



Sacred Heart Catholic Church

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*** 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time | 15 September 2024 ***

Fr. Shijo thanks you for making the

Welcome Back Pancake Breakfast

a success!



Sacred Heart Faith Formation Classes

Classes for children, 4 to 12, begin on Sunday, 15 Sep
after the 9 am Mass. For more information,
please contact Lidia Moodie: sacredheartled@rcdvictoria.org



"Get behind me, Satan!

*For you are thinking not as God does,
but as humans do."*

In Matthew's rendition of this same story,
Jesus says:

*"Get behind me, Satan! You are a
stumbling block to me..."*

The Greek word for 'stumbling block' is 'skandalon' from which we get the word 'scandal'. But the way Jesus used the word 'skandalon' had wider implications than the word scandal has today and Jesus cautioned against skandalon frequently in the Gospels. To him it meant a trap where someone is invited to imitate another which results in destructive rivalry between the two. Jesus was in rivalry with no one, even though Satan desperately tried to suck him into it. Jesus's only desire was to imitate God. What Jesus was saying to Peter was, "Don't get into rivalry with me about what I must do. Don't assume that what you see as desirable is what I should also desire."

Was Jesus susceptible to Peter's protestations as to what should happen? If he wasn't, why would he have made a conscious declaration to ward off the temptation to believe that his path didn't need to culminate in torture and crucifixion? He wasn't just trying to make Peter feel bad about wanting to keep him safe; he was at a crossroad and a crisis point.

Jesus asked his questions about who people thought he was and who the disciples thought he was at Caesarea Philippi, which was the stronghold of Roman power. The choice of this setting may not have been a coincidence. There was a strong contrast between what Jesus was saying was his destiny and the symbol of human power in that city. Jesus was once again letting his disciples know that what the world sees as desirable for success is not the Kingdom Way. At this crisis point, Jesus chose the Kingdom Way, not the way of the world. He knew where choosing love, compassion and total forgiveness would lead him but he also knew that what he wanted most was to be just like his Abba – not just like Peter.

Just like his Abba. Are we so brave and committed?

The Abba Way

by Jean Allen



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

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

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

Mass for the opening of the school year
will be celebrated at Sacred Heart Church.

**Please Note: The 11 am Mass on Tuesday,
17 September, will be in the Pope John Hall.**

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:
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Please pray for:

Those who have died

Philip McLaughlin, Souls in Purgatory,
Mike Short, Rose Taylor, and Frans Van Thillo

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.



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



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>

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](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!

September 7 to September 8, 2024

Envelopes \$ 1,320.00

Cash \$ 445.00

Total \$ 1,765.00

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



SAINTS ANDREW KIM TAEON, PAUL CHONG HASANG, AND COMPANIONS

20 September 2024

On September 20, we remember a whole group of courageous
Korean Christians: 113 martyrs canonized together in 1984. Among
them were Andrew, a 21-year-old priest; Paul, a 45-year-old
seminarian; Columba Kim, a 26-year-old single woman, and her
sister Agnes; and Peter Ryau, a 13-year-old boy. Some 10,000
Catholics were martyred for their faith before religious freedom
came to Korea in 1884. Today Korea has nearly 4 million Catholics.

During a Japanese invasion in 1592, a small number of Koreans
were baptized. Soon after, Korea cut itself off from the rest of the
world. Around 1777, some Confucian scholars decided to follow
Christ after reading books brought into the country by Catholics
from China.

When a Chinese priest secretly arrived about 12 years later, he
found 4,000 Catholics who had never seen a priest. Korea's first
Christian community was made up entirely of laypeople! Between
1839 and 1867, there were fierce persecutions. One hundred three
members of this community were martyred along with three bishops
and seven priests from the Paris Foreign Mission Society.

Andrew Kim Taegon was the first native Korean priest. He was the
son of converts. His father, a farmer, was also martyred. Andrew
was baptized when he was 15. He then attended the seminary in
Macao, China, 1,300 miles away from home. After six years Andrew
returned to Korea and assumed the job of bringing missionaries into
the country secretly. Almost immediately he was arrested, tortured,
and beheaded.

Among the other martyrs in 1839 was Columba Kim, an unmarried
woman of 26. She was put in prison, pierced with hot tools and
seared with burning coals. She and her sister Agnes were disrobed
and kept for two days in a cell with condemned criminals, but were
not molested. After Columba complained about the indignity, no
more women were subjected to it. The two were beheaded. Peter
Ryau, a boy of 13, had his flesh so badly torn that he could pull off
pieces and throw them at the judges. He died by strangulation.
Protase Chong, a 41-year-old nobleman, apostatized under torture
and was freed. Later he came back, confessed his faith and was
tortured to death.

Besides Andrew and Paul, Pope John Paul II canonized 98
Koreans and three French missionaries who had been martyred
between 1839 and 1867, when he visited Korea in 1984. Among
them were bishops and priests, but for the most part they were lay
persons: 47 women and 45 men.

In a letter written to fellow Christians, Andrew stated, "We have
received baptism, entrance into the Church, and the honor of being
called Christians. Yet what good will this do us if we are Christians
in name only and not in fact?"

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We welcome Fr. Peter Kim

**The new Pastor for
the Korean Community!**

Donations of flowers!

Donations by 1:45 pm each Friday. A bucket for flower donations will be placed by the entrance of the church.

Bouquets of arranged flowers will also be accepted on Saturdays by 3 pm, before the 4 pm Mass.



Our New Parish Pastoral Council Chair: Edgar Tan Jr.

**Heartfelt thanks from the parish, Marilyn,
for your dedicated service to the parish as Chair-person.
Best wishes and blessings to our new Chair, Edgar Tan Jr.**

Letter from outgoing Chair, Marilyn Bojko



How grateful our hearts are for the Parish Council members who put their names forward for the position of Chairperson, a one year responsibility, and for the secret ballot vote that elected Edgar Tan Jr. for this position.

We appreciate each one's busy lives, and to Edgar and his family. We, the members of Sacred Heart Parish Pastoral Council, promise to support our new Pastor, Fr. Shijo George, and our new chairperson of the Sacred Heart PPC, Edgar Tan Jr. in our best way possible throughout the year.

The torch of the light of Christ has been thereby passed on to Edgar Tan Jr., and for this we are grateful to the Holy Spirit for leading us on.

Most sincerely, Marilyn Bojko



Edgar Tan Jr.



From the Diocese



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

The Soup Kitchen Needs You!

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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>



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.



You know Birthright from our annual plant and fudge sales at the parish over the years! Our guiding principle is that "It is the right of every pregnant woman to give birth, and the right of every child to be born".

Birthright is seeking out women to volunteer in our Victoria office for a three-hour shift, one day per week. Training will be provided. Whether a student, mother or a grandmother, or just interested in helping, please take few moments to discern whether you might be called to this rewarding vocation that supports women to choose life. If so, please contact Peggy Chapeskie at 250.478.5372.



In preparation for the Jubilee Year 2025, Pope Francis has announced that 2024 will be a Year of Prayer.

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops is offering a webinar series as one way for you to participate in this Year of Prayer. Part two of the series, "Mary, the Saints and Scripture", will be offered on Thursdays starting on October 3.

For more information and to register, please visit https://cccb-ca.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Y6d9S5rIT5u1kgHCB9_IWw#/registration.

Part one of the series, "The Our Father as a Programme of Life", ran in April and is now available online: <https://www.cccb.ca/evangelization-catechesis-catholic-education/video-resources/a-great-symphony-of-prayer-the-our-father-as-a-programme-of-life/>.



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

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