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* 5th Sunday of Easter | 18 May 2025 *

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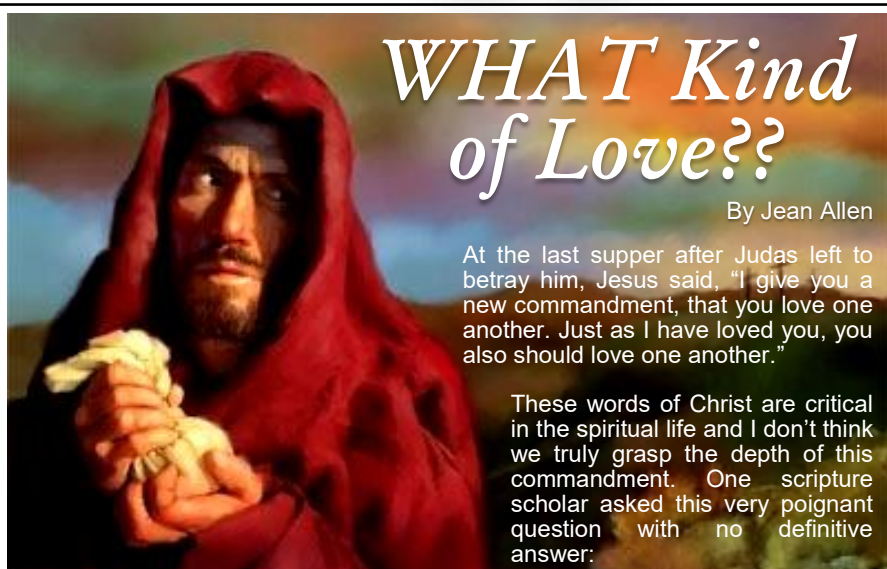
You are welcome
to join us to

Pray the
Rosary

25 minutes
before each Mass



Have a
most restful
and blessed
long weekend!



WHAT Kind of Love??

By Jean Allen

At the last supper after Judas left to betray him, Jesus said, "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another."

These words of Christ are critical in the spiritual life and I don't think we truly grasp the depth of this commandment. One scripture scholar asked this very poignant question with no definitive answer:

Did any of the disciples go out to look for Judas after he betrayed Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane? Did anyone think he was worth seeking out to listen to him and comfort him and offer love in spite of his egregious betrayal?

Probably not. They were too busy scrambling to save themselves. But if anyone did think of Judas and go out to look for him, this would have been the kind of love Jesus was talking about. Knowing that Jesus said those words about loving one another right before he was going to be betrayed and crucified adds huge weight to his commandment. I'm sure he loves it when we greet one another in a friendly and loving manner at Mass or when we help a neighbor or a homeless person. Any kind of love is a treasure in the Kingdom. But sometimes we need to ponder if our love extends to the Judases in our lives, those people who betray us, everything we stand for and the people we love. Do we still attempt to reach out, attempt to understand them and try to show them they are accepted no matter what they do? That's not light love; that's heavy-duty love. That's the kind of love Jesus and the Father have for us.

Remember, Jesus washed Judas's feet as well as the other disciples even though he knew Judas would betray him. In fact, after his death I have no doubt that Jesus descended into Judas's hell to offer complete forgiveness and to bring him home to full love. He did it for Peter. Why not Judas?

That's the kind of love we should aspire to.



Mass for Vocations 6 pm, Tuesday, May 27

(no 11 am weekday Mass on this Tuesday)

Serra Club in formation invites all parishioners, family, and friends to celebrate a *Mass for Vocations*. After Mass, we will gather in the Parish Hall for refreshments and listen to Fr. Shijo who will share the beauty of the vocation of the priesthood along with his personal experiences.

All are Welcome!



LITURGICAL YEAR C

Saturday:

English Mass (Anticipated Sunday Mass)	4:00 pm
Syro-Malabar Rite (except 1st Sat)	7:00 pm

Sunday:

English Mass	9:00 am
Syro-Malabar Rite	11:00 am
Korean	3:00 pm
Vietnamese (1st and 3rd Sundays)	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	11:00 am
Wednesday	11:00 am
Thursday	11:00 am
Friday	11:00 am
After Friday Mass, Adoration. Benediction is at 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.

Closed Thursday, June 5
for the Diocesan Parish Support Staff Retreat

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 will not
meet
this Saturday,
May 17**

to pull out the roots of
the invasive bushes.

**Enjoy a restful
long weekend
with your family!**

Thank you.

Rosary Mass

**Friday,
May 30,
6 pm**



Followed by a
Potluck Dinner in the
Parish Hall.

The Sign-up Sheet
is in the church foyer.



Please pray for:

Those who have died

Louis Casilima, Jose Olivia & Teresa Delima, Magdalena Eberl, Gwen Jahelka, Fr. Terry McNamara OMI, Jan Michalewicz, Elisabeth O'Sullivan, and Marem Zamora.

Those who are ill

Skarlet, Jon A, Patricia C, Cora C, Lesley D, Kathleen G, Derek L, Lisa L, Diane L, Will P, Dino R, Davide R, Willy Santiago, Gaspar S, Valerie S, Cathy T, Maria T, and Ornella T.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul



Today, Jesus says "I give you a new commandment: love one another....This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." By your gift, you show that you have love for one another, especially those suffering and poor, and that indeed you are the disciple of Jesus.

Donate online: specify "Sacred Heart Parish"
https://give-can.keela.co/ssvp_donation_form

All cheques: "Society of St. Vincent de Paul".

To join the Society, please contact Georgina:
mgvshort@telus.net or call 250-727-2615



Knights of Columbus Sacred Heart Council Membership Drive

This weekend, May 17 and 18.

Men of Sacred Heart, meet members of the Knights of Columbus before and after Mass this weekend and find out more about this Christian brotherhood.



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.



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!

May 10 & May 11, 2025

Envelopes \$ 2,242.00

Cash \$ 469.05

Total \$ 2,711.05

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

Fr. Shijo's Homilies
are available on our Parish Website
<https://sacredheartvictoria.com/sacred-heart-homilies.html>



SAVE THE DATE

Sacred Heart Parish Annual General Meeting

Next Saturday, May 24 at 5 pm in the Parish Hall

After the Saturday, 4 pm Anticipated Mass

Pizza and refreshments will be served!



Donations of flowers!

We will accept flower 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 anticipated Mass.



Diocesan
Permanent Pastoral Synod

For a synodal Church

Bishop Gary and the Diocesan Permanent Pastoral Synod (DPPS) Committee invites you to form or join a Listening Circle in your parish.

Watch the video

Spiritual Conversations, at: <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/dpps>

The Listening Circle Guiding Questions are:

Optional Opening Question: What is one story from your faith and life that you would like to share?

Q1. What is your experience or connection with Christ, The Anointed One, in your faith journey?

Q2. How have you experienced blessings and hope in your life, in your parish, in your school, in your church, or in your family?

To form or join a Listening Circle contact Danny Brock at: dcbrock617@gmail.com



PLEASE NOTE Distribution of the Precious Blood of Christ

Bishop Gary Gordon has approved the reintroduction of the distribution of the Precious Blood from the chalice on the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ, June 22, 2025.



**Development
and Peace**
CARITAS CANADA

Save the Date!
Friday, June 20, 5pm
Sacred Heart Parish

Development & Peace - Caritas Canada invites you to save the date to celebrate Jubilee 2025 and the legacy of Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si*.



*Please pray for the candidates
of the sacraments of*
**Confirmation &
First Holy Communion**

9 am Mass, Sunday, 8 June 2025

**We thank Bishop Gary Gordon,
for administering the Sacraments for the Parish.**

*Ariana, Athena, Beatrice, Danielle,
Kaycee, Linden, Mikayla, Myiesha, Rhea,
Sarah, Shaine, Sid, Stella, Victoria.*

Vietnamese Community

Anthony, Tai, Emily, Joseph

**Recollections
for Men & Women**



Opus Dei's main activity is in "offering people the spiritual means they need to live as good Christians in the midst of the world" (St Josemaría Escrivá, founder of Opus Dei). One of these activities is a recollection, a time set aside specifically to go deeper into our relationship with God. We spend some time in conversation with Him, guided by meditation and an examination of conscience. A priest of Opus Dei will be available for spiritual direction and/or confession.

Women: Mon, 17 Mar, 6:15 pm to 8 pm, St. Joseph the Worker Parish. Mass is at 5:30 pm.

Men: Tue, 18 Mar, 6 pm to 8pm, Sacred Heart Parish. Mass is at 5:15pm.

**Parish Finance Committee
Chair & Committee Members**

An active, well-formed finance committee is key to the health of the parish. If you have a background in accounting, finance, or management and are looking for an opportunity to use your skills to contribute to the parish, Sacred Heart is seeking a Chair and members for the Finance Committee. As a member of the Parish Finance Committee, you will help to manage the parish's finances, establish budgets, and provide guidance on financial matters; supporting the parish and long term vision for the parish's longevity.

Term for Chair and Committee Members: 3 years (renewable).

As Chair, you will:

- work with the parish's accountant and the Pastor.
- hold at least four Finance Committee meetings each year.
- prepare meeting agendas, capture minutes, and track action items.
- produce an annual report.
- engage with Parish Council and others as needed to provide (financial) input on financial questions, options for solutions, and budget alignment
- liaise with the Diocese's Financial Officer(s) as needed

As a Committee Member, you will

- contribute expertise from your experience in finance, accounting or management sectors.
- assist in establishing budgets, contribute to all agenda items, review potential project costs and options for financial feasibility

Time commitment: approximately 2-6 hours each quarter.

Please consider applying for a role as Chair or committee member.

Send a brief summary of your experience and ability to contribute to sacredheart@rcdvictoria.org



From the Diocese

**Pope Leo XIV's
Inauguration Mass**

May 18, 2025, St. Peter's Square
1:00 am PDT (10:00 am Rome time)

This marks the beginning of his papacy, uniting the faithful in prayer and hope for his leadership.

All are invited to join the celebration via livestream at <https://www.youtube.com/c/VaticanNewsEN>



Watch Fr. Alfie's tribute to Pope Leo XIV in his latest edition of **Fr. Alfie's Table**.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PyC5G6AUXv4>

**Dessert Auction Fundraiser
Friday, May 30 7:00pm**

"Beloved Catholic Women's Ministries" invites you to a delicious, fun way to raise funds for women in our Diocese to attend our annual Women's Retreat at Camp Homewood but are unable to due to financial reasons. Bid on delicious desserts that you can eat there with tea and coffee, or bring home to share with the family.

Get free tickets at: https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/dessert-auction-fundraiser-tickets-1343131946809?utm_experiment=test_share_listing&aff=ebdsshios

To donate a dessert, or a financial donation, please email: vicatholicwomensretreat@gmail.com

**Installation of the
12th Archbishop of Vancouver**

Friday, May 23rd, at 7:00 pm.



All are invited to celebrate his Installation Mass via livestream at <https://rcav.org/>

**Bp Thomas J. Lobsinger,
OMI Memorial Bursary**

Applications accepted until Jun 30, 2025.

The Terms of Reference: <https://kofcbc.org/bursary-program-2025/>

Requests for application should be addressed to:

Christopher Chen – State Bursary Chairman
Knights of Columbus BC Charity Foundation
#333 – 1231 Pacific Boulevard, Vancouver, B.C. V6Z-0E2

Or email: chrischen.kofc@gmail.com



**11th Annual Diocesan
Family Camp & Conference**
August 22 to 24, 2025, Nanoose Bay Camp

<https://www.rcdvictoria.org/family-camp>

Pastor, Fr. Shijo George

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Korean, Fr. Marco Park

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Syro-Malabar, Fr. Shijo George

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(Syro-Malabar Representative)

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Knights of Columbus

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Moms & Tots

Funeral Receptions

Social Justice/D & P

St. Vincent de Paul

Margie Noonan

Denise Owen

Stan Dzbik

David MacIntyre

Genevieve Vuksic

Marilyn Turner

Stan Dzbik

Georgina Short

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To report sexual abuse by a clergy member,
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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
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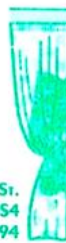
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