



Saint Joseph's Parish

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THE LORD IS MERCIFUL AND GRACIOUS.

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Tues 1-4:30pm

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Sacraments:

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

"My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor."

Psalm 24.15-16

My young grandson, in a burst of enthusiastic love, told his dad that "when I grow up I want to be you." We were delighted at the depth of his devotion, that his desire to *be like* his dad would expand to become the desire to *be* his dad. Perhaps that is a model for the disciples of Christ, to love Jesus so much that we desire to become him.

The Gospel today recounts Jesus' parable of the barren fig tree. The gardener pleaded for one more year, one more chance for the fig tree to become what it was meant to become. It is a reminder of the shortness of our lives and our dependence on God's grace to create in us the fruit of holiness and good works. It is Christ within us that produces good fruit, as we become less and he becomes more.

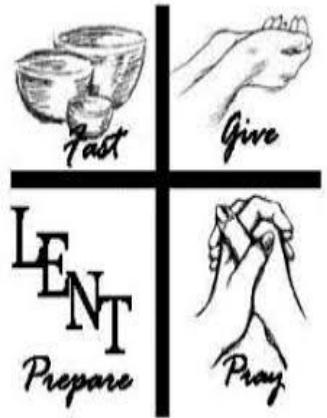
So we seek to be transformed through our utter and complete surrender to him, becoming more and more like him—becoming, in a sense, him. And just as bread and wine retain their appearance while becoming Christ, we too remain in our unique and particular form even as we are transformed.

May we bring the childlike love that my grandson expressed, as we offer ourselves in union with the offering of bread and wine on the altar.

Kathleen Giffin St. Joseph's Missal pg. 222



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Be with me Lord – You Choose Me:



God, they are a burning bush to us. Lent is an ideal time for us to discern who these people are. Who communicates God to us? Who intercedes for us before the Holy One? Lent is also a good time to consider the opposite, who sees us as a burning bush for them. How do I reveal to others the message of God that I have received? How do I intercede for them? It seems to be a surprise to most people of faith to hear that they too have been chosen, as was Moses; that they too, by reason of their baptism, are called and designated for mission. **Homework:** this week pray ‘Be with us

Lord’ as you bring to mind those who reveal God to you and those who you reveal God to.

Lord throughout these 40 days (the readings). Today’s readings remind us that we live with the “burden” of choice. God is a patient, loving God who hears the cries and suffering of his people. Mercy is unceasingly available to all. And yet, with the freedom to choose, our actions have consequences that sometimes bring pain and suffering to ourselves or others. To these situations let us choose to bring the gifts of repentance and mercy that have first been given to us through Christ. The warning in the parable of the fig tree is that God’s patience is never exhausted (‘let me fertilize one more time’) but that our time to act is limited (‘if after a year’). We must act now to bear fruit.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: when we view life as building God’s kingdom or as building God’s family, then reconciliation belongs to the important action of healing those parts of God’s family that are hurt. But even if we do not believe in God, we have to believe in healing those parts of life that are hurt or else we can die. Sin hurts the family, and this sacrament helps us to bring healing. It can give us courage, or wisdom, or temperance, or understanding, or any gift of the spirit that would help us in our relationships with ourselves, our neighbors, or God. It is free grace to be had to make our lives better. Reconciliation times: 1/2hr before mass;

Funeral Mass: Tim Gilmore: Thursday, March 24 at 2pm the funeral mass of the resurrection will be celebrated for Tim Gilmore, husband of Lena Gilmore; let us assist the family with our prayers.

CONCEPTION DAY, March 25, Feast of the Annunciation: Mary saying yes to the invitation from the angel Gabriel to be the Mother of God marks the ‘conception’ of Jesus, the Word Incarnate. Nine months later is Christmas. This is a beautiful way to reflect that life begins at conception. We encourage people to begin to think of marking in a special way their conception day.

Canadian Indigenous Delegation Meeting with Pope Francis March 28 to April 1st – multiple gatherings scheduled. Let us pray for this meeting. CCCB website contains more information.

Indigenous Fund: the management of the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund, monies collected throughout Canadian Dioceses, is defined. See CCCB official news release for more information.

COVID Directives: for religious gatherings there are no capacity restrictions and no masks requirement; for other gatherings there is proof of vaccination requirement UNTIL APRIL 08 at which time there will be no restrictions.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION REGISTRATION: children age 7+ for **Holy Communion** and children age 12+ for **Confirmation**. Call the Office (250-567-9151) or send an email to stjosephsp93@gmail.com with contact information. Or registrations forms available in Church Foyer. Confirmation for June16/17 with Holy Communion June 19.

PARISH ACTIVITIES : PANCAKE BREAKFAST, APRIL 10, Palm SUNDAY, no gathering restrictions. COME.

PARISH ACTIVITIES : upcoming workbees Saturdays 10-12am (in lent) to clean up the yard of branches

PARISH ACTIVITIES: St. Joseph Feast Day(s); in the church calendar, St. Joseph is remembered on March 19 as St. Joseph, Husband of Mary, and on May 1 as St. Joseph the Worker. Our parish feast day is May 1st but we remember March 19.

QUIET PARISH HEROS : our parishioners working with our seniors; they are in our prayers

The Parable of the Fig Tree

" 'Sir,' the man replied, 'leave it alone for one more year, and I'll dig around it and fertilize it. If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down.' "

Luke 13:8-9 (NIV)

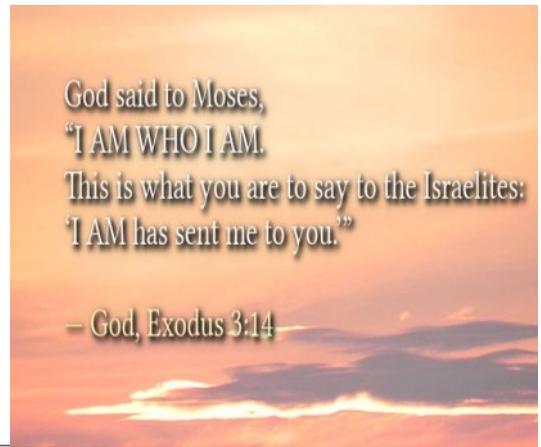


The puzzle is based on Luke 13:6-9 (NIV).

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Lent



Repent, says the Lord; the kingdom of heaven is at hand. Matthew 4.17



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Attached is an announcement about the CWL National Convention that will take place in Kelowna, BC in August of 2022.

This is an opportunity for BC women to attend a National Convention. Please have this announcement placed in your bulletin for several weeks to hopefully, get members out to this event.

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Jennifer Lock,
Rose Marie MacDonald,
Della Morin, Eunice
Nash, Michael Nelson,
Ruby Irene Patrick,
Virginia Power,

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Scott, Madison Scott,
Clark Todd,
Bill Urquhart,
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and for all who are in need
of God's healing grace.