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Mass: Saturday Live-Streamed at 6:00pm

[Please click here for the link to the live-streamed Mass on our website](#)

or on YouTube at

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9tUalZDIFwILV1imrPkNKg>

Mass: with the Bishop Live-Streamed

<https://www.youtube.com/c/RCDVictoriaLiveOne>

Sunday 10:00 am
 Monday to Friday 7:00 pm

Please be advised that all in-person Masses in church remain suspended until further notice. We will keep you updated when we receive new directives from the Bishop and/or the Ministry of Health of B.C.

The parish office remains open during regular hours of operation.

Tuesday - Friday: 9:30 am to 3:00 pm

Masks are required before entering the premises.

Fr. Alfie is available for personal Sacraments in the church every Saturday from 11 am to 1 pm

***** Please sign in at the door *****

Please observe COVID-19 restrictions and safety protocols when you arrive.

The church is limited to a max of 10 persons at all times.

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THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

**An Acceptable Sacrifice**

In Mark's version of The Cleansing of the Temple, he added that Jesus "*did not allow anyone to carry anything through the temple.*" The Greek word there for 'anything' is 'skeous', meaning vessel, the same word that is found in 1 Kings to describe the sacred vessels of the Temple. These vessels carried oil, hot cinders from the sacred fires and the meat of the sacrificed animals for consumption by the worshipper.

Jesus was seriously against the Temple sacrifices and in this scripture he was not only clearing out the commercial activity; he was also temporarily but completely interrupting the Temple sacrifices. No animals plus no vessels equals no sacrifice.

Why? What was wrong with animals and birds being slain on the altar for the sins of the people? The problem was, it didn't work and was anathema to God. It totally distorted the understanding of God's nature of love and forgiveness. He continually told his prophets, "I want mercy, not sacrifice!" but the Israelites did not get it. They believed God required blood in order to be appeased and Jesus came to dispel that notion once and for all. He became the bloody victim to end bloody victims. He came so that we can freely enter in to the house of our Father to pray, have relationship and receive mercy freely so we can give mercy freely.

Jesus' death and resurrection changed the meaning of sacrifice. Where it once meant a sacred and bloody death of another to save oneself, it now means a free will self-giving to save another. We might think that sacrifice like the Israelites practiced is just an obsolete ritual but we can't claim that there aren't times when we will throw someone else under the bus to save ourselves. Anger, resentments and non-forgiveness are the new ways to sacrifice others to save ourselves, to save our egos, our desires and our senses of self-righteousness and justification. The blood that's spilled is the lifeblood of another's heart.

Our Lenten sacrifices are not what make us acceptable to God. We're already acceptable. But God's heart is blessed when we sacrifice on behalf of others in need of God's – and our - mercy.

Start with your family.

Jean Allen

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Please pray for Helen, Xavier, Paul, Ethan, Lucille, Uriah, Mariah, Rachel, and Logan who have received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the **first time on March 6th.**

FROM THE DIOCESE

Save the date for a Special Mass in honour of all health workers courageously providing care throughout the pandemic. Join Bishop Gary Gordon virtually at 7:00 pm, St. Andrew's Cathedral, at: <https://www.youtube.com/c/RCDVictoriaLiveOne> on Friday, March 19, the Solemnity of Saint Joseph, the Patron Saint of Canada.

Please find below links to the latest Diocesan Blog posts featuring St. Rose of Lima Parish and the introduction of a new addition to the Bishop's little family:

- St. Rose of Lima Parish (Sooke) – A true beauty!

<https://www.rcdvictoria.org/diocesanblog/st.-rose-of-lima-parish-sooke-a-true-beauty>

- Meet Taku! <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/diocesanblog/meet-taku>

Stations of the Cross

Through Zoom at 12 pm every Friday,
from February 19 until March 26, 2021.

To join the Stations of the Cross on Zoom,
please click:

<https://zoom.us/j/94810539177>

The Meeting ID is 948 1053 9177



New Bookkeeper: Erika Dalla Torre

A warm **Welcome** to Erika who will serve as our bookkeeper.
May God bless Erika with wisdom and many graces as she
serves our Sacred Heart family.

A special **Thank You** to Matthew Martin for all his talents &
contributions over the years. May God continue to bless him
always.

Development and Peace

Share Love, Share Lent: Strengthening vulnerable communities.

Did you know that D&P supports a school for peasant
filmmakers in Colombia?

This week in the *Share Love, Share Lent* campaign, discover
the creative ways in which we
assist communities in speaking
for, and taking charge of their
own development.

In keeping with the Catholic
Social Teaching principle of
participation, let your Lenten
journey make a difference in
the world. Learn about our
work and consider giving to
help sustain it.

Discern and donate at
devp.org/lent.



Upcoming Dates for Sanctioned Collections

Development & Peace (Share Lent) March 21, 2021

<https://www.devp.org/en/donate/sharelent>

Church in the Holy Land (Good Friday) April 2, 2021

<https://commissariat.ca/supporting-us>

2021 Donations

Options to donate:-

Information and links are also available on our website.

E-Transfer

To transfer funds electronically from your bank account, send it
as an e-Transfer to our email: sacredheart@rcdvictoria.org
(see the instructions below).

Each banak may be slightly different.

Generally the process is:

1. Go to your on-line banking site.
2. Select **'Interact e-Transfer'** (or electronic transfer).
3. Select **'Manage Recipients'** and follow the steps to **'Add a Recipient'**.
Name: Sacred Heart Parish
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4. Click **'Send e-Transfer'**. Select **'Sacred Heart Parish'**.
5. Under **'Notes'** or **'Message'** on the online form, please
include **your name**.
6. Ensure that **'Sacred Heart Parish (BISHOP OF VICTORIA)'**
is registered for auto deposit.
7. Click **'Send Transfer'**.

PAD (Pre-Authorized Debit): [Automatic Debit \(PAD\)](#)

Canada Helps: [Online through Canada Helps](#)

2021 Donation envelopes

Envelope boxes are available for pick-up from the parish office.

Catholic Women's League

Dear Sacred Heart Ladies,

Join the CWL meeting on Saturday, March 13 at 10:00am

(via Zoom) for a St. Patrick's Day celebration! 🍀 🍀 🍀

Email Miriam for more information and a Zoom link.

mirpod@yahoo.com



Here is the latest edition of Fr. Alfie's Table,
featuring **Brussel Sprouts!**

<https://youtu.be/2nhA-982G2E>

Enjoy the dishes (in this video are two ways of cooking
Brussel Sprouts).

Thank you:

February 22 to March 2, 2021

Regular envelopes:	\$ 880.00
Loose cash :	\$ 15.00

E-Transfer	\$ 140.00
Canada Helps	\$ 940.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$1,166.00

Total	\$3,141.00
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