

We are the Community. We are the Church.

*Celebrating the 50th anniversary of the First Mass
at Sacred Heart Church at Nelthorpe Street
on September 5, 2015*

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January 17-18, 2015

IT'S SHOW TIME!

6:30 p.m., Saturday, 24 January 2015, Parish Hall:

"Ladies and gentlemen! The organizing committee of the year-long celebration of the 50th anniversary of the First Mass at Sacred Heart Church at Nelthorpe Street is proud to present its first 2015 event, the much-awaited Talent Show."

[Because some parishioners will be attending the 5 p.m. Saturday Mass before the show, there will be light food available — appies, snacks, baked goods — for sale by various groups/families with 50 per cent of net revenues going to the anniversary's Legacy Fund, plus free coffee courtesy of Starbucks at Saanich Place and juice and pop courtesy of Country Grocer at Royal Oak.]

Among the talents to be featured are: **Cyrille Santos; Clint Dalsin; Estelle Savage; Fr. Alfred Alilio**, our former pastor and now pastor of St. Patrick's Church in Oak Bay; **Fr. Dino Villadiego**, pastor, Holy Cross Church, Saanich; **Fr. Vincent Borre**, hospital chaplain; **Friar Dan Gurnick**, our Sacred Heart pastor; **Irene Seo; John Velasco; Laura Rincon; Liz Aquino; Matthew Moodie; Peter and Isme Liem; Sacred Heart Sacramental Prep Class; Sacred Heart Youth Group, Sara Walker; Stephanie Jung; Malvina Odrowski; Claire Yoo;** and a **Vietnamese group**. You can still be a participant. E-mail gilbert.santos24@gmail.com before January 18.



Focus on Ministries

What makes Sacred Heart Parish a vibrant and Christ-filled faith community where one can be an excited participant? Ministries! Ministries! Ministries! Lots of them. More than 35 active ones.

Our Sacred Heart Parish's mission statement emphasizes that: *"we are a caring community that reaches out to serve those who are vulnerable and marginalized, seek social justice for all people, foster spiritual growth in our parish family and educate our children in Christian values."*

How do we do this? By making a commitment to serve and give our time and talents in one of these ministries.

Read and learn about each of these ministries in the following weeks in the 50th anniversary bulletins. Then ask our Lord to lead you in finding a ministry where you can share your time and talents.

All ministries will welcome your interest and the talents that you are able to share.

This is because we take pride in being a welcoming faith community.

Liturgy Ministries:

- Altar Servers
- Environment
- Eucharistic Ministers
- Music
- Proclaimers
- Sacristan
- Ushers

Religious Education and Vocations Ministries:

- Children's Faith Formation
- Children's Liturgy
- Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults [RCIA]
- Rite of Christian Initiation for Children [RCIC]

Parish Outreach, Social Justice, and Ecumenism Ministries:

- Bereavement Support
- Catholic Christian Outreach
- Christian Charities Bazaar — Attic Treasures — Clothing Sale — Raffle
- Christian Meditation
- Craft Group
- 50th Anniversary
- Led by the Spirit
- Pastoral Care Ministry — Communion for Shut-Ins
- Prayer Line
- Social Justice/Development and Peace

- Spanish Rosary
- St. Vincent de Paul Society

Marriage, Family Life, and the Sanctity of Human Life Ministries:

- Couples for Christ
- Catholic Women's League [CWL]
- Funeral Reception
- Knights of Columbus
- Pro-Life

Youth and Young Adults Ministries:

- Youth Group
- Summer Camp

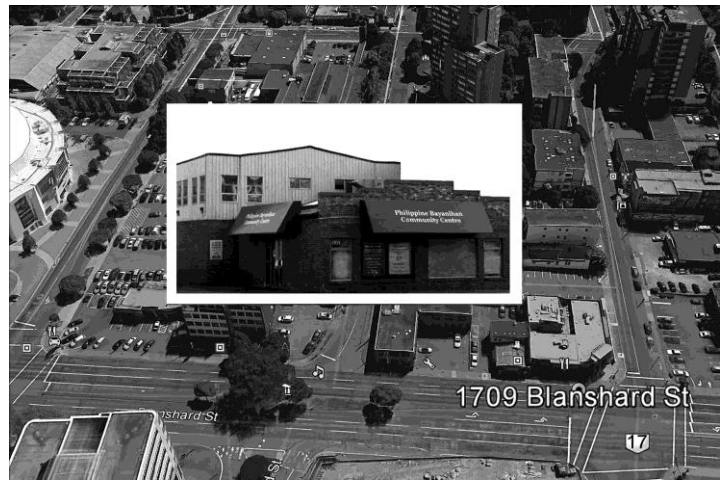
Stewardship, Administration, and Finance Ministries:

- Building and Maintenance
- Gardening Group
- Grounds
- Counters
- Finance Chair
- Journey of Hearts and Hands Appeal
- Parish Pastoral Council
- Responsible Ministry

'Feeding the Needy' night is on Friday, February 20, at the Bayanihan Community Centre at 1709 Blanshard Street

In last week's 50th Anniversary bulletin [#19], the date of the night of 'Feeding the Needy' was given as February 24. This was an error. It is on Friday, February 20.

If you would like to donate ingredients for the meal or would like to volunteer to prepare the meal, or serve the food, or clean up or provide security, please contact the co-ordinators of this parish event: **Judith Ravai** or **Bernie Shaw**.



Focus on Asia

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After his arrival in Goa in 1542, St. Francis Xavier visited the tomb of St. Thomas the Apostle in Mylapore in southern India [now part of Madras or Chennai, then in Portuguese India].

He left India in spring of 1545 for Portuguese Malacca, then in January 1546 to the Maluku Islands, where the Portuguese had some settlements.

In January 1548 he returned to Goa to attend to his responsibilities as superior of the mission there. He came to be admired for his ability to live and work side by side with the poor.

The next 15 months were occupied with various journeys and administrative measures.

He left Goa on 15 April 1549, to seek more converts and his stops included Ceylon [now Sri Lanka], the Molucca Islands, the Banda Islands and the Malay Peninsula.

On 15 August 1549, St. Xavier landed at Kagoshima, Japan, where, as he had at his other missions, adapted to local mores and arranged for the translation of religious texts.

These steps helped him reach more converts in the year and a half he spent in Japan.

His next focus was China.

He traveled to Sancian [Shangchuan] Island, near Canton [today called Guangzhou], but was not able to access the mainland because borders had been closed to foreigners.

Before he could find a way inside the country, illness incapacitated him.

He died on the island on December 3, 1552, at the age of 46.

His body was then taken to Goa where it lies to this day, without turning to dust, in a silver casket in the Church of Bom Jesus Basilica.

Though he passed away at a relatively young age, St. Xavier had accomplished much in his life.

In addition to being a founding member of the Jesuit order—the Society of Jesus was officially recognized by Pope Paul III in 1540—he baptized an estimated 30,000 people.

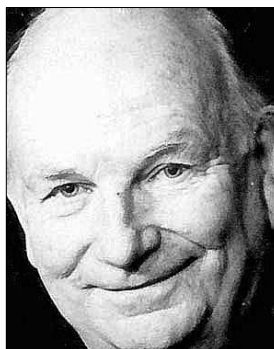
He was beatified by Pope Paul V in 1619, and canonized by Pope Gregory XV in 1622. A famed missionary himself, he is the patron saint of missionaries.

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Fr. Donal Lehane



When Parkinson's disease first afflicted Fr. Donal Lehane in 1981, he continued his ministry, until his retirement in 1985 at age 70 after 40 years as a priest.

An article in the March 2006 edition of the *Diocesan Messenger* titled 'Fr. Donal Lehane a Cheerful and Kind Priest' states that he was fortunate to meet in Victoria a new couple, George and Mary Leung, who had come from Hong Kong with their

family.

When the Leungs moved to Vancouver, he joined them a few years later.

And when he required hospital care, the family and especially a daughter, a registered nurse, Mrs. Julia Pugh, assumed responsibility for his care.

This cheerful and hopeful disciple of Christ died peacefully on December 31, 2005, at age 90, in West Vancouver.

Fr. Lehane was predeceased by his parents, Donal and Ada, and his sister, Mrs. Mary Hinds.

Prayers were held on January 5 at 7 p.m. at St. Andrew's Cathedral while the funeral Mass was celebrated by Bishop Richard Gagnon the next day at 2 p.m. at the cathedral. He was interred at Ross Bay Cemetery.