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* **Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time | 5th November 2023** *

Welcome
to
Sacred Heart Parish
Fr. Jan Grotkowski, SDS!

Wednesday, November 1st, 2023

Installation

**by Most Reverend Gary Gordon,
9 a.m. Mass, Sunday, November 5th 2023**



"I wish to thank the Executive Committee of Sacred Heart, the priests, and all the ministries who helped to sustain and continue the celebration of the liturgies and pastoral care in Sacred Heart Parish in the absence of a pastor. I look forward to working with such a faithful and dedicated team of parishioners."

Fr. Jan Grotkowski, SDS, was born and raised in Mikolow, Poland. At age 19, he entered the Seminary for the Salvatorian Fathers of the Divine Saviour and was ordained a priest in 1989.

In 2007, his Superior sent him to Halifax, Nova Scotia where he served at St. Mary's Basilica. In 2008, he was appointed Pastor and Administrator of the Good Shepherd Pastoral Unit, the parishes of St. Paul and St. Anthony, and of St. Faustina's Polish Mission. After five years in Halifax, Fr. Jan was appointed Pastor of St. Patrick's Parish, Campbell River.

On 1st November 2023, Fr. Jan officially began his appointment as Pastor of Sacred Heart. In his own words, "there is no you and me; there is only us."

We are very grateful and happily welcome Fr. Jan as Pastor of Sacred Heart.

Looking at the Right Place

By Jean Allen



Everybody wants to feel important. It's human nature. It is gratifying to be respected and appreciated and it feels good to be put on a pedestal at least once in our lives.

None of these things are bad in themselves but in today's Gospel, Jesus is very clearly saying that if we get hooked on respect and admiration and like the view from up on the pedestal too much, there is great danger and he points out that many of the religious leaders had succumbed to being addicted to status and admiration to such a degree that they completely lost sight of the point of their mission, which was to be the face of God and the heart of God to the people.

There is nothing wrong with a priest being called 'Father'. Jesus wasn't just quibbling over words. What is wrong is when men and women seek higher positions to feed their own egos, when they seek the title rather than the calling. And the calling, no matter what, is to serve. The disciples themselves struggled with this understanding as they argued who would sit at the right hand of Christ and got offended when someone other than them was using the name of Jesus to cast out demons. They didn't like their territories being invaded and they were jealous of their positions.

They just didn't know yet that the only one who could fill up the desires of their hearts to be respected and approved of was God. If you don't know that God holds you in great esteem and loves you for exactly who you are, where you are, you can spend your whole life grasping for approval and respect and, no

matter what kinds of lofty positions you attain, it will never be enough. Never. Be. Enough. Only the deep compassion and love of God can fill the last aching abyss of the human heart.

To seek it anywhere else is such a waste of time...and of you.

**SUNDAY
MISSAL**

2023 - 2024



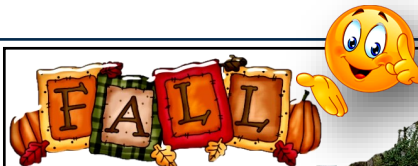
Living with Christ

**2023-2024
Sunday
Missals
now available!**

\$5 each



Remember to
turn the clock
back an hour
this Sunday...



**Clean-up
Saturday**

**18 November
9 am to 12 pm**

**Sign-up in the church foyer
to cater for refreshments...**





Please pray for:

Those who have died

Jaime Aherrera, Barbara Adamowski,
Dominica Sinja Kim

Those who are ill

Thérèse Akouri, Jon A, Darrell C, Cora C,
Lesley D, Kathleen G, Richard G, Azaryah H, Pedrito K,
Derek L, Lisa Laidlaw, Maria T, and Bob Ward.



Eternal Rest Grant Unto

Dominica Sinja Kim
(October 28, 2023)

Barbara Adamowski
(October 7, 2023)

*O Lord, and let Perpetual Light Shine Upon them.
May their souls rest in peace. Amen.*

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

Grand prize: 2023 Toyota RAV4 Hybrid

Multiple prizes and Early Bird prizes to be won.
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.



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!

Oct 28 & Oct 29, 2023

Envelopes \$ 1,575.00

Cash \$ 401.26

Total \$ 1,976.25

October 2023

E-transfers \$ 1,105.00

PAD \$ 6,160.00

Canada Helps \$ 858.11

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

LITURGICAL YEAR A

Saturday:

Syro-Malabar (please call the office) **12:00 pm**
English Mass **4:00 pm**

Sunday:

English Mass (streamed) **9:00 am**
Polish **1:00 pm**
Korean **3:00 pm**
Vietnamese (1st & 3rd Sun) **5:30 pm**

RECONCILIATION

Saturday **3:00 pm**

Sacred Heart YouTube Channel

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

Join us to welcome our new Pastor



Fr. Jan Grotkowski, SDS

on Sunday, 12 November after the 9 am Mass
at the Knights of Columbus'

Pancake Breakfast!

**Donations to help cover the costs
will be accepted.**



We thank everyone who came to support the CWL Community Garage Sale, Saturday, November 4th Join the CWL!

Now, the Catholic Women's League (CWL) is calling all
women of the parish to join or renew their membership in
the month of November.

Join the largest national organization of Catholic women
who grow in faith and witness to the love of God through
ministry and service in our parish and abroad.

For more information see <https://cwl.ca>
or contact Denise Owen
250-580-0066 | deniseowen@shaw.ca

Birtheright 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** for parish office **pick-up the week of Dec 12-15**. Parish
Office hours are Tuesday – Friday 9:30 AM – 2PM.

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



Pilgrimage to Mexico

Feb 23 to Mar 1, 2024

8 days, \$3,390.00 (inc. taxes & tips)

Fr. Dean Henderson

Pastor, Our Lady of the Rosary, Langford

For more information: 877-999-8868

Stan: ext. 339 or 647-463-9057, stan@ihtours.com

Liliana: ext. 324, liliana@ihtours.com



If you have not contributed to the Appeal, we continue to ask you to please consider making a financial commitment this week. You will be helping our parish, while making a difference to our greater Diocesan faith community, including our Local Mission Parishes. Through your commitment and efforts, we will be able to contribute to the weaving of our own unique tapestry of faith here in our parish.

Reaching our parish goal also means that the parish will retain \$ 35,200.00 for our own project.

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

Parish Project: *New benches and more lighting in darker areas.* **Parish Goal: \$44,000.00 Actual: \$6,605.00 Pledges: 32**



From the Diocese



Mass of Remembrance Tues. 14 Nov at 12 pm

On Tuesday, November 14, Bp. Gary will celebrate a Mass of Remembrance for the clergy and religious who served in our Diocese who have died in the past year.

All are invited to participate, at St. Andrew's Cathedral, or via the Diocesan livestream:
<https://www.youtube.com/@RCDVictoriaLiveOne>

Like to Cook? The Soup Kitchen Needs You!

For 40 years, The Soup Kitchen in the basement of St. Andrew's Cathedral has been a comfort and a lifeline for the downtown community.

We are looking for a Wednesday morning cook to prepare our nutritious soup in a 70-litre commercial kettle for up to 150 diners. The hours are 4 am to 6 am. Duties include making the soup with precut ingredients and cleanup. Onsite training is provided. A current Food Safe Certificate is required, paid for by The Soup Kitchen. Please contact Sheila Connelly 250-216-7249.



2023 Diocesan Faith Day

Saturday, November 25, 8:30 am to 3:30 pm
St. Edward's Church in Duncan | Guest Speaker: Leah Perrault

Theme: "Serving with Spirit: Transformation from the inside out". All are invited to join us for a day of learning as we consider how the Holy Spirit leads us within a changing church and world.

For more information and to register please visit
<https://DioConferenceServewithSpirit.eventbrite.com>



CISDV AGM Wednesday, November 22

At this coming Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Catholic Independent Schools Diocese of Victoria (CISDV), a private ballot election for two positions to the CISDV Board of Directors will be held. Each position is a three-year term. Nomination forms may be requested from schools@cisdv.bc.ca, completed and sent to the Nomination Committee no later than **Fri., Nov. 10** to schools@cisdv.bc.ca.

Potential Board Members must meet the following requirements:

- Be a practising Catholic and an active member of a Catholic Parish in the Diocese of Victoria.
- Not be an employee of the CISDV, an immediate relative of an employee of the CISDV, nor a student of a school under the jurisdiction of CISDV.

Read and understand the constitution and bylaws, policies 200 and 201 and the method of election. Have a signed nomination form which includes two sponsors and Parish Priest.

For further information, contact the Island Catholic Schools office at 250-727-6893.

World Day of the Poor November 19



Pope Francis invites us to celebrate the World Day of the Poor each year. The theme this year is "Do not turn your face away from anyone who is poor."

According to the Government of Canada, one in 10 Canadians live below the poverty line. For 175 years, thanks to the generosity of parishioners, the Society of Saint-Vincent de Paul has helped FEED, CLOTHE, HOUSE and HEAL those less fortunate in our communities.

Please be generous and bring non-perishable high protein food to put in our food basket at the back of the church or make a financial contribution at <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/society-of-st-vincent-de-paul-of-vancouver-island/>



Care for the Dying

November is traditionally a time to remember those who have died. The Diocesan Health Care Committee is pleased to share a new "Care of the Dying" webpage: <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/care-of-the-dying> that includes a short

video introducing the CCCB's "Horizons of Hope: A Toolkit for Catholic Parishes on Palliative Care" and a link to download the toolkit and many other valuable resources.

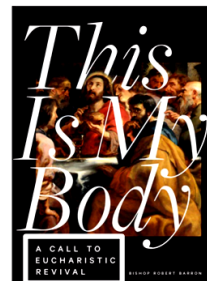
Parishes and communities are encouraged to use the "Horizons of Hope Toolkit" to facilitate gatherings to explore palliative care in the context of a prayerful, caring community.

For more information and assistance, please contact Joelle Dressler, Director of Faith Formation and Evangelization, at jdressler@rcdvictoria.org or 250-479-1331 ext 230

Discover the Miracle of The Mass & The Holy Eucharist

Help Our Lady of the Rosary build a new church. Book offered **by donation** that will go into **OLOR's Building Fund**

To order a copy please contact Nancy at nvanaya@gmail.com or text 604-442-2473.



7th Annual Franciscan Fine Arts & Poster Contest 2023

Children and youth are invited to participate in the 7th Franciscans of Western Canada's Fine Arts & Poster Contest. The theme this year is "The Greccio Nativity Scene", to celebrate the story of St. Francis of Assisi creating the first nativity scene 800 years ago. Entries must be postmarked "Wednesday, November 15".

For more information and the contest entry form, please visit <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1PFWW1T3uUKV1yoGmOBPCGYx0JoCdmsPo>

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL 2023 / 2024

Marilyn Bojko (Chair) Jim Haffey
Peter Martin Jeremy Côté
Rick Perez de Tagle Edgar Tan Jr.
Samantha Sherman Will Podmoroff

OUR MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS

Saturday, 4 November, 4 pm

Altar Servers : Daisy, Mariah, Gabby
Sarah Rachel
Proclaimers : Catherine M, Margaret S
EMCs : Ruby R
Ushers : Marisa T
Music : Arlene S, Rafael O

Sunday, 5 November, 9 am

Altar Servers : Pio, Elias, Mara, Matthew
Proclaimers : Angela S, Sue L
EMCs : Rose N, Ken N
Ushers : Isme L, Lynda T
Music : Sacred Heart Choir, Rafael O

*Thank you for your service to the Lord, and
our Parish Community.*

TO REPORT SEXUAL ABUSE TO AN INDEPENDENT AGENCY

To report sexual abuse by a clergy member,
religious, employee, or volunteer, visit
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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Proclaimers
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