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*** Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time | 12th November 2023 ***

Weekday Masses

English

Tue-Thu 12:05 pm
Fri 12:05 pm



Adoration until 3 pm
Divine Mercy Chaplet 3 pm

(Adoration sign-up sheet
is in the church foyer)



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Korean

Wed 8:00 pm
Thu 10:30 am

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 gratefully accepted.



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 (no Polish Mass, 12 Nov) 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>

The first reading and Gospel this week focus on wisdom. What we all need to understand is that wisdom is not the same as knowledge because sometimes we get the two mixed up. In the parable of the 10 bridesmaids, five were foolish and five were wise. The thing is, the five foolish bridesmaids entered into waiting with full knowledge. They knew they were bridesmaids. They knew they could be waiting as long as two years because the groom had to finish building a home for his bride before he would come. They knew to bring lamps. They had all the knowledge needed to be bridesmaids but they lacked wisdom. They lacked the commitment to their calling to seek to make sure they had enough oil for the waiting.

What does the oil symbolize in our waiting upon the Lord? It certainly doesn't symbolize knowing about everything. Knowledge can be good and wonderful – but it doesn't constitute spiritual wisdom and it doesn't provide fuel for our lamps in the night.

So, what does?

Spiritual wisdom comes to a humble heart turned toward God in patient and faithful waiting and hopeful expectation. Wisdom is the fruit of waiting, trusting, paying attention and understanding that black and white knowledge is not the whole story. Wisdom dwells in the spaces in between the black and the white and snap judgements do not allow wisdom to penetrate the heart like an oil that keeps everything meshing in peaceful harmony. Wisdom is the word of love that brings light to another's heart. Knowledge rarely does that. Knowledge, on its own, most often promotes judgement and condemnation of others and ourselves.

The first reading says, "Wisdom is radiant and unfading." Radiant. Unfading. What beautiful words to yearn after in our spiritual walks! The five wise bridesmaids were completely ready and full of light to welcome the bridegroom. Another word that goes hand in hand with wisdom is 'gracious'. Wisdom "goes about seeking those worthy of her and graciously appears to them in their paths and meets them in every thought."

This is truly worth seeking!

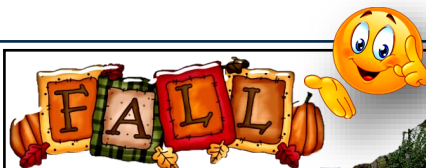
Wisdom

By Jean Allen



Remembrance Day November 11

We remember
the servicemen and women
who gave their lives in service,
and their families & friends
who continue to pray
and honour them.



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
Therese Alonco, Bill Greaves,
Georgie Guterres and Cissy Sequeira.

Those who are ill
Thérèse A, Jon A, Darrell C, Cora C,
Lesley D, Kathleen G, Richard G, Azaryah H, Pedrito K,
Derek L, Lisa L, Michele R, and Maria T.



"Cor" Meeting

Tuesday, 14 Nov, 7:30 pm, Parish Hall

The Knights of Columbus Sacred Heart Council invites men to their next "Cor" meeting on Tuesday, November 14.

Please join us for an hour of prayer, formation, reflection, and fellowship. All men, including non-Knights and non-Catholics, are most welcome.

Our topic for this meeting is "How to Be a Saint".
Hope to see you there!

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.



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!

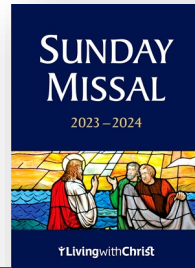
Nov 4 & Nov 5, 2023

Envelopes \$ 2,925.00

Cash \$ 789.40

Total \$ 3,714.40

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



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

Join the CWL!

The CWL has been around since the 1920's and has met annually with all levels of government since the 1970's. Membership offers opportunities to be involved on a regional, diocesan, provincial, national and even international platforms.

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



Thank you, also, to everyone who supported the CWL Community Garage sale by shopping, donating baking and garage sale items, and helping out with the sale.

**It was a great success
thanks to all of you!**



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

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

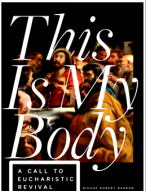
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Thank you for joining us
last Sunday, 5th November, for the
Installation of
Fr. Jan Grotkowski, SDS!

Do join us to welcome Fr. Jan at the
Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast
after the 9 am Mass this Sunday!



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 significant difference
<https://www.rcdvictoria.org/bishops-appeal>

Parish Project: *New benches and more lighting in darker areas.* **Parish Goal: \$44,000.00 Actual: \$11,785.00 Pledges: 48**



From the Diocese

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>



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>



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).

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.



Seminar on Affordable Housing

Sat, Nov. 18, the Mennonite Church of British Columbia is holding a seminar on affordable housing and how church communities in BC can use their land resources to help.

The seminar is 9 am to 12 pm at Emmanuel Mennonite Church in Abbotsford, or online via Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88278975499?pwd=NjBZc1QwNHZqM3BITkxia2FtYzEyUT09>

For more information, please visit
<https://mcbc.ca/article/13022-affordable-housing-seminar>

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

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OUR MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS

Saturday, 11 November, 4 pm

Altar Servers : Daisy, Mariah, Elias, Mara
Proclaimers : Belle PdT, Sigrune F
EMCs : Ruby R
Ushers : Stella, Daniel
Music : Arlene S, Rafael O

Sunday, 12 November, 9 am

Altar Servers : Daisy, Pio, Michael
Proclaimers : Helen M, Kathy W
EMCs : Aubert G, Jeff K
Ushers : Teresa E, Lisa S
Music : Sacred Heart Choir, Rafael O

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

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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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