

Pastor's Corner - Lent as a time to fast from and to feast on!

Lent is a time of soul-searching, a time to look inward at ourselves, to scrutinize our past and then to make the necessary amends and begin anew, to have a new vision and a new beginning. An important aspect of a new vision inspired by the Gospel is **to experience our Lenten Journey as both a fasting from and a feasting on** (cf. Isaiah 58: 1-9; Matth. 9:14-15), to see fasting as necessary to the enhancement of the feast. We need to learn to be **deeply joyful as much as we need to learn healthy, constructive suffering, especially in these times of conflicts and divisions.** We can experience our own suffering as a way of participating in the suffering of the innocent millions who suffer because of violence, injustices and greed. This prayer in a past number of **Scarboro Missions** invites us all to try and internalize Lent in our thoughts, habits and actions as a time to:

"Fast from judging others; feast on Christ living in them.

*Fast from emphasis on differences; feast on the unity of all life,
on the richness of our diversity*

Fast from apparent darkness; feast on the reality of light.

Fast from thoughts of illness; feast on the healing power of God.

Fast from instant gratifications; feast on your deep yearnings and hungers.

Fast from discontent; feast on gratitude.

Fast from anger; feast on patience.

Fast from pessimism; feast on joy.

Fast from worry; feast on trust.

Fast from guilt; feast on freedom.

Fast from complaining; feast on appreciation.

Fast from negativity; feast on affirmations.

Fast from stress; feast on self-care.

Fast from anxiety and fear; feast on faith.

Fast from hostility; feast on peace.

Fast from bitterness; feast on forgiveness.

Fast from self-concern; feast on compassion for others.

Fast from discouragement; feast on hope.

Fast from grudges; feast on being reconciled

Fast from apathy; feast on enthusiasm.

Fast from suspicions; feast on truth.

Fast from idle gossip; feast on spreading good news.

Fast from words that wound and hurt; feast on words that heal and are tender.

Fast from words and talking; feast on silence so you can listen.

Fast from thoughts that weaken; feast on promises that inspire.

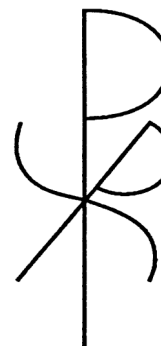
Fast from problems that overwhelm us; feast on prayer.

Fast from everything that separates us from God;

feast on everything that draws us to God."

(Adapted from a prayer by William Arthur Ward, 1921-1994)

Shalom, fr Rolf, OP



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SUNDAY EUCHARIST at ST. ELIZABETH'S

10030 Third Street, Sidney

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

at OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION

7742 West Saanich Road, Saanichton

Sundays at 8:30 am

WEEKDAY MASSES

Daily at St. Elizabeth's: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 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.



4th SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 11, 2018

2 Chronicles 36:14-17a, 19-23

Ephesians 2:4-10 John 3:14-21

Ps.137: Let my tongue cling to my mouth if I do not remember you!

VISITING EUCHARISTIC MINISTRY

If you know of someone who is house-bound or in a nursing home/hospital and would

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

Mar. 4.....	\$ 4,253
Pre-Authorized Debits	\$ 4,835
Monthly Target.....	\$23,000

RECONCILIATION SERVICES

Inspired by the reflections on forgiveness of our retreat this weekend we are encouraged to come to our communal Lenten Reconciliation Service this **Friday, March 16 at 7:00 pm**.

Families are urged to bring your children to celebrate God's mercy and tenderness. **In our Parish at St. Elizabeth:** 2 confession options are available: **in addition** to the usual way we have celebrated God's mercy and forgiveness by coming forward for a blessing, there will be the option to do so in private confession with a priest. Private confession also available each Saturday in Lent from 3:30 to 4:30 pm at St. Elizabeth's.

Another reconciliation service will take place at: **St. Joseph the Worker: Thur. Mar. 15 at 7 pm**

SHARE LENT SOLIDARITY SUNDAY: MAR. 18

Next weekend, Mar. 17 & 18, is **Solidarity Sunday**. There will be a **special collection** in support of the work of **Development & Peace**. Your donation will help to create a hopeful future for our sisters & brothers in need. This year's focus **TOGETHER FOR PEACE** highlights the **role that we all play** in making our world more peaceful, more just. Please be generous.

C.W.L. BRIDGE TOURNAMENT: MAR. 17

Sat. March 17, 11:30 am - 3:00 pm at St. Eliz. Tickets on sale now. \$20 / person or \$80 / table (incl. lunch). **Call Olga Sweet at 778-426-1941**

CHRISM MASS: MARCH 22

On Thursday, March 22nd at 7:00 pm, at the Cathedral, Bishop Gary Gordon will be the principal celebrant at the Chrism Mass for the blessing and consecration of the oils which will be used in all our parishes in the coming year. **All are invited to attend. A reception will follow.**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

The **Bishop's Gala** will be held on **Sat. May 5** at Our Lady of Fatima. A wonderful evening of food, entertainment, silent auction & great fun all for a good cause. All proceeds to Diocesan missions on Vancouver Island.

NEXT WEEK IN OUR PARISH

MONDAY, MAR. 12

1:00 pm Faith Reflection
7:00 pm **Stations of the Cross**

TUESDAY, MAR. 13

9:00 am Mass at St. Elizabeth's
11:30 am Friendly Hours Soup Luncheon
2:00 pm **CWL General Mtg.**

WEDNESDAY, MAR. 14

9:00 am Mass at St. Elizabeth's
10:00 am Taiji Qigong

THURSDAY, MARCH 15

9:00 am Mass at St. Elizabeth's
11:30 am Friendly Hours Soup Luncheon
2:00 pm Prayer Group
6:00 pm Taiji Qigong

FRIDAY, MARCH 16

9:00 am Mass at St. Elizabeth's followed by Eucharistic Adoration
Mass at the Legion Manor

9:00 am **Reconciliation Service at St. Eliz.**
7:00 pm

SATURDAY, MARCH 17

11:30 am **CWL Bridge Tournament**
3:30 - 4:30 pm Confession
5:00 pm Mass at St. Elizabeth's

SUNDAY, MARCH 18

8:30 am Mass: Our Lady of Assumption
9:45 am **Children's Faith Formation**
10:30 am Mass at St. Elizabeth's
11:30 am Coffee Fellowship
11:30 am Samahan Fellowship

For the latest schedule see tinyurl.com/sppcal

"HERE I AM LORD, IS IT I, LORD?"

The words to this beloved hymn remind us of God's call to serve Him through service to others. Later this spring **our Parish Council will need 'new recruits'** to serve as Parish Council members. **It's not too soon to start listening for your call to service. In preparation for our Annual AGM to be held on April 29, it is important that our new Parish Council be in place. If you are interested in this ministry, please contact Mary McGovern, chair, or Melanie in the office (656-7433), or Fr. Rolf.**

HUNT FOR EASTER EGG TREATS

The Religious Education program is planning an Easter Egg Hunt. **If you would like to contribute some treats for this occasion, please drop off your donation at the parish office.** Thank You.

K OF C BURSARY

Register for a \$500 bursary from the BC / Yukon K of C: a 6 week process with a final completed application by the end of June. Only for students entering their 2nd or later year of post secondary education in an approved institute. For more info call **Roy Battilana 250-652-0340**.

CATHOLIC SINGLES BRUNCH: MAR. 25

Fostering a community for Catholic singles: **Suddenly Spring Social brunch for singles!** Sunday, March 25th at 12noon, a location to be determined at a local restaurant. Ages 40 - 65. To register email office@holycrossvictoria.org. Please register by Monday, March 19th.

MEN'S BREAKFAST: MAR. 24

Presentation by Fr. Dean Henderson: Saturday, Mar. 24, 8 -10 am - "The Missionary Joy of The Gospel. Insights and Applications from Pope Francis" - at Victoria Horseshoe Club. To register: email us at info@mcaff.org

STARFIELDS, A FESTIVAL OF HOPE

Together with other faith groups, this festival of hope takes place **April 13 - 15** at various worship and other spaces in Victoria. In a time of turmoil and upheaval, this inter-faith festival tries to stimulate hope, both in reflection and in social justice action through poetry, music and discussion workshops. All Sunday April 15th events are free to attend and partake. For Friday April 13th and Saturday April 14th workshops, you can purchase tickets at Munro's 382-2264 or at Ivy's 598-2713 or www.starfields.ticketleap.com. More info is available on the bulletin board.

DIOCESAN YOUTH CONFERENCE

All youth grades 8 -12 are invited to the "THRIVE" youth conference at **St. Andrew's High School on May 25-27th**. "Slip and Slide/Praise and Worship/Soccer Game/Dance Party/Adoration/ Great Food!" Register now at rcdvictoria.org. Early bird deadline ends April 19, 2018.

Holy Week Schedule

SATURDAY, March 24

3:30 pm - Confessions; **5:00 pm - Mass**

PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY, March 25

8:30 am - Mass at Our Lady of Assumption

10:30 am - Mass at St. Elizabeth's

Monday, March 26

7:00 pm - Stations of the Cross

Tuesday, March 27, 9:00 am - Mass

Wednesday, March 28 9:00 am - Mass

HOLY THURSDAY, March 29

No 9:00 am Mass

7:00 pm - Mass of Lord's Supper

Bring bells & flowers;

Collection for the poor.

Eucharistic Adoration after Mass

GOOD FRIDAY, March 30

10:00 am Stations of the Cross walk from St. Stephen's Anglican to Our Lady of the Assumption

3:00 pm - Passion of our Lord

at St. Elizabeth's

HOLY SATURDAY, March 31

3:30 pm - Confessions; No 5:00 pm Mass

8:00 pm - Easter Vigil

Bring bells and a snack to share

EASTER SUNDAY, April 1

8:30 am - Mass at Our Lady of Assumption

10:30 am - Mass at St. Elizabeth's

EASTER MONDAY, April 2 - 9 am - Mass

All masses are at St. Elizabeth's

Please bring potted flowers early in the week or by Holy Thursday or make a donation. Place your donation in an envelope marked "**FLOWERS**".