

## Pentecost

... the Event of the Holy Spirit  
the descending of the Paraclete  
as Jesus is ascended into Heaven in glory  
dwelling at the right hand of the Divine Father.

When Jesus ascended into Heaven  
we gained the certainty of our divine Destiny,  
with the descending of the Holy Spirit  
we gained the certainty of never being alone.

The promise of Jesus is fulfilled by the Event of Pentecost;  
“When the Advocate comes  
whom I will send to you from the Father,  
he will testify on my behalf...  
...When the spirit of truth comes,  
he will guide you into all truth”.

The very Spirit of truth descended on the apostles  
that made possible the church to be born,  
the same church which is the continuation of Christ in history  
reaching us now in our lives.

We are now, led by the spirit,  
the very presence of Christ in the world,  
as often we are called ‘the body of Christ’;  
the sacramental church consecrating  
bread and wine into the very Body and Blood of Christ,  
who is shared among us, becoming ourselves that very presence in the world.

Let us ask the Holy Spirit to renew us in Christ  
reawakening our hearts filled with the gifts of the Spirit  
so that like fire we will shine in the world with faith and hope.



Fr. Alfie

# Pentecost Sunday

May 23, 2021

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Sunday 10:00 am

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*Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, O Lord and May Your Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them.*

Sylvette Wandler (May 4th)

Keoni Wilson (May 19th)

## FAITH FORMATION

Registration is now open for 2021/22

Faith Formation: Pre Sacrament (Ages 4 - 6)

Sacramental Preparation

(Reconciliation, First Holy Communion, Confirmation)

Franciscan Youth Group

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## Catholic Women's League

**CWL June Luncheon**

Saturday, June 12 at 1:00 pm

Contact Miriam 250-652-6252

More details to follow.



As no regular Parish Council Annual General Meeting is being held this year, we present the following:

## **Sacred Heart Parish Ministry and Group Reports - 2021**

### **SACRED HEART PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL AGM REPORT MAY 2021**

Members: Vincenza Cameron, Stan Dzbik, Jeff Kucharski, Catherine Minvielle, Oscar Perez de Tagle, Michele Ricard, Cyrille Santos, Victor Saavedra, Marilyn Bojko and Fr. Alfredo Monacelli

We all agreed at the September ZOOM meeting to meet every second month, to accommodate Fr. Alfredo's schedule as pastor of TWO parishes.

Michele suggested that we have an informal ZOOM meeting, on the alternate months, for those interested and wanted to participate, for discussion purposes only. Business meetings once every two months do not allow much time for sharing and development of ideas. All supported this strategy.

As announced in bulletins, we have had a change of bookkeeper this year. Matthew Martin resigned and new bookkeeper Erika Dalla Torre was hired. We are so grateful for Matthew's diligent service to our parish and also we are happy to welcome Erika.

We congratulate the community for supporting the Diocesan Appeal with continued generosity, throughout these challenging times. We benefited by this generosity, to enable us to carry on with much needed projects, such as buildings and grounds maintenance, as well as supporting some needs of one of our diocesan parishes, namely, St. Bernadette's Parish, located in Sayward, B.C.

We continue to commit, as Parish Council, to work together with our Pastor, Father Alfie, representing this community, in the best interests of all of us, trusting totally in the guidance of the Holy Spirit. We are grateful to administrative staff and all volunteers who so wholeheartedly keep us "together".

Please read the reports offered to us, from some of the active groups during this very different time. We look forward to gathering together as a whole, in the right time that we trust, is ahead of us soon!

Most sincerely,  
Marilyn Bojko, Chairperson

### **Report to the Parish Council on the renovation of the Memorial Garden**

Three decades ago under the pastorship of Fr. Sig Lajoie OFM, a memorial garden was established on the left side of the courtyard leading down to the lower parking lot.

Over the years the parishioners of Sacred Heart Church were offered the opportunity to plant a tree, shrub or perennial flower in memory of a deceased loved one in that garden. The space was primarily cared for by volunteers from the parish. The memorial garden grew in beauty with its rich variety of selected plants to be admired by the People of God as they approached the entrance of the church for the celebration of the Eucharist.

Today, however, this once wonderful garden is showing its age: the mature trees have overgrown the site and are hopelessly crowding out the smaller flowering plants. The site is in need of a serious remediation.

The Horticultural Centre of the Pacific provided a list of the graduates of its program. Mr. Steve Rhodes was selected and entered into a contract with the Parish. The specifics of the contract are to provide remediation of the site through pruning, clearing, mulching and the removal of garden waste. The work is scheduled for the last two weekends in May 2021.

Sincerely submitted by Mark Lemay: parishioner



Holy Family Statue donated in 2019 by Joakim Khue Nguyen & Rosa Soi Tran

## **Parish Finance Committee Report**

Financially, the parish has been holding its own in spite of the pandemic. As of the end of April, operating income was \$71,536.65 and operating expenses were \$71,179.10 – so the parish is breaking even. Thank you all for your continued support during this very trying time.

Given the restrictions on the use that can be made of the church building, it was a good time to perform badly needed and overdue maintenance. This work has been paid for from accumulated savings and is not part of the operating expenses noted above.

As more of us receive vaccines, we look forward to a time in the near future when parishioners can personally attend services once again and enjoy the benefits of this maintenance work.

Submitted by Blair P. Dwyer



## **Parish Maintenance Report – May 2021**

### **Completed Repairs and Maintenance:**

- Hot water tank replacement in the Parish Hall: \$2,562.00 – Independent Heating (Nov 24, 2020)
- Painting: \$6,557.25 – Maloney Painting (Nov 25, 2020)
- Removal of weeds/blackberries: \$2,992.50 – Bartlett Tree Experts (Dec 22, 2020)
- Gutter: \$1,396.50 (Total amount was donated back to the church) – Victoria Island Gutters (Jan 12, 2021)
- Carpet: \$46,102.13 (of which \$22,500.00 was donated back to the church) – End of the Roll (Jan 15, 2021)
- Replaced 2 front post lights (LED): \$565.29 (Jan 27, 2021)
- Window tinting in the church: \$1,648 (May 7, 2021)
- Video camera and live streaming unit: installation completed in April, 2021. Details are in the Music Ministry Report.
- Lawn mowing: We continue to use Griffin Gardening (\$200/month for approx. April to November)

### **Ongoing and Future Maintenance Items:**

- Parking lot paving: Estimates from three paving companies have been submitted. The estimates will be presented to the Parish Pastoral Committee and the Finance Committee for vetting and approval. Discussions with the Diocese of Victoria and St. Andrew's High School are also planned in order to split the costs three ways, since they also use the parking lot.
- Parking lot garden retaining wall: this wooden wall is rotting and replacement before paving needs to be considered in order to prevent having to redo the asphalt in that area.
- Garden Renewal: a project is underway, partially funded from the Diocesan Appeal and bequests to renew/beautify the gardens around the Church property. The cleanup of overgrowth has already happened and future garden upgrades will take place in stages in consultation with a professional horticulturalist.
- Pope St. John XXIII Hall requires repairs to the door, wall and window on the parking lot side. Some touch up painting for fascia trim is also required for the SPJH and for the church. Estimates for costs are underway.
- The unauthorized dumping of waste is still occurring and this is facilitated by the easy access to the property by the public.

This report compiled by Stan Dzbik on behalf of the Maintenance Committee.



*Thanks to all our volunteers who help to keep accounts, beautify, maintain, and who help to keep our parish in good operational and functional order.*



## Sacred Heart Music Ministry Report

Since March 17, 2020, with the WHO's elevation of the outbreak of COVID-19 to a pandemic, a Diocesan Directive suspended all in-church gatherings and singing. As such, cantors and musicians have not had the opportunity to provide the Music Liturgy for more than a year. I still wish to extend grateful appreciation to the ethnic communities, and to our little Sacred Heart Church Choir who continue to be dedicated to our parish. We look forward to once again celebrate the Eucharist in-person with parishioners of Sacred Heart Church once the churches are fully open and functioning again.

The Sacred Heart Church Choir currently has 16 names on the list. The Cantor / Musicians for the regular weekend Masses are:

- Saturdays at 5 pm: Arlene Salido and Rafael Oei, with one Saturday sometimes covered by the CFC Youth Choir.
- Sunday Masses are covered by Jeremy and Chantal Cote, Rafael Oei, and the Sacred Heart Church Choir.
- Major Feast Days: Sacred Heart Church Choir, led by Rafael Oei who also accompanies on the piano and organ; with occasional extra musicians joining the team.

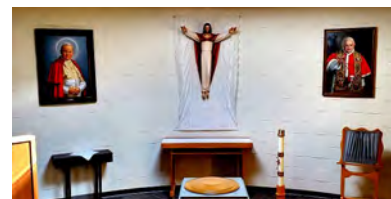
As COVID-19 caused the suspension of in-church Masses, Fr. Alfredo Monacelli began video-recording the Sunday Masses from the 2nd Sunday of Easter, 19 April 2020 – recorded and edited by Rafael Oei, and posted on the Sacred Heart Parish website, thanks to Greg Churchill. Eventually, when a partial opening of the church, Masses were video-recorded by Eduardo and Bianca Bautista, and edited by Rafael. During this period, the Masses with Music Liturgy provided by the following were:

- 9 am, Tuesdays: Angela Spencer, accompanied by Aideen Lydon or Rafael Oei
- 9 am, Thursdays: Rafael Oei
- 7 pm, Thursdays: Margaret Sasges, accompanied by Shaeleen Mihalynuk or Nicole Oei
- 5 pm, Saturdays: (recorded) Arlene Salido, accompanied by Rafael Oei
- 9 am, Sundays: Jeremy and Chantal Cote

When Masses were suspended again in December 2020, our Parish began to share online Masses with St. Joseph the Worker Parish, where Fr. Monacelli is also Pastor. During this time, Rafael represented the Sacred Heart Music Ministry for Masses that were then live-streamed from St. Joseph's.



Eventually, our Parish upgraded our audio system, and installed a video camera and live-streaming unit to allow us to transmit a video feed to the Parish Hall, and to provide a live-stream feed to the public. Thanks to an anonymous donor who donated \$4,600, and the generosity of Pacific Audio Works (PAW), the entire cost of the video and audio upgrade was kept below \$8,000 that included a donation from PAW of an audio processor to enhance the audio channels in the main church. The upgrades also included the installation of hidden microphone connections (with provisions for up to seven microphones) for the Sanctuary, and hiding all the audio cabling in and around the church.



With the upgrading of our A/V facilities, live-streaming of Masses now alternates between our Parish and St. Joseph the Worker Church. The first live-streamed Mass from our Parish was on 20 March 2021. Sharing the music liturgy for these live-streams until the church opens again are Jeremy and Chantal Cote, Arlene Salido, and Rafael Oei. A Sacred Heart Live-Stream Team was also formed to manage the video camera and streaming unit for the weekend live-streamed Masses. Thank you Buddy, Eduardo, Jeff, Kris, Nathaniel, Peter, and Stan. With the ability to live-stream the Mass during the church-closure, our Parish can now provide live-streaming of the Sacraments to families. We have since provided two families with live-streamed Funeral Masses.



Weekly hymns are selected from a list of suggested hymns published by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB), and based on the readings of the day. The mandate of the Music Ministry and the Sacred Heart Church Choir continues to be to serve and enhance the Liturgy with music, and to help encourage and motivate the congregation to fully participate in the Liturgy through singing.

## **Successes**

During this pandemic, to maintain a connection with the parish at large, the Sacred Heart Choir produced videos to wish parishioners a Merry Christmas and a Happy Easter. Although confined to our own homes, the music score was shared through the email, and choir members were able to be recorded and edited into videos that were shared with parishioners during these major Feast Days by the Parish Office. The links to the videos are:



<https://youtu.be/tTnDj8E2jdE>

<https://youtu.be/rrUrKE7LL5w>

Respectfully submitted:

Rafael Oei

Music Director, Sacred Heart Church



Polish Blessing of Food on Holy Saturday  
3 April 2021



### **Sacred Heart Faith Formation**

Faith Formation classes started in October 2020 with Pre-Sacrament, Sacramental Preparation Yrs 1 & 2, and Franciscan Youth Group which all met on Zoom. The Pre-Sacrament class consisted of 4 to 6 year olds who learnt about the Jesse Tree and the apparitions of Mary. Eleven children were confirmed by Father Alfredo in November and we have eleven more children to be hopefully confirmed in June. The Franciscan Youth Group is guided by Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si* and has monthly guest speakers who show us different ways to care for our common home. The Franciscan Youth Group were able to raise money during Lent for a cow through Chalice and donate to the homeless in Victoria as well as Mount St. Mary's hospital. I have two adult volunteers helping me with the Zoom classes, Teresa for Pre Sacrament and Marijo for the Franciscan Youth Group. In total we have 41 children enrolled in the Faith Formation program at Sacred Heart for the 2020/21 year.

Submitted by Lidia Moodie



### **"Phone Tree" Ministry Report**

With such an amazing group of volunteers, and the help of Marisa and staff from the parish office in getting the "tree" organized, it seems to be running very smoothly. Several callers keep in touch with parishioners on their list on a regular basis even if nothing new to pass on.

Submitted by Elizabeth Olcen

### **Usher's Report**

As far as ushering for Personal Sacraments, 11-1pm each Saturday, again, volunteers are quick to fill in the slots.

Submitted by Elizabeth Olcen



### **Knights of Columbus**

- \* Sponsored Special Mass (by SHC Chaplain Fr. Alfredo Monacelli) Oct. 31st, 2020 to celebrate Ven. Fr. Michael McGivney beatification at St. Joseph the Worker Parish Church
- \* Monthly SH Council Meetings (via zoom) since March 2020.
- \* Annual Charity Appeal Fundraising (2020 & 2021 Appeals) donations to local charities
- \* SH Council donation of partial scholarship for St. Andrew's HS graduate (May 202 & 2021)
- \* Dr. Oscar's Monthly KofC Lecture (by email) to Council Members & Subscribers (2020 & 2021)
- \* SH Council's Bi-Monthly Newsletter (January, March & May 2021 issues)
- \* "Flowers for Mothers" at Sacred Heart Church, Sat. May 8, 2021 (Mother's Day)

Submitted by Dr. Oscar Perez de Tagle

## **Society of St. Vincent de Paul Conference**

Sacred Heart Conference has 13 active members. Our Conference has been meeting via Zoom on an unregular schedule.

To meet COVID-19 protocols we have postponed our semi-annual Senior's Luncheon.

Our members collect food donations from our Parishioners via a grocery cart stationed in the Church lobby and deliver the proceeds to the Social Concern Office, as permitted by COVID-19 protocols.

Our members typically participate at the SCO, in Home Visits-when requested, deliver Christmas Hamper Program Gift Cards, help to organize/prepare/serve the Christmas Dinner for residents at Yates Street Housing and serve coffee after Mass. During this time of COVID-19, our members are contacting the parishioners they would typically visit in the person, as well as, contacting members of the parish ensuring any help required is provided. Direct referral for assistance made to our Parish Office have been contacted, help provided to meet the immediate need and follow up contact, as needed.

Our Conference is twinned with the Conferencea Virgin Ponderosa in Peru, we have been advised that helping their clients has become more challenging because of the Pandemic restrictions in Peru...however, they are persevering and doing what they can.

We are always very thankful to our parishioners for their generous donations of food and financial support during the year.

Respectfully submitted

Georgina Short

President, Sacred Heart Conference

## **Sacred Heart Catholic Women's League** **Annual Report for 2020**



We began the year, as most years, with our Friendship Tea in February. We had a nice turnout including members and friends. In March we had an excellent speaker focusing on nurturing our spiritual lives. And then due to COVID-19 and no in-person meetings allowed, we began to meet via zoom. April, May and June meetings included praying the rosary, followed by a book club meeting. We revitalized the phoning committee, continued with our monthly newsletter, encouraged members to phone each other, and sent emails to meet the challenges of keeping in touch.

In September, we gathered outside, at a member's home, to pray the rosary. It was a warm and gorgeous morning. The Lord was with us. In October, we were blessed and fortunate to have Fr. Alfie celebrate an in-person Mass for our council and St. Joseph the Worker's council. We used this opportunity to have our centenarian fig tree blessed. (It is CWL National's 100th year anniversary). We await the grounds clean up to choose the best location to plant it. In November we were back to zoom meetings. Our December meeting included an Advent Retreat by Fr. Alfie.

Throughout the Christmas season, we made sure we connected with all members by phone, and also by hand delivering or mailing a Christmas letter.

Respectfully submitted,  
Miriam Podmoroff



New Year Mass Pre-COVID-19 : January 2020



Mass Attendance during COVID-19 : July 2020

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