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* 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time | 14th January 2024 *



"You are Simon, son of John.

You are to be called 'Cephas' which is translated Peter."

'Peter', in turn, can be translated as 'pebble'. When Jesus renamed Simon and called him Peter, I wonder if he was thinking of how he was going to take this insignificant pebble and eventually create a rock on which he would build his church. Of course, he was but Christ's vision for Peter had nothing to do with Peter's skills or gifts or holiness in that moment and Christ's visions for us have nothing to do with how good we are, how socially attractive we are, how spiritually skilled we are or what our natural talents are. In that moment in this Gospel, it didn't even have anything to do with Peter's willingness or commitment; he hardly even knew who Jesus was at this time of renaming.

God is not limited by anything and he can create towering rocks out of little pebbles. There's no doubt about it, Jesus knew that Peter was mostly going to be an irritating rock in his sandal during his ministry. Peter's ego was, in turns, self-denigrating ("Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man,") or a blustering blowhard (I will NEVER betray you, Lord!). He was not what we would call promising rock material. He was not who we would have chosen.

So, we must be very careful in our tendencies to judge another person according to what we see on the surface. We tend to value education, money and charisma when it comes to choosing people to lead but, you know, that seemingly insignificant person may be God's choice to lead the bible study or manage a ministry. Did you ever ask him or her? Or does your glance always go to someone more prestigious, more full of charisma or overtly more spiritual? We need to be very careful.

Because we definitely would not have chosen Peter.



Collection of Palms

As the Liturgical Year continues, it's time once again to collect palms to be burned for Ash Wednesday, 14 February. Please bring in your palms and leave them in the container in the church foyer.

Deadline: Sunday, 4th February 2024.

LITURGICAL YEAR B

Saturday:

English Mass 4:00 pm

Sunday:

English Mass **(streamed)** 9:00 am

Polish 1:00 pm

Korean 3:00 pm

Vietnamese **(21st & 28th Jan)** 5:30 pm

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:00 pm

Weekday Masses

English

Mass: Tuesdays to Thursdays 12:05 pm

Mass: Fridays 12:05 pm

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

Korean

Mass: Wednesdays 7:00 pm

Mass: Thursdays 10:30 am

Sacred Heart YouTube Channel

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



*The next
First Friday Mass
will be on Friday,
February 2nd at 12:05 pm*

*for the Sacred Heart of Jesus
followed by Adoration until 3 pm,
when we pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.*



*There is no Mass on
Saturday, February 3rd.*

*The next Saturday
Marian Mass
is at 9 am on
Saturday, February 10
in honour
of our
Blessed Mother.*





Please pray for:

Those who have died

Laura & George Adamache, Joe & Jose de Lima,
Blanche Dwyer, Lolita Tan, and Kello Wilson.

Those who are ill

Thérèse A, Jon A, Maritza C, S. F. C, Patricia C, Darrell C,
Cora C, Ludwik D, Lesley D, Kathleen G, Richard G, Pedrito K,
Derek L, Lisa L, Michele Ricard, Mike R and Maria T.

2024 Parish Donation Envelopes



A few donation envelope boxes are left for pick up in the church foyer.

Please inform the Parish Office if you
have moved and have a new postal address, or a new email
address or phone numbers.

If you would like to have Donation Envelopes box assigned to
you, or if you wish to discontinue using the Donation
Envelopes, please inform the Parish Office. Thank you.

Donation Envelopes are beneficial and necessary for
weekly contributions to the parish, if you wish to receive an
income tax receipt.

PLEASE DO NOT USE ANY ENVELOPES FROM THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

The number may have been re-assigned
and you will not get credit for your donation.

To ensure that the names and assigned numbers tally,
as the new year begins, please kindly write
your name and address
on your envelopes for the next few weeks.
It would be greatly appreciated.

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!

Jan 6 & Jan 7, 2024

Envelopes \$ 2,532.00

Cash \$ 397.15

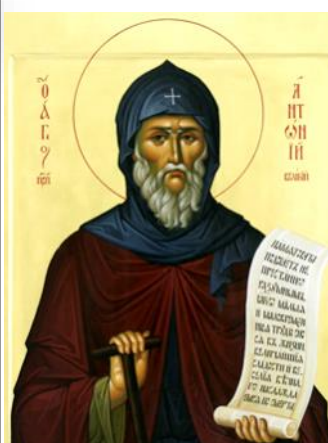
Total \$ 2,929.15

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

Congratulations Rhodora & Edgar Bascon on their 50th Wedding Anniversary



Friday, January 5, 2024.



Feast of St. Anthony the Great Wed. 17 January

Known as "Father of Monks", and
whose feast is also celebrated by
the Eastern Orthodox Church,
St. Anthony, also known as
"Anthony of Egypt", "Anthony the
Abbot", and "Anthony of the
Desert", was born in Upper Egypt
in 251 CE to a wealthy family.
After the death of his parents,
Anthony gave away his inheritance
and became a hermit. Eventually,
he gathered a group of ascetics
together as a community; the
beginnings of what became known as Christian monasticism. His
close friend and biographer was St. Athanasius, whom he helped
against Arianism, a Christian heresy that declared that Jesus Christ
was not truly divine.

St. Anthony the Great died on 17 January 356 CE.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

**Thursdays, 1 pm to 2 pm
in the Parish Hall**



We welcome all newcomers.

Father John Main (1926-1982), a Benedictine monk, rediscovered
this ancient prayer tradition for contemporary men and women.
Also known as contemplative prayer, this is the prayer of silence
and stillness beyond word and thought.

For further information, phone or email Margie Noonan at
250-589-6313 or margielnoonan@gmail.com.

To learn more about the Community, visit the
Canadian website www.wccm-canada.ca or the
World Community website www.wccm.org

Society of St. Vincent de Paul



In the Gospel today, Jesus asks "What are you
looking for?" Often, we are looking for happiness in
very selfish ways, but we find that when we look for
ways to make others happy, it is then that we truly
become happy.

When you make your gift to St. Vincent de Paul,
know that you are a sign of God's love to those who
are suffering, and you give them reason to believe and to trust.

For monetary donations,

please specify that it is for the "SCO Food Pantry".
Cheques: "Society of St. Vincent de Paul".

Donate online and specify "Sacred Heart Parish" at:

[https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/
society-of-st-vincent-de-paul-of-vancouver-island/](https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/society-of-st-vincent-de-paul-of-vancouver-island/).



Scams!

The CWL is hosting a presentation on Scams on Saturday, January 20th, 2024 at 11 am to 12 pm in the Parish Hall. Come and learn how to protect yourself from scams and fraud from Saanich Police Constable, Berle Zwaan.

Everyone is welcome.

Diocesan Bursary of the Catholic Women's League "In Memory of Freda Smith"

The deadline for applications is March 31, 2024.

A \$750 Bursary is awarded annually to a Catholic student graduating from a secondary school or a home schooling program in the Diocese of Victoria who plans to pursue further education at a post secondary institution.

For more information, and for the application form, please visit <https://cwldov.org/bursaries>



Moms & Tots

Parish Hall, Mondays 9:30 am to 11:30 am

Come for the company and faith-sharing between mothers. Parents and caregivers are welcome as well.

Please contact Chantal: momstots.shvic@gmail.com



Fridays during Lent

Spend time with the Lord
in Adoration from 3 pm

Benediction is at 6:15 pm followed by the
STATIONS OF THE CROSS

During Lent, Mass on Fridays will be at 7 pm.

Join Fr. Jan as he celebrates the Feast of *Señor Sto. Niño*

**Our Lady of Fatima
Church**

Sunday, 21st January

Rosary 5:30 pm

Holy Mass 6 pm

After Mass, be a part of the
Sinulog Dance Procession
followed by a Reception in the
Our Lady of Fatima Hall.

Concelebrants: Fr. Dino Villadiego & Fr. Scott Whittemore



From the Diocese



**SEMINARY OF
CHRIST THE KING**

**Vocation
Live-In
Feb 10 to 11**

**Are you interested in the priesthood or religious life
as a brother? What is seminary life like?**

Come for our Vocation Live-In for Grade 6 to 11, at the Seminary of Christ the King in Mission, BC. Anyone wishing to enter the Seminary in the next few years is welcome.

For more information phone 604-826-8975
or email: rector.minors@sck.ca

Forms are also available from the Parish Office.



Catholic Women's Leadership Program

Deadline: January 15
to apply for the 2024-25

Catholic Women's Leadership Foundation Program

The program is open to all Canadian Catholic women who have a genuine interest in making a difference in their communities and places of work, and is specifically designed to integrate faith and life, personal and professional leadership development.

For more information and to apply, please visit
<https://www.cwlfcanada.ca/participate>



Annual Diocesan Camp Homewood Youth Retreat: "Seek Him" Quadra Island, February 2 to 4, 2024

\$195 per participant (\$215 after January 15)

All youth are invited to attend.

Please contact our Parish Office to register.

Each student, chaperone and youth leader must complete and email the registration forms and documents by **January 15, 2024.**

For more information, please contact:
broset@telus.net or spatricks-cr@shaw.ca

We are asking that youth, chaperones and youth groups please register and give their payment to their own parish. Payment is preferred on one cheque from each parish.

**WEEK of
PRAYER
for CHRISTIAN UNITY
2024**

*"You shall love the Lord
your God ... and your
neighbour as yourself"*
(Luke 10:27)



**Thursday, 18 January to
Thursday, 25 January 2024**

To mark the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity,
all are invited to an ecumenical service at
Christ Church Cathedral, 930 Burdett Avenue, Victoria,
on Sunday, January 21 at 4:00 pm.

Bishop Anna Greenwood-Lee
of the Anglican Diocese of Islands and Inlets will preside.
Bishop Gary will preach.

A reception will follow the service.

Keep our Christian brothers and sisters in your prayers.

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, 13 January, 4 pm

Altar Servers : Daisy, Gabby, Elias, Mara
Lectors : Sigrune F, Belle PdT
EMCs : Marilyn T
Ushers : Stella L, Daniel L
Music : Arlene S, Rafael O

Sunday, 14 January, 9 am

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

Thank you to all our volunteers

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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PARISH MINISTRIES & GROUPS



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Ushers

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Christian Meditation
C.W.L. / Prayer Line
Knights of Columbus
Led By The Spirit Group
Moms & Tots
Phone-tree
Funeral Receptions
Social Justice/D & P
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