

Pastor's corner - February 21, 2010

On Feb. 22 I will be leaving for East Timor on a **Development & Peace Solidarity Tour**. Then on March 10 I will visit the first Indonesian Dominicans in Surabaya (Java) and in Pontianak, Kalimantan or Borneo. While in Indonesia from 1990 to 1993 I spent time in East Timor when Indonesia was occupying the land and oppressing the people. It is now an independent nation named **Timor Leste**, struggling, very poor, but free!

Please, remember that D&P is an organization which does not send well-paid personnel with vans and SUVs to a country in order to work there! D&P supports financially **local** partners who work with local people; almost all your donated money goes to these local people! While organized by D&P the people on this solidarity tour each pay \$3500 to defray the cost of transportation, insurance, lodging, food etc.

Here is the text of the Development and Peace press release:

« On February 21st, members from the BC/Yukon Diocese of DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE are traveling to East Timor as part of a 12 person delegation. During the stay in East Timor the group will be meeting with the organizations DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE has been supporting in the country since East Timor sought its independence in 1999. This will be a high profile event as it will be the first such visit from Canada. This 18 day trip brings together people from throughout B. C. coming from Prince George, Ft. St John, Oliver, Abbotsford, Sidney and 2 staff members from the Montreal Office.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE played a role in the transition leading to East Timor's independence following the arrival of the United Nations in September 1999 to temporarily govern the country after the withdrawal of Indonesia. DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE was one of the first non-government organizations (NGOs) in East Timor, supporting a variety of programs ranging from capacity building, human rights promotion and strengthening civil society organizations. The group's aim is to dialogue and be in solidarity with local people working for social justice while gaining a better understanding of the local situation. As the world's newest country, East Timor is emerging from over 425 years as a Portuguese colony, followed by 25 years of Indonesian occupation and rule. The path to independence has taken a severe toll on the people of this tiny nation of 900,000. During the recent 25 years of occupation, it is estimated that over 180,000 people were killed; many more were victimized and suffered dire hardship.

The work of DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE is based on the belief that the people within the country are best able to come up with the solutions needed to transform their circumstance. The DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE funds have been used to support new and emerging national organizations particularly focusing on bettering the situation for women, from empowerment within society and governance, promoting employment for women in rural and remote areas to overcoming the personal tragedies suffered by so many including issues of domestic violence. Work also continues in analysing and participating in new policy formation, Justice and Peace Commissions and the establishment of the first radio station in the country to increase communications to the people as a public service broadcaster.

The DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE members will be travelling from February 21st to March 10th with the delegation consisting of Roberta and Dale Dodge, Mary and Paul Doyle, John Gabor, Rev. Rolf Hasenack, O.P., Dorothy and Dick Mynen, Gerhild Neugebauer, Linda Olaksew, Fiona Connelly and Jess Agustin. The delegation's progress will be updated through a Trip Blog <http://timorleste2010.blogspot.com/>.

Thank you for your support (for more info. visit www.dev.org).»

I will be returning on March 25. May our Lenten journey together bring us closer to God and our fellow human beings. Shalom.

fr. Rolf

Saanich Peninsula Parish



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PASTOR: Father Rolf Hasenack, O.P. **PARISH COORDINATOR:** Gary Koett

PASTORAL COUNCIL: Co-Chairs, Janet Staebell & Linda MacGowan

EUCHARIST AT ST. ELIZABETH'S

10030 Third Street, Sidney

Saturdays at 5pm, Sundays at 10:30am.
Daily on Tuesdays (9am), Wednesdays (8:30am),
Thursdays (9am), and First Fridays (9am).

EUCHARIST AT

OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION

7742 West Saanich Road, Saanichton

Sundays at 8:30am

Last Friday at Saanich Peninsula Hospital at 11 am
Remaining Fridays at 9am in a private home.
See "This Week in Our Parish" inside bulletin.



1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

FEBRUARY 21, 2010

Deut 26.4-10 / Rom 10.8-13 / Lk 4.1-13

VISITING EUCHARISTIC MINISTRY

If you know of someone who is house-bound or in a nursing home/hospital and would like a visit from the Pastor or the Visitation Team, please call the office at 250-656-7433.

MISSION STATEMENT

*Let us be open
accepting individuals
sensitive to change
and willing to take
Courses untraditional,
unknown to us.
Let us live as
examples of God's love.*

NEW TO THE PARISH? WELCOME!

Please fill out the information below so we can get to know you. Pick up one of the blue information pamphlets next to the bulletins in the foyer so you can get to know us.

Name _____

Phone# _____

Need Pre-Authorized Debit package? Yes ___ No ___

Need donation envelopes? Yes ___ No ___

PARISH REPORT

COLLECTIONS:

PAD's (monthly total):	\$ 3,455.00
Feb. 7:	\$ 4,777.39
Feb. 14	\$ 2,896.98
Monthly target:	Approx. \$23,000.00

COVENANT

ST. STEPHEN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

See ststephensanglican.net for service times.

IN OUR PARISH

LENTEN RETREAT: MAR. 7 - 10

Fr. Armand Nigro will be giving a Lenten Retreat at St. Elizabeth's from Mar. 7 - 10. The following five themes will be discussed:

- The Mystery of God
- The Mystery of Jesus
- The Mystery of Church
- The Mystery of Divine Life, Grace
- The Mystery of our personal freedom inviting us to partnership

There will be six sessions: three at 7 pm (Mar. 7 - 9) and three at 9 am (Mar. 8 - 10). The morning sessions repeat the previous evening sessions. Additional information can be found on the posters in the foyer.

SHARE LENT CAMPAIGN STARTING

Our Development & Peace Share Lent Campaign has begun. This campaign supports our many partners in poorer countries with their ongoing development projects. Please pick up your Lifestyle Awareness Calendar after Mass. This year the calendar has activities for families with small children.

K OF C PENNIES FOR HEAVEN CAMPAIGN

The Year for Priests, which began on the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus on Jun. 19, 2009, will conclude on the same Solemnity this coming June. The Knights of Columbus support our priests and vocations through our Pennies for Heaven Campaign which we will conduct before and after Masses on Feb. 27 & 28. Please save your spare coins (or paper) and help support our priests. Your support is greatly appreciated. Ralph Gillis, Grand Knight.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

MONDAY, FEB. 22

1:00pm Faith Reflection Group
1:00pm Memory Plus

TUESDAY, FEB. 23

9:00am Mass with Fr. Doll
11:30am Friendly Hours

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 24

8:30am Service of the Word (**NO MASS**) followed by Eucharistic Adoration
10:00am Taiji Qigong

THURSDAY, FEB. 25

9:00am Mass with Fr. Doll
11:30am Friendly Hours
2:00pm Prayer Group
6:00pm Taiji Qigong

FRIDAY, FEB. 26

11:00am Service of the Word at Saanich Peninsula Hospital (**NO MASS**)
1:30pm Writer's Group

6:00pm K of C Pasta Night

SATURDAY, FEB. 27

5:00pm Mass at St. Elizabeth's

SUNDAY, FEB. 28

8:30am Mass at Our Lady of Assumption
9:45am Religious Education
10:30am Mass at St. Elizabeth's

CWL - BIRTHRIGHT: MAR. 9

On Mar. 9 at 2:30 pm the CWL will have a guest speaker from Birthright come and talk to us. All young moms and their children are welcome to attend. Moms are requested to bring maternity clothes and children's clothing.

CWL UPDATE

On Feb. 9 the CWL had an initiation ceremony. They have 12 new members. Also, pins were given out to those members with 40, 50 and 60 years of service.

K OF C PASTA NIGHT: FEB. 26

Tickets are \$10 each or \$25 / family. Support a great cause and enjoy pasta and an evening of fun and visiting.



PARISH PHOTO DIRECTORY

The parish council has approved a project to produce an updated parish photo directory. The last parish photo directory was completed in 2006. Anyone interested in coordinating this effort is asked to contact Gary in the parish office at 250-656-7433, or email sparish@shaw.ca.

A NOTE OF THANKS

Thanks to all the members of our church for prayers, Eucharistic visits from Fr. Rolf, and your encouragement. I have come through my operation and am well on the way to recovery. Thank you all so much. God bless you. From my grateful heart, Phyllis Jones.

GENERAL

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING SESSION: MAR. 6

In the ongoing effort of the Diocese to encourage Catholic Family Life, training in the practice of NFP Billings Ovulation Method with instructors from the W.O.O.M.B. (BC) will be held at St. Andrew's Cathedral on Mar. 6 from 10 am to 3 pm. While all are welcome to attend, the Diocese seeks to train couples as instructors in NFP throughout the island. Lunch will be provided and child minding can be arranged if needed. For more info contact Fr. Dean Henderson at 250-882-2151 or email catholic@uvic.ca by Mar. 1.

WOMEN - A TIME JUST FOR YOU!

Sacred Heart Parish is hosting a series of presentations to address Mind, Body and Spirit for women, offering a professional presentation of relaxation and nourishment for our being. Take some precious time for yourself!

- Sat. Feb. 27: "Breathing/Meditation/Yoga" with Kirsten Pearce, certified yoga instructor.
- Sat. Mar. 6: "Spiritual Connections" with Sr. Patricia Shreenan, S.S.A. (many credentials!)

All sessions are from 10:30am to noon. Cost: \$10 per session. Tickets are available from Sacred Heart Parish at 250-479-1116 (Mon - Thu, 9:30 am - 4 pm).

TAIZE: MAR 19

Prayer and music in the style of Taize. Let us enter together into the mystery of God's presence. Fri. Mar. 19, 6 pm at Grace Lutheran Church, 1273 Fort St., Victoria.

THINKFAST YOUTH FUNDRAISER: FEB. 27

From Sat. Feb. 27, 11 am to Sun. Feb. 28, 12 pm at St. Andrew's Catholic Elementary School. "Working for global justice - making a difference". Youth in grades 7 to 12 are invited to take part in a 25 hour fast to raise funds and bring awareness to issues of social justice. Solidarity meal will be provided at 12pm Sunday. For information on how to register contact Nancy Stuart at nancy-stuart@shaw.ca

WORKSHOPS / LECTURES

TAKING CARE OF THE CAREGIVER: FEB. 25

Recognizing Stress in Ministry & Applying Self-Care. Thu. Feb. 25, 9:30 am - 3 pm at Colwood Pentecostal Church, 2250 Sooke Rd, Victoria. Presenter: Pastor Jim Caruso. Cost: \$30. Registration deadline: Fri. Feb. 19. For more information call 250-478-7113 or email office@colwoodchurch.com.

FREE LECTURE SERIES: FEB. 26

"A Church for the 21st Century: The Spirit of Vatican II in Our Time" sponsored by UVic Centre for Studies in Religion & Society:

- Fri. Feb. 26, 7:30pm in the UVic David Strong Building, Rm C103. Speaker: Donna Geemaert, Sisters of Charity, Halifax. Theme: "Vatican II: A Call to Unity and Renewal".

PROGRAMS IN EARTH LITERACIES

The following sessions will be held at Friend's Meeting House, 1831 Fern St., Victoria.

• Non Violence Workshops: Feb. 9 - Mar. 2

"Non Violence, A Necessity for Saving the Planet", Feb. 9 - Mar. 2, 10 am - 12 pm (4 Tuesdays). Speaker: Bill Wilson, SJ PhD. We will explore ways to develop a more cooperative and peaceful attitude toward one another and our world. Together we look at the skills and attitudes necessary to bring about a more just way of relating. Cost: \$75 for all four sessions or \$20 per session.

• Conversations on the New Cosmology: Feb. 25

Thu. Feb. 25 12 pm - 1:30 pm. Speaker: Bill Wilson, SJ PhD. "We are the first generation to know the Great Story of the Universe," Thomas Berry. Our conversations focus on what it means for humans to know this story as our own