



# St. Joseph the Worker Parish

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February 11th & 12th 2012

*Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time*

**From the Pastor's Desk**

**A** leper came to Jesus. The "leper" who came to Jesus, however, was not following the rules (as he wouldn't at the end of the story either). For one thing he approached a fellow Jew, something that an officially unclean person was not supposed to do, and instead of sounding the alarm he asked to be healed. Even worse, Jesus *touch*ed him, thereby joining the unclean club on the spot. What's especially interesting is what happens next. Christ tells the healed man to do exactly what Leviticus prescribed--go to the priest--but also keep quiet about it. Jesus wanted the man to be readmitted to the community in the recognized way, but at this point in his ministry he also wanted to keep the power of his word and touch a bit of a secret, and the next part of the story shows why. News of a holy man and healer wandering the countryside attracted a throng. So, right at the beginning of his mission, Jesus was hitting obstacles. That, however, is what the Gospel of Mark is about: following Jesus can be hard, sometimes extremely hard. To end the suffering of the world, his disciples will have to suffer themselves. Receiving his healing touch also means obedience to his word.

In the case of the leper in today's Gospel, Jesus knows too well that what lepers suffer from is not so much their leprosy, but their isolation. They are thrown out of society. As a physical disease, leprosy is not much of a problem any longer. Modern science has practically eliminated it but at the time of Jesus, leprosy was an awful disease and it was pretty well the worst form of sickness that could strike anyone. The person who suffered from leprosy was called in some circles the "son of death". What was perhaps even more destructive was the notion entertained by religious people that those who suffered from leprosy were being punished by God and lived under a curse from him?

The story serves as a backdrop for the battle that is shaping up and still continues, between Jesus as the embodiment of God's not giving up on anybody and his adversaries who figure that God cannot be interested in certain categories of people. The final outcome of that battle is that Jesus, who all too frequently went beyond the boundaries of the law, found himself dealt as an outcast. Jesus was prepared to take that risk, because he knew too well that it was precisely his task to bring those who were marked on whatever grounds, out of their isolation and into communion of life and fellowship with God and with other human beings. By touching the leper, and by recklessly ignoring the danger of being contaminated, Jesus flatly contradicts the religious people who believed in the fallacy that a leper lives under the curse of God. With that gesture, Jesus underlines his will to heal and God's will to bring life and salvation. By sending the cured man to the priests who were defenders of true faith, Jesus puts an end to the religious fallacy that the temple, God's abode among people, would have no room for hurting and wounded people.

Today's Gospel is a beautiful story, but it is also an uncomfortable one. It is an unfinished story; in as much as it challenges us as Christians to declare our position and to continue, in the power of Jesus to proclaim the liberating power of his Gospel. Our society has its own lepers. Or what is worse, groups of people in our Church whom we tend to keep out in order to protect the holiness of the Church. What today's Gospel passage leaves us with is an uncomfortable question: "Do the lepers of our time find a welcome among us who may pride ourselves on being disciples of Jesus?" If not, then I am afraid that the story of Jesus gets relegated to one of those once upon a time stories: beautifully, but totally irrelevant to our world.

*Only say the word and my servant will be healed:*  
Father William



## Youth Ministry

**IGNIGHT:** Ground Zero: ... Who says God really exists anyway? ... and hey, who cares who says it; how do I know it's true, and why should I believe? Some people around us seem to be blessed with an unshakable, unquestioning faith in our Lord, in the Savior of our souls; but some (and I would venture to say the vast majority of us) struggle with our belief in an all-loving, all-seeing, omnipotent God. If you fight with a faith that you're not so sure of, then this night's for you. Come check out why we believe, how we know, and what truths faith and reason together reveal. Bring your questions, doubts, queries, and quandaries along; cynics, skeptics, and doubters welcome!) (Every Sunday after the 6pm Mass, for grades 8-12)

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## Ministry Liturgical Schedule...February 18th and 19th, 2012

	Saturday 5:00 pm	Sunday 10:00 am	Sunday 6:00 pm
<b>Altar Servers</b> Coordinator-A. Grohovac/ T. Kerr	MC. Brook Hoole A. Kelly, N. Pryma	MC. M. Corwin J. Bella, J. Hayek	MC. J. Grohovac P. Grohovac, A. Westhaver
<b>Hospitality Ministers</b> Coordinator- Ken Kelly	L. Cabal and Family	F. Keizer D. Keizer	iGNight
<b>Lectors</b> Coordinator-Linda Chatton	I. Mihalicz M. McAuley	L. Savage M. King	A. Grohovac R. Mykyte
<b>Ushers</b> Coordinator-Maryellen Trudeau	M. Trudeau, L. Van Dyk B. Dunn, M. Sanders	E. Rainaldi, G. Rossato M. Smith, V. Rizzo	IGNight
<b>Presentation of the Gifts</b> Coordinator - Ursula Betts	C. Hunt M. Wood	M. Greco D. Greco	IGNight
<b>Children's Liturgy</b> Coordinator-Brenda Bella		M. Underdown	
<b>Vacuums</b> Coordinator-Ralph Scheurle	S. Nolan E. Oliveria		
<b>Hospital Ministers</b> Coordinator-Claude Mury		C. Yeomans A. Valencia Vargas	

**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 Feb 18th. Please contact office to register. The last Baptisms before Easter will be held on Saturday, Feb 18th and Sunday, Feb 19th.

**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: If you want to you can cure me.**

**Question for Adults:** "Do the lepers of our time find a welcome among us who may pride ourselves on being disciples of Jesus?"

**Question for Youth:** Do you exclude people based on stereotypes?

**Question for Children:** Do you ignore children on the playground?

**EDGE:** Who Are You? No, really, who are you?! If someone were to ask you that question, what would your response sound like? What gives your life value and identity? Sometimes we forget that our value lies in being created in the image and likeness of God, our Father, and not in what we can do or what we can accomplish. This night's here to tell us that who we are is sons and daughters of the Living God, that our worth lies in this, and this alone. Promising, as always, fun, faith, and fellowship for everyone. (Every Friday from 7-8:30pm in the St. Joseph's gym)

**How To Get To Know More About Islam** - 2 more Evening Sessions Wednesdays, Feb 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. Third session is on "Living In A Majority Moslem Country".

**First Conversations** - Join Aboriginal peoples and diverse faith groups as we look at what it means to know each other, reconcile our past, provide healing and learn how to be good neighbours. Connecting Cultures is hosting one of these sessions at Sacred Heart Catholic Church on Feb 18th - 11am to 2pm. Community lunch provided. Refer to bulletin board for more info.

**Life in the Spirit Seminar** - Spirit Led Prayer Group invites you to attend a seminar at Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church Parish Hall on Wednesday evenings April 18 - May 30, 2012 at 7pm to 9pm. If you are interested, contact David MacIntyre at 250-383-9955 or email: [victoriaccrs@gmail.com](mailto:victoriaccrs@gmail.com).

### 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

#### 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 at the back of the church.

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

**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.

**Presenters of the Gifts** - Carry the Collection, Hosts and Wine to the altar. Presenters are needed for the 10:00am Mass. Please contact our new Coordinator, Ursula Betts at 250-479-8804.

**Request for Ash Wednesday Palms** - Parishioners, please bring in your old palms so that we can make ashes for Ash Wednesday.

**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.

**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 15 7:00pm Liturgy Committee Meeting
- Feb 22 Ash Wednesday
- 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 26 K of C Pancake Breakfast
- Mar 2 World Day of Prayer
- Mar 8/9 7:00pm Godspell at Oak Bay Secondary School
- Mar 16/25 Pilgrimage to Rome
- Mar 26/30 Returning to Spirit Workshop

## This Week in our Community

### **Monday February 13**

#### **Parish Office Closed**

1:00pm CWL General Meeting - Community Meeting Room

7:00pm West of Eden Choir

7:00pm Centering Prayer Workshop - Community Meeting Room

7:30pm K of C Meeting - Church Hall

### **Tuesday February 14 St. Cyril, Monk, and St.**

#### **Methodius, Bishop**

7:00pm + Elaine Quinn

7:00pm Couples for Christ Choir Practice - Sanctuary

### **Wednesday February 15**

10:00am Mass + Ray Brown

7:00pm Ignight

7:00pm Liturgy Committee Meeting - Committee Meeting Room

7:00pm Adult Scripture Study

7:00pm RCIA - Rectory Meeting Room

7:30pm Saturday Night Choir Practice

### **Thursday February 16**

10:00am Mass Spec Int. Marie Hall

7:30pm Spirit Led Prayer Group - Church Hall

7:30pm Christian Rocks Choir Practice

### **Friday February 17**

10:00am - Mass

7:00pm - Edge Youth - School

### **Saturday February 18**

5:00pm Mass + Dorothy McGarrigle

Baptisms James Renfrew, Kaion Udagawa, Mia Udagawa

### **Sunday February 19 Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time**

10:00am Mass (Pro populo) Baptisms Clare Gillese, Nathan Hegar, Elia Dervishi

11:00am Sunday Coffee

11:15am Catechism Classes - School

1:00pm Hungarian Mass

6:00pm Mass

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.



### **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**  
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**Baptism**  
**Catholic Women's League(CWL)**  
**Children's Liturgy of the Word**  
**Children's Religious Education**  
**Cursillo Movement**  
**Development and Peace**  
**Adult Scripture Study**  
**Could you ever come back -  
to the Catholic Church?**  
**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  
 Donny McGeragle (778) 977-3947 e-mail: ignight.victoria@gmail.com  
 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.  
 Robin Garman (250)479-8806 - 3rd Monday of month  
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