in the Church, along with the rest of the congregation. Mark's message is true and powerful. It speaks to all of us, and is timeless in its importance, relevance, and urgency. This is a perfect time to simply be in the Lord's presence; think, pray, reflect, and listen. Join us in the community room afterwards for social time and snacks! See you this Sunday! (Mark Mallett and Adoration follows the usual 6pm Mass.)

Edge: FAKE OUT! How many friends do you have on Facebook? How important is popularity to you? Do you have enough fame to get you through life in complete happiness? ...This Friday is a night on popularity; we'll be getting down to the nitty-gritty, rarely questioned motives inside that drive us to strive so hard for social status, popularity, and fame. Fun, faith, and fellowship as always, all packed into one night! Come out and join us if you're in Grade 6 or 7; every Friday from 7-8:30pm.

Ministry Liturgical Schedule...January 28th & 29th, 2012

	Saturday 5:00 pm	Sunday 10:00 am	Sunday 6:00 pm
Altar Servers Coordinator-A. Grohovac/ T. Kerr	MC. A. Mackenzie E. Pryma, N. Pryma	MC. J. Bella M. Poulin, J. Hayek	MC. A. Grohovac A. Westhaver, C. Hardy
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Vacuums Coordinator-Ralph Scheurle	M. Gebremichael		
Hospital Ministers Coordinator-Claude Mury		R. Ferre & J. Grant	

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. Date of next Baptism preparation class is Jan 21 Please contact office to register. Baptisms are held during all Masses of last weekend of each month.
 Catechism and Children's Liturgy, Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Communion: Contact Laura at 250-479-8282 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

Theme: The Ninevites and the apostles Simon, James, and John, are in today's scripture examples of immediate repentance and turning to follow God.

Question for Children: How to you say you are sorry when you hurt someone?

Question for Youth: Where have you had difficulty following God's ways?

Question for Adults: What do you need to do to get back on track?

Social Justice Series - 3rd event will be held on Wednesday, Jan 25th from 7-9pm at Sacred Heart Parish Hall, 4040 Nelthorpe St. Come hear about the work of the Pacific Peoples' Partnership (PPP) in West Papua, Indonesia. This series is hosted by Development and Peace - Victoria and the Sisters of St. Ann Social Justice Committee.

Encounter with Jesus - Join us on Sunday, Jan 22nd at St. Joseph's Parish for a powerful evening of music, message & adoration with Mark Mallett, Canadian singer/songwriter, author & Catholic evangelist.

The Social/Eco Justice Committee Awareness - is hosting an Information Market Place at the pancake breakfast, Sunday, January 22. Please stay after Mass and enjoy breakfast while learning about Social and Ecological Justice work on going in our parish, diocese and around the globe.

Mount St. Mary Hospital - is seeking an experienced leader to coordinate the pastoral care and volunteer programs. For more information, please visit the website at: www.mtstmary.victoria.bc.ca.

How To Get To Know More About Islam - 4 Evening Sessions Wednesdays, Feb 1, 8, 15 & 29 at 7:00pm at St. Patrick's Parish Hall 2060 Haultain St. Presenter is Fr. Tony Gonsalves, a Franciscan, who has worked extensively in Moslem countries. First session is on the historical prospective of Islam.

Mass Schedule

Weekday Masses
 Tuesday ~ 7:00pm
 Wednesday~ 10:00am
 Thursday ~ 10:00am
 Friday ~10:00am
 Saturday ~5:00pm
 Sunday ~10:00am &
 6:00pm

December 2011

Income - \$36,585.75
 (including PAD donations)
 Expenses - \$37,552.68

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Keeping in Contact

We extend our hands and hearts in Christian companionship to you here, celebrating with us, whether long-time residents or newly arrived in the parish. We thank God that you are with us. If you wish to register in the parish please fill out the pink registration form located outside the church office or back of church.

Newsworthy and Noteworthy

GODSPELL Practices are underway. We are in need of a set director and an artistic director. Anyone wishing to join the shows, please come to our next rehearsal on Monday, Jan 23rd at 7:00pm. Greeters - Share our wonderful hospitality by greeting parishioners before Masses - Contact Ken Kelly 250-386-2239 Presenters of the Gifts - Carry the Collection, Hosts and Wine to the altar. Please contact our new Coordinator, Ursula Betts at 250-479-8804.

Ushers - Guide people to pews, hand out collection baskets and usher congregation to receive communion. Contact Maryellen Trudeau 250-386-1368.

Centering Prayer Workshop - 6 session free workshop presented by Charlie Allen, beginning on Monday, Feb 6th at 7pm at St. Joseph the Worker Parish. To register call the office or Charlie 778-433-5772 or email: charlieballen@gmail.com

Prayer of Heart and Body Retreat - Come and join us on March 2nd from 1-5 pm at St. Joseph the Worker. In the footsteps of John Main, Brother Lawrence, Father Tom Ryan, Father Joe Pereira, we will practice ways of being that help us become more aware of the presence of God within and around us. Register with Marilyn 778-430-0662 or email: journeytotheheart@shaw.ca. CWL Members - Your 2012 membership fee of \$30.00 is now due. You can pay at a General Meeting or by simply putting a cheque or cash in the Sunday collection plate in an envelope marked "CWL". Please DO NOT use abbreviations on your cheques (the bank will not accept them). Make your cheques payable to "St. Joseph's Catholic Women's League". Thank you.

Senior's Lunch Bunch - Come and enjoy a lovely meal with other parishioners next week January 25th. Please call Allan Sequeira 250-479-2333 to make a reservation.

Christopher Leadership Course - Terrified of public speaking? Want to improve your leadership skills? Please see bulletin board for details.

St. Vincent de Paul - 2011 Tax Receipts are available for pick up in the foyer of the church.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity - January 18-25 Ecumenical Prayer service at St. Joseph the Worker Parish at 7pm.

Development and Peace - All are welcome and encouraged to attend a Share Lent Workshop at St. Joseph the Worker Church Hall on Saturday, Feb 4th at 9:30am. For more info contact Leslie Forest 250-658-2215 or Jocelyn 250-474-3989.

Healing the Church: Lessons from the Clergy Sexual Abuse Crisis - by Sister Nuala Kenny at St. Joseph Parish on Fri. Feb 24, 7:00pm - 9:00pm and Sat. Feb 25 from 10:00am - 3:00pm.

Returning to Spirit Workshop - hosted by the Diocese of Victoria, Mar 26 - 30th at St. Joseph the Worker Parish. Contact Father William.

This Week in our Community

Monday January 23

Parish Office Closed

7:00pm St. Vincent de Paul - Rectory Meeting Room

7:00pm West of Eden Choir

Tuesday January 24 St. Francis De Sales, Bishop, Doctor

7:00pm Mass + Margaret Fernandes

7:00pm Couples for Christ Choir Practice - Sanctuary

Wednesday January 25 The Conversion of St. Paul The Apostle

10:00am Mass + Marjorie Ward

12:00 noon Seniors Lunch Bunch

7:00pm Mass - Week of Prayer and Ecumenical Service

7:00pm "Could you ever come back to the Catholic Church?"

7:00pm Ignight

7:00pm Adult Scripture Study

7:00pm RCIA - Rectory

7:30pm Saturday Night Choir Practice

Thursday January 26 St. Timothy and St. Titus, Bishops

10:00am Mass + Maggie Pires

7:30pm Spirit Led Prayer Group - Church Hall

7:30pm Christian Rocks Choir Practice

Friday January 27

10:00am Mass + Maggie Pires

7:00pm Edge Youth - School

Saturday January 28 St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Doctor - Father William away at wedding in Penticton - Welcome Father Tony Gonsalves

5:00pm Mass Spec Int. Paula Fogelklou - Baptism Amanda Clarke

Sunday January 29 Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time

10:00am Mass (Pro populo) Baptisms Giovanni Silletta, Kellan Cowell

11:00am Sunday Coffee

11:15am Catechism Classes - School

6:00pm Mass Spec Int. Nerine Orango

7:00pm IGnight - Church Hall

Prayers Needed

For families in conflict and

For the sick who have asked for our prayers: and for all who care for them and journey with them.

We pray especially for all members of our parish who are sick in mind, body or heart.

Votive Candle - suggested donation \$2.00

Give what you can.



Up Coming Events & Start Dates

Jan 22 K of C Pancake Breakfast and Eco Awareness campaign

Jan 22 7:30pm "Encounter with Jesus" - by Mark Mallett Canadian singer and songwriter

Jan 23 St. Vincent de Paul Meeting

Jan 25 12:00noon Seniors Lunch Bunch

Jan 25 7:00pm Social Justice Series at Sacred Heart

Jan 25 7:00pm Ecumenical Prayer Service for Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Jan 30 1:00pm CWL Executive Meeting

Jan 30 7:30pm K of C Executive Meeting

Feb 10 7:00pm Mass World Day of Sick

Feb 4 9:30am Development and Peace Share Lent Workshop

Feb 10 7:00pm Mass World Day of Sick

Feb 24 & 25 - 2 day lecture series on Healing the Church Lessons from the Clergy Sexual Abuse Crisis - Feb 24th - 7:00pm to 9:00pm, Feb 25th 10:00am to 3:00pm.



BEQUESTS AND WILLS

In your kindness, please remember St. Joseph the Worker Parish in your bequests and wills. If anyone wishes to make such a bequest in their will, the following clause may be included or added to a will or added by codicil: I give devise and bequeath the sum of \$.....to St. Joseph the Worker Parish in Victoria, BC, to be used for the benefit of the Parish and its pastoral activities.



Contacts in the Parish

Pastor
 Administrative Assistant/Secretary
 Youth Minister
 Bookkeeper
 Baptism
 Catholic Women's League (CWL)
 Children's Liturgy of the Word
 Children's Religious Education
 Cursillo Movement
 Development and Peace
 Adult Scripture Study
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 Knights of Columbus
 Prayer Group (Spirit Led)
 Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA)
 St. Joseph's School
 St. Vincent de Paul
 Social Justice and Environment
 Building and Maintenance Committee
 Finance Committee
 Liturgy Committee
 Social Committee
 Parish Pastoral Council

Fr. William Hann
 Jennifer Smith/Jenny Daniels Office hours 8:30 am-3:30 pm Tuesday-Friday
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 Liz Hayward
 Parish Office (250)479-7413 Jenny and Peter Daniels(250) 658-6782
 President: Shirley Cummins (250)479-3383
 Brenda Bella (250)474-4700
 Laura Gerlinsky (250)479-8282 Sunday 11:15 am
 Doreen Keizer (250)380-0158.
 Leslie Forest (250)658-2215
 Theresa and Gordon Phillips (250)477-9181 Wednesday 7:15 pm

 Charlie Allen (778)433-5772 Lecture Series
 Shawn Leckie (250)360-2620 2nd Monday of the month 7:30 pm
 Dave MacIntyre (250)383-9955 Thursdays 7:30 pm
 Fred and Doreen Keizer (250)380-0158
 Pre School-Grade 7. Call school office (250)479-1232 for more info.
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