

Pastor's corner - February 6, 2011 - Work and Ministries

Each weekend when we come together to celebrate the Eucharist we do so at a public, communal event where we worship together as a community, together as family members, together as neighbours, together as members of the same community of faith. The whole Sunday liturgy is also designed in such a way that, re-energized with collective spiritual energy and nourished by the Word of God and by the Bread of Life, Christ Himself, we are send back to the world to become, in the words of today's Gospel: "salt of the earth" and "light of the world (Matthew 5: 13-16)."

In fact, the English word "liturgy" comes from the Greek "leitourgia" which in ancient Greece was a fusion of two terms standing for "people" and "work" to designate public tasks performed by Greek citizens. So, in a way, liturgy can be translated "the work of the people in the public square" or simply "people's work." Our celebration does not just invite us, but rather compels us to engage the world, to humanize the places where we live and work: our family, our neighbourhood, our school, our work place, etc. When our liturgy doesn't do so then it is incomplete. We need to remember that our daily life and our daily work are part of the Eucharistic mystery; that the Eucharist we celebrate is one of the most important tools for our work, for our daily life. And so each liturgy is supposed to challenge all of us to make our daily life holy, to make our work holy, and to treat these as an extension to the Eucharist.

We may object and say that our work and our daily life are far from perfect! Yes, no doubt! That is why at the beginning of Mass we reflect on our failings and our need for God's mercy, and we remember that we have been redeemed by Christ, not just individually but also in our work and in our daily life. Forgiven for our failings in our marriage and family commitments, forgiven for falling short of our professional and community ideals and obligations, we take our best selves and bring them forward into the rest of the Mass and then into the week to come. The gifts that we offer of bread and wine are imperfect just as all of us who have come together are imperfect. But the bread and the wine poured out and that are consecrated, broken and shared come from the work of human hands and from ordinary human beings; they represent all of the food and the work, all of the lives of the world. They represent the lives and the work of the bankers and the cleaners, of the care workers and the doctors, of the farm workers and of the truck drivers, of the housewives and of the mothers, of the people who pick up the garbage and of the work of priests and politicians. It is all that and more that becomes Christ on the altar, Eucharist for the life of the world. Let us give thanks for all active and retired workers in our community and let us bless their work!

The following weekends we like to underline this important link between our liturgy and our work, ourselves, by inviting you to learn more about various ministries which are part of our mission as a community of faith. Tables at the back of the church will constitute a kind of ministry fair the next few weekends. We have also invited members who are involved in our many parish ministries to share with you the importance for our community of these necessary tasks as well as the joy and fulfillment they receive from ministering to others. You in turn are invited to discern for yourselves how you might contribute to the life of our community by sharing with us your gifts and talents.

Shalom.

fr. Rolf

Saanich Peninsula Parish

A ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IN COVENANT WITH ST. STEPHEN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

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PASTORAL COUNCIL: Janet Staebell & Linda MacGowan (Co-Chairs)



EUCHARIST AT ST. ELIZABETH'S

10030 Third Street, Sidney

Saturdays at 5 pm, Sundays at 10:30 am.
Daily on Tuesdays (8:30 am), Wednesdays and
Thursdays (9 am), and First Fridays (9 am).

RECONCILIATION AT ST. ELIZABETH'S
Saturdays 4 - 4:30pm

EUCHARIST AT

OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION

7742 West Saanich Road, Saanichton
Sundays at 8:30 am

Last Friday at Saanich Peninsula Hospital at 11 am
Remaining Fridays at 9 am in a private home.
(See "This Week in Our Parish" inside bulletin.)



FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 6, 2011

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VISITING EUCHARISTIC MINISTRY

If you know of someone who is house-bound or in a nursing home/hospital and would like a visit from the Pastor or the Visitation Team, please call the office at 250-656-7433.

MISSION STATEMENT

*Let us be open
accepting individuals
sensitive to change
and willing to take
Courses untraditional,
unknown to us.
Let us live as
examples of God's love.*

NEW TO THE PARISH? WELCOME!

Please fill out the information below so we can get to know you. Pick up one of the blue information pamphlets next to the bulletins in the foyer so you can get to know us.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Need Pre-Authorized Debit package? Yes ___ No ___

Need donation envelopes? Yes ___ No ___

PARISH REPORT

COLLECTIONS:

PAD's (monthly total):	\$ 4,072
Initial Offering:	\$ 588
January 1:	\$ 1,419
January 2:	\$ 3,796
January 9:	\$ 4,303
January 16:	\$ 3,336
January 23:	\$ 3,572
January 30:	\$ 2,739
Monthly Target:	Approx. \$ 23,000

IN OUR PARISH

SPECIAL MASS & ANOINTING OF THE SICK

A special Mass and anointing of the sick will be held on **Friday, Feb. 11 at 1pm**. You are invited to bring a sick relative or friend. Coffee and tea will be provided afterwards.

MINISTRY FAIR: FEB. 5 - 20

Our parish is holding a Ministry Fair over the next three weekends to highlight six of the important ministries that our parishioners are involved in. Each week will focus on two ministries:

- Feb. 5-6: Music & Home Visits
- Feb. 12-13: Liturgy & Adult Faith Formation
- Feb. 19-20: Social Justice & Development and Peace

CWL BAKE & FLOWER SALE: FEB. 12 + 13

Please come out and support our CWL Bake Sale and Flower Sale on Sat. Feb. 12 (after the 5 pm mass) and Sun. Feb. 13 (after the 10:30 am mass). For more information call Aida Follero at 250-544-1704.

GENERAL

PUBLIC LECTURE SERIES: FEB. 9, 16, 28

UVic Centre for Studies in Religion and Society.

- Social Science Bldg., Room A104 at 4 pm:
 - Wed. Feb. 9: *Singing for Change: German Folksongs & Evangelical Spread of Protestant Values & Beliefs*

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

MONDAY: FEB. 7

1:00pm Memory Plus
1:00pm Faith Reflection Group

TUESDAY: FEB. 8

8:30am Mass
9:00am Eucharistic Adoration
11:30am Friendly Hours
2:00pm **CWL Meeting**

WEDNESDAY: FEB. 9

9:00am Mass
10:00am Taiji Qigong
7:00pm RCIA

THURSDAY: FEB. 10

9:00am Mass
11:30am Friendly Hours
2:00pm Prayer Group
6:00pm Taiji Qigong

FRIDAY: FEB. 11

1:00pm **SPECIAL MASS and ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

SATURDAY: FEB. 12

4 - 4:30pm **Reconciliation**
5:00pm Mass at St. Elizabeth's
6:00pm **CWL Bake and Flower Sale**

SUNDAY: FEB. 13

8:30am Mass at Our Lady of Assumption
10:30am Mass at St. Elizabeth's
11:30am **CWL Bake and Flower Sale**
2:30pm **Via Choralis Concert**

– Wed. Feb. 16: *Conceptual Hurdles for Bringing Religious Values Into Public*

- Fri. Feb. 11, 1:30 pm, David Strong Bldg. C116 - *What The Buddha Never Taught*
- Mon. Feb. 28, 7:30 pm, Harry Hickman Bldg. Rm. 105 - *Distinguished Lecture in Islam*

Free, open to the public.

SELF-MANAGEMENT COURSE: FEB. 2 +

The Chronic Disease Self - Management Program teaches how to make healthy lifestyle choices, communicate more effectively, set goals and problem solve. The six session course is free. Location: Peninsula Health Unit, 2170, Mt. Newton X Rd. Dates: Wed. Feb. 2 - Mar. 9. For info call 1-866-902-3767 or email selfmanagement@eastlink.ca.

CARITAS IN VERITATE: FEB. 11 & 12

A meeting and workshop given by Bob McKeon, Social Justice Director of the Edmonton Archdiocese, will take place at Sacred Heart Church Hall, 4040 Nelthorpe St. on the encyclical "Caritas in Veritate" (Charity & Truth). On Fri. Feb. 11 at 7pm, Bob will examine the encyclical's implications to our faith and life today. On Sat. Feb. 12 from 9:30 am - 12 pm, a workshop will focus on the encyclical.

ST. JOSEPH'S DANCE: FEB. 12

St. Joseph's School invites you a *Medieval Times Dance & Auction* on Feb. 12, 5:30 - 12:30 pm at St. Joseph's School, 757 West Burnside Rd. Proceeds to support school programs. Tickets \$20. Contact the school at 250-479-1232, or Tammy Brissette at 250-818-4655.

VALENTINE'S DINNER & DANCE - A TASTE OF PORTUGAL: FEB. 12

At Our Lady of Fatima Hall, Feb. 12. Doors open at 5:30 pm, dinner at 7:00 pm. Tickets - adults & children 6 - 12: \$20, under 6 - free. Buffet followed by dancing. For tickets call Helder Ponte at 250-727-0623.

INTERFAITH BRIDGING PROJECT: FEB. 20

The Inter Cultural Association (ICA) is sponsoring an Interfaith Bridging Project, including a series of Interfaith Open Houses to be hosted at the locations of eight faith groups. The first Open House will be at First Unitarian Church of Victoria, on Sun. Feb. 20, 10:30 am. If you would like to attend, call Fran Pardee at 250-384-7426, or email fpardee@shaw.ca.

VIA CHORALIS VALENTINE'S CONCERT: FEB. 13

Come to the Valentines' Day Concert, "Amour et Musique", love songs for St. Valentine's Day, presented by Via Choralis at St. Elizabeth's on Feb. 13, 2:30 pm. Adults - \$15, students - \$10.

ST. ANDREW'S MUSICAL: FEB. 23 - 25

Students will perform the rock and roll musical, *Return to the Forbidden Planet*. Sing along to the cosmic classics *Teenager in Love*, *Good Vibrations*, and *Great Balls of Fire!*. Three nights only: Feb. 23 - 25, 7:30 pm at Esquimalt High School Theatre, 847 Colville. Advance tickets available through St. Andrew's Office or at the door for \$10.

VISITING THE SICK OR SHUT-IN?: FEB. 25 +

If you would like to volunteer and develop skills for visiting residents of long-term care facilities to bring them spiritual comfort and care, you are invited a course taught by experts in the field. Fridays, 9:30 - 11:30 am, Feb. 25 - Apr. 8 at Church of the Cross, 3787 Cedar Hill Rd. Cost is \$20. For information or registration call Coleen Childs at 250-592-1290.

YOUTH THINKFAST: FEB. 25 - 26

In grades 7 - 12? Consider participating in Development and Peace's ThinkFast from Fri. Feb. 25, 5 pm to Sat. Feb. 26, 6:30 pm at St. Joseph the Worker Parish. Activities around global justice issues, time for reflection, fasting from food for the whole 25 hours, games, music and fellowship. Participants ask people for pledges and all funds raised go to Development and Peace projects in Asia, Africa and Latin America. Interested? Call Nancy Stuart at 250-477-6952 or email her at nancy-stuart@shaw.ca.

LORD'S PRAYER CONFERENCE: MAR. 18 - 20

John Dominic Crossan will lead a weekend event at St. John the Divine, March 18 - 20 on the Lord's Prayer. Dom will give four lectures based on his book *The Greatest Prayer*. For more information call 250-383-7169, or visit www.stjohnthedivine.bc.ca.