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*** 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time | 22 September 2024 ***

The Scandalous Circle

by Jean Allen

This week, the disciples showed they truly didn't get Jesus's message about worldly power and the Kingdom way. They had actually been engaged in rivalry about which of them was the greatest. One almost wants to be embarrassed for the disciple's obtuseness. We would NEVER have arguments like that, right?

Right?

Well, I think we generally are pretty good about not making overt statements about our own self-perceived successes and the status that comes from them but I'm not so sure about the kinds of comparisons that go on in our hearts. We really would love to be recognized as the best at whatever is important to us whether it's a skill, a ministry, a job, a prayer way or a project and it's hard when someone else gets the kudos or admiration or followers in an area where we are also putting in time and effort.

The one thing we don't always remember when Jesus speaks of being a servant or like a small child is that we need to find our worth in God alone as Jesus did.



Unless we know, know, know, how beloved we are by God, we will continually find ourselves in subtle rivalry with others. We will always be in comparison mode, finding ourselves either miserably lacking or offended that we are not as respected, admired and appreciated as we ought to be. We can hear Jesus's words about taking the lowest place and try to do that but soon we find ourselves needing more.

It's a never-ending circle of rivalry and stumbling blocks (skandalon) unless one steps out of the world and into God's heart where there is no rivalry, only love and complete acceptance. In the heart of God, we begin to know that all the stuff we thought was important isn't important at all. It doesn't matter if people don't respect us or admire us because we have everything our hearts need within the gaze of our loving God.

It's absolutely true: "Your love and your grace are enough for me."

Launching the catechetical year again with Commissioning Sunday

last weekend. We thank all parish coordinators and volunteers who keep our parish vibrant and alive!



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 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



Sacred Heart Faith Formation Classes

Classes for children, 4 to 12,
are now on
after the 9 am Sunday Mass.

For more information,
please contact Lidia Moodie:
sacredheartreled@rcdvictoria.org

**Beginning Tuesday, 24 September,
Fr. Shijo will post
his Sunday Homilies
on our parish website.**



Please pray for:

Those who have died

*Philip McLaughlin, Souls in Purgatory,
Paul Spencer, Rose Taylor, Rudolfo and Sonia Tinsay*

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,
Edvige Peluso, Davide R, Cathy T, Maria T, and Teresita W.*

**CWL's Annual Community
Garage Sale
November 16, 9 am to 1 pm**



Please save the date!

Rent a table for \$30 to sell
your used or new items.

For more information
and to rent a table,
please contact Denise at
deniseowen@shaw.ca
or call 250-580-0066.



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>

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.

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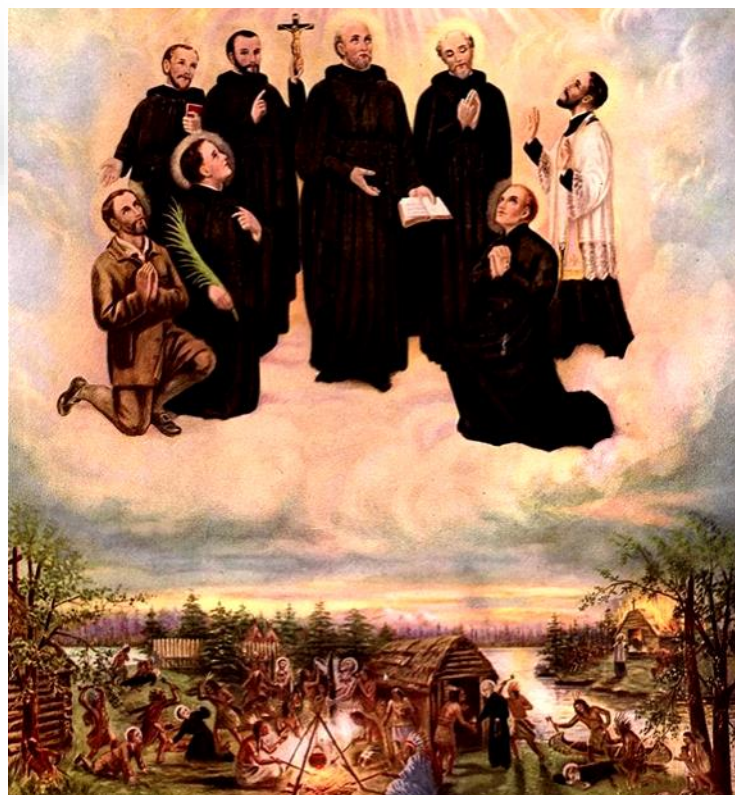
September 14 to September 15, 2024

Envelopes \$ 3,740.00

Cash \$ 481.35

Total \$ 4,221.35

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



**SAINTS JOHN DE BRÉBEUF and
ISAAC JOGUES, and Companions**

26 September 2024

By 1632, the Jesuits had a mission center in Quebec, where they ministered to 20,000 Huron in 30 villages. The missionaries suffered from cold and heat and were not accustomed to the Huron culture. When the "black robes" arrived, Huron children ran to their mothers, afraid that they were sorcerers. The missionaries were blamed for a smallpox epidemic. Still, they tried to bring the faith to the native people, educate them, and teach them medical and agricultural skills. John de Brébeuf founded schools and wrote a catechism and dictionary in the Huron language. He was once condemned to death but spoke so well that he was spared. Noel Chabanel, a language professor, could barely stutter out Huron phrases. The food and life of the Huron repulsed him, but he vowed to stay. Rene Goupil and John de Lalande, lay missionaries, worked without pay. Charles Garnier sometimes walked 40 miles to baptize one child.

The missionaries converted about two thousand converts in their many years in Quebec. Then the enemies of the Huron, the Iroquois, who resented the French, captured and tortured the missionaries. Rene Goupil was tomahawked while trying to baptize a baby. Anthony Daniel was at Mass when the Iroquois attacked, shot arrows at him, and threw him into the fire. Isaac Jogues was made a slave but escaped back to France. His left hand had been mutilated, but Pope Urban VIII allowed him to celebrate Mass, saying, "It would be a shame that a martyr of Christ not drink the blood of Christ." Isaac Jogues returned to America. On a peace mission to the Iroquois for the governor of New France, he was accused of bringing a bad harvest. The Iroquois thought his box of religious goods contained the plague. He was attacked and killed. The Indian who killed him was later baptized and took the name Isaac. The sufferings of the missionaries are the seeds of the Church.

As Tertullian, an early Christian writer wrote, "The blood of the martyrs is the seed of the Church." The witness and martyrdom of Sts. Isaac Jogues, John de Brébeuf, and their companions was not fruitless. Ten years after their martyrdom, St. Kateri Tekakwitha was born. She was part of the Mohawk tribe that had killed these Jesuit missionaries.

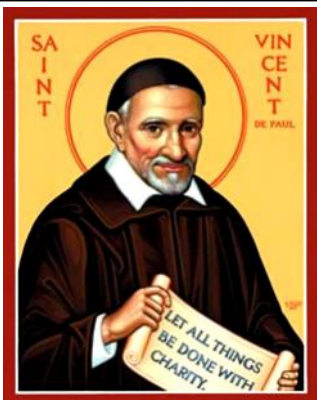
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<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/saints/saints-stories-for-all-ages/saints-isaac-jogues-john-de-brebeuf-and-companions/>]

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

27 September 2024

St. Vincent de Paul, born April 24, 1581, in Pouy, now Saint-Vincent-de-Paul, France, died September 27, 1660 in Paris. Canonized 1737. St. Vincent was the founder of the Congregation of the Mission (Lazarists or Vincentians) for preaching missions to the peasantry and for educating and training a pastoral clergy. The patron saint of charitable societies, St. Vincent de Paul is primarily recognized for his charity and compassion for the poor. He is also known for his reform of the clergy and in opposing Jansenism.

Educated by the Franciscans at Dax, France, he was ordained in 1600 and graduated from the University of Toulouse in 1604. He was allegedly captured at sea by Barbary pirates and sold as a slave but eventually escaped. He spent a year in Rome to continue his studies and then to Paris, where he remained permanently. He placed himself under the spiritual guidance of cardinal Pierre de Bérulle, who entrusted him with the parish of Clichy.



After founding the Congregation of the Mission in 1625, Vincent de Paul established in and around Paris the Confraternities of Charity, associations of laywomen who visited, fed, and nursed the sick poor. The wealth of these women, many of noble family, aided him in establishing the foundling and other hospitals. With St. Louise de Marillac he cofounded the Daughters of Charity (Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul) in 1633, patterned after the Confraternities of Charity, and was the first non-cloistered religious institute of women devoted to active charitable works.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, dedicated to the service of the poor, was founded by Blessed Antoine Frédéric Ozanam in 1833.

[Online accessed, 18 September 2024:
<https://www.britannica.com/biography/Saint-Vincent-de-Paul>]



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. 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



From the Diocese



St. Patrick CWL's Fantastic FALL BAZAAR

Saturday, October 5
9:30am to 2pm
St. Patrick's Church

Come and experience all the fun of a bazaar with this year's large variety of kiosks, quality Silent Auction, Tombola Raffle and so much more! Something for everyone!

All proceeds will support CWL Charities.



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

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>



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://ccc-b.ca.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Y6d9S5rT5u1kgHCB9_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/>.



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.

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 – 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



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

pkim@rcdvictoria.org

Polish

TBD

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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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