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* 5th Sunday of Lent | 6 April 2025 *



Jesus:1 Pharisees:0

By Jean Allen

The Pharisees said, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery." What's interesting about this line is that the Law of Moses commanded that both the man and the woman caught in adultery be stoned. So, where was the man in this scenario? The act of bringing just the woman for judgement showed the Pharisees' hypocrisy. They were more interested in

trapping Jesus than enacting true justice according to the law. They may also have been more biased against the woman than against the man. Or maybe it was one of them who committed adultery with the woman. Jesus, of course, immediately saw their hypocrisy and knew they weren't concerned about the law; they were only concerned about undermining his ministry.

What did Jesus write on the ground? Nobody knows but it may well have been the name of the man who had been caught as well. Perhaps he was even in the crowd. Jesus didn't just expose their self-righteous, hypocritical and judgemental attitudes; he exposed their complete failure to uphold the full law of Moses they were claiming to defend. He exposed their moral turpitude and totally undermined their authority as men of the Law.

And then, when they had all gone away, he demonstrated not the Law of Moses, but the Law of his Father: the law of compassion, mercy and transformation. That woman could not have left the scene unmoved. She had been shown the distinct difference between the law of the Old Covenant and the statutes of the New Covenant; she had been saved by love and set free by forgiveness. Transformation was given as a gift from God.

So, not only did the Pharisees screw up in the eyes of the Law, their actions ultimately proved life-giving to the woman.

It's true: God always writes straight with crooked lines.



*A Heartfelt Grateful Thank You
to Fr. Dean Henderson,
for leading us on a most wonderful Lenten Mission
Retreat here at Sacred Heart Church on the topic*

The Joyful Hope of the Gospel

*Thank You, also, to everyone who attended
and for making it meaningful and successful.*

Calling all able-bodied parishioners!

Join Bishop Gary
Saturday, April 26 from 9 am
to pull out the roots
of the invasive blackberry bushes
from our parish grounds.
Please bring your boots, shovels,
and gardening equipment.

The Restoration Of Notre-Dame De Paris

by Philippe VILLENEUVE,
Lead Chief Architect
Tuesday, April 8 at 6 p.m.
Doors open at 5:30 p.m.
Christ Church Cathedral,
911 Quadra Street

This is a Fundraiser talk and video presentation with a question period.

LITURGICAL YEAR C

Saturday:

English Mass (Anticipated Sunday Mass) 4:00 pm
Syro-Malabar Rite (except 1st Sat) 7:00 pm

Sunday:

English Mass 9:00 am
Syro-Malabar Rite Mass 11:00 am
Korean 3:00 pm
Vietnamese (1st and 3rd Sundays) 5:30 pm

RECONCILIATION

Friday (during Lent) 5:15 pm to 6:00 pm
Saturday 3:00 pm to 3:45 pm
Sunday 8:15 am to 8:45 am

Weekday Masses English Masses

Tuesday 7:00 pm
Wednesday 11:00 am
Thursday 11:00 am
Friday Adoration 5:00 pm
Benediction 6:15 pm
Stations of the Cross 6:30 pm
Mass 7:00 pm

Korean Masses

Wednesdays 7:30 pm
Thursdays 10:00 am

Parish Office Hours

Tuesdays to Fridays
9:30 am to 3:00 pm

Closed: Saturdays, Sundays, and Mondays.

If you would like to register or volunteer for a Ministry, please send an email to sacredheart@rcdvictoria.org

For Baptism, Marriage, Funerals, and Anointing of the Sick

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Sacred Heart Parish Website >

For your convenience, QR codes are now located around the church.



Spring CLEAN UP
Next Saturday, April 12
9 am to 12 pm
The sign-up sheet
is in the foyer of the church.



Please pray for:

Those who have died

Mary-Lee Alexander, Mary Jane Coogan,
Joe Snr. & Joe Jnr. Delima, Joseph & Mary Moreau,
Bill, Bruce & Marian van Munster, Crestiano & Antonio Pimentel,
Carlos Pimentel, Josin Remedios, Franca Rinaldo,
Cissy Sequeira, & Conceicao Soares.

Those who are ill

Skarlet, Jon A, Patricia C, Cora C, Lesley D, Kathleen G,
Gwen J, Derek L, Lisa L, Diane L, Edvige P, Will Pontes,
Isabella Rama, Dino Rinaldo, Davide R, Gaspar S, Valerie S,
Cathy T, Maria T, and Ornella T.



Eternal Rest Grant Unto

Franca Rinaldo (24 Mar 2025)

Funeral Mass, 12 p.m., Wednesday, 9 Apr 2025

O Lord, and let Perpetual Light Shine Upon them.

May their souls rest in peace. Amen.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul



In today's Gospel, Jesus is the model of compassion and kindness. He shows us how to be merciful and non-judgmental. When we give to the poor, God indeed pours his love, peace and mercy into our hearts and into the hearts of those suffering in poverty. Please remember to support the Society of St. Vincent de Paul

so that together we can continue to bring comfort and peace to our brothers and sisters who are poor and suffering.

Donate online: specify "Sacred Heart Parish"
https://give-can.keela.co/ssvp_donation_form

All cheques: "Society of St. Vincent de Paul".

To join the Society, please contact Georgina:
mgvshort@telus.net or call 250-727-2615



Options to Donate

E-Transfer:

The email to use is sacredheart@rcdvictoria.org

Pre-Authorized Debit (PAD)

Automatic Debit Form:

<https://sacredheartvictoria.com/docs/PAD%20form%202020.pdf>

The PAD form is also available from the Parish Office.

If you use the Special Collection Envelopes, please remember to complete your name and address on those envelopes to receive a tax receipt. Information and links are also available on our website.

Canada Helps

Donations through Canada Helps.

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/47781>

This is the new QR code for donations: also on display around the church for your convenience.

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!

March 29 & March 30, 2025

Envelopes \$ 3,157.00

Cash \$ 422.50

Total \$ 3,579.50

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

Fr. Shijo's Homilies
are available on our Parish Website
<https://sacredheartvictoria.com/sacred-heart-homilies.html>



Covering the images & statues from the Fifth Sunday of Lent

From the General Instruction of the Roman Missal, and the Ordo:

"In the Dioceses of Canada, the practice of covering crosses and images throughout the church from this Sunday onward may be observed. Crosses remain covered until the end of the celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday. They are uncovered at the beginning of the Easter Vigil."



The last two weeks in the season of Lent are called "Passiontide", beginning on the Fifth Sunday of Lent. This is when parishes around Canada have the crucifix, and other statues and images in the church veiled with a purple cloth. Why is this observed?

Firstly: the veils alert us to the special time we are in. When we walk into church and notice everything is covered, we know that something is different. Through this absence of images, our senses are heightened to be more aware of what is missing. Also, by not singing the "Alleluia" during Lent, it reflects being in exile from our true Home, where angels sing Alleluia without ceasing. The veiling of images also alerts us to prepare for the celebration of the Sacred Triduum: the three-day celebration of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Vigil as one long liturgical celebration. Hence at the end of Mass on Holy Thursday, we sing the *Pange Lingua* in procession to the Altar of Repose (representing the Agony in the Garden), that links to the Good Friday Service and the crucifixion of our Lord. Good Friday ends with the congregation leaving in silence, in reverence after our Lord has been laid in the tomb. The Triduum continues on Holy Saturday with its triumphant conclusion during the Easter Vigil with the new Paschal Candle being blessed and lit. We recall the fulfilment of God's Covenant in Jesus, proclaimed in the seven Scripture Readings tracing God's saving hand over the Israelites and the Messianic prophecies.

Secondly: covering the images help us to focus our attention on the words being said during Mass. As we listen to the Readings and the Passion narrative, we focus on the striking words in the Gospel and truly participate in the Lord's Passion.

Thirdly: the Church uses the veils to produce a heightened sense of anticipation for Easter. This is enhanced when you attend daily Mass and see the veils each day. Finally, when the images are unveiled before Easter Vigil, we are reminded that we, in a sense, live in a veiled world. It is through our death, and Christ's Resurrection, that the veil is lifted and we see our true home.

The first unveiling occurs on Good Friday, when the cross with the figure of the crucified Christ is revealed for the Veneration of the Cross. This is also the big reveal that is echoed when the curtain of the Temple was torn in two to reveal the Holy of Holies: the once hidden Sacred Sanctuary of God in the Temple.

Historically in some places, the images and statues are removed from the church and not simply veiled. Crosses are unveiled after the Good Friday ceremonies. All other images are unveiled shortly before the Mass of the Easter Vigil. Neither the Stations of the Cross nor stained glass windows are ever veiled.

For analogous motives, in the Middle Ages, the images of crosses and saints were also covered from the start of Lent. The rule of limiting this veiling to Passiontide came later and is not mentioned until the publication of the Bishops' Ceremonial of the 17th century.

The veiling of images probably derived from a custom in Germany from the ninth century: extending a large cloth before the altar from the beginning of Lent. This cloth called "Hungertuch" (hunger cloth) hid the altar entirely and was not removed until during the reading of the Passion at the words "the veil of the temple was rent in two", reflecting the veiling of the altar or "Holy of Holies" to be shielded from view until all are reconciled to God at Easter.

Another reason for the practice of veiling was that the often-illiterate faithful at the time, needed a visible and visual way to

know it was Lent. It may also be a remnant of an ancient practice of public penance when penitents are ritually expelled from church at the beginning of Lent. This later evolved into symbolically entering into the order of penitents by receiving ashes on Ash Wednesday.

[Online accessed 1 April 2025:
<https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/library/covering-of-crosses-and-images-in-lent-4938>



Solidarity Sunday

This Lent, please give generously

This Solidarity Sunday, Development and Peace: Caritas Canada's "Turn Debt into Hope" campaign invites you to give generously. "... the shared hope that we can bring about lasting change through solidarity and love." (Most Rev. Jorge Izaguirre, Bishop of Chosica, outgoing president of CEAS)

Help create hope for and fulfil the dreams of the communities we support in the Global South by giving to your Share Lent parish collection or online at devp.org/give. Thank you for your solidarity!

Next "Cor" Meeting

7:30 pm Tuesday, April 8, Pope John Hall

The Knights of Columbus Sacred Heart Council invites all men to their next "Cor" gathering with the topic "Divine Mercy and The Sacrament of Confession".

All Knights, male parishioners and friends are welcome to attend.



Our first week of photographs is complete! We are off to a good start for our 2025 60th Anniversary Directory!

BEFORE EASTER, and the week AFTER EASTER, we hope to fill vacant spots on the schedule, Monday April 28 - Saturday May 3.

To make an appointment, see us at the table before or after the, Saturday 4 pm and Sunday 9 am Mass. Or phone Marilyn Bojko at 250-361-4393 or 250-880-1442.

Holy Week 2025

Saturday, April 12 | Passion (Palm) Sunday

4:00 pm – Anticipated Mass (English)

Sunday, April 13 | Passion (Palm) Sunday

9:00 am – English

11:00 pm – Syro-Malabar Rite

3:00 pm – Korean



The Holy Triduum

Thursday, April 17 | Holy (Maundy) Thursday

7:00 pm – Mass (English / Korean)

9:00 pm – Syro-Malabar Rite

Until Midnight:

Adoration at the Altar of Repose (Parish Hall)

Friday, April 18 | Good Friday

9:00 am – Syro-Malabar Rite

2:30 pm – Stations of the Cross

3:00 pm – Good Friday Service (English)

6:30 pm – Korean Stations of the Cross

7:00 pm – Korean Good Friday Service



Saturday, April 19 | Holy Saturday

7:00 pm – Easter Vigil (English)

9:30 pm – Easter Vigil (Korean)

11:59 pm – Syro-Malabar Rite

Sunday, April 20 | Easter Sunday

9:00 am – English Mass

3:00 pm – Korean Mass

5:30 pm – Vietnamese Mass



From the Diocese

CHRISM MASS

Diocese of Victoria will celebrate the annual Chrism Mass at St. Andrew's Cathedral at 7 pm on Thursday, April 10, 2025.



Employment Opportunity ~ Chancellor ~

The Chancellor coordinates the internal operations and administrative affairs of the Diocese, and fosters the communion essential to the Catholic faith through dialogue, communication, and relationship building. The full job posting may be viewed at <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/employment>.



Garry Oak Restoration

Join the ecological restoration team! The group meets every second and fourth Saturday of the month until November from 1 pm outside the Diocesan Pastoral Centre, to remove Scotch broom, English ivy and Himalayan blackberry in preparation for planting/seeding native wildflower meadow. Please bring gloves, water and safety glasses. Tools will be supplied. Hope to see you there!

The Kitchen Needs You!

Urgently Needed! Volunteers to prepare our fresh daily soups for The Soup Kitchen, located in the basement of St. Andrew's Cathedral.

Please contact Sheila Connelly:
250.598.4339 to find out more.

The Soup Kitchen – Feeding Community



Bishop Thomas J. Lobsinger, OMI Memorial Bursary Program

Applications accepted until Jun 30, 2025.

The Terms of Reference:

<https://kofcbc.org/bursary-program-2025/>

Requests for application should be addressed to:

Christopher Chen – State Bursary Chairman
Knights of Columbus BC Charity Foundation
#333 – 1231 Pacific Boulevard, Vancouver, B.C. V6Z-0E2

Or email: chrischen.kofcb@gmail.com



Mass

for Health Care Workers

11:00 am, Sunday, April 6

St. Patrick's Church, Haultain Street

Bishop Gary Gordon will celebrate a special Mass in honour of the dedication of those who work and volunteer in health care.

All are invited to celebrate either in person or via livestream at www.youtube.com/live/Lt2E0lhxlw4.

A Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast will follow after Mass!

St. Andrew's High School Presents

How to Get Away with a Murder Mystery

Spectrum Theatre, 957 Burnside Rd W,

Tickets at Eventbrite.ca | scan the QR >

April 24, 25, 26 2025, from 7:00–8:00 pm*

April 26, 2025, from 2:00–3:00 pm*

*Doors open 30 minutes before start time

Bring cash for concession and merchandise!



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To report sexual abuse or cover-up by a Catholic Bishop, visit [BishopReportingSystem.ca](https://www.bishopreportingsystem.ca) or call 1-866-892-3737

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