

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

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Peace

* Second Sunday of Advent | 8 December 2024 *

It was a wonderful turn out for our



Thank you to everyone who came to ensure that the church buildings and grounds are ready for the festivities of this season.



60th Anniversary Celebrations

The first Mass for Sacred Heart Parish that was celebrated on Nelthorpe Street was on September 5, 1965. To commemorate that event, we will celebrate the 60th Anniversary of that Mass next year. The Sacred Heart Parish Pastoral Council is looking for volunteers to organize events leading up to, and on the anniversary day. If you are, or know someone who may be interested to volunteer and contribute to the celebrations, please contact the Parish Office.

Bring your ideas and let us work together to make this event a memorable one. We thank all who have sent their ideas, suggestions, and who have volunteered.

Thank you!

LITURGICAL YEAR C

Saturday:

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

Sunday:

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

RECONCILIATION

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

Weekday Masses English Masses

Tuesday to Friday 11:00 am Friday: Adoration after Mass

Benediction 1:30 pm

~ No Mass on Thu, 26 Dec and Fri, 27 Dec ~

Korean Masses

Wednesdays 7:30 pm Thursdays 10:00 am

Memorials and Feast Days coming up

When in Red: Major Feast with Gloria

Thu. Dec 12, 11 am : Our Lady of Guadalupe

Fri. Dec 13, 11 am : St. Lucy

Wed. Dec 25, Nativity of the Lord (see schedule)

Season's Parish Office Hours

until end of January 2025



Please Note: Tuesdays to Fridays 10:00 am to 2:00 pm



Closed: Saturdays, Sundays, and Mondays.

The Parish Office will be closed for the Christmas Season from 21 December 2024 to 8 January 2025 Have a blessed & joyful Christmas!

If you would like to register or volunteer for a Ministry, please send an email to sacredheart@rcdvictoria.org

For Baptism, Marriage, Funerals, and Anointing of the Sick

Please contact:

E. sacredheart@rcdvictoria.org

P. 250-479-1611

Sacred Heart Parish Website >

For your convenience, QR codes are now located around the church.



Please pray for:

Those who have died

Noli & Hernando de Castro, Mary & Kevin Loughran, Janet Loughran, Lois Marcoux, Agnes Mao, Patrick McLaughlin, Maria Melo, Deceased members of Mendez Campos Family, Alexander Perez de Tagle, Antonio Pimentel, Bruno Rinaldo, Max Sequeira, and Veronica Wheaton.



Those who are ill

Mary-Lee A, Skarlet, Jon A, Patricia C, Cora C, Lesley D, Laverne Knapik, Kathleen G, Gwen J, Derek L, Lisa L, Diane L, Rafael M-Duke, Katherene N, Edvige P, Davide R, Gaspar S, Valerie S, Cathy T, and Maria T.

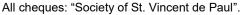


Society of St. Vincent de Paul

In the Gospel, John the Baptist urges us to "Prepare the way of the Lord," to help by making the meaning of Christmas come alive in our hearts, our family, and those in need. To join, contact Georgina:

mgvshort@telus.net or call 250-727-2615

Donate online and specify "Sacred Heart Parish": https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/society-ofst-vincent-de-paul-of-vancouver-island/







Join the CWL!

To all ladies of Sacred Heart Church. Renew your CWL membership for 2025 or consider joining as a new member. CWL representatives will be available before and after Mass on Dec 7 and 8 to answer your questions and take your membership.

> Contact Denise for more information or to register: deniseowen@shaw.ca / 250-580-0066.

Options to Donate

E-Transfer:

The email to use is sacredheart@rcdvictoria.org

Pre-Authorized Debit (PAD)

Automatic Debit Form:

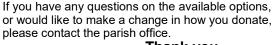
https://sacredheartvictoria.com/docs/PAD%20form%202020.pdf The PAD form is also available from the Parish Office.

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

Donations through Canada Helps. https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/47781

This is the new QR code for donations: also on display around the church for your convenience.





Thank you.

Thank you for your contributions!

November 30 to December 1, 2024

Envelopes \$ 2,825.00 Cash \$ 293.00 Total \$ 3,118.00

November 2024

E-transfers \$ 2.027.00 **PAD** \$6,160.00

Canada Helps \$ 926.01

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

Fr. Shijo's Homilies

Now available on our Parish Website https://sacredheartvictoria.com/ .sacred-heart-homilies.html





Be a John to yourself. John came like "The Voice of one crying out in the wilderness: prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every Valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of

How could we possibly bring all these things to pass in our own lives? Well, obviously we can't; filling valleys, making mountains low and straightening the crooked are acts of God, not acts of our own self-will. However, what we can and must do is prepare the way of the Lord and the way we can do that was talked about in last week's reflection: stay in the present moment where God dwells. We don't have to build roads for God or decide where those roads should lead. That's none of our business. Our business is to get out of the way. By staying in the present moment and not trying to wrangle with the future in our heads, we allow God a clear path to fill those valleys, level the mountains and straighten the crooked.

God desires, yearns, really, to do these things for us but we are forever blocking him and essentially saying, "I know what's needed. I know what should be done. I've thought it all through and I know where the problems are and how to circumvent them." The truth is, we haven't a clue.

Naturally, there are times when we need to plan for the future. The problems arise when we stay there, gnawing on potential difficulties, worrying ourselves ragged and trying to be in control of every possible glitch. God won't boot you out of the way; it's your choice as to whether you will move back to the present to allow him to smooth the rough ways for you. It's always your choice. But if take yourself out of the equation ...

...you will see the salvation of God.

Donation for Flowers Amount:

Flowers for Christmas Decorations

Donations toward our Flower Fund are now welcome.

Donation envelopes are available in the church foyer.

Next "COR" Meeting 7:30 pm, Tue, Dec. 10, Pope John Hall

The Knights of Columbus Sacred Heart Council invites all men to their next "Cor" gathering in the Pope John Hall (note new location - next to the Rectory).



The topic is "Putting Faith into Action - Loving Our Brothers and Sisters in the Streets." All Knights, male parishioners and friends are welcome to attend.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Thursdays, 11:45 am | Parish Hall

We welcome newcomers.



From the teachings of Fr. John Main (1926-1982), a Benedictine monk. A prayer of silence and stillness beyond word and thought, often called the "prayer of the heart".

For more information, please contact Margie Noonan 250-589-6313 or margielnoonan@gmail.com.

We thank parishioners who have already made their gift to the 2024 Sharing God's Gifts Appeal. Our goal can only be achieved through YOUR generosity. With the Canada Post strike, you may phone in your donations to 250-479-1331, donate online at www.rcdvictoria.org/bishops-appeal or hand-deliver to the Pastoral Centre.

Our parish project is the installation of ventilation to our Confessional.

Parish Goal: \$ 44,000.00 Received: \$ 36,655.07 Number of Gifts: 116



Children's Christmas (



Saturday, December 21st 12 noon to 2 pm, Parish Hall Hosted by The Knights of Columbus



All are welcome!

Parish Reconciliation Service Thursday, 19 December at 6:30 p.m.

A number of priests will be available for Confessions.



Five Conditions of a Good Confession



- 1. Examination of Conscience
- Repentance and remorse for one's sins: arising from faith and love of God.
- Firmly resolve not to sin, or repeat a sin again.
- Confess and disclose the sins to a priest.
- 5. Fully intend to make reparation, and do works of reparation for the sins.





Anawim's 37th Annual Christmas Tree Fundraiser: Nov. 25th to Dec. 21st On sale now Anawim House, 973 Caledonia Avenue.

Hours: Weekdays: 10am - 7pm Saturdays: 10am - 3pm Sundays: Closed

We also need new and gently used warm winter clothing. A decorated donation box will be in the church foyer to collect your donations. You may contact Anawim House directly at info@anawimhouse.com or phone 250-382-0283.



From the Diocese



St. Andrew High School **Advent Carol Concert and Raffle** 7 pm, Wednesday, December.18th **School Gymnasium**

Come celebrate the reason for the season with readings and music by the St. Andrew's Singers, Concert Band, and Jazz Band students. We will also have our annual Advent Raffle featuring gift baskets of chocolate, spa items, board games, Lego, and foodie gift cards.



Raffle tickets can be bought at the concert for your chance to win!

All are welcome!

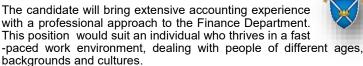


Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe 12 December

On the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the Church in Canada has marked it a National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples. Since 2002, this initiative of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops has been coordinated by the Canadian Catholic Indigenous Council.

To read this year's reflection, please visit https://www.cccb.ca/announcement/2024-national-day-of-prayer-insolidarity-with-indigenous-peoples/

Full-Time Senior Accountant



Please visit: https://www.rcdvictoria.org/employment. The posting will remain open until filled.



Journey Through Advent

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops' online Journey Through Advent video series helps you prepare for the Nativity of Our Lord. The spiritual reflections will be led by the Most Reverend Frank Leo, Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto.

To view the videos, please visit https://www.cccb.ca/evangelization-catechesis-catholic-education/ video-resources/journey-through-advent/.



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TO REPORT SEXUAL ABUSE TO AN INDEPENDENT AGENCY

To report sexual abuse by a clergy member, religious, employee, or volunteer, visit RCDVictoria.org/Responsible-Ministry or call 1-800-968-3146

To report sexual abuse or cover-up by a Catholic Bishop, visit BishopReportingSystem.ca or call 1-866-892-3737

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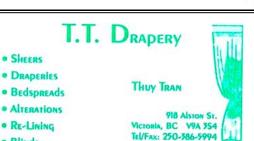




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