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*** 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time | 8 September 2024 ***



Come celebrate as a parish at the

Welcome Back Pancake Breakfast



After the 9 am Mass this Sunday, 8 September 2024
in the Parish Hall. See you there!



Welcome back,
teachers, school staff, and students!

*Hope summer was restful
and enjoyable.*

*Have a most fruitful
and productive
school year ahead!*



Teachers & students' blessing, Sat. 31 Aug 2024



Teachers & students' blessing, Sun. 1 Sep 2024



TIMES & SEASONS

by Jean Allen

In this reflection, I'm going to focus on something minor, which is not the point of this week's Gospel at all yet is something that has affected all of us at some time or another. Jesus shoved (the Greek verb used here was more forcible than simply 'put') his fingers into the deaf man's ears, then spat and touched the man's tongue. The man was healed.

I can almost guarantee you that in the next few weeks, people were

shoving their fingers into deaf people's ears and spitting and touching mute tongues. These wannabe healers may have even sighed before uttering "Ephphatha". There was also probably a rash of blind people with muddy eyes after Jesus healed a blind man by spitting in the dust and smearing the mud on the man's eyes.

The point I'm making is that we all fall prey to seeking 'the secret', a way to pray or an infallible method to follow in order to secure our desires and heal our hearts and bodies. When these prayers and methods don't work for us, we wonder if it's our fault. Maybe we're not good enough. Maybe our faith is faulty. Maybe we left something out.

The truth is, there is no secret. There is only a depth of relationship with God and an openness to the wisdom from Ecclesiastes, "To everything, there is a season." Jesus was finely tuned to his Abba's will. He did nothing unless he saw his Father in heaven doing it first. If you pray a prayer and are blessed with an immediate unmistakable answer, it is because God gave you that prayer in the first place. It was the time and season for that answer. It wasn't because you discovered 'the secret'.

Jesus charged those present to tell no one of the miracle. There is also a season for telling and a season to be silent. Do we listen to that or do we feel it incumbent upon us to tell everyone about our answered prayers?

It might not be the time and it may do more harm than good.

Sacred Heart Faith Formation Classes

Classes for children, 4 to 12, begin on Sunday, 15 Sep after the 9 am Mass.

Adult Volunteers are needed to help with Faith Formation classes.

Please contact Lidia Moodie: sacredheartreled@rcdvictoria.org

LITURGICAL YEAR B

Saturday:

English Mass (Anticipated Sunday Mass) 4:00 pm
Syro-Malabar 7:00 pm

Sunday:

English Mass 9:00 am
Syro-Malabar 11:00 am
Polish (paused)
Korean 3:00 pm
Vietnamese (1st and 3rd Sunday) 5:30 pm

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:00 pm to 3:45 pm
Sunday 8:15 am to 8:45 am

Weekday Masses

Memorials and Feast Days coming up

When in Red: Major Feast with Gloria

Thu.	Sep 12:	Most Holy Name of Mary
Fri.	Sep 13:	St. John Chrysostom
Fri.	Sep 20:	St. Andrew Kim Tae-gon, St. Paul Chong Ha-sang & Companions
Thu.	Sep 26:	St. John de Brebeuf, St. Isaac Jogues & Companions
Fri.	Sep 27:	St. Vincent de Paul

English Masses

Tuesdays to Friday 11:00 am
Friday: Adoration after Mass
Benediction 1:30 pm

Korean Masses

Wednesdays 7:30 pm
Thursdays 10:00 am

Parish Office Hours

Tuesdays to Fridays, 9:30 am to 3:00 pm

Closed: Saturdays, Sundays, and Mondays.

If you are new and would like to register,
or volunteer for a Parish Ministry, please kindly send
an email: sacredheart@rcdvictoria.org

Baptism, Marriage, Funerals and Anointing of the Sick

Please contact the Parish Office:
sacredheart@rcdvictoria.org | 250-479-1611



We welcome Fr. Peter Kim

The new Pastor for
the Korean Community!



Please pray for:

Those who have died

Joe and Jose de Lima, Elaine Hong,
Herculano and Joao Pimental, Souls in Purgatory,
Norine Ruzicka, Gisela Sloat and Veronica Wheaton.

Those who are ill

Skarlet, Jon A, Patricia C, Cora C, Lesley D, Gaspar S,
Kathleen G, Gwen J, Derek L, Lisa L, Diane L, Rafael M-Duke,
Davide R, Cathy T, Maria T, and Teresita W.

***If you are new to the parish,
welcome!***

***Be part of the joyful Sacramental
and Liturgical celebrations in our parish.***

**Volunteer to serve in one of the many
ministries, or join one of the many parish groups.**

If you are interested in volunteering your time and talents,
please contact the Parish Office.



Options to Donate

E-Transfer:

The email to use is sacredheart@rcdvictoria.org

Pre-Authorized Debit (PAD)

Automatic Debit Form:

<http://sacredheartvictoria.com/docs/PAD%20form%202020.pdf>

The PAD form is also available from the Parish Office.

If you use the Special Collection Envelopes, please remember to
complete your name and address on those envelopes to receive a
tax receipt. Information and links are also available on our website.

Canada Helps

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/47781>

If you have any questions on the available options,
or would like to make a change in how you donate,
please contact the parish office.

Thank you.

Thank you for your contributions!

August 17 to August 18, 2024

Envelopes \$ 1,347.45

Cash \$ 512.55

Total \$ 1,859.90

August 24 to August 25, 2024

Envelopes \$ 1,579.00

Cash \$ 523.40

Total \$ 2,102.40

August 31 to September 1, 2024

Envelopes \$ 2,752.00

Cash \$ 362.00

Total \$ 3,114.00

August 2024

Canada Helps \$ 665.46

PAD \$ 6,060.00

E-Transfer \$ 1,045.00

Donations through PAD, Canada Helps, & e-Transfer
will be reported after the end of the month.



THE MOST HOLY NAME OF MARY

12 September 2024

While this feast has been celebrated since 1684 when Pope Innocent XI included it in the General Roman calendar, it actually dates back to 1513, with celebrations held in Spain. The entry in the Roman Martyrology about the feast speaks of it in the following terms, "The Holy Name of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a day on which the inexpressible love of the Mother of God for her Holy Child is recalled, and the eyes of the faithful are directed to the figure of the Mother of the Redeemer, for them to invoke with devotion".

Before the Battle of Vienna in 1683, John III Sobieski placed his troops under the protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary. In the following year, to celebrate the victory, Pope Innocent XI inserted the feast into the General Roman Calendar, assigning it the Sunday within the octave of the Nativity of Mary, which is on September 8.

And so, to honour the name of Mary, the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Jesus our Saviour, this tradition continues. There is wisdom in honouring the mother of Jesus, as she is our spiritual mother as well; and will lead you to her Son.

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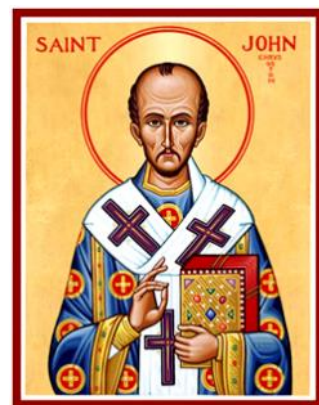
<https://www.newmanministry.com/saints/feast-of-the-holy-name-of-mary>]

ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

13 September 2024

St. John Chrysostom was born in 347 ce, Antioch, Syria. He died on September 14, 407 in Comana, Helenopontus. The Western Feast Day is celebrated on September 13. The Eastern feast day, on November 13.

St. John Chrysostom was an early Church Father, biblical interpreter, and archbishop of Constantinople. The zeal and clarity of his preaching appealed especially to the common people, and earned him the Greek surname that means "golden-mouthed."



His tenure as archbishop was stormy, and he died in exile. His relics were brought back to Constantinople about 438, and he was later declared a doctor (teacher) of the church.

St. John was the son of a high-ranking military officer and was raised as a Christian by his widowed mother. Although he studied law under a distinguished pagan rhetorician, Libanius, he gave up his profession to study theology, ultimately becoming an ascetic hermit-monk.

In 398, St. John was called to Constantinople to be its archbishop, much against his will. There he gained a large following among the people, but his teachings on the misuse of riches angered the wealthy and influential. In 403, Theophilus convened a synod of disaffected or subservient Syrian and Egyptian bishops at The Oak, across the Bosphorus. This gathering indicted John on a number of charges, many of which were purely frivolous or vexatious. John refused to appear before the synod, whereupon it condemned him and professed to depose him from his see. The emperor Arcadius therefore banished him from the city. He was kept in confinement at Cucusus in Armenia.

St. John appealed his banishment Pope Innocent I, but his efforts were brought to nothing by John's enemies. In exile, he was to be removed to an even more remote place at the eastern end of the Black Sea, but he did not survive the exhausting journey. St. John Chrysostom is the patron saint of preachers.

[Online accessed, 28 August 2024:

<https://www.britannica.com/biography/Saint-John-Chrysostom>]



Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

Parishes in Victoria are collaborating to provide an opportunity for groups to learn more about our faith.

Sessions will be held on Thursday evenings beginning in the Fall. For more information, please contact the St. Joseph the Worker Parish Office at 250-479-7413 / sjtwparish@rcdvictoria.org

Donations of flowers!

Help beautify our Sanctuary and Tabernacle with your gift of flowers. Please donate the flowers by each Friday, after the Benediction at 1:45 pm. A bucket for flower donations will be placed by the entrance of the church.



St. Andrew's Regional High School Mass at 10:30 am, Tuesday, 17 September

Mass for the opening of the school year will be celebrated at Sacred Heart Church, Tue, 17 Sep at 10:30 am.

Please Note: The weekday 11 am Mass for parishioners of Sacred Heart on this day will be in the **Pope John Hall**.



From the Diocese



5th Annual Mass for Our Lady of Penafrancia

St. Patrick's Parish, 11:30 am Sat, 14 Sep 2024

In the Philippines, this annual festival draws millions to honour Our Lady of Penafrancia. In the spirit of fellowship, the Bicolanos of Vancouver Island invites you to celebrate the 5th Annual Eucharist Celebration of unity with Fr. Vince Borre. A potluck lunch will follow.

Come and let your spirit soar! Viva La Virgen!

The Soup Kitchen Needs You!

Urgently Needed! Soup Makers
St. Andrew's Cathedral basement

- One morning a week from Monday to Friday including holidays.
- Hours: 4 am – 6 am.
- This can be a one or two-person position.
- Onsite training provided.
- Food Safe certificate required – will be paid for by The Soup Kitchen.

Please contact Sheila Connelly at 250.598.4339. It is spiritually rewarding to help those in need!

The Soup Kitchen – Feeding Community



World Wide Marriage Encounter Oct 25 to 27, 2024

Rekindle the romance, remind yourselves why you fell in love, and learn to make a good marriage even better! Early bird pricing until Sep 9. Registration closes October 14.

Please visit: <https://beholdvancouver.org/events/couple-retreat-by-worldwide-marriage-encounter>



Society of St. Vincent de Paul



Please donate food in the food cart at the entrance of the church, or clothes at any of the Thrift Stores. Please give generously. When donating online, please specify "Sacred Heart Parish":

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/society-of-st-vincent-de-paul-of-vancouver-island/>

To join the society, please email Georgina: mgvshort@telus.net

Next "Cor" Meeting

The Knights of Columbus Sacred Heart Council invites all men to their next "Cor" meeting, Tuesday, September 10th at 7:30 pm in the Parish Hall.

The topic will be Eucharistic Revival and the Gift of Sacramental Vision.



The Sacrament of Marriage

Prepare to commit to a Sacred Covenant with God as a couple.

Online Marriage Preparation Course

<https://www.rcdvictoria.org/marriage-prep>



From the Diocese



BELOVED CATHOLIC WOMEN'S RETREAT

Agape

NOV. 15-17, 2024

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7th Annual Women's Retreat

All women 19+ are invited. The theme this year is Agape!

Agape is a beautiful Greek word, referring to the highest form of love; the love of God for man, and of man for God. Agape is the selfless, giving, unconditional type of active love.

There is a waitlist for registration: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/beloved-catholic-womens-retreat-registration-984148222827>

For more information, email: vicatholicwomensretreat@gmail.com

Pastoral Care Outreach Sessions 28 Sep to 30 Nov 2024

"In these sessions, you learn basic tools necessary to accompany those who are in need of the healing ministry of Christ."

Most Reverend Gary Gordon, Bishop of Victoria.



This free training series of **nine sessions** will be held via Zoom, Saturday mornings, 9:30 am to noon, Sep 28 to Nov 30, 2024 (no session on October 12 for Thanksgiving). Participants who attend all sessions will receive a Certificate of Completion.

A phone number, email address, computer, tablet or Smart Phone, microphone, webcam, and access to Zoom are required. Please register through your parish by Sep 13. For more information, please email: moiraking@shaw.ca

The Great Adventure Bible Series

The Prophets: Messengers of God's Mercy is a powerful Bible study. Their prophetic words speak to us even today.

From Wed 2 Oct to Wed 4 Dec 2024. Classes are 2pm (in-person) at the Parish Centre, 640 View Street, and 6:30PM (on-line) by Zoom meeting. Register at the Cathedral Office. Course workbooks are \$35.00 each (Hardcopy. Subsidy is available). Online access to a digital copy of the workbook is available for \$10.00.



Rachel's VINEYARD

Healing the pain of abortion - one weekend at a time

Rachel's Vineyard will be hosting a retreat on Vancouver Island from Oct 24 to 27. For information and to register, contact Nicola: rachelsvineyardvancouverisland@gmail.com / 250-514-3973.

Pastor, Fr. Shijo George

sgeorge@rcdvictoria.org

Korean, Fr. Peter Kim

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Polish

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RCDVictoria.org/Responsible-Ministry
or call 1-800-968-3146

To report sexual abuse or cover-up
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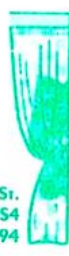
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