

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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February 14-15, 2015

Sacred Heart faith community hosts Friendship Dinner

"For I was hungry, and you gave me food, thirsty, and you gave me drink . . ." — Matthew 25:35

The teachings of Jesus is the raison d'être for the Friendship Dinner on Friday, February 20, at the Philippine Bayanihan Community Centre in downtown Victoria when our Sacred Heart faith community, during the lenten season, will feed some of the region's needy.

The dinner is co-ordinated by 50th Anniversary committee members **Judith Ravai** and **Bernie Shaw**, and is supported by St. Vincent de Paul Society [including our parish's chapter], parish volunteers and donors. The menu includes ham, vegetarian patties, mashed potatoes with gravy, veggies, and pies and ice cream for dessert.

Volunteers, including **Bishop Gary Gordon** and our pastor, **Friar Dan Gurnick**, OFM, will help in various tasks: prep, cook and serve the meals and set up the hall, bus, wash dishes and clean up. The parish's crafts group, led by **Elizabeth Olcen**, have sewed 12 new red aprons with a white heart from fabric donated by **Bernie Shaw**, a useful legacy for the parish.

"The kingdom of heaven will not give entrance to every man who calls me Master, Master; only to the man that does the will of my Father who is in heaven." — Matthew 7:21

Lenten Mission: March 28, 29

On Wednesday, February 18, we begin one of the church's most important seasons of the year: Lent, from the word "lencten" or spring or lengthening of days. It ends after 40 days on Holy Thursday, April 1. [Ash Wednesday Masses are at 9 a.m. and 6 p.m.]

To observe the season, Sacred Heart faith community has a lenten mission with Fr. Roger Keeler, well-known for his pastoral style of leadership and creativity.

He has been a retreat director, mission preacher, and workshop facilitator. He has an extensive background as a teacher, professor and practitioner of canon law. He also has wide experience in parish ministry, religious and liturgical education and parish and diocesan administration.

You would not want to miss hearing this speaker.

Please set the dates: Sunday, March 28, at 7 p.m. and Monday, March 29, at 7 p.m. Fr. Roger will also give the homilies during all that weekend's Masses.

Fr. Keeler was born in Edmonton and received his Bachelor of Arts degree in history from the University of Alberta, in Edmonton, his Master of Theology (Systematics) from the Newman Theological College in Edmonton, and Doctor of Canon Law (*Juris Canonici Doctor* or JCD) and PhD from Saint Paul University/University of Ottawa.



Ordained in 1984, he served at several parishes for 21 years in the Edmonton archdiocese in both urban and rural settings and worked as auditor at the Alberta Regional Tribunal.

He taught Canon Law for five years at the Newman Theological College in Edmonton and was professor of systematics for four years at St. Joseph's College of the University of Alberta in Edmonton.

He is, at present, assistant professor at the Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio, Texas

Last summer he was appointed executive director/co-ordinator of the Canon Law Society of America, one of the largest professional societies of canon lawyers worldwide.

His office publishes Roman Replies and Proceedings and is working on new handbooks on current issues, such as parish finance councils, marriage, and the lay ecclesial ministry.

He has been involved in marriage preparation since the first years of his priesthood arguing that if the church did a better job ministering to couples preparing for Christian marriage, then perhaps the work of tribunals might be lessened.

He was once quoted as stating "There is nothing in the law that says living together is an impediment to marriage. The Lord himself exhorted us not to 'break a bruised reed or quench a flickering flame' (Matthew 12:20)."

He loves parish work. In San Antonio he was "priest-in-residence" at St. Francis of Assisi Parish and is currently assisting at Assumption Parish in Washington.

50th Anniversary bulletins can be viewed at: <http://www.sacredheartvictoria.com/anniversary>

The ministry of Friar Dan Gurnick, OFM, our pastor

According to Friar Dan, the two enjoyable parts of his ministry at Sacred Heart Parish are: first, doing baptismal preparation; and, second, homily preparation and delivery.

"Since my short time at Sacred Heart Parish, I developed a power point presentation on baptism. I use this resource when doing baptismal preparation with parents," said Friar Dan.

"Baptism is a love response to God, which is celebrated each and every time we make the sign of the cross in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. What a joy and honor it is to share in this love response with parents and godparents.

"Creating the power point and meeting with parents is a wonderful reminder of the precious gift of my own baptism and the baptized around me.

"Creating a homily takes time and prayer. "It is a process of striving to break open the word of God that others can understand and apply to their daily lives.

"I try to read the Sunday scriptures early on in the week. I use various commentaries to help me better understand the scriptures. My favourites are William Barclay and the working preacher website. I also jot down notes to help with the process.

"As Sunday approaches, I sit down at the computer with only the scriptures. I let the internalized words flow out over the keyboard. I type out my homilies for two main reasons.

"The first reason is to help me put it to memory. The second reason is I email my homily to my sister, brother, mom, and a couple of friends.

"There is a lot of pressure at the keyboard, because if my homily is not emailed before Sunday, then my mom sends me a reminder email or a phone call in some cases! I have to confess that the homily delivery is usually better executed the second time. Sorry for all those who attend the 5 p.m. Saturday Mass!

"It is truly a gift to share in these two activities during my time at Sacred Heart," said Friar Dan.



Catholicism in the continents

Focus on Asia

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After Toyotomi Hideyoshi reunified Japan and he saw Christianity as a threat to national unity, he promulgated a ban on Catholicism through the "Bateren-tsuiho-rei" [the Purge Directive Order to the Jesuits] on 24 July 1587 and placed Nagasaki under his direct rule.

10 years later, 26 Christians — six European Franciscan missionaries, three Japanese Jesuits, and 17 Japanese laymen, including three young boys were executed by crucifixion in Nagasaki on February 5, 1597. They were canonized by Pope Pius IX on June 8, 1862.

Catholicism was banned in 1614 and in the mid-17th century Japan demanded the expulsion of all European missionaries and the execution of all converts. Many Christians went underground, becoming "hidden Christians." This marked the end of open Christianity in Japan.

On 10 September 1632, another 55 Christians were martyred in Nagasaki in what became known as the Great Genna Martyrdom. The Church remained without clergy and theological teaching disintegrated until the Tokugawa Shogunate came to an end on 9 November 1867. Imperial rule was restored in 1868 under Emperor Meiji and Western missionaries returned to Japan.

Today, there are approximately 509,000 Catholics in Japan — just under 0.5 per cent of the total population — in 16 dioceses, including three archdioceses.

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Our Pastors



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Fr. William Bulloch



After his ordination in 1944, Fr. Bulloch arrived in Victoria and was assigned to St. Andrew's Cathedral before being sent as curate of Nanaimo. His responsibilities included saying Mass at Wellington, Lanzville, Gabriola Island, the Catholic Youth Organization, the Cadet Corps of St. Ann's Convent School and the First Nations.

Two years later he was back at St. Andrew's Cathedral with the choir as his primary activity. But this was short-lived as the diocese's new bishop, James Michael Hill, transferred Fr. Bulloch to Qualicum Beach/Parksville, where he served for 16 years.

An additional assignment was to establish and run the St. Francis Xavier Camp on Shawnigan Lake, summer sailing camps for girls and boys. He ran the camp for several years until he realized that he was 50 years older than the youngest person at the camp and he was unable to run the camp as it should be run. So the camp was closed in the late '60s and everything was sold.

In 1964, Bishop Remi de Roo had appointed Fr. Bulloch as rector of St. Andrew's Cathedral, but after three years, because the church in Ladysmith burned to the ground, he was sent there to rebuild it. After this task done and six years in Ladysmith, he was assigned to Sacred Heart in 1973. He retired in 1976 and was elevated to monsignor on December 14, 1977.

He resided at St. Ann's residence during his twilight years and passed away on 26 November 1999.