



Saint Joseph's Parish

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4th Sunday of Lent Time Year C | March 27, 2022

TASTE AND SEE THAT THE LORD IS GOOD.

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*"Rejoice, Jerusalem,
 and all who love her.
 Be joyful, all who
 were in mourning;
 exult and be satis-
 fied at her consoling
 breast.."*

Isaiah 66.10-11

We tend to focus on what we want instead of what we need. Today's Gospel about the prodigal son is a good example of this. While he was out pursuing his interests, this younger son pursued his wants but lacked an understanding of his important needs. Our spiritual needs are fulfilled through God when we accept the unconditional love that he provides for us.

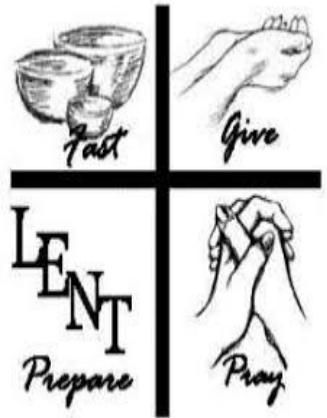
This parable reminds us that on our own we do not possess a full understanding of the benefits of God's redeeming love. When we fall short, we need to turn to God with confidence and an open heart to seek his forgiveness. When we turn to God with sorrowful and humble hearts, we experience his grace as unconditional love. Then, everything becomes new as it did for the prodigal son who returned to his welcoming father.

How do we build on this? We need to be ambassadors for God, like the loving father in the parable who welcomed and celebrated with his son, or Jesus who ate with tax collectors and sinners and showed us the way. We can begin by looking deeply at how our words, actions and thoughts affect others and strive to be ambassadors for God, faithful to God who gave his only son to wash away our sins.

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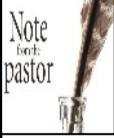


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Be with me Lord – committed to reconciliation: This mid-Lent Sunday, which we know traditionally as Laetare Sunday (Rejoicing Sunday), might also be known as Reconciliation Sunday, as this theme runs through our readings. Luke begins Chapter 15 of his gospel with scribes and Pharisees grumbling about Jesus' hospitality towards sinners. The author relates three stories, (sometimes referred to as the Lost And Found Collection): the lost sheep, the lost coin, and the lost son. Chapter 15 follows close upon the parable of the Banquet, in which the "poor, the maimed, the lame, and the blind" are invited to the celebration (14:15-24). Luke reminds the early Christian community to love as God loves the lost, despised, the rejected, and the loser. This is an opportunity to practice forgiveness within the bigger work of love.

Homework: this week pray often throughout the day: 'Be with me Lord to bring reconciliation'.

Conversation with Christ: Thank you, Lord, for this time of prayer. Do not let me be content simply to do the minimum that my faith asks of me. Do not let me be content simply with avoiding grave sin. Help me to live the fullness of the law of charity. I want this Lent to be a time of growth in love. **Resolution:** When I am obeying the laws of the Church I will stop to reflect how they fit into the greater law of love.

Support for Ukraine Refugees: you are welcome to use the many ways that there is to donate (Diocesan website, KofC, Ukrainian Church). Any money the parish receives that you want earmarked for this cause will go to PG4UKRAINE, a refugee sponsorship group working out of PG.

Diocesan CHRISM Mass, April 05, Prince George, Sacred Heart Cathedral: this celebration of the Diocesan family has the priests renewing their vows (ministerial Priesthood) and the people (baptismal Priesthood) receiving the oils for the sacraments (baptisms, confirmations, anointing of the sick).

Canadian Indigenous Delegation Meeting with Pope Francis March 28 to April 1st. Let us keep this meeting in our prayers.

COVID Directives: for religious gatherings there are no capacity restrictions and no mask 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 stjoseph-sp93@gmail.com with contact information. Or registrations forms available in Church Foyer. Confirmation for June16/17 with Holy Communion June 19.

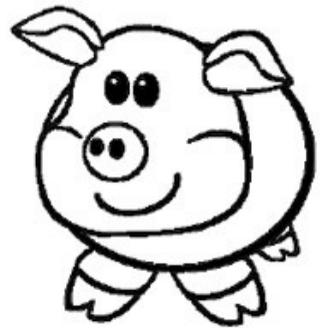
Fr.Pier Away: April 4-7 I will be in PG for priest gatherings and meetings;

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

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QUIET PARISH HEROS : clean up of the branches has begun; work through Neighbourlink continues.

The Parable of the Lost Son



Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate. Luke 15:23-24 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Luke 15:11-32 (NIV).

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(See Luke 15) 06-04-2003

I will get up, and go to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you.
Luke 15:18



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