



Saint Joseph's Parish

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THE LORD IS MERCIFUL AND GRACIOUS.

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Holy Mass
Sat 5:00 pm
Sun. 9:30 am
Saik'uz 12 noon
Daily Mass
Tues-6:30 pm
Wed- 9:30 am
Thur-Fri 9:00 am
Reconciliation
by appointment
Baptism
Contact the Parish Office
Matrimony
Contact the Parish Office

“I say to you who listen...” Jesus is very clear in today’s Gospel passage: if we want to follow him, then a particular stance toward other people will be required. This is not the first such lesson he has shared with his disciples, but it is the most demanding and the most revolutionary. It calls into question basic instincts of self-preservation, of fighting back when we are attacked, of emerging the winner.

Love your enemy, practice non-violence, forgive and be peacemakers. Surely these demands shocked and challenged Jesus’ disciples as they might shock us today who live in a culture that often seeks revenge and retribution first. But Jesus expects that we will treat the other, especially the enemy and stranger whom we might fear or distrust, as we want to be treated. Living up to this expectation will challenge us throughout our lives.

In less than two weeks, we will begin our Lenten journey, a time of reflection and taking stock on our way to Easter. This passage might be our guide as we reflect on how we are meeting Jesus’ expectations. Are we striving to embed this stance in our lives? Have we slipped back into old ways? Our life as kingdom-dwellers may depend on how seriously we take this command.

Connie Pare St. Joseph’s Missal pg. 185



Holy Trinity
Church
Mission
Saik’uz



*“O Lord, I trust in
your merciful love.
My heart will rejoice
in your salvation I
will sing to the Lord
who has been boun-
tiful with me.”*

Psalms 12.6



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We are children of earth and heaven: The command to love our enemies seems exaggerated, impractical, and more for rosy-eyed visionaries than for practical and common-sense realists. Yet we are reminded once more that God's ways are surely not our ways, and the bar is set high. Our God is always calling us to holiness. God wants us to be "fully human," which means to "be" the image of God that God created us to be. And we cannot "be" that image without two things: the desire to change our fundamental attitudes, and the help of the Holy Spirit. Only through God's grace, freely accepted, can we be transformed. We do what we do because we are disciples of Jesus. We are generous with our love because we come from Love Itself. "Made on earth," may be our original label, but "Made for Heaven" is our ultimate calling. Homework: at 3pm each day, reflect on how open you have been throughout the day to the presence of the Spirit in the events that you encountered.

Lent begins March 02: – in preparations for Lent, our ASH WEDNESDAY mass services will be at 9am and 6:30pm at St. Joseph's and at 12noon at Saik'uz.

Canadian Indigenous Delegation Meeting with Pope Francis – COVID restrictions have rescheduled the meeting to March 28 to April 1st – with multiple gatherings scheduled. CCCB website contains more information.

Indigenous Fund: the diocesan funds collected throughout all Canadian Dioceses will be managed by a new registered charity, Indigenous Reconciliation Fund, subject to an audit by an independent accounting firm. See CCCB official news release for more information

MASS OPEN TO PUBLIC: directives in line with all of providence (masks and 50% occupancy without vaccination checks)

TO HELP PEOPLE FEEL COMFORTABLE, we are offering (1) in-person mass (2) Parking Lot radio participation (tune to frequency 97.3FM) with communion, and (3) for people unable to attend, there is streaming mass online through Parish Facebook.

CHURCH OPEN TO PUBLIC: from 8 to 8, Wednesday to Saturday; come for a quiet visit

ALPHA 2022: has completed the topic 'How Can We Resist Evil' and next week looks at how to share our faith experience with others; please pray for the participants to deepen their weekend experience.... next ALPHA course starts September 2022.

FORMED.org – consider exploring the videos on reconciliation in preparation for the coming season of Lent; AND LOTS MORE ... TRY A VISIT TO THE SITE. (parishioners sign up for free; send email to stjosephsp93@gmail.com if you need instructions)

PARISH ACTIVITIES : come back to in-person masses Saturday at 5:00 or Sunday at 9:30; our Safety Plan includes the need to wear masks.

PARISH ACTIVITIES : we have begun removing the trees that presented a possible danger; we have had 4 trees fall already due to strong wind, and one fell into our neighbour's yard creating some damage but no person was involved.

QUIET PARISH HEROS : the facilitators behind our parish offering ALPHA.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Luke 6:38

N D G O O D M E A S U R E J H A N
J R E H T E G O T N E K A H S W S
L E U I Q J H G R V Q W U S O A G
P R D O U O C J I F A W Y D H A Y
S N I B Y I Q P B V U O D P J R F
A C V U S S A Q S J E E O R R N X
X P G O Y N Y E V H S I K U E Z E
P F I Y D V T N L S B O N J R V C
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S D E T Y F G R C N I U N R O A K
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E U B O S O M V G N X X D C O A B
O G S T D U I E B L L A H S P X Z
V P H R E G O R P N L R S Y V G C
B V A W L V W R R I P V M O P Q J
I B L Y F G K K U L C P E R D R P
J R L J G P R I T X A B N D S B X

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shaken together	pressed down	good measure	to you
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I give you a new commandment: love one another just as I have loved you. John 13.34

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat Dates

Many women, men, couples and relatives who have had an abortion experience suffer emotional and spiritual pain, afraid to reveal their deep secret.

We invite you to come on a Rachel's Vineyard Weekend Retreat where you will receive God's mercy, compassion and grace to replace shame, guilt, anger and grief.

Registration is open now. Confidentiality is assured. Please see below for retreat dates and contact information:

Kelowna Retreat – March 11-13, 2022

Call: 250-762-2273

Email: info@rachelsvineyardkelowna.com

Website: www.rachelsvineyardkelowna.com

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and for all who are in need
of God's healing grace.