

Pope Francis' TED Talk in Vancouver 25-4-17 - part 2

Last week I gave you the first part of the **TED Talk** which Pope Francis delivered to the conference in Vancouver which had as its theme "**The Future You**". It is a hopeful message of solidarity to people of all faiths, to those who have power and to those who don't, that we all are part of "the future you" and we need each other. Here is part 2:

"Fortunately, there are also those who are creating a new world by taking care of the other even out of their own pockets. Mother Teresa said: "One cannot love, unless it is at their own expense." We have so much to do; we must do it together. But how can we do that with all the evil we breathe every day? Thank God, no system can nullify our desire to open up to the good, to compassion and to our capacity to react against evil, all of which stem from deep within our hearts.

Now you might tell me, "Sure, these are beautiful words, but I am not the Good Samaritan, nor Mother Teresa of Calcutta." On the contrary: we are precious, each and every one of us. Each and every one of us is irreplaceable in the eyes of God. **Through the darkness of today's conflicts, each and every one of us can become a bright candle, a reminder that light will overcome darkness, and never the other way around.**

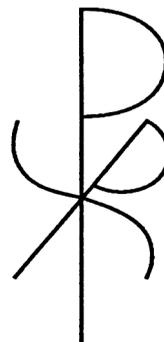
To Christians, the future does have a name, and its name is Hope. Feeling hopeful does not mean to be optimistically naïve and ignore the tragedy humanity is facing. Hope is the virtue of a heart that doesn't lock itself into darkness, that doesn't dwell on the past, does not simply get by in the present, but is able to see a tomorrow. Hope is the door that opens onto the future. Hope is a humble, hidden seed of life that, with time, will develop into a large tree. It is like some invisible yeast that allows the whole dough to grow, that brings flavor to all aspects of life. And it can do so much, because a tiny flicker of light that feeds on hope is enough to shatter the shield of darkness. **A single individual is enough for hope to exist. And that individual can be you. And then there will be another "you," and another "you," and it turns into an "us." And so, does hope begin when we have an "us?" No. Hope began with one "you." When there is an "us," there begins a revolution.**

The third message I would like to share today is, indeed, about revolution: **the revolution of tenderness.** What is tenderness? It is the love that comes close and becomes real. It is a movement that starts from our heart and reaches the eyes, the ears and the hands. Tenderness means to use our eyes to see the other, our ears to hear the other, to listen to the children, the poor, those who are afraid of the future. To listen also to the silent cry of our common home, of our sick and polluted earth. Tenderness means to use our hands and our heart to comfort the other, to take care of those in need. Tenderness is the language of the young children, of those who need the other. A child's love for mom and dad grows through their touch, their gaze, their voice, their tenderness. I like when I hear parents talk to their babies, adapting to the little child, sharing the same level of communication. This is tenderness: being on the same level as the other. God himself descended into Jesus to be on our level. This is the same path the Good Samaritan took. This is the path that Jesus himself took. He lowered himself, he lived his entire human existence practicing the real, concrete language of love.

Yes, tenderness is the path of choice for the strongest, most courageous men and women. Tenderness is not weakness; it is fortitude. It is the path of solidarity, the path of humility. Please, allow me to say it loud and clear: **the more powerful you are, the more your actions will have an impact on people, the more responsible you are to act humbly. If you don't, your power will ruin you, and you will ruin the other.** There is a saying in Argentina: "Power is like drinking gin on an empty stomach." You feel dizzy, you get drunk, you lose your balance, and you will end up hurting yourself and those around you, if you don't connect your power with humility and tenderness. **Through humility and concrete love, on the other hand, power – the highest, the strongest one – becomes a service, a force for good.**

The future of humankind isn't exclusively in the hands of politicians, of great leaders, of big companies. Yes, they do hold an enormous responsibility. **But the future is, most of all, in the hands of those people who recognize the other as a "you" and themselves as part of an "us." We all need each other.**

And so, please, think of me as well with tenderness, so that I can fulfill the task I have been given for the good of the other, of each and every one, of all of you, of all of us. Thank you." **Francis**



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SUNDAY EUCHARIST at ST. ELIZABETH'S

10030 Third Street, Sidney

Saturdays at 5 pm, Sundays at 10:30 am.

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7742 West Saanich Road, Saanichton

Sundays at 8:30 am

WEEKDAY MASSES

Daily at St. Elizabeth's: Tues. Wed. & Thu. (9:00 am), and First Fridays (9:00 am)

Third Friday: 9:00 am at the Legion Manor, 7601 East Saanich Road, Saanichton

Last Friday: 11:00 am in the Chapel at Saanich Peninsula Hospital

Remaining Fridays: 9:00 am in a private home (for location see "This Week in Our Parish" ...)

RECONCILIATION at ST. ELIZABETH'S: Saturdays 4 - 4:30pm, or by appointment.



MAY 7, 2017

4th SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 2:14a, 36b-41/ 1 Peter 2:20b-25/ John 10:1-10

Psalm 23: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

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 ___

IN OUR PARISH COLLECTIONS

Apr. 2	\$ 4,306
Apr. 9	\$ 3,184
Apr. 13 (Holy Thursday)	\$ 468
Apr. 14 (Good Friday)	\$ 1,606
Apr. 16 (Easter Sunday)	\$ 6,650
Apr. 23	\$ 2,825
Apr. 30	\$ 3,969
Pre-Authorized Debits (March)	\$ 5,215
Monthly Target	\$ 23,000

We offer condolences to the families and pray for the repose of the souls of:

- **Johanna Zonneveld**, mother of **Maria Berryman**, who died on **May 1** (funeral was on **May 5**)
- **Anita Goon**, whose funeral will be held at **St. Elizabeth's** on **Monday, May 8** at **4 pm**

PARISH AGM: MAY 7

The parish AGM is **this Sunday, May 7, 12 pm** at St. Elizabeth's, in conjunction with the K of C Pancake Breakfast. The AGM provides an opportunity to become better informed about the parish's activities and to provide an opportunity for input towards planning for the coming year.

K of C PANCAKE BREAKFAST: SUNDAY, MAY 7

\$6 / person, 12 & under free. Good food & fellowship. Bring your appetite!



K OF C GARAGE SALE: MAY 13

Our Annual K of C Garage Sale will take place on **Sat. May 13 from 8 am to 1 pm**. We are appealing to our parishioners for help in this worthwhile fundraiser. Donations of saleable merchandise are needed. We also need volunteers to help us sell, sort, price etc. on Fri. & Sat. We may have a silent auction once again and are looking for donations of higher quality items such as china, antiques, paintings, native artifacts, carvings & jewelry. Items must be in new condition. **Please drop off items at the church on Thu. May 11 after 1 pm or Fri. May 12 at any time. If you can help, have items to donate, or require more info call Denis at 250-213-2661.** Your participation is greatly appreciated!

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, MAY 7

8:30 am	Mass at Our Lady of Assumption
9:45 am	Religious Education
10:30 am	Mass at St. Elizabeth's
11:30 am	K of C Pancake Breakfast
12:00 am	Parish Annual General Meeting

MONDAY, MAY 8

1:00 pm	Faith Reflection
4:00 pm	Funeral for Anita Goon

TUESDAY, MAY 9

All Day - Provincial Election Polling Station

8:30 am	No Mass, No Service
11:30 am	Friendly Hours Soup Kitchen
7:00 pm	Knights of Columbus Meeting

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10

9:00 am	Mass at St. Elizabeth
10:00 am	Taiji Qigong
1:00 pm	CWL Executive Meeting
2:00 pm	CWL General Meeting
6:00 pm	Parish Council Meeting

THURSDAY, MAY 11

9:00 am	Mass at St. Elizabeth's
11:30 am	Friendly Hours Soup Kitchen
1:00 pm	Start of Garage Sale Setup
2:00 pm	Prayer Group
6:00 pm	Taiji Qigong

FRIDAY, MAY 12

9:00 am	Mass at the home of Kay Richards - for intentions of Maria Tavares
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SATURDAY, MAY 13

8:00 am	K of C Garage & Plant Sale
4:00 pm	Confession
5:00 pm	Mass at St. Elizabeth's - for intentions of Nell Chernichen

SUNDAY, MAY 14

8:30 am	Mass at Our Lady of Assumption
10:30 am	Mass at St. Elizabeth's
11:30 am	Coffee Fellowship

For the latest schedule see tinyurl.com/sppcal

PLANT SALE FOR BIRTHRIGHT: MAY 13

Sat. May 13, 8 am - 1 pm at St. Elizabeth's. Donations of plants accepted at the church on Fri. May 12. Please label with the plant name. For more info call Art Menu at 250-656-0138.

LAST CALL FOR PHOTO DIRECTORY!

Last day to have your photo taken:

- **Sunday, May 14** from 11:45 am to 3 pm
- Book a photo appointment (Mon. to Fri. only) at: tinyurl.com/SPP-Photo-Directory-Signup.**
Forgot your time? Check appointment schedule at tinyurl.com/SPP-Photo-Appointments.

GREAT JOB!

Thanks to Carla & Jim Fretwell and all who were involved with last Sunday's special celebration of the Confirmation and First Eucharist of 11 of our young people! A great time was had by all.

CALLING ALL GRADUATES

Help us to acknowledge them by sending their names to the parish office as soon as possible.

K OF C BURSARY OPPORTUNITY

\$500 K of C bursaries are available to any Catholic attending a post-secondary institution. There is a June 30th cutoff and all applications must be at the state office by then. Applicants must be under 25 yrs. old as of June 30. Contact Roy Battilana at 250-652-0340.

MARCH FOR LIFE: MAY 11

The Annual Victoria *March for Life* is on Thursday, May 11. 12 pm masses at St. Patrick's & St. Andrew's Cathedral. March begins at 1:45 am from Centennial Square to the BC Legislature. The *Rally for Life* starts at 2:15 pm.

CONCERT FOR FAMINE IN SOUTH SUDAN

A fundraising concert will be performed at St. Elizabeth's Church, 10030 Third Street in Sidney, on **Wed. May 24, at 7:30 pm**. The **Arbutus Singers** return for their 13th annual concert, featuring beautiful and inspiring music. Tickets are only \$10 per person or \$25 for a family and are available at the door. All proceeds will be used by **Hanti Sidra One Global Family**, a Sidney-based charity to expand a program to produce and distribute food within South Sudan. That is the only long-term solution to the crisis.

JAZZ VESPERS: MAY 7

7 pm at St. John's United, 10990 W. Saanich Rd.

PATRICIA ROOKE COURSE PLANNED

If there is sufficient interest, Dr. Patricia Rooke is willing to give a course entitled "*Pinocchio, Jiminy Cricket & Christian Conscience*", Tuesdays, from Sep. 19 to Nov. 28, 2 - 4 pm. **Please let Freddie Brand or the office know if you will attend.** Register: rookept@shaw.ca.

THEY TOOK MY HOME BUT THEY CAN'T TAKE MY FUTURE!

Pictures on bulletin board at St. Elizabeth's show the refugee camp in Erbil, Iraq. Dominican Sisters provide medical & teaching support to those who fled Mosul. **\$34,166** raised by us for refugee support was sent to the Sisters to help the Christians as they try to return to Mosul.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Diocese of Victoria and Island Catholic Schools are looking for a Computer Technician. Application forms and details are available online at cisdv.bc.ca/employment-opportunities.php.

SAVE THE DATES:

- **Sun. July 9:** Diocesan mass at 11 am followed by a picnic at St. Ann's Academy: music, children's games, food and opportunities to visit the Chapel (our first cathedral) and to socialize.
- **Aug. 24 - 27:** Mark your calendars for the 5th annual Diocesan Family Conference on the shores of beautiful Nanoose Bay.

HACKSAW RIDGE: MAY 12

Fri. May 12, 7 pm the Knights of Columbus Council 15445 invites you to watch the movie *Hacksaw Ridge* at Sacred Heart Hall, 4040 Nelthorpe St. Free admission. Please note this movie is rated "R" (war, violence) - children must be accompanied by a parent. Movie trailer can be viewed at tinyurl.com/Hacksaw-Ridge-Preview.

EARTH LITERACIES PROGRAM

The Possibility in Conviviality: 4 Tues, May 2 - 23, 10 am - 12 pm. \$75 or \$20 drop in. 1831 Fern St, Victoria. Register at earthliteracies.org or email programs@earthliteracies.org.