

Pastor's Corner - April 3, 2011 - Share Lent

Next Sunday will be Solidarity Sunday when we are invited to contribute to Share Lent, the official campaign of the Canadian Bishops to support integral development in the Third World through Development and Peace. John-Paul II said: "Lent is a unique time of charity manifested in our spiritual and corporal works of mercy. Our thoughts go especially to those excluded from the banquet of everyday consumerism ... and reminding us... to undertake brave plans and projects to ensure a more just sharing of the good of the earth." Our Bishop sent the following letter:

Dear Friends in Christ,

As we prepare to observe the Holy Season of Lent, I wish to encourage you to support the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace and the "Share Lent" Campaign.

Central to the teachings of Jesus is that all should have "enough" to enable life with dignity. The recent Encyclical *Caritas in Veritate* affirms that the Disciples of the Lord not only believe in the just development of peoples, but work towards justice becoming a reality. Your support of, and involvement with, Development and Peace, an initiative of the Canadian Catholic Conference of Bishops, is one way we can put our Catholic Faith into Action to help build justice in the world.

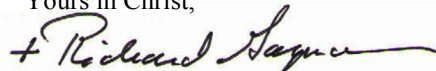
This Lent the promotional material from Development and Peace identifies a number of on-going Global South partners and how they work together, on a variety of projects to contribute to "*Building a World of Justice*". I encourage you to read the materials provided by Development and Peace which demonstrate this good work. This on-going work of development means that we have partners throughout the world who are prepared when tragedy strikes, as happened in Haiti, Pakistan and numerous other places this year. Your Share Lent contributions enabled appropriate aid for people needing immediate assistance. A portion of each Share Lent collection is set aside for emergencies such as these.

We are fortunate to have a number of *ThinkFasts* occurring throughout our Diocese this year. I encourage our youth to participate and our parish communities to support these efforts. It is vitally important for all of us to understand that our faith requires us to be a part of the solution to the many social and environmental challenges with which we are confronted today.

I thank you, on behalf of the Diocese of Victoria, and in the name of those in need, for your continued generosity and support of the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace. Your support, whether financial or as a volunteer, is greatly appreciated.

I pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to guide us through our Lenten journey so that we may, both individually and collectively, experience the rebirth of unity, hope and justice which comes to us through the death and resurrection of the Lord.

Yours in Christ,



Most Reverend Richard Gagnon
Bishop of Victoria

Saanich Peninsula Parish

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EUCCHARIST 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

EUCCHARIST 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.)



4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

APRIL 3, 2011

1 Sam 16:1, 6-7, 10-13 / Eph 5:8-14 / Jn 9:1-41

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: _____ Postal Code: _____

Email: _____

Need Pre-Authorized Debit package? Yes ___ No ___

Need donation envelopes? Yes ___ No ___

PARISH REPORT

COLLECTIONS:

PAD's (monthly total):	\$ 4,070
March 6:	\$ 3,973
March 13:	\$ 4,390
March 20:	\$ 2,958
March 27:	\$ 3,109
Collection so far for Japan:	\$ 2,665
Monthly Target:	Approx. \$ 23,000

IN OUR PARISH

SUDANESE BENEFIT LUNCH: SUN. APR. 3

After 10:30 mass. Come and share friendship & lunch of wonderful homemade sandwiches & goodies etc. Bake table, treasure table. Lunch by free will offering.

PARISH RECONCILIATION SERVICES:

- April 7, 7 pm at St. Joseph the Worker
- April 12, 7 pm at Holy Cross
- April 14, 7 pm at Sacred Heart
- **April 15, 7 pm at St. Elizabeth's**

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Stations of the Cross will be held at St. Elizabeth's on Mon. Apr. 4, 11 & 18 at 7 pm.

SIDNEY CLASSICAL ORCHESTRA: APR. 8

Apr. 8, 7:30 pm at St. Elizabeth's the Sidney Classical Orchestra, together with the Victoria Conservatory of Music will present "Wonder Of Youth", featuring the very best young musicians from Victoria and the Peninsula. Tickets available at Tanner's Books or at the door (adults: \$20, students \$10).

CWL LENTEN RECOLLECTION: APR. 12

The CWL invites all parishioners on Tue. Apr. 12, 2 - 4 pm. A time for reflection, prayer and discussion on Pope Benedict's encyclical letter *Caritas in Veritate: On Integral Human Development in Charity and Truth*, led by Fr. Rolf. Refreshments to follow.

UPDATE ON FR. JACK

Fr. Jack Sproule has been moved to The Dwelling Place, 2630 Labieux Road, Nanaimo, BC V9T 3N1

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

MONDAY, APRIL 4

1:00pm Memory Plus
1:00pm Faith Reflection Group
7:00pm Stations of the Cross

TUESDAY, APRIL 5

8:30am Mass
9:00am Eucharistic Adoration
11:30am Friendly Hours
2:00pm CWL Executive Meeting
7:00pm Knights of Columbus Meeting

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6

9:00am Mass
10:00am Taiji Qigong
1:30pm CWA Meeting: Hilda Fischer, 6180 Old West Saanich Rd.
7:00pm RCIA
7:00pm Parish Council Meeting

THURSDAY, APRIL 7

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

FRIDAY, APRIL 8

9:00am Mass at the home of Eileen Kroetsch (250-652-2908)
7:30pm Sidney Classical Orchestra

SATURDAY, APRIL 9

11:45am Children's Reconciliation Service
4 - 4:30pm **Reconciliation**
5:00pm Mass at St. Elizabeth's

SUNDAY, APRIL 10

8:30am Mass at Our Lady of Assumption
9:45am Religious Education
10:30am Mass at St. Elizabeth's

CONSIDER PRE-APPROVED DONATIONS!

You are encouraged to donate to our parish through the use of a pre-approved donation rather than the weekly envelopes. Many people find it more convenient to contribute this way. Information packages are available from the parish office. If you have any questions, please call Gary in the parish office at 250-656-7433.

MOTHER'S DAY DINNER & DANCE: MAY 6

Tickets for the CWL Mother's Day Dinner & Dance on Fri. May 6 are available in the church foyer before and after Masses, from the parish office, or from Aida Follero (250-544-1704).

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL (SVDP) HOME VISITS

Members of St. Elizabeth's SVDP Conference are willing to visit people who are elderly, infirm, housebound, or would appreciate a home visit. Please contact Joe Rigby at 250-652-4333 if you know someone in the community who would benefit from a home visit. They don't need to be Catholic!

IN OUR DIOCESE

UPCOMING MISSIONS:

- St. Joseph the Worker: **April 4 - 7**, "Healing the Body of Christ". Join Franciscan Brothers Billy Isenor and Pierre Ducharme. Mass is at 7 pm followed by the mission.
- Holy Cross: **Apr. 11 - 13** at 9 am or 7 pm, with Fr. Moser, OMI.
- On VISION TV: **Apr. 18 & 19**, "The Heart of the Matter": at 4 pm (repeated at 7 pm). Features Fr. Jack Lynch, s.f.m., Fr. Donald Senior, C.P. & Sr. Melannie Svoboda, SND.

EARTH LITERACIES PROGRAMS:

- The *New Mysticism and Ecology*: Tuesdays, Apr. 5 - 26, 10 am - noon, Cost: \$75 for all 4 sessions (drop in \$20).
- *Conversations on the New Cosmology*: Thurs Apr 28 from noon - 1:30 pm. Suggested donation: \$10.

Both sessions with Bill Wilson, SJ PhD. Location: Friend's Meeting House, 1831 Fern St. Victoria

INTERFAITH DIALOGUE PROJECT: APR. 7

This is part of a series of open houses aimed at fostering greater interfaith understanding. Coming up: Christian Open House: Thu. April 7, 7 - 8:30 pm at First Metropolitan Church, 932 Balmoral St., in the Doreen McLeod Room.

UKRAINIAN EASTER FOOD FAIR: APR. 9

Sat. Apr. 9 from 11 am to 2 pm at St. Nicholas Ukrainian Church, 1110 Caledonia Ave. Ukrainian Easter breads, perogies, cabbage rolls, Ukrainian sausage, borscht, beet horseradish, Ukrainian Easter eggs. Stay for a hot Ukrainian lunch. Free admission. Wheelchair accessible.

CHRISM MASS: APR. 19

On Tue. Apr. 19 at 7 pm Bishop Richard Gagnon will celebrate the annual Chrism Mass at the Cathedral. For more information, please see the article on page 2 in the March Diocesan Messenger. All are invited to attend.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND GOOD FRIDAY MEDITATIONS: APR. 22

Fri. Apr. 22 at St. Stephen's Anglican Church, 7921 St. Stephen's Lane, Saanichton, beginning in the Hall at 10:00 am. All welcome!

SACRED HEART WOMEN'S WORKSHOP:

May 7: "The Journey Dance" presented by Marilyn Diehl. **For women only.** Cost: \$10 at the door. Call Paula (250-744-2588), Mary, (250-370-0083), or Marilyn (250-479-1611) for more information.

GENERAL

UVIC CENTRE FOR STUDIES IN RELIGION & SOCIETY PUBLIC LECTURE: APR. 6

Wed. Apr. 6, 4 pm: "Quilting God: Pieced Presence, Layered Love, and Theology" with Karen Lebacqz, CSRS Visiting Research Fellow, Pacific School of Religion/Graduate Theological Union. Social Science & Math Bldg., Room A104. Admission is free.

PASTORAL CARE WORKSHOP: APR. 6

The 2011 Spring Orientation for Lay Visitors to the Sick and Homebound will be held on Wed. Apr. 6 from 9:30 - 11:30am at the Victoria General Hospital Lecture Room. To register (no charge), or for more information, call Karen Wilson at 250-727-4278.