

First Sunday of Lent, March 10th, 2019

Schedule:

Saturday, March 9th, Lenten Weekday:

- 9:00 am Mass — Soul of Dean Lalonde †
Requested by Mary Connelly
- 9:00 am to 8:00 pm — Life In the Spirit Seminar
- 4:00 pm Choir Practice ♪ ~ Parish Hall
- 4:00 pm Reconciliation (Confession)
- 5:00 pm Mass — Intentions of Michelle Osmond
Requested by Lily Moreland

Sunday, March 10th, First Sunday of Lent:

- 8:30 am Mass — Intentions of the Parishioners
- 10:30 am Family Mass — Soul of Marino Benven †
Requested by Sarah Benven

Monday, March 11th, Lenten Weekday:

- 7:00 pm Bible Study: Bishop Barron's *Conversion* ~ St. Matthew's Room
- 7:00 pm Choir Practice ♪

Tuesday, March 12th, Lenten Weekday:

- 10:00 am to 7:00 pm Adoration
- 6:30 pm Cenacle Rosary
- 7:00 pm Mass — Soul of T. K. Joseph †
Requested by the Scaria Family
- 7:30 pm R.C.I.A. ~ St. Paul's Room

Wednesday, March 13th, Lenten Weekday:

- 9:00 am Mass — Soul of Pat Brown †
Requested by Mary Brown
- 10:00 am Bible Study: Bishop Barron's *Conversion* ~ Parish Hall
- 1:30 pm Mass @ The Gardens — Soul of Dwain Ingram †
Requested by Nancy Horsfield
- 6:15 pm Children's Religious Education — Regular Classes
- 6:30 pm Penitential Service @ Trinity Catholic Church, Nanaimo
- 7:00 pm Knights of Columbus Choir Practice ♪

Thursday, March 14th, Lenten Weekday:

- 9:00 am Mass — Intentions of the C.W.L.
Requested by the C.W.L.
- 10:00 am C.W.L. General Meeting ~ Parish Hall
- 6:30 pm Penitential Service

Friday, March 15th, Lenten Weekday:

- 9:00 am Mass — Soul of Paddy Desouza †
Requested by Maurice Fernandes
- 9:30 am Benediction, Exposition & Divine Mercy Devotion
- 10:00 am C.W.L. Sandwich Prep
- 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross (Bible Study & R.C.I.A.)
- 7:00 pm Youth Ministry: Theme 6

Saturday, March 16th, Lenten Weekday:

- 9:00 am Mass — Soul of Elizabeth Davidson †
Requested by Brian & Jean Mulholland
- 4:00 pm Choir Practice ♪ ~ Parish Hall
- 4:00 pm Reconciliation (Confession)
- 5:00 pm Mass — Soul of Rose Gagliardi †
Requested by Bert & Dianne Cafik

Sunday, March 17th, Second Sunday of Lent:

- 8:30 am Mass — Intentions of the Parishioners
- 10:30 am Mass — Soul of Marino Benven †
Requested by Sarah Benven

2018 Tax Receipts: All tax receipts have been mailed.



Pastor's NOTES

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Last weekend Fr. Dean Henderson was here for the masses and mission. I have heard positive feedback from parishioners on our having Fr. Dean as he had lots of stories and telling about his journey to the faith also. There will be a follow up to the mission in the near future with the theme of 'Building a Joyful Evangelizing Parish'.

I had the opportunity to see the people at St. Rose of Lima in Sooke and that was good to visit with them again. I was impressed with the number of parishioners and people who came for the Ash Wednesday masses in the morning and evening; a good start to the Lenten season. During this time of Lent there is the Stations of the Cross every Friday at 7:00 pm and different ministries will be leading the Stations. Note that our Lenten reconciliation service is coming up next Thursday March 14th at 6:30 pm. As we are now in the Lenten season the parish reconciliation services are happening and next week I will be helping on Wednesday at Trinity Catholic's service at 6:30 pm. This is to let you know if you cannot make our service, when the other ones are available. In closing there are still some of the Lenten daily reflection booklets left a good resource to use for the season.

Fr. Mike

...**Chrism Mass:** On Thursday, April 11th, at 7:00pm Bishop Gary Gordon will be the principal celebrant at a Mass that is celebrated annually. At this liturgy, we gather around the bishop for the blessing and consecration of the oils that will be used in all our parishes in the coming year. May our presence at the Chrism Mass be a sign of our support and gratitude for their ministry — and a reminder that baptism calls all of us to lives of service. **All are invited to attend. A reception will follow.**

...Fr. John Laszczyk, Vicar General

...**Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:** The new schedule is available at the back of the church. Please pick it up at your earliest convenience. ...Julia Murrell, Coordinator

...**Ministry of the Sick:** A few new volunteers would be greatly appreciated. If you are available to assist in this ministry, visiting parishioners at home, please call 250-752-5951. ...Felicity O'Carroll, Coordinator

...**Vocation Live-In:** On the weekend of April 5-7, there will be a Vocation Live-In for boys or young men interested in the priesthood or the consecrated life, at the *Seminary of Christ the King, Mission, B.C.* For more information please call 604-826-8715. ...Fr. Mark Dumont, OSB

Lenten Reflection Booklets: Not by Bread Alone — The books are now available; Cost: \$2.00 each. Payment can be placed in the newspaper slot at the time of purchase. Thank you



Knights of Columbus

Next Executive Meeting: Thursday, March 21st, 7:00pm in Luke's Room.

Next General Meeting: Thursday, April 4th, 7:00pm in the Parish Hall.

The **Knight's Choir** is scheduled to sing on the first Sunday, 8:30AM Mass of each month.

St. Patrick's Day Dance — March 23rd, 6:30pm in the Parish Hall. Dinner and dance, 50 / 50 Draw. Performance by the Knights Choir. Tickets only \$15.00 each. See Rod Morrison before and after Mass.

Find Out How You Can Serve: in the spirit of fellowship and charity. For those interested in joining the Knights of Columbus, please contact **Wayne Sapieha** (250-586-7480) or **Al Walsh** (250-738-0319).

"The fast of Lent has no advantage to us unless it brings about our spiritual renewal. It is necessary while fasting to change our whole life and practise virtue. Turning away from all wickedness means keeping our tongue in check, restraining our anger, avoiding all gossip, lying and swearing. To abstain from these things — herein lies the true value of the fast." ...St. John Chrysostom

...Jack Chambers

DIRECTORY Photos

...**Church Photo Directory:** We will be celebrating our **50th Parish Anniversary** this year. A new photo album is being prepared and we would like ALL parishioners to have their photo included. For the next couple of weeks, we will be in the hall after the masses to book your appointment for the photos. Any questions, you can call Randy Murray, 1-250-540-5568.

...**Social Justice:** In his enclosed letter, Bishop Gary quotes Pope Francis stressing the importance of prayerful and compassionate 'encounter with others'. This is to be a means of transforming ourselves while deepening our relationship with God. He states the *Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace* is about '**integral human development**'. That is, it is not just about help in a crisis but also to facilitate all God's children transforming our societies so all have life with dignity. This Lent, he encourages us to open our hearts to God through **Sharing the Journey** of our brothers and sisters forced to migrate while actively supporting Share Lent 2019.

...Yvonne Zarowny, SJC Chair

...**Easter Lilies:** Parishioners wishing to, may make a donation towards the Easter lilies which will adorn our church altar on Easter Sunday. Please place your donation in the "**Yellow Donation Envelope**" available at the back of the church, and indicate that the offering is for "**Flowers**". Your donations help with the cost of flowers for the altar year round. Also, include the "**Easter Memorial Intention**" purple form in the envelope. (Forms available at the back of the church). To ensure a year end tax receipt is issued, please include your name, amount, envelope #, etc. The information from the purple form ensures that your loved ones will be remembered in the bulletin following Easter. Thank you.



...**Development and Peace: Share the journey with poor coastal communities in Tacloban, the Philippines** — In 2013 the massive storm surge created by Super Typhoon Haiyan carrying 300km / hour winds swept away entire poor communities in the Philippines. Thanks to your donations Development and Peace and its local partners were able to purchase land away from the coast and empowered the affected communities to transform it into the Pope Francis **Village**. Watch the documentary "After the Storm" to follow the inspiring journey of these communities: devp.org/en/philippines-documentary. ...Tess Cormack, Social Justice Committee

...**Nanaimo Ecumenical Centre:** Fifth Annual Lenten Film Series — held at Trinity Catholic Church, Tuesday afternoons, March 12th through April 16th; 1:00 — 4:00pm for the movie, refreshment and discussion. Led by Phyllis Thompson & Rev. Foster Freed. The 1st movie: Hidden Figures. All are welcome, there is no fee. ...Sarah Dafoe, Administrative Assistant

PRAYER REFLECTION:

"When you have gone so far that you can't manage one more step, then you've gone just half the distance that you're capable of." (Proverb)

...Carol Low-Hykaway, CWL

General Meeting: Thursday, March 14th, 10:00am in the Hall; Guest Speaker: Gerry Haywood, Diocesan Resolutions / Legislation Chair

Executive Meeting: Thursday, Mar. 28th 9:45am, St. Luke's Rm

Knitting Group Come and join us to knit or crochet on **Monday, March 25th**, 11:00am, bring a bag lunch if you want and any projects you are working on. We have wool and needles and patterns if you want to start something new. Thanks. ...Maureen Murray, 250-540-5598

CWL Diocesan Interim Meeting: I wish to express my appreciation and gratitude to all our members and executive who helped to make last Monday's meeting a huge success. Thank you.

...Gail Olyniuk, CWL President

...**Worldwide Marriage Encounter:** Looking for a new way to let your spouse know you love them in the midst of your jobs, carpooling, the kids and trying to keep up with house and yard? Tell him or her they are still #1 in our life...share a Non-Residential **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend** with each other. March 30-31 at St. Joseph's School, Victoria. Register at www.rcdvictoria.org Questions? wwmevan-couverbc@gmail.com or Sharon & Glen 778-386-2908.

...Gwen Jahelka, Diocese of Victoria

...**Diocesan Rite of Election:** March 10th, St. Peter's Church in Nanaimo at 10:30 Mass. "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Mt 28: 19-20) The Rite of Election for those adults preparing for their Baptism. The entire diocesan community is asked to pray for those in Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. ...Gwen Jahelka, Diocese of Victoria

...**Parishioner Needs a Ride to Church:** Larry Doherty, 1452 Sunrise Drive, Parksville, is looking for a ride to the 8:30am, Sunday Mass. If you can assist, please call 250-752-0037 or Cheri Wheeler at 604-307-5416. Thank you.

Prayer List:

...Please pray for Francis Barnum, Benita, John & Lisa Boag, Kay Boag, Calle Badenhorst, William A. Brown, Anna Bryan, Carlos Castro, Beverley Carpenter, Kieth Carpenter, Andrew Cormack, Eileen Dobson, Menanteau Dullisear, Jim Enright, Frances Fernando, Rosemary Fontenla, Brenda Fougere, Denise Gervais, Bonni Grad, Donovan Hanlon, Ron Hawley, Tina Holzwarth, Joan, Kelly Low, Christina Lucas, Matt Manthei, John McCurrie, Caleb McIntyre, Bonita Moeller, Kevin Moreland, Shirley Newman, Terry Nishimura, Edward O'Neill, Naomi Oververde, Marlene Pineda, Eileen Plumb, Iris Richardson, Vincent Robertson, Donna-Marie Saindon, Evelyn Scanlan, David Schram, Avon Shields, Shiela Rigby, Rosina, Crystal Smyth, Skip Thomas, Jean Turner, Georgian Vojtech, and a **Special Prayer Intention for the Reverence for Life with dignity. May we defend it and promote it from conception to its natural end.**

