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*** 2nd Sunday of Easter | 7th April 2024 ***

Divine Mercy Sunday 7 April 2024

Special Mass at 3 pm

Confessions from 2 pm
Divine Mercy Chaplet 2:45 pm



LITURGICAL YEAR B

Saturday:

English Mass (Anticipated Sunday Mass) 4:00 pm

Sunday:

English Mass (streamed) 9:00 am
Polish (with Divine Mercy Mass) 3:00 pm
Korean (Rescheduled this week) 1:00 pm
Vietnamese (only 7 Apr) 5:30 pm

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:00 pm

Weekday Masses

English Masses

Tuesdays to Thursdays 12:05 pm

Fridays (Mass followed by Adoration) 12:05 pm

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

Korean Masses

Wednesdays 7:00 pm

Thursdays 10:30 am

Sacred Heart YouTube Channel

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



Join us to celebrate the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

**Mass at 12:05 pm
Monday, 8 April**

*“As the Father has sent me,
so I send you.”*

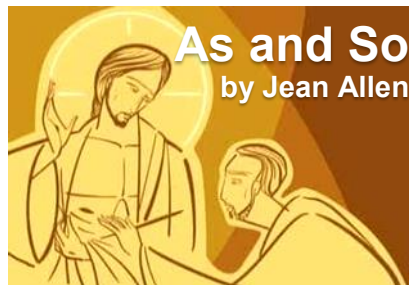
This is a good time to remind you that when Jesus said, “If you forgive the sins of any they are forgiven them,” where we read, “If you retain the sins of any they are retained,” the second ‘sins’ was not there in the original Greek scriptures. It was closer to “If you retain (embrace or cherish) anyone they are retained (embraced or cherished).”

Jesus entered that locked room with nothing but love for those disciples, most of whom had abandoned or betrayed him. He greeted them with, “Peace be with you.” He came to them bringing nothing but peace and forgiveness. He had no words of recrimination, which most of them richly deserved. He didn’t demand that they make apologies before they could experience his love. “As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” He wanted his disciples to bring love and forgiveness to the world in exactly the same way as he was bringing love and forgiveness to the disciples. He wasn’t giving them authority to withhold forgiveness from anyone; he was giving them (and us) authority to forgive, heal and cherish his beloved brothers and sisters.

Thomas was a recipient and beautiful illustration of being embraced by healing forgiveness. His disappointment and doubt were not held against him. Jesus came once again to the locked room in order to heal Thomas. The words, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe,” may not have been spoken to Thomas alone. The other disciples had trouble believing even when they were seeing! Thomas didn’t require Jesus to eat before he would believe Jesus was alive. He believed immediately. He was the first disciple to proclaim Jesus not only as Lord but also as God. He cried “Ho Theos” or literally, “God the Father!” What a tremendous revelation to behold God in the room with him. What a gift!

As Jesus was sent, so are we. As God embraces, so should we, with peace, love and forgiveness.

How could we possibly do anything else??



Mass & Nine-Day Divine Mercy Novena Schedule from Good Friday

Day 8: Fri April 5 | Easter Octave Mass 12:05 pm
Divine Mercy Chaplet 12:45 pm
Adoration 1:00 pm
Benediction 3:00 pm

Day 9: Sat April 6 | Easter Octave Mass 9:00 am
Divine Mercy Chaplet 9:45 am
Sunday Anticipated Mass 4:00 pm

Sunday April 7 | Divine Mercy Sunday

9:00 am – English Mass, Chaplet after Mass
1:00 pm – Korean Mass (No Polish Mass today)
2:00 pm – Confessions
2:45 pm – Divine Mercy Chaplet before Mass
3:00 pm – Divine Mercy Mass (English)
5:30 pm – Mass (Vietnamese)

Monday April 8 | Extra Mass

12:05 pm – English Mass, Feast of the Annunciation



Children’s Liturgy at 9 am Mass Begins on Sunday, April 7th.

Please contact Kinga Hearn through the
Parish Office if you are interested:
250-479-1611 / sacredheart@rcdvictoria.org

We are children of the Lord, sons and daughters of Light.
We are children of the Lord,
and we want to walk in His Light.



Please pray for:

Those who have died

Jason Coe, Mary Jane Coogan, Hermisitas Edora, Guillermo (Willie) Pivaral, Anthony Shaw, Vincent Short, Monica Wheaton.

Those who are ill

Rheza A, Vincenza Cameron, Skarlet, Thérèse A, Jon A, Maritza C, Patricia C, Cora C, Ludwik D, Lesley D, Stan D, Kathleen G, Derek L, Lisa L, Rafael M-Duke, Davide R, and Maria T.



Eternal Rest Grant Unto

Brian Noonan

(24 March 2024)

*Funeral Mass, 10:30 am, Saturday, April 20
O Lord, and let Perpetual Light Shine Upon him.
May his soul rest in peace. Amen.*



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When you contribute to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul know that you are a sign of God's love to those who are suffering and you give them Easter hope and joy.

Donate online and specify "Sacred Heart Parish" at
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To join the society, please email Georgina: mgvshort@telus.net

Options to Donate

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The email to use is sacredheart@rcdvictoria.org

Pre-Authorized Debit (PAD)

Automatic Debit Form:

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

The PAD form is also available from the Parish Office.

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

Canada Helps

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

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!

Mar 29 to Mar 31, 2024

Envelopes \$ 3,652.00

Cash \$ 1,720.35

Total \$ 5,372.35

March 2024

Canada Helps \$ 963.56

PAD \$ 6,375.00

E-Transfer \$ 1,615.00

Needs of the Church in the Holy Land \$ 943.00

Easter Offering \$ 1,964.00

Easter Flower Donations \$ 1,216.10

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



Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

The Solemnity of the Annunciation is usually celebrated on 25th March each year. This year it was moved to Monday, April 8 as March 25th fell within the Holy Week.

The Annunciation, or Incarnation, commemorates the visit of the Archangel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary, during which he informed her that she had been chosen by God to be the mother of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. The earliest evidence for the Feast is from the fifth century, in a canon of the Council of Toledo in 656, where it was described as celebrated throughout the Church, and in the Council of Constantinople "in Trullo" in 692, which forbade the celebration of any festivals during Lent, except on the Lord's Day (Sunday) and the Feast of the Annunciation. A Synod of Worcester, England in 1240, also forbade all servile work on the feast.

From the earliest recorded history, the feast has been found to have been celebrated on 25th March, commemorating both the belief that the spring equinox was not only the day of God's act of Creation but also the beginning of Christ's redemption of that same Creation. The date is close to the vernal equinox, as Christmas is to the winter solstice, and because of this the Annunciation and Christmas were two of four "quarter days" in medieval and early modern England, that marked the divisions of the fiscal year. The other two were Midsummer Day, or Nativity of St. John the Baptist, on 24th June, and Michaelmas, the Feast day of St. Michael, on 29 September.

When the calendar system of Anno Domini was first introduced by Dionysius Exiguus in AD 525, he assigned the beginning of the new year to 25th March, because according to Christian doctrine, the age of grace began with the Incarnation of Christ at the Annunciation, on which date Jesus Christ is believed to have been conceived in the Virgin Mary by the Holy Spirit.

In 2002, being a feast that commemorates the incarnation of Jesus, Pope St. John Paul II established 25 March "International Day of the Unborn Child".

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy and St. Faustina Kowalska



The message and devotion to Jesus as The Divine Mercy is based on the writings of St. Faustina Kowalska, a Polish nun who wrote a diary of about 600 pages in obedience to her spiritual director, recording the revelations she received about God's mercy.

It was in 1935 that St. Faustina received a vision of an angel sent by God to chastise a certain city. As she began to pray for mercy, she saw the Holy Trinity and felt the power of Jesus' grace. Then, she found herself pleading with God using words she heard:

Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world; for the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us. (D, 475)

As she continued this inspired prayer, the angel could not carry out the punishment (D, 474). The next day, entering the chapel, she heard this interior voice again, this time instructing her on how to recite the prayer that our Lord later called "the Chaplet". Now, after "have mercy on us" the words "and on the whole world" (D, 476) were added. Thereafter, she recited this prayer almost constantly, offering it especially for the dying.

In subsequent revelations, the Lord revealed that the Chaplet was for the whole world, attaching promises to its recitation. By the time of her death in 1938, devotion to The Divine Mercy had spread. The message and devotional practices proposed in the Diary have been found to be in accordance with the teachings of Church and are firmly rooted in the Gospel message of our Merciful Saviour.



Grateful thanks to all the ministries, volunteers, and everyone who prepared and served during Holy Week and at the most Sacred Paschal Triduum.

You've made a beautiful and meaningful celebration even more beautiful and meaningful with your presence and service.

THANK YOU!

Fr. Jan Grotkowski, SDS



Horizons of Hope

April 1, 8, 15, 22 | 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm, Parish Hall

This program is now on, and provides information to empower and educate parishioners on palliative care, dying, death, suffering, and bereavement in a holistic manner. The four modules you will go through are:

April 1, Module 1: Understanding the Human Experience of Dying and Death.

April 8, Module 2: Discerning and Making Decisions at the End of Life.

April 15, Module 3: Accompanying those at the End of Life.

April 22, Module 4: Supporting and Integrating within the Wider Community.

Refreshments and written material will be provided. The sessions are led by Dr Felipe Edora and Angela Spencer.

SAVE THE DATE

**Sacred Heart Parish
Annual General Meeting**

**Saturday, April 20 at 5 pm
in the Parish Hall**



After the Saturday, 4 pm Anticipated Mass

Pizza and refreshments will be served!



From the Diocese

Diocesan Youth Retreat 2024

Our first
Diocesan Youth Retreat
in 4 years will take place
on **May 10 and 11, 2024!**

**Registration deadline:
April 15th**

Venue: Beautiful Camp Imadene

Speaker: Leah Perrault

Registration on Eventbrite (includes T-shirt!)

For more information, please contact Joelle Dressler, Director of Faith Formation and Evangelization at jdressler@rcdvictoria.org



Former & current staff / former students of St. Andrew's Regional High School

A Memorial Mass for former SARHS teacher, Mick Goodger will be held at 5 pm, Friday, April 26 at Holy Cross Church. Mass will be followed by a potluck in the Hall where we will share memories about Mick.

Please contact Joanie Bidlake at
officeassistant@holycrossvictoria.org

For potluck registration: to bring a salad, main dish or dessert.
Refreshments will be provided.

Thank you – Fr. William Hann and friends of Mick.”

Women of Faith and Fellowship Breakfast Saturday, 13 April, 8 am to 10:30 am

Horseshoe Club of Victoria, 620 Kenneth Street

This is a wonderful opportunity to come together as women of faith for a morning of inspiration, connection, and delicious food. The guest speaker is Bishop Gary Gordon. Advance registration is required and space is limited.

For more information and to register, please visit
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/april-women-of-faith-and-fellowship-breakfast-tickets-870723125307>



Bishop's Appeal.

In the final report,
Sacred Heart Parish achieved
84.99% of our goal of \$44,000.00.
We received 135 pledges for a total
of \$37,394.32.

Thank you all for your contributions!

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
2023 / 2024**

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

OUR MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS

Saturday, 6 April, 4:00 pm

Altar Servers : Elias, Mara, Sarah, Rachel
Lectors : Catherine M, Margaret S
EMCs : Marilyn T
Ushers : Stella L, Daniel L

Sunday, 7 April, 9:00 am

Altar Servers : Mariah, Gabby, Pio, Matthew
Lectors : Ben P, Stan D
EMCs : Aubert G, Jeff K
Ushers : Lucia DD, Linh DD
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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