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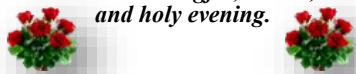


* *Fourth Sunday of Advent* | 22 December 2024 *

A Grateful & Heartfelt Thank You

to **Bishop Gary**
and all the priests
who graciously came to hear
Confessions for the
Reconciliation Service
on Thursday, 19 December.

Thank you, also, to
everyone who helped to set up,
clear up, cooked, decorated,
served, sang, and generously
gave your time to make the
evening of reconciliation
such a meaningful, sacred,
and holy evening.



This is the last Parish Bulletin of 2024!

The Next Parish Bulletin will be
on January 11/12, 2025.

Thank you for such a meaningful and eventful
year; for your presence, your care, your service,
your dedication, your graciousness,
your generosity, and your prayers.

From Fr. Shijo
and staff of Sacred Heart Parish,
we wish you a most

Blessed and Glorious Christmas,
and a
Healthy, Holy, and Joyous
New Year!



LITURGICAL YEAR C

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 (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 to Friday (only Jan 2 & 3) 11:00 am
Friday: Adoration after Mass
Benediction 1:30 pm

~ No Masses on Thu, 26 Dec & Fri, 27 Dec ~
~ No Weekday Masses, Jan 6 to Feb 7, 2025 ~
Fr. Shijo will be away.
Confessions: Jan and Feb, Saturdays at 3 pm

Korean Masses

Wednesdays 7:30 pm
Thursdays 10:00 am

Memorials and Feast Days coming up

When in Red: Major Feast with Gloria

Christmas Season 2024

Masses in the Diocese

<https://www.rcdvictoria.org/events/2024-christmas-mass-times>

Tue, Dec 24 Christmas Eve	4:00 pm Children's Pageant & Carolling 4:30 pm Children's Mass in English 6:30 pm Carolling (before the English Mass) 7:00 pm Mass in English 8:30 pm Mass in Korean 10:00 pm Syro-Malabar Rite Mass
Wed, Dec 25 Christmas Day	11:00 am The Nativity of the Lord in English 5:30 pm The Nativity of the Lord in Vietnamese
Thu, Dec 26	11:00 pm NO MASS
Fri, Dec 27	11:00 pm NO MASS 5:00 pm An Evening of Carols
Sat, Dec 28 Holy Family	4:00 pm Anticipated Mass in English 7:00 pm Syro-Malabar Rite Mass
Sun, Dec 29 Holy Family	9:00 am Mass in English 11:00 am Syro-Malabar Rite Mass 3:00 pm Mass in Korean
Tue, Dec 31 New Year's Eve	6:00 pm Mass (Thanksgiving for 2024) 9:30 pm Syro-Malabar Rite Mass
Wed, Jan 1 Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God	11:00 am Mary, Mother of God in English 3:00 pm Mary, Mother of God in Korean 5:30 pm Mary, Mother of God in Vietnamese
Thu, Jan 2	11:00 am Weekday Mass
Fri, Jan 3	11:00 am Weekday Mass



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

Joe Snr. & Joe Jnr. Delima, Lois Marcoux,
Herculano & Joao Pimental, Souls in Purgatory.

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, Katherine N, Edvige P,
Davide R, Gaspar S, Valerie S, Cathy T, and Maria T.

2025 Parish Donation Envelopes

**The 2025 Parish Donation Envelopes
are available for pick up in the foyer.**



If you do not currently have a box set and would like to begin using envelopes, call the Parish Office or fill out the form on the table near the envelope sets. Offertory donation envelopes are beneficial if you make weekly contributions to the parish and are necessary if you wish to receive an income tax receipt.

If you are new to the parish or would like to start using these donation envelopes, contact the parish office at 250-479-1611, or email sacredheart@rcdvictoria.org to have a box set aside for you.

We also offer the following options for your financial contribution to the parish (see below).

1. Pre-authorized debit *(automatically deducted from your bank account on a monthly basis)
2. E-Transfers to sacredheart@rcdvictoria.org
3. Gifts of publicly traded securities.

PLEASE DO NOT USE ANY ENVELOPES FROM PAST YEARS.

Since we have re-numbered some sets, if you use a set from a prior year, you will not get credit for your donation.

Thank you.

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!

December 14 to December 15, 2024

Envelopes \$ 2,502.00

Cash \$ 319.95

Total \$ 2,821.95

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>



Christmas Message *from Fr. Shijo George*

Dear brothers and sisters,

Here we are, once again entering into the celebration of Holy Christmas, which I'm sure brings back lots of fond memories to everyone. It was a certainly a most auspiciously beautiful day when God descended into Man's privation and woes: "And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth" (John 1: 14). God, through His Son, became one among us to fill our scarcity with peace, joy, glory, and grace. Christmas is something that should happen each and every day, and at every moment of our lives. It is a searching and the finding of the 'divine' in us. Whenever we feel that we are running out of the 'divine', we should long for Jesus to rejuvenate ourselves. Christ's birth brings new light and hope to us.

A beautiful quote from Philips Brooks describes it like this:

*"the earth has grown old with its burden of care,
but at Christmas it always is young, the heart of the jewel
burns lustrous and fair, and its soul full of music breaks the
air, when the song of angels is sung."*

Let our minds and life be filled with joy, to share it with our family, friends, and others. Here is one of my favourite quotes from St. Mother Teresa on how to celebrate Christmas meaningfully:

*"make your house, your family, another Nazareth, where love,
peace, joy, and unity reign, for love begins at home. You must
start there and make your home a centre of love. You must be
the hope of eternal happiness to your wife, your husband, your
child, to your grandfather, your grandmother, to whoever is
connected to you."*

Christmas is the sharing and celebration of Love. God loves us through His Son, and we share His Love with everyone.

Let us welcome Jesus with a heart full of love and humility; a heart full of warmth and full of hope. Let this Christmas help us to become more united in our family, with our brothers and sisters, and to open our hearts to Jesus and His tender love.

*I wish you and your family
a Blessed, Holy, and very Merry Christmas.*



Flowers for Christmas Decorations

Donations toward our Flower Fund
are now welcome.

Donation envelopes are
available in the church foyer.



Anawim's 37th Annual Christmas Tree Fundraiser: until Dec. 21st Anawim House, 973 Caledonia Avenue.

Hours: Weekdays: 10am – 7pm

Saturdays: 10am – 3pm, Sundays: Closed

Also needed, new & gently used warm winter clothing. A decorated
donation box is in the church foyer to collect your donations.

Email: info@anawimhouse.com or phone 250-382-0283.



Christmas is a time for gratitude and giving, and we are deeply thankful for all who have generously supported the Bishop's Appeal 2024, "Sharing God's Gifts." With the end of the year fast approaching, there is still time to make a meaningful impact. Donations received or postmarked before December 31 will receive a 2024 tax receipt, and gifts will continue to be accepted into 2025. To donate, please visit <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/bishops-appeal>.

Parish Goal: \$ 44,000.00

Received: \$ 37,756.07

Number of Gifts: 123

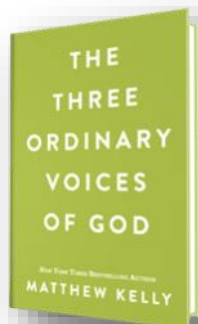
Bishop's Appeal
2024
Sharing
God's Gifts

A Christmas Gift



We thank everyone who turned up last Saturday to support the St. Vincent de Paul & Greater Victoria Concert Band's

Christmas Concert for Charity & Hope!



We thank the Marasco and Gordon Families for their kind and generous donation of

The Three Ordinary Voices of God by Matthew Kelly

Please help yourself to ONE COPY for each family, available from Christmas Eve.

Thank you for understanding.

Merry Christmas!



Society of St. Vincent de Paul



Jesus was born during the night of the year when darkness is the longest. The Saviour of the world comes for the people in dark places. The real, lasting, and deep joy is that the Light shines there.

Through your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, "Light" has shown, bringing real, lasting and deep joy to the hearts of the poor who live in dark places in our streets and neighborhood.

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

Donate online and 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".



Join us for an
Evening of Carols
Friday, 27 December at 5 p.m.

Celebrate the birth of Our Lord
carolling in different languages
as a parish community!

Children's Christmas Party



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



Join the CWL!

To all ladies of Sacred Heart Church. Renew your CWL membership for 2025 or consider joining as a new member. CWL is a gift of faith, friendship and support with an opportunity to serve God and Canada. We invite all Catholic women to join to make a difference.

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



From the Diocese

Bishop's Christmas Message

Bishop Gary Gordon has written a Christmas message. Read it at <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/news/bishop-gary-gordons-message-for-christmas-2024>



The Kitchen Needs You!

In 2024, The Soup Kitchen, operating in the basement of St. Andrew's Cathedral in Victoria, served over 40,000 nutritious meals to seniors, low-income workers, the unhoused and anyone else living at risk in our community. Volunteer-run, we rely upon donations from to fund our operation.

We graciously ask if you are able, please donate online at: thesoupkitchen.ca/donation.

Thank you for your compassion to those in need in Victoria. With gratitude and blessings during this most holy season.



Finding Room at the Inn

The final post for the Fourth Sunday of Advent is now available to read: <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/diocesanblog/making-room-today-living-the-lessons-of-the-manger>.



Opening of Jubilee Year

At the 11 am Mass on Sunday, Dec. 29, the Diocese will celebrate the opening of the Jubilee Year at St. Andrew's Cathedral with Bishop. Gary Gordon presiding. Livestream: https://youtube.com/live/RIYRc_D5e4Y?feature=share.



Journey Through Advent

Led by the Most Rev. 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 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
call 1-866-892-3737

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