

# Sacred Heart Catholic Church

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## \* 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time | 10 November 2024 \*



## Join us for a Pancake Breakfast

after the 9 a.m. Mass Sunday 10 Nov 2024! Donations at the door will be greatly appreciated. Hosted by the Knights of Columbus

We remember our faithful departed family and friends during this month of November. Thank you for celebrating a meaningful All Souls' Day Mass





A number of scripture scholars have a different take on the story of the poor widow's donation to the temple that I think is worth taking a look at.

In the first part of the Gospel text, Jesus was talking about the hypocritical scribes and he said, "They devour widow's houses..." When Jesus said

later that the poor widow gave more than all the scribes because she gave all she had, he was not holding up the widow as an example to be emulated. He was criticizing those who gave out of their abundance and had no compassion for impoverished widows. The widow had to give all that she had to live on and this was an example of the devouring of widows' houses. It was not Jesus's desire that the ones already made destitute by the system should feel obliged to give even more for the needs of the priests and temple workers and for the upkeep of the Temple, an institution he had nothing but criticism for.

Jesus spent his whole ministry comforting, encouraging, healing and bringing the Good News to the poor, the widows, the orphans and all who had received nothing but injustice from the hands of the Temple authorities who were politically tied to the Roman government. These were wealthy men who, with their abundant wealth, could have fed and housed many destitute people with money they didn't even need. Why would he be happy at the sight of the widow impoverishing herself even further under a heavy obligation to support the Temple?

Jesus saw the widow as a victim of injustice, not just a generous soul. I believe he would still feel deep compassion for people in our parishes who struggle with a lack of money but feel guilty if they don't give all they have to the Church because of this one scripture. I know our Bishop and our priests don't expect this. I don't believe anyone in our parishes expect this.

If you are poor, rest assured that the Lord is in your corner.

And all he wants is your love.

### LITURGICAL YEAR B

#### Saturday:

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

#### Sunday:

**English Mass** 9:00 am Syro-Malabar Rite Mass 11:00 am Korean 3:00 pm Vietnamese (next Mass: Nov. 24) 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 11 am Mass on Friday, 22 November)

#### **Korean Masses**

Wednesdays 7:30 pm 10:00 am Thursdays

#### Memorials and Feast Days coming up

When in Red: Major Feast with Gloria

Nov 12, 11am : St. Josaphat Tue.

Thu. Presentation of BVM Nov 21, 11am

## **Parish Office Hours**

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

Closed: Saturdays, Sundays, and Mondays. 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.





We remember those who gave their lives in service, and their families and friends who continue to pray and honour them.



#### Please pray for:

#### Those who have died

Jim Andrew, Paquito Aguila, John Bidlake, Deceased members of Mendez Campos Family, Donna Greaves, Fr. Joseph Hattie, Ivor Roberts, Souls in Purgatory, Barbara Sullivan, and Veronica Wheaton.

#### Those who are ill

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

## CWL's Community Garage Sale Saturday, November 16, 9 am to 1 pm, the Parish Hall.

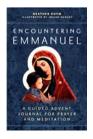


The Knights of Columbus will be selling food and the CWL will have some fabulous baking available to purchase.



#### We look forward to seeing you there!

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## **CWL Advent Retreat:** Encountering Emmanuel

November 30, December 7, 14, 21 3:00 pm to 3:50 pm | Pope John Hall \$25: includes the guide book by Heather Khym

#### Please register by November 12

Facilitated by Mary Kearsey, journey deep into the meaning of Advent.

To register, please contact Denise Owen: E: deniseowen@shaw.ca | P: 250-580-0066

Seats are limited

## **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

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.



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!

#### November 2 to November 3, 2024

Envelopes \$ 2,560.00 Cash \$ 452.00 **Total \$ 3,012.00** 

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





#### St. Josaphat November 12

Born 1580 in western Ukraine in Volhynia to Orthodox Christian parents, John Kuntsevych did not become "Josaphat" until later as a monk.

Although the Eastern churches began to separate from the Holy See in 1054, a union existed after the 15th century Ecumenical Council of Florence. By John's birth, Slavic Orthodox Christians

had become strongly anti-Catholic.

Although trained as a merchant's apprentice, John felt drawn to traditional Byzantine monasticism. Taking the monastic name of Josaphat, he entered a Ukrainian monastery in 1604. The young monk then took on the ambitious task to re-incorporate the Eastern Orthodox tradition with the Catholic Church. Recognizing the urgent pastoral needs of the people, he produced catechisms and works of apologetics, while implementing overdue reforms of the clergy and attending to the needs of the poor. Josaphat's exemplary life and zeal for the care of souls won the trust of Orthodox Christians. However, his mission was controversial, and others were led to believe lurid stories and malicious suggestions made about him.

Tensions between supporters and opponents began to escalate, and on a Fall day in 1623, an Orthodox priest shouted insults outside the archbishop's residence. Josaphat had him removed, but the man assembled a mob in the town. They arrived and demanded the archbishop's life. Unable to escape, Josaphat died praying for the men who shot and then beheaded him before dumping his body in a river. Josaphat's body was discovered incorrupt, five years later. St. Josaphat was canonized in 1867.

[Online accessed, 6 November 2024: https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/saint/st-josaphat-653



### Knights of Columbus: Coats for Kids

The Knights of Columbus, Sacred Heart Council plans to distribute new coats to children and youth in need. If you know a child in need of a winter coat, please notify the Parish Office and include the gender, age and size of the child.

Thank you!



## Next "Cor" Meeting Tuesday, November 12, 7:30 pm, Parish Hall

The Knights of Columbus Sacred Heart Council invites all Knights, male parishioners, and friends to attend.

The topic is: The Papacy - Why Catholics Have a Pope.

See you there!



## Society of St. Vincent de Paul

In today's Gospel Jesus says: "I want you to observe that this poor widow contributed more than all the others... They gave from their surplus wealth, but she gave from her want, all that she had to live on." Ask

yourself: "Am I only giving from my surplus wealth?"

When donating online, please specify "Sacred Heart Parish":

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

All cheques: "Society of St. Vincent de Paul". To join, email Georgina: mgvshort@telus.net



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. If you have not yet made a gift, brochures are available, or please visit www.rcdvictoria.org/bishops-appeal

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

Parish Goal: \$ 44,000.00 Received: \$ 25,496.07 Number of Gifts: 76





Clean-up: Saturday

30 November: 9 am to 12 pm SAVE THE DATE!

The Sign-up Sheet is in the church foyer



## Birthright Delicious Specialty Fudges Victoria The poskets make great stocking stuffers of

The packets make great stocking stuffers or gifts for the holiday. They freeze well. Please order by December 3. Email: info@birthrightvictoria.org or call Peggy at 250.478.5372.

Sacred Heart Parish Office pick-up: week of December 10 to 13.

Please see Birthright's Fudge poster for ordering details. Your purchase supports the pro-life pregnancy work of Birthright Victoria.



An arborist has discovered that the Garry Oak in front of the Rectory is suffering from decay within its trunk. For the safety of parishioners, the tree will be cut down.

The scheduled removal may last the whole day. This will be from the morning of **Tuesday**, **19 November 2024**.

Please ensure that cars are not parked in the immediate vicinity.

Thank you.



## **From the Diocese**

#### Message from Fr. Michael Favero

To my dear people in the diocese and beyond:

My health has been suffering since early September. After some tests and scans, swollen lymph nodes were found in my stomach and neck. From the symptoms that I have had for a while, I suspected that I had lymphoma. From a biopsy on October 9 and the 31st, my hematologist called to informed me



that I have lymphoma. Starting on Thursday, November 7, I will undergo six sessions of chemotherapy every three weeks. This will be the second cancer journey I will be on. In 2021, I went through treatment for multiple myeloma. I know this illness will be more challenging. With the support of family, friends, and parishioners near and far I will get through this.

Fr. Mike Favero

## MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

12 p.m. Wednesday, 13 November St. Andrew's Cathedral

For clergy and religious who served in our Diocese and who passed away in the past year. All are invited!
Livestream: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=px1A6RN4AXE

## Administrative Assistant Our Lady of the Rosary Parish

This is a full-time position to support the Pastor and the parish. Applicants must be well organized with exceptional time management skills, be proficient with computer skills and is able to work with Microsoft Publisher.

For more information and how to apply, please visit https://www.rcdvictoria.org/employment.

Application deadline: November 15.

## **Full-Time Senior Accountant**

A full-time position, the candidate will bring extensive accounting experience along with a professional approach to the Finance Department. This position would suit an individual who thrives in a fast-paced work environment and enjoys dealing with people of different ages, backgrounds and cultures.

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

# Building Together! Our Lady of the Rosary Silent Auction

Friday, November 29, 6 pm to 9 pm Royal Colwood Golf Course

Save the date! This silent and live auction will raise funds to build the new Our Lady of the Rosary Church.

Admission ticket: \$50.00 each, includes snacks and a drink. To purchase tickets, please contact Cynthia at 250 478 3482 or email her at olorchurch@rcdvictoria.org.

Tickets will be sold at all Masses at Star of the Sea Church, Colwood starting Oct 26. See you all there!



# 2024 Diocesan Faith Day

"A Conversation in the Spirit".

Saturday, November 23 9:30 am to 3 pm St. Edward's Church, Duncan

Our keynote speaker is Linda Staudt, one of the seven laypeople in North America chosen by Pope Francis to serve as a voting participant in Synod 2021–2024. She will share her reflections on the Synod and synodality, and lead us through a discernment method rooted in prayer, listening, and silence.

For more information and to register, please visit https://diocesan-faith-day-2024.eventbrite.com

## **Indigenous Reconciliation Fund**

The local Indigenous Reconciliation Fund is now accepting grant applications. Indigenous groups from Vancouver Island and the surrounding islands are encouraged to apply for funding for projects and initiatives that foster good medicine for people harmed by the legacy of residential schools.

For more information and the application package, please visit: https://www.rcdvictoria.org/irf or call 250-800-3167.

The application deadlines for this round of funding are November 15 2024, February 15 2025, and May 15 2025.

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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

#### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL 2023 / 2024

Marilyn Bojko Jeremy Côté Jim Haffey Peter Martin Samantha Sherman Will Podmoroff

Edgar Tan Jr. (Chair) Rick Perez de Tagle (Korean Representative) Andv Pak (Vietnamese Representative) Sonny Huynh (Syro-Malabar Representative) Anjali Aniyan

### **PARISH MINISTRIES** & GROUPS

Please contact the Parish Office: sacredheart@rcdvictoria.org



#### PARISH LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

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