



Saint Joseph's Parish

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24th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C | September 11, 2022

I WILL GET UP AND GO TO MY FATHER.

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Humankind is a suffering and broken global family. Today calls to mind 9/11 and its enduring legacy of lost lives, lost dear ones, lost hopes. Recent years have highlighted the mounting urgency of climate change, as well as the phenomenon of vast hordes of migrants fleeing war, oppression or starvation in their homelands. Early 2020 brought the fear and disruption of a global pandemic, and the resulting economic and social upheaval starkly exposed long-standing systemic issues of racism and injustice.

The family in today's Gospel story has also experienced suffering and brokenness: the loss of one child, the resentment of another, the broken hearts of the father and—though she is unmentioned—most certainly the mother too.

How to deal with all this pain? The parable points toward some answers. The father, his eyes on the distant horizon, had clearly never given up hope that his son would one day return. Humbled and contrite, the boy is welcomed home with open-hearted compassion and forgiveness. The older son's resentment is met not with impatience or anger, but with a response that is calm, reasonable and loving.

There are no simple answers to the complex problems facing our families and our world. But there are ways that we can begin: with a humble heart, a forgiving spirit, compassion, generosity and, above all, hope.

Krystyna Higgins St. Joseph's Missal pg. 515



Holy Trinity
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"Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel."
Sirach 36.18



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Rejoice when the lost are found. Today's readings share three images of God rejoicing. Isaiah uses the loving father image, and the Gospel uses the images of good shepherd and committed mother. In all cases, God rejoices when what was lost is found; but for us to rejoice, we need to recognize that we are lost. This is a challenge as in today's culture sensitive to promoting the good rather than correcting the wrong, we might find it hard to acknowledge that I am lost in sin and need to be found. But if the Gospel truly is GOOD NEWS, then is there a healthy way for us to look at our weaknesses. This is a personal process, unique to the individual. The Church's answer is a universal one: a nightly examination of conscience and the sacrament of reconciliation.
Homework: pray the Confiteor, I confess to Almighty God...

Pope's visit to Canada: the visit from July 24-29 of Pope Francis to Canada is complete; his words of reconciliation need to be followed up by actions; let us pray for this plan forward.

Diocesan Annual Appeal: KICK-Off (Sept11), EDUCATION (Sept18), COMMITMENT (Sept 25) PLEASE PICK UP YOUR APPEAL INVITATION IN THE CHURCH FOYER

Diocesan Annual Appeal: the spirituality of giving is **Gratitude, Trust, Generosity;** being grateful for our blessings, we trust that God will continue to bless us, which allows us to be generous. Attached find a spirituality of STEWARDSHIP and a suggested donation formula.

Diocesan Annual Appeal: the Appeal provides financial assistance for the Diocesan Ministries of Youth, Vocations, Evangelization, Catholic Schools, Out-Reach, and Missions. The parish receives \$7000 from the Appeal for the Mission work at Saik'uz (Stoney Creek) and the Appeal supports the Franciscan Brothers and their ministry to First Nations. Fr.Pier is involved with Camp Morice that receives \$25,000.

ALPHA in the FALL: Sept 21 for 10 weeks; the spirituality of this program is to create a safe space for people to share and explore their faith. Pray for God to reveal to you names of people to share your faith with in a small group. This is not APLOGETICS where we systematically present and argue for the reasonableness of our Catholic Faith; this is personal sharing and exploring what God has done for you and others.

FORMED.ORG: September highlights are St.JohnPaul II, St.Teresa of Calcutta, and St.Padre Pio, together with all the regular features. Attached find procedure for signing up – it is free for parishioners.

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

DIOCESAN ACTIVITIES- **Diocesan APPEAL:** Sept 11,18,25

PARISH ACTIVITIES- **FALL ALPHA:** 10 weeks beginning Sept 21

PARISH ACTIVITIES- **FORMED.ORG:** this is free for parishioners

DIOCESAN ACTIVITIES- **Diocesan Study Days:** October 2-4; Presenter is Jean-Paul de Fleuriot of FAITH ROOM.

QUIET PARISH HEROS : helpers cleaning up the furnace room in preparation for winter

The Prodigal Son Word Search



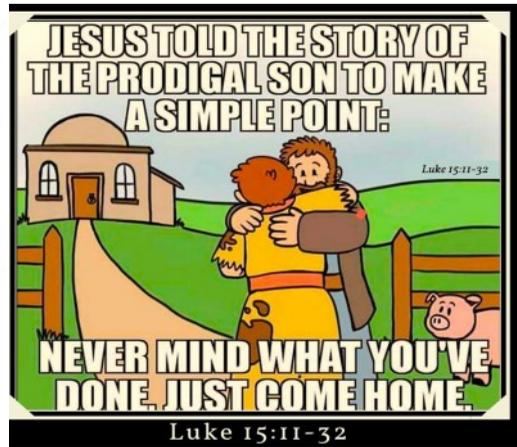
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Pastoral Care Training Program

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

In Christ god was reconciling the world to himself, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. 2 Corinthians 5:19

Parish Prayer Requests	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 Clark Todd, Bill Urquhart, Mike Van Dusen, Mimi Work and for all who are in need of God's healing grace.
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