

Second Sunday of Lent, March 8th, 2020

Schedule:

Saturday, Mar. 7th, Lenten Weekday:

- 9:00 am Mass — Soul of Gordon Johnston †
Requested by Jackie Cameron
- 10:00 am Pastoral Care Outreach Session 2 Workshop ~ Parish Hall
- 4:00 pm Choir Practice ♪ ~ Parish Hall
- 4:00 pm Reconciliation (Confession)
- 5:00 pm Mass — Intentions of the Lalonde Family
Requested by Mary Connelly

Sunday, Mar. 8th, Second Sunday of Lent:

- 8:30 am Mass — Souls of Dorothy & Manuel Fernandes †
Requested by Maurice Fernandes
- 10:30 am Family Mass — Intentions of the Parishioners
- Monday, Mar. 9th, Lenten Weekday:
- 10:00 am — Noon Lay Liturgy Team Meeting ~ Church
- 11:30 am — 1:00 pm Bereavement Group ~ St. Luke's Room
- 7:00 pm Bible Study: Gospel of Mark ~ St. Matthew's Room

Tuesday, Mar. 10th, Lenten Weekday:

- 8:30 am Cenacle Rosary
- 9:00 am Mass — Soul of Edward Adye †
Requested by Elvira Adye
- 9:30 am — 4:00 pm Adoration
- 10:30 am — 11:30am Put Out Into The Deep ~ St. Luke's Room (Library)

6:00 pm Children's Religious Education

Wednesday, Mar. 11th, Lenten Weekday:

- 9:00 am Mass — Intentions of the C. W. L.
- 10:00 am Bible Study: Gospel of Mark ~ Parish Hall
- 1:30 pm Mass @ The Gardens — Pro Life
- 7:00 pm Knights of Columbus Choir Practice ♪~ Church

Thursday, Mar. 12th, Lenten Weekday:

- 9:00 am Mass — Soul of T. K. Joseph †
Requested by the Scaria Family
- 10:00 am C. W. L. General Meeting ~ Parish Hall
- 7:00 pm R. C. I. A. ~ St. Paul's Room

Friday, Mar. 13th, Lenten Weekday:

- Office Closed
- 9:00 am Mass — Soul of Gordon Johnston †
Requested by Tony L'Heureux & Family
- 9:30 am Benediction, Exposition & Divine Mercy Devotion
- 9:30 am Sisters of Atonement Associates ~ St. Luke's Room
- 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross — Children & Youth Ministries
- 7:00 pm — 8:30 pm Youth Ministry

Saturday, Mar. 14th, Lenten Weekday:

- 9:00 am Mass — Soul of Gordon Johnston †
Requested by D. M. Wilson
- 4:00 pm Choir Practice ♪ ~ Parish Hall
- 4:00 pm Reconciliation (Confession)
- 5:00 pm Mass — Intentions of the Parishioners

Sunday, Mar. 15th, Third Sunday of Lent:

- 8:30 am Mass — Soul of Eleutario Miguel D'Sa †
Requested by Lira Malkin
- 10:30 am Mass — Soul of Marino Benvin †
Requested by Sarah Benvin

...**Grief Group:** If you have experienced a recent loss of a loved one The Grief Group meets on the second Monday of the month from 11:30am to 1:00pm. Next meeting: March 9th. If you wish more information, please contact Sandi Digras, 250-954-1991.



Pastor's NOTES

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

This week there was a directive from the diocese in response to the COVID-19 virus. The only change for the parish at this time is not having the holy water in the fonts and only receiving the hosts in the hands, and not on the tongue. The other directives we have not been doing for a number of weeks as it is the flu and cold season.

Note that next week the office is closed on Friday as Rosemary has an appointment in Victoria. Next Friday, the Stations of the Cross will be led by the children and youth, using the Way of the Cross for young people. Some have asked about the procedure for donations for the Easter Lilies — there is a purple slip to put your information of intention on and then put it with the donation in the yellow envelopes that are on the right hand side counter at the entrance to the church.

In closing, I had a call from a parishioner who had a text from me asking for a favour. The text originated from Washington State prefix. It was a bogus text, not from me; So if you do receive one from me asking for a favour it is not from me. The parishioner thought I would not ask a request in this way, which is the case. In this day and age, there are these scams that are happening — always check the email address or where is coming from or the phone call number.

Fr. Mike

...**Chrism Mass 2020:** You are invited to celebrate the Chrism Mass at St. Peter's Church in Nanaimo on **Thursday, April 2nd, at 7:00pm.** Every year the people of God in the Diocese of Victoria gather for the Chrism Mass which is the celebration of the blessing of the holy oils, and the renewal of the covenant of sacrificial service of the Bishop and Priests to all people. Everyone is encouraged to attend this liturgy and experience the unity and beauty of our Church. A reception will follow after the Mass.

...*Rafael Oei, Executive Assistant, Office of the Bishop & Chancellor*

...**Easter Lilies:** Parishioners wishing to, may make a donation towards the Easter lilies which will adorn our church altar on Easter Sunday and also help with the cost of flowers throughout the year. Please place your donation and your completed purple "**Easter Memorial Intention**" form in the "**Yellow Donation Envelope**". Please indicate that the offering is for "**Flowers**" — and include your name / address and envelope # on the yellow envelope. (Forms and envelopes available at the back of the church.) The information from the purple form ensures that your loved ones will be remembered in the bulletin following Easter. Thank you.

...**Special Mass:** If you are a healthcare professional, worker, or volunteer, you are invited to celebrate a special Mass in honour of healthcare workers and volunteers with Bishop Gary Gordon, **6:20pm on the Feast of St. Joseph, Thursday, March 19th, at Christ the King Parish, 1599 Turner Drive, Courtenay.** For more details, please phone 250-334-4716 or email: ctkparish@shaw.ca



Knights of Columbus

Next General Meeting: Thursday, April 2nd, at 7:00pm in Parish Hall.

Irish Night: Come join us for **Irish Night** Saturday, March 21st, 6:30pm in the Parish Hall. Featuring live music from the Knight's Choir, Irish stew, 50 / 50 draw. Tickets are \$20.00 each and available after all weekend Masses or by contacting Rod Morrison, 250-752-1120.

Next Executive Meeting: Thursday, Mar. 19th, at 7:00pm, Luke's Room.

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

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).

"Seek a relationship when you pray, not answers. You won't always find answers, but you will always find Jesus."

— *Father Mike Schmitz*

...*Jack Chambers*



...C. W. L. Annual Baby Shower: For Crisis Pregnancy Center — Thursday, March 19th, 11:00am to 2:00pm;

All ladies welcome! Light lunch for small donation...An afternoon of fellowship and friendship supporting a worthy cause. Please bring an unwrapped baby gift; New Born to Three Years Old / or a cash donation. Kindly contact Sharon Doucette, 250-752-9535 or by email at: cnsdoucette@telus.net to reserve a table for you and your group. (Please Note: March calendar correction — Event start time is 11:00am)

...**Social Justice: SHARE LENT 2020 — International Women's Day,** Yesica Patiachi Tatorie, of Peru's indigenous community was invited to the Synod of Bishops for the Pan-Amazon Region in October 2019. She said "*We the Indigenous peoples, have been, are and will always be the guardians of the forest. But caring for our common home is everyone's responsibility, not just that of indigenous people.*" On this **International Women's Day**, let us salute the courage of women like Yesica, who bravely lead the defense of the land, water and people.

...*Tess Cormack & Yvonne Zarowny, Social Justice Committee*

...**Foundations of the Catholic Faith:** The 2020 Sessions are available for registration. This is a FREE opportunity open for people who wish to deepen their understanding and appreciation of the Catholic faith. Sessions include the following topics: *Person of the Catechist, Living your Vocation, Scripture, Sacraments, Christian Morality, Prayer, The Creed* and more. Sessions are adapted to meet the needs of the group. These sessions are interactive, informative and reflective. Sign up on Eventbrite or you may email Gwen at: gjahelka@rcdvictoria.org or Glen at: gpalahicky@rcdvictoria.org or call 250-479-1331. More information can be found on the church & hall bulletin boards

...*Gwen Jahelka, Co-Director: Parish Focus*

...**Diocesan Liturgical Workshop: Coming in October** — Mark your calendars! The Diocese of Victoria's Liturgical Commission will host a workshop at St. Edward's Church, Duncan, on October 2nd and 3rd, 2020. The presenter is *Fr. Richard Fragomenai*, of the Chicago Theological Union. The theme: "**WELCOME THE STRANGER**", will be of prime interest to those in hospitality and other liturgical ministries, but also will be of benefit to those involved in parish faith-inspired outreach programs and parishioner wanting to be more welcoming to visitors in our midst. Registration, hotel and other conference information will become available no later than May at the diocese's website: rcdvictoria.org ...*Fr. John Laszczyk, Vicar General & Judicial Vicar*



Catholic Women's League



Prayer Reflection: *Courage is doing what you know you should do, even though you feel afraid, do it afraid!* (Isaiah 41:10) ...*Carol Low-Hykaway*

Next General Meeting: Thursday, Mar. 12th, at 10am in the Hall.

...*Carmen Tellier, C. W. L. President*

...**Retrospective Lenten Film Series:** Held at Nanaimo Ecumenical Centre, Spartan Road, off Metral, Nanaimo. Led by Phyllis Thompson and the Rev. Foster Freed. Held Tuesdays, March 3rd to April 7th, from 1:00pm — 4:00pm. The **2nd movie on March 10th** is *The Butterfly*. All are welcome, no charge; refreshment and discussion follow each movie. ...*Sarah Dafoe, Administrative Assistant, N. E. C.*

...**World Youth Day 2022:** World Youth Day will held in Lisbon, Portugal in the summer of 2022 (exact date TBD). If you're interested in going on pilgrimage to pray with the Holy Father and hundreds of thousands of other Catholic young adults (ages: 19 — 35), Fr. Eduardo Santos and Fr. Harrison Ayre will be organizing this pilgrimage. Please contact Rebecca at Holy Family / Notre Dame at 250-723-8912 to leave your information or rc-portalberni@shaw.ca We would like to offer some opportunities for formation, building of community, and fundraising, and so are asking that you have your information in by June 15th so we can begin to organize. ...*Fr. Eduardo & Fr. Harrison*

...**2019 Parish Directory:** Please pick up yours in the parish office during regular office hours. Thank you.

...**2020 Diocesan Family Camp: Lend a Helping Hand** — Do you love to cook and do you work well as part of a team? Are you looking for a rewarding summer experience? The Diocesan Family Camp 2020 is looking for assistant cooks and kitchen helpers for August 20—23 in beautiful Nanoose Bay. Food Safe BC is required. Building up and supporting the vocation of Married and Family Life is an essential ministry in our diocese. You will be doing God's work and having fun at the same time! To volunteer or for more information please contact Dave: elmodave@yahoo.com or 250-590-7004



Prayer List:



...Please pray for newborns Juan, Fernanda, Pablo, and their decedents', Doris Banford, John & Lisa Boag, Kay Boag, Joe Booth, Calle Badenhorst, Anna Bryan, Carlos Castro, Beverley Carpenter, Andrew Cormack, Eileen Dobson, Menanteau Dullisear, Frances Fernando, Rosemary Fontenla, Brenda Fougere, Barbara Gent, Denise Gervais, Bonnie Grad, Donovan Hanlon, Ron Hawley, Joan, George Kelly, Kate Kelly, Madeline Kropp, Kelly Low, Christina Lucas, Matt Manthei, Cathy McEwen, Caleb McIntyre, Bonita Moeller, Kevin Moreland, Terry Nishimura, Edward O'Neill, Naomi Overvorde, Marlene Pineda, Eileen Plumb, Italo Raviglione, Irene Richardson, Vincent Robertson, Marge Rokosh, Donna-Marie Saindon, David Schram, Avon Shields, Shiela Rigby, Rosina, Mary Sheil, Crystal Smyth, Jean Turner, Linda Turner, Mike Turner, Georgian Vojtech, Hanna Weismann, 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.*"