



# St. Joseph the Worker Parish

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February 18th & 19th 2012

*Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time*

**From the Pastor's Desk**

In Mark's gospel Jesus always seemed to be moving about with urgency. Even at the beginning of his ministry he was "driven" out into the desert for 40 days. Do you enter these days of Lent with a similar drive and zeal? What will you encounter in the desert this time? Do you feel the protecting Spirit of Christ, just as Jesus knew the ministering of angels? Many came to Jesus believing he would heal them, but in the midst of the crowd were some waiting to catch him crossing religious boundary lines. Whether, though, it was the believers who actively sought him out or his enemies with malice in their hearts, they both wanted to know the same thing: Who is this man? Another wonder-working healer? A blasphemer? Or the very Son of God who has the authority and power to forgive sins? People today face the same question. Who is Jesus? Can he forgive us? Do we feel forgivable? Can *we* forgive?



Dear friends, this is the last Sunday in Ordinary Time before Lent begins! I pray that this Lent we be open to healing and reconciliation. The last three Sunday gospels have spoken of healing and forgiveness, appropriately enough with Lent right around the corner. So it is a good time to think about reconciliation. As described by Father Paul Boudreau the "Five C's" of the Rite of Reconciliation are: *conviction, confession, contrition, compensation, and correction*. *Conviction*: I admit I've done wrong. *Confession* is how I hand over the actual matter of my responsibility: What did I do or fail to do that puts me at odds with God, others, or myself? *Contrition* is next. Either through a traditional Act of Contrition or in your own words, you express regret for sin in one's life. *Compensation* is the "penance": If you stole something, you return it. If the offense is less tangible, you may spend time in prayer or in other ways demonstrate your good will. Finally there's the matter of *Correction*. With God's help you're not going to repeat this behavior. To strengthen this resolve you're going to avoid places, people, and patterns that initiated it in the past. These steps to restoration are valid not only in the rites of the church but in any relationship where reconciliation is needed.

What does God have in store for you this lent? Are you open to the power of Christian community to walk you into a new tomorrow? Are you open to pray, give alms and fast? Just as the friends of the paralyzed man brought him to healing, where do you need healing? Do you trust God's promises for new life for you? Jesus invites you and me to come closer and take a chance on God. Those burdened by addiction, by brokenness, hurt, by bad habits and by fear listen to what the Lord says to us. "Thus says the Lord: *No need to recall the past, no need to think about what was done before.*" God never looks at my past but only at my present situation, my present relationship with him. God has no memory of our past. He does not keep detailed accounts of our behavior. He only loves us and wants us to accept his love and let it flow in and through us. He wants us to be instruments of compassion and mercy to all. He wants us to love, as he loves us. "You have burdened me with your sins, troubled me with your iniquities." *I am He who blots out your transgressions for my sake, and I will not remember your sins.*"

Forgive for God's sake; forget for your own.  
Fr. William

**IGNIGHT:** A few short weeks ago we went downtown to feed the homeless and hungry of our city; this time we're going to be talking a little bit about that same issue, but in context of the global situation and of our own faith. Cardinal Ratzinger wrote a book on the person of Christ, and in it he discusses our duty not only to share of our temporal and monetary wealth, but also of the Word of God, the Good News, the Gospel of Salvation, our faith, which so often takes a back seat in the realm of social justice and outreach. World hunger is not only a physical poverty, but a poverty in every other sense of the word, revealing our struggle to share what is valuable, to live out our faith, and to provide not just in money and food, but in word and deed. (Every Sunday after the 6pm Mass, for grades 8-12)

**EDGE:** Ok, so you've played dodgeball, but have you ever played glow in the dark dodge ball??? That's right; this Friday it's lights out for the second half of the night as we strap up with glow sticks, dodge balls, and strobe-lights to challenge each other at a night of head to head dodge ball matches and lights-out activities! Please do not bring your own flashlights! Everyone in grade 6 or 7 welcome. (Every Friday from 7-8:30pm in the St. Joseph's gym)

## Ministry Liturgical Schedule...February 25th and 26th, 2012

	Saturday 5:00 pm	Sunday 10:00 am	Sunday 6:00 pm
<b>Altar Servers</b> Coordinator-A. Grohovac/ T. Kerr	MC. A. Mackenzie H. Evangelista, A. Evangelista	MC. M. Poulin A. Corpus, A. Zanatta	MC. A. Grohovac R. Weber, T. Lanuza
<b>Hospitality Ministers</b> Coordinator- Ken Kelly	P. Stevens R. Stevens	R. Santarossa D. Santarossa	IGNight
<b>Lectors</b> Coordinator-Linda Chatton	E. Leckie C. Blais	J. Di Castri S. Di Castri	S. Fitzmaurice J. Zwicker
<b>Ushers</b> Coordinator-Maryellen Trudeau	M. Trudeau, E. Ordonez R. Ordonez, J. Green	E. Rainaldi, G. Rossato M. Smith, V. Rizzo	IGNight
<b>Presentation of the Gifts</b> Coordinator - Ursula Betts	J. Green and Partner	P. O'Brien and Family	IGNight
<b>Children's Liturgy</b> Coordinator-Brenda Bella		M. Underdown K. Forget	
<b>Vacuums</b> Coordinator-Ralph Scheurle	J. Aquino R. Scheurle		
<b>Hospital Ministers</b> Coordinator-Claude Mury		V. Gustafson E. Leckie	

**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 to be announced. Please contact office to register.

**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 ask for Fr. Frank Franz or email [ffj.hospital@gmail.com](mailto:fjf.hospital@gmail.com) to make this request.

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**Share Lent 2012** - This year we focus on Development and Peace's Partners in the Global South in The Philippines, Cambodia, Lebanon and Zambia.

Solidarity Sunday's collection will be on the Fifth Sunday of Lent (March 25) in solidarity and support of our brothers and sisters in The Global South. Please see our table at the back of church and the parish website for further information."

**Lent 2012** - The annual observance of Lent is the special season for the ascent to the holy mountain of Easter. Through its twofold theme of repentance and baptism, the season of Lent disposes both the catechumens and the faithful to celebrate the paschal mystery.

Catechumens are led to the sacraments of initiation by means of the Rite of Election, the Scrutinies, and catechesis. The faithful, listening more intently to the word of God and devoting themselves to prayer, are prepared through a spirit of repentance to renew their baptismal promises. Ash Wednesday, Feb 22, and Good Friday, Apr 6, 2012 are days of fast and abstinence. Fasting, almsgiving, and prayer are the three traditional disciplines of Lent. The faithful and catechumens should undertake these practices seriously in a spirit of penance and of preparation for baptism or of renewal of baptism at Easter.

**Stand Up For Life!** - Join the 40 Days for Life Vigil Feb 22 - April 1 2012. Pick your own hour and day to stand tall and pray lovingly for the unborn. To learn more, go to [www.40daysforlife.com/victoria/](http://www.40daysforlife.com/victoria/) or [www.chooselifevictoria.com](http://www.chooselifevictoria.com).

**Day of Reflection Exploring the Priesthood** - Saturday March 24th there will be a gathering held for the day at Sacred Heart Parish 4040 Nelthorpe St. Victoria in the Pope John XXIII Hall for those who would like to explore life as a priest. Lunch will be supplied. Bishop Richard will be the special guest speaker. It begins at 10 am and finishes with silence for personal reflection and to prepare ourselves for the 5pm Mass. PLEASE REGISTER by calling either Fr. Sean 250 743-1688 in Mill Bay or Fr. Alfredo 250- 732-7380 in Duncan.

### Mass Schedule

#### Weekday Masses

Tuesday ~ 10:00am

Wednesday~ 9:00am &  
7:00pm

Thursday ~ 10:00am

Friday ~10:00am

Saturday ~5:00pm

Sunday ~10:00am &  
6:00pm

#### January 2012

Income - \$28,374.15  
(including PAD donations)  
Expenses - \$32,597.02

#### PAD

St. Joseph the Worker Parish has Pre-Authorized Debit (PAD) facilities if you are looking for a convenient method of donating. Credit card donations are also accepted, please call the parish office at 250-479-7413 Ext. 1



### 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

**2011 Income Tax Receipts** - are available for pick up in the Community Room.

**St. Vincent de Paul** - 2011 Tax Receipts are available for pick up in the Community Room.

**GODSPELL Dates** - Tickets are available at the office for \$10.00 each for the St. Joseph's production of Godspell. Mark your calendars - Thursday, March 8th and Friday, March 9th 2012 at 7:00pm at Oak Bay Secondary School Theatre. Monies raised will go to the Youth Ministry.

**Senior's Lunch Bunch** - There will be no lunch bunch in the month of February. We will advise when the next one is planned.

**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](mailto:journeytotheheart@shaw.ca).

**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. Father William would like as many parishioners as they can to attend.

**CWL Education Bursary** - The Victoria Diocesan Council of the CWL offers a \$500 bursary in memory of Freda Smith to a catholic student currently in grade 12 and who plans to go on to post-secondary education. Students do not have to be enrolled in a Catholic school. The application must be completed by March 31, 2012. Please pass this information on to relatives and friends. For further information, please contact Shirley Cummins at [scummins@shaw.ca](mailto:scummins@shaw.ca) or call 250-479-3383.

**Returning to Spirit:** Residential School Reconciliation Program (Part I: March 26-30, 2012) This workshop for non-aboriginals is sponsored by the Diocese of Victoria and will be hosted at St. Joseph the Worker Parish, 753 West Burnside Road, Victoria. The Returning to Spirit program is based on returning people to the spirit of who they are rather than reliving the painful experience of the past, particularly that of residential schools. A similar workshop for aboriginals will be offered during the same week on Penelakut Island (formerly Kuper). Learn how to: discover the spirit of who you are; move beyond healing and experience reconciliation; create a future based on choice rather than on reaction to the past; experience the impossible as being possible; bridge the differences between yourself and others; discover how residential school shows up in your life today and how it impacts Canadian society; and be part of the solution. For more information please contact Cynthia Bouchard-Watkins at (250) 479-1331 ([cynthiabw@rcdvictoria.org](mailto:cynthiabw@rcdvictoria.org)) or Mary Parry at 250-477-0593 ([maryparry3@gmail.com](mailto:maryparry3@gmail.com)).

## Up Coming Events & Start Dates

Feb 22 Ash Wednesday  
Feb 22 1:00pm Prayer Heart and Body  
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  
Feb 23 7:00pm Parish Council Meeting  
Feb 26 K of C Pancake Breakfast  
Mar 2 World Day of Prayer  
Mar 8/9 7:00pm Godspell at Oak Bay Secondary  
Mar 15 7:00pm Parish Lenten Reconciliation Service  
Mar 16/25 Pilgrimage to Rome

## This Week in our Community

### Monday February 20

#### **Parish Office Closed**

7:00pm West of Eden Choir

7:00pm Centering Prayer Workshop - Community Meeting Room

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

### Tuesday February 21

10:00am Mass + Edwin Pettipas

7:00pm Couples for Christ Choir Practice - Sanctuary

7:30pm Rome Pilgrimage Meeting -

### Wednesday February 22 Ash Wednesday

9:00am Mass - St. Joseph School

Mass

7:00pm Mass - Ash Wednesday

7:00pm Adult Scripture Study

7:00pm RCIA - Rectory Meeting Room

### Thursday February 23

10:00am Mass + Audrey (Myers)

Colon

7:00pm Parish Council Meeting - Community Meeting Room

7:30pm Spirit Led Prayer Group - Church Hall

7:30pm Christian Rocks Choir Practice

### Friday February 24

10:00am - Mass + Rosemary Thuss

7:00pm - Edge Youth - School

### Saturday February 25

5:00pm Mass + Tina van Schaik

### Sunday February 26 First Sunday of Lent

10:00am Mass (Pro populo)

11:00am K of C Pancake Breakfast

11:15am Sacramental Prep - Confirmation Session #3

6:00pm Mass

7:00pm Ignight - Church Hall



**Diocese of Victoria Webinar WYD Rio 2013** - Please join Stuart Andrie from the Diocese of Victoria and Chris Dube from Dube Travel as we introduce the Diocese of Victoria's pilgrimage to WYD Rio in July 2013 on Webinar at: <https://www3.gotomeeting.com/register/414940862>

Date: Monday, Feb 27, 2012

Time: 7:00pm - 8:00pm

We will review a bit about WYD and discuss the anticipated itinerary, pricing, and policies and discuss Rio as a

#### **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.



#### **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

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**Children's Liturgy of the Word**

**Children's Religious Education**

**Cursillo Movement**

**Development and Peace**

**Adult Scripture Study**

**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**

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