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* *First Sunday of Advent* | 3rd December 2023 *

Weekend Masses : Christmas Season 2023



Sunday, December 24

4th Sunday of Advent

9:00 am – English

1:00 pm – Polish

Sunday, December 24

Christmas Vigil

4:30 pm – English (Children's Carolling and Pageant)

5:00 pm – English (Children's Christmas Vigil)

7:00 pm – English (Carolling)

7:30 pm – English (Christmas Vigil)

9:30 pm – Korean (Christmas Vigil)

Midnight – Polish (Christmas Vigil)

Monday, December 25

Christmas Day

8:30 am – English (Carolling)

9:00 am – English (Nativity of our Lord)

11:00 am – Syro-Malabar (Nativity of our Lord)

5:30 pm – Vietnamese (Nativity of our Lord)



Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Friday, 8 December 2023

12:05 pm Mass English followed by Adoration

3:00 pm Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Benediction

6:00 pm Mass in English

LITURGICAL YEAR B

Saturday:

Syro-Malabar (Dec. 30)

11:30 pm

English Mass

4:00 pm

Sunday:

English Mass (streamed)

9:00 am

Polish

1:00 pm

Korean

3:00 pm

Vietnamese (Dec. 17)

5:30 pm

RECONCILIATION

Saturday

3:00 pm

Weekday Masses

English

Tuesdays to Thursdays

12:05 pm

Fridays

12:05 pm

Adoration until 3 pm (Sign-up sheet, in the foyer)

Korean

Wednesdays

8:00 pm

Thursdays

10:30 am

Sacred Heart YouTube Channel

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzXJfSxennwmYIT4kPyUh6w>

The Parish Office will be closed

for the Christmas Season from
Sat, 23 Dec, 2023 to Mon, 8 Jan, 2024



A Season of Wakefulness

By Jean Allen



helping a neighbour. So many opportunities to see Jesus! You may hear his voice in a grateful "Thank you!" You may see his eyes in eyes that well up over a kindness. You may feel his arms when someone hugs you in appreciation.

Be aware, Keep alert. Stay awake. And you will see Jesus.

Welcome to Year B and welcome to Advent.

Be aware! Keep alert! Stay awake! The Gospel reads like it is simply concerned with when Christ will come again at the end of time but, in truth, Christ's words are absolutely for daily living.

We are all so distracted and distraction makes us half asleep every day. Do you go about your day in an attitude of keen expectancy? Is "Where will I encounter Jesus today?" the first thought that comes after waking up? Do you have narrow set parameters as to where you can encounter him, like at Mass or at the bible study? Do you walk into a retail store with heart wide open, looking for him in the fellow shoppers or in the cashier? Do you walk down the street consumed by thoughts of the next errand, the next bank line-up and whether you will be able to cross the street before the light changes? Or do you look at everyone you pass and say, "There he is,"?

Christ comes again every day and we continually miss him because we are not alert for the possibility of an encounter. How do we stay in a state of awareness so that we may encounter Jesus? By Loving and committing ordinary acts of kindness. We become open to Jesus when we treat those we encounter with respect and appreciation – the exact same respect and appreciation we give Jesus in our prayers.

Every one of you will commit at least one act of kindness before Christmas. It might be a hug, it might be gift box of cookies, it might be



Please pray for:

Those who have died

Ed Krakowski, Jose Remedios and Max Sequeira.

Those who are ill

Thérèse A, Jon A, Patricia Cavanagh, Darrell C, Cora C, Ludwik Dabrowski, Lesley D, Kathleen G, Richard G, Pedrito K, Marita Romero Lopez, Derek L, Lisa L, and Maria T.



Society of St. Vincent de Paul

First Sunday of Advent:

As we begin Advent we are called to "Be watchful! Be alert" waiting in joyful anticipation for the grace of Christmas to once again bless

our lives.

Your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul will help the poor to celebrate the grace of God's love this Christmas. Please make a gift and you will bring them hope!

For monetary donations, please specify that it is for the "SCO Food Pantry". Cheques: "Society of St. Vincent de Paul".

Donate online and specify Sacred Heart Parish at:

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/society-of-st-vincent-de-paul-of-vancouver-island/>.

Christmas Charity Concert with the Greater Victoria Concert Band Jr. 1 pm, Saturday, December 16 Sacred Heart Parish Hall

Come and enjoy the spirit of the season at The Christmas Charity Concert with the Greater Victoria Concert Band Jr.

Entrance is by donation.

All proceeds of this concert will go to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

Contributions to the food-bank will also be welcome.

Contributions

Pre-Authorized Debit (PAD)

If you are PAD user, please remember to complete your name and address on the Special Collection envelopes, if you would like to receive a tax receipt. Information & links are also available on our website.

Options To Donate

E-Transfer: The email to use is:
sacredheart@rcdvictoria.org

**Pre-Authorized Debit:
Automatic Debit**

(click here for the PAD form)

The PAD form is also available from the Parish Office.

Canada Helps: Online through Canada Helps

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!

Nov 25 & Nov 26, 2023

Envelopes \$ 3,010.00

Cash \$ 553.50

Total \$ 3,563.50

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

Specialty Fudges

**Deadline: Tuesday,
December 5, 2023**



Birthright is taking Orders for their delicious Specialty Fudges again this year. The packets make great stocking stuffers or gifts for the holiday table and freeze well.



Please order by **Dec 5th**. Parish office **pick-up, the week of Dec 12 to 15:** Tues to Fri, 9:30 am until 3 pm.

Please see the Birthright's Fudge poster for ordering details. Your purchase supports the pro-life pregnancy support work of Birthright Victoria.

African Aids Angels

will be on sale in the church foyer on Saturday December 16 before and after the 4 pm Mass and Sunday, December 17 before and after the 9 am Mass.

African Aids Angels are handcrafted angels made by volunteers from donated materials. These angels are sold and funds earned help to support children orphaned by the HIV virus. We help support an orphanage in South Africa and one in Zambia.



**Small angels: \$10
Large: \$25.**

We accept cash or cheques made out to "African Aids Angels".

**Thank you, in advance,
for your support.**

Marcia Thompson

The Knight's Annual Charity Appeal is now on until December 16.

Grand prize: 2023 Toyota RAV4 Hybrid

Multiple prizes and Early Bird prizes.

Tickets are \$5 each, 10 for \$25 or 50 for \$50.

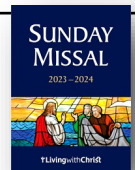
Proceeds go towards charitable causes.

www.kofccharity.ca

Please select "Victoria - Sacred Heart Parish" under organization.



2023-2024 Sunday Missals now available! \$5 each



Anawim is asking for assistance.

A collection box is now in the church foyer **THIS WEEKEND** to accept donations of **NEW CLOTHING**: items such as jeans, jackets, socks, underwear, shirts, raingear and any new items of clothes that may be used as gifts to the residents of the two houses, and guests from the drop-in program.



Anawim's Annual Christmas Tree Sale

is now ON!

At 973 Caledonia Avenue.

**Thank you for your long-term support
of Anawim.**





The Bishop's Appeal, Tapestry of Faith, is still accepting 2023 donations. Please consider making a financial commitment to the Bishop's Annual Appeal. Not only are you helping our parish, but you are making a real difference to our greater Diocesan faith community, our religious leaders, and Local Mission Parishes.

Reaching our parish goal also means that the parish will retain \$8,800.00 for our own project.

Please give prayerful consideration towards our Appeal and know that you are making a difference
<https://www.rcdvictoria.org/bishops-appeal>

Parish Project: *New benches and more lighting in darker areas.* **Parish Goal: \$44,000.00 Actual: \$24,354.31 Pledges: 113**



From the Diocese

Journey through Advent

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops is once again presenting the "Journey through Advent" video series. This year's presenter, the Most Rev. Jon Hansen, CSsR, Bishop of Mackenzie-Fort Smith, will offer a reflection on Scriptures for each Sunday of Advent 2023.



To view the videos, please visit

<https://www.cccb.ca/evangelization-catechesis-catholic-education/video-resources/journey-through-advent/>

The CCCB Office for Family & Life

is pleased to share a recording of the webinar "Concrete Ways to Renew Practices in Family Holiness".

The webinar, which was offered in June, featured Msgr. Philippe Bordeyne, President of the Pontifical John Paul II Theological Institute for Marriage & Family Sciences in Rome.

The recording is on the CCCB YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QGsBidBUhtU>.

The PDF of the slides used in this presentation are on

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1LYDtOKNYWQaZnltDAW5L9hq_WvZwNMhH.

Statement by the

**Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops
on the Non-Permissibility of Euthanasia and Assisted
Suicide within Canadian Health Organizations with a
Catholic Identity**

<https://www.cccb.ca/media-release/statement-by-the-canadian-conference-of-catholic-bishops-on-the-non-permissibility-of-euthanasia-and-assisted-suicide-within-canadian-health-organizations-with-a-catholic-identity/>

ARBUTUS SINGERS CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Wednesday, December 6, 2023

7:30 pm to 8:30 pm

St. Patrick's Parish, 2060 Haultain Street, Victoria

Join the Arbutus Singers for a fun-filled start to the Christmas season. Song selections include Feliz Navidad, Don't Save It All For Christmas, Heaven Everywhere, and Song for a Winter's Night.

**Tickets: \$20 each, \$50 Family Pack
Purchase from an Arbutus Singers member
or call Julie at 250-384-2840**

Proceeds will support Choir Kids.

The Epiphany of the Liturgy: Welcoming the Closeness of God

St. Joseph the Worker Church | January 5 & 6, 2024

This free conference is an opportunity to enter into a richer experience of the Trinity in our Eucharistic Celebrations, and will be valuable both for those who serve in liturgical ministries and those who participate in the assembly. The presenters will be Dr. Glenn Byer and Dr. David Pitt, liturgical and musical educators at Catholic colleges in the U.S.

The workshops are on:

Friday, January 5 from 7:00 to 9:30 pm

Saturday, January 6 from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm.

For more information and to register please visit:

<https://EpiphanyLiturgyConference.eventbrite.com>

For assistance in registering, please mail
mgwyn@rcdvictoria.org or call 250-479-1331 ext 227.



Advent Carol Service

St. Patrick's School invites all to join them for an Advent Carol Service on Tuesday, December 12th, 6:00 pm at St. Andrew's Cathedral in Victoria (740 View Street).

Simbang Gabi Sa Victoria

St. Andrew's Cathedral

Celebrate the Filipino tradition of devotional Mass in preparation for the birth of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.



December 15, 7:30 pm
December 16 and 17, 5:00 pm
December 18 to 22, 7:30 pm
December 23, 5:00 pm



Rite Relations:

**Developments in Indigenous
Catholic Leadership and Unity**

Star of the North Retreat Centre has shared a video of "Rite Relations: Developments in Indigenous Catholic Leadership and Unity". The presenter of this talk, which they hosted earlier in the year, is Noah MacDonald - a Canon Lawyer with the Archdiocese of Toronto, a proud Anishinaabe member of Michipicoten First Nation, and an advocate for the rights and leadership of Indigenous Catholics.

To view the video, please visit

<https://vimeo.com/starofthenorth/rite-relations?share=copy>

Enter the password "Star".



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Saturday, 2 December, 4 pm

Altar Servers : Daisy, Mara, Rachel
Proclaimers : Catherine M, Margaret S
EMCs : Marilyn T
Ushers : Stella L, Daniel L
Music : Arlene S, Rafael O

Sunday, 3 December, 9 am

Altar Servers : Mariah, Gabby
Pio, Elias
Proclaimers : Sue L, Helen M
EMCs : Ken N, Rose N
Ushers : Colleen MN, Lisa S
Music : Sacred Heart Choir, Rafael O

Thank you to all our volunteers

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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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