



Saint Joseph's Parish

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GO INTO ALL THE WORLD AND PROCLAIM THE GOOD NEWS.

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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--Fri 9:00 am

Reconciliation

by appointment

Baptism

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Matrimony

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*"Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long."
Psalm 85.1-3*

The prophet Isaiah shares with us a vision of people of "all nations and tongues" coming to the Lord. Jesus also speaks of people coming from "east and west, from north and south," to feast in God's kingdom. Paradoxically, though, Jesus first speaks about "the narrow door." How can the way to God be both narrow and wide?

Perhaps it is narrow in the sense that we cannot merit it through some special status, like race, religion or class. We cannot earn it by performing correct rituals, saying the right prayers, following the rules. If we rely on our own merit or status, the way to God seems impossibly narrow.

We don't merit or earn God's love, mercy and grace: they are freely given. Our call is to receive and respond. Luke's Gospel shows us many unlikely people who are God's chosen, God's beloved: the young Mary, her cousin Elizabeth, the shepherds, fishermen, the woman who anointed Jesus' feet, the Samaritan leper, Zacchaeus the tax collector. God's love is widely available, and those who know they have received this gift want to live it and share it with others.

This is our call as disciples; this is what we celebrate in the Eucharist. As God's beloved, we trust that salvation is in loving God and one another.

Dinah Simmons St. Joseph's Missal pg. 496



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Discipleship: a spirit open to receiving gifts. Who would not be interested in accepting God's endless mercy? Today's readings remind us that not everyone responds in the same way to what is offered. Living the Gospel is a joy and a privilege, with ultimate rich rewards. But we know

there is no guarantee of a smooth journey. The discipline required may not be for everyone — even those we love. All we can do is to embrace the invitation issued to us and pray that countless others will join us in discipleship when they are ready.

Homework: If your house is on fire, what is one gift that you would make sure is safe; then pray that you will be as gracious to all the gifts that you receive.

Pope's visit to Canada: the visit of Pope Francis to Canada was multifaceted. Let us pray for the work of shaping the future to repair this destroyed culture, severed family relations, and generations feeling marginalized.

Quotes from Pope Francis: open to life as it is:

- "The media only writes about the sinners and the scandals, he said, but that's normal, because 'a tree that falls makes more noise than a forest that grows.'"

- "I prefer a church which is bruised, hurting and dirty because it has been out on the streets, rather than a church which is unhealthy from being confined and from clinging to its own security."

- "No one can grow if he does not accept his smallness."

- "God never tires of forgiving us; we are the ones who tire of seeking his mercy."

Weekday Masses Resumed: Tuesday 6:30pm, Wednesday to Friday 9:00am

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Transformed lives, transforming community: mission statement for evangelization in our parish;

PARISH ACTIVITIES : as we return from holidays, a To Do Parish list is being written; thank you for any help that you can give.

DIOCESAN ACTIVITY : Diocesan Annual Appeal coming in September

QUIET PARISH HEROS : the Geddes family for their tremendous help at Camp Morice, most notably hospitality.

The Narrow Door

"Make every effort to enter through the narrow door, because many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able to." Luke 13:24 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Luke 13:22-30



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

Pastoral Care Training Program

The valuable and free Pastoral Care Outreach Training online series offered by the Diocese of Victoria will begin this fall. The nine sessions will be held via Zoom on Saturday mornings from 9:30 – noon, **starting on September 24, 2022**, except for Thanksgiving (October 8) **to conclude November 26**. Participants will require a phone number and email address, a computer, tablet or smartphone with speakers, microphone and webcam, and a reliable Internet connection. **Please register through your local parish by September 16.**



"God never tires of showing us mercy and we should never take for granted the opportunity to receive, seek and desire this mercy. It is something always new, which inspires awe and wonder as we see God's immense creativity in the ways he comes to meet us."

— Pope Francis

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me.
John 14.6

Parish Prayer Requests

Brenda Antoine,
Mackie Basil,
Cooper Cursley,
Leland Funk, Gemma
Gillis, Brent Gray,
Ellen Haynes,

Patrick Irving,
Jennifer Lock,
Rose Marie MacDonald,
Della Morin, Eunice
Nash, Michael Nelson,
Ruby Irene Patrick,
Virginia Power,
Dorothy Ranck, Ken Reid,

Lillian Sam, Ian Scott,
Madeline Scott,
Madison Scott
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in need of God's healing
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