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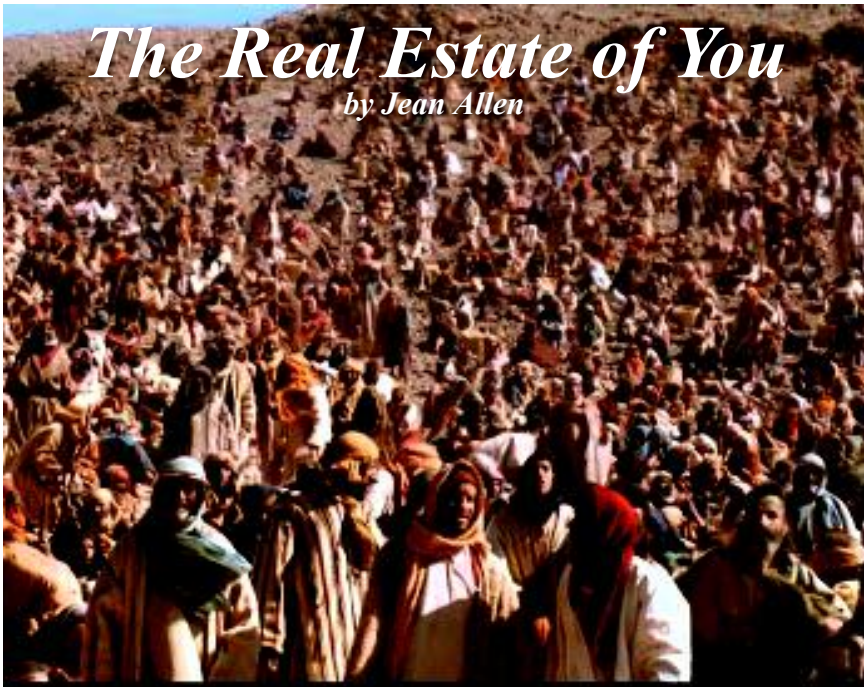
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Years at
Nelthorpe

* 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time | 16 February 2025 *

The Real Estate of You

by Jean Allen



When I write several reflections in a row as I often do, I start to see a theme running through the readings. Sunday's scripture is the 'Blessed are you who are... (poor, hungry, weeping, hated, excluded)' text and I have been writing about Jesus raising up those of lowly estate.

One thing that particularly struck me in this Gospel is at the beginning where it says that Jesus came down to a level place and stood looking up at a great crowd of his disciples. Looking up! In those days especially, kings and mighty men would situate themselves above the crowd. Yet Jesus happily and, it would seem, deliberately, placed himself in a lower place. He was not seeking to be mighty; he was not seeking kingship. He was lifting up the lowly as was foretold by Mary and Simeon.

"Blessed are you; holy are you," He wasn't just teaching them; he was honoring them. He was seeing them – really seeing them – as their true selves: wonderful and precious creations of God. Diamonds in the rough, you might say. He loved those of lowly estate so much.

He still does. And you've got to admit, even if you are well off or well educated, you are still a poor one. We are all poor, hungry, weeping and sometimes hated and excluded. Admitting your poverty and not clinging to the false security of status, success and wealth elevates you in the Kingdom of God. Jesus honors you, believes in you, knows your true worth and value and wants you to know your true worth as well.

What is your true estate? Blessed.

LITURGICAL YEAR C

Saturday:

English Mass (Anticipated Sunday Mass) 4:00 pm
Syro-Malabar Rite Mass 7:00 pm

Sunday:

English Mass 9:00 am
Syro-Malabar Rite Mass 11:00 am
Korean 3:00 pm
Vietnamese (Next Mass: Sun 23rd Feb) 5:30 pm

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:00 pm to 3:45 pm
Sunday 8:15 am to 8:45 am

Weekday Masses

English Masses

Tuesday 11:00 am
Wednesday 11:00 am
Thursday 11:00 am
Friday 11:00 am

(Adoration after the 11 am Friday Mass
Benediction at 1:30 pm)

Korean Masses

Wednesdays 7:30 pm
Thursdays 10:00 am

Parish Office Hours

Tuesdays to Fridays

10:00 am to 2:00 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

Please contact:
E. sacredheart@rcdvictoria.org
P. 250-479-1611

[Sacred Heart Parish Website >](http://SacredHeartParishWebsite.org)

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



Have a most
enjoyable
and blessed

BC Family Day
Weekend



Join us
for a

Pancake
Breakfast



hosted by the Knights of Columbus
Today, after the 9 a.m. Mass

Donations at the door will be
greatly appreciated.

A Huge Thank You

for helping the Diocese surpass their 2024 Appeal goal!

Bishop Gary Gordon shares
his heartfelt gratitude
in a special message:
[https://www.rcdvictoria.org/
news/message-of-gratitude-
for-the-2024-bishops-appeal](https://www.rcdvictoria.org/news/message-of-gratitude-for-the-2024-bishops-appeal)

Bishop's Appeal
2024
Sharing
God's Gifts



Please pray for:

Those who have died

Betty Guterres, Mary-Lou Konrath,
Rosa and John Pagnotta, Rosa & Carlos Pimental,
Irene Remedios, Albina Rozenberg, and Lolita Tan.

Those who are ill

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



Join the CWL!

Renew your CWL membership or consider joining as a new member. We invite all Catholic women to join to make a difference. Contact Denise for information or to register: deniseowen@shaw.ca / 250-580-0066.



Estate Planning Workshop **Saturday, March 8** **5 pm to 6 pm** **Sacred Heart Parish Hall**

Presentations **Bequests and Planned Giving**

Leah MacKenzie Diocese of Victoria

Wills, Powers of Attorney **& Health Care Representation Agreements**

Raya MacKenzie JB Lawyers LLP

Please register in advance through the Parish office: 250-479-1611 or sacredheart@rcdvictoria.org.

Information on Planned Giving can be accessed here:
<https://www.rcdvictoria.org/donate/planned-giving>.

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!

February 8 & February 9, 2025

Envelopes \$ 1,910.00

Cash \$ 332.50

Total \$ 2,242.50

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>



Feast of the Chair of St. Peter **February 22**

The Church celebrates the Feast of the Chair of St. Peter each year on February 22.

Throughout the 2,000-year history of the Church, there have been 266 popes, beginning with Peter. Among them are many saints and martyrs who have devoted themselves to the Gospel.

The "chair" to which this feast refers is the cathedra, or office, of the Apostle Peter. Given by Christ to St. Peter (see Matthew 16:13-18), Peter's supreme pastoral office is passed to each of his successors as Bishop of Rome, that is, where Peter last served and where he died a martyr. While an actual chair exists in Rome that some believe was used by St. Peter, the Chair of St. Peter represents the papacy, the unbroken succession of popes throughout the Church's 2,000-year history. Given by Christ Himself to St. Peter in the Gospel of Matthew, Chapter 16 verses 13-18, Peter's supreme pastoral office is passed to each of his successors as Bishop of Rome.



Peter himself was the longest-reigning pope, occupying his office from the year of Christ's death until sometime between 64 and 67 A.D. when he was martyred on Vatican Hill. Bl. Pius IX was his longest-reigning successor, his papacy lasting from 1846 to 1878. The second-longest-reigning successor was St. John Paul II (1978-2005).

[Online accessed: 12 Feb 2025:

<https://missions.ewtn.com/seasonsandfeastdays/chairofstpeter/>]

Coming Up this LENT



Ash Wednesday, March 5 **Masses will be at 12 pm and 6 pm**

Stations of the Cross

Fridays, March 7 to April 11

NO 11:00 am Mass on Fridays during Lent

Friday Adoration : 5:00 pm

Benediction : 6:15 pm

Stations of the Cross : 6:30 pm

MASS : 7:00 pm.



Development & Peace **Support Peasant & Rural Communities!**



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CARITAS CANADA

D&P would like to thank all parishioners who signed our petition urging Canada to adopt legislation ensuring Canadian companies respect human rights and the environment. This petition, along with petitions from other parishes across Canada, will be presented in the House of Commons in the spring.

Thank You!

It is time for our next Parish Photo Directory to be prepared!

Please check your personal schedules for the time best for your family to come in to have your photo taken, and schedule your appointment with the photographer.

There will be two weeks of photo times, with half-an-hour scheduled for each family. The dates are: **Monday, March 31 to Saturday, April 5, and Monday April 28 to Saturday, May 3.** Morning through to the evening appointment times will be available on most days.

We look forward to capturing the smiles of our entire parish family in this 2025 souvenir booklet.

For more information, please email Marilyn Bojko: 123sigmar@gmail .com

60th Anniversary Photo Directory



CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Thursdays, 11:45 am | Parish Hall
We welcome newcomers.



From the teachings of Fr. John Main (1926-1982), a Benedictine monk, each week, the group listens to talks by Frs. John Main, Laurence Freeman and others followed by a 20-30 minute period of silent meditation.

For more information, please contact Margie Noonan 250-589-6313 or margielnoonan@gmail.com.

Bishop Thomas J. Lobsinger, OMI Memorial Bursary Program



Applications accepted from Jan 1 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.kofc@gmail.com

Society of St. Vincent de Paul



In the Gospel today, Jesus gives us the blessings of serving the poor, hungry and weeping people, for you will then rejoice and leap for joy. But Jesus also teaches us the decisiveness of choice: blessing or woe.

Choosing to help those who are suffering will fill your heart with the blessing of Jesus and indeed your reward will be great in heaven. Please make a gift and you will bring them faith and hope!

Donate online:

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

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

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



From the Diocese

MEMO

DATE : February 10, 2025
FROM : Bishop Gary Gordon
RE : Fr. Anthony Varghese Padayatty



Please join us in welcoming Fr. Anthony Varghese Padayatty, a priest from the missionary order of the Heralds of Good News. Fr. Anthony will be joining us from Kerala, India, where he has spent the past five years as Spiritual Director in his order's seminary. Prior to this, Fr. Anthony served in the Archdiocese of Regina from 2009 to 2020.

Fr. Anthony has been assigned to St. Peter's Parish in Nanaimo as Assistant Priest working closely with Fr. Harrison Ayre.

This appointment is effective February 19, 2025.

Your support and prayers for the ongoing pastoral needs of our Diocese are greatly appreciated.



Employment Opportunities



Payroll Administrator

The Diocese of Victoria is now accepting applications for the position of Payroll Administrator, Catholic Independent Schools of the Diocese of Victoria. As a member of the Finance and Administration team, the Payroll Administrator will process payroll for approximately 300 employees across Vancouver Island in a confidential, accurate and timely manner.

The job posting may be viewed at <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/employment>.

Applications must be received by February 19, 2025.

Director of Musical Worship

St. Andrew's Cathedral is seeking a dedicated Director of Musical Worship to uphold and enhance its legacy of musical excellence, inspiring and engaging the worship community through a vibrant and dynamic music ministry.

A detailed job description can be viewed here:

<https://www.standrewscathedral.com/post/job-opportunity-director-of-musical-worship>



NET Ministries are BACK!

We are excited to welcome the NET teams back to the Diocese of Victoria. We are in search of at least 4 homes that would be able to host 2 men or 2 women for 3 to 6 days. Bed and bedding will be needed for each person, and offering meals would be appreciated.

For more details, please contact Angela: angelagrohovac@gmail.com or 250 588 3428

Knights of Columbus Silent Auction Wheelchairs for Ukraine: a Smashing Success



The auction on Feb 8 between St. Joseph the Worker Council 13356 and Victoria Council 1256 was an overwhelming success! Through your generosity, we surpassed our goal of 50 wheelchairs to being able to purchase 170 wheelchairs. Thank you for making this possible.

Richard Grosset Deputy Grand Knight Victoria Council 1256

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

Deadline: March 31



This \$750 Bursary is awarded to a Catholic student graduating from a secondary or home schooling program in the Diocese who plans to pursue a post secondary education. For more information, and for the application form, please visit <https://cwldov.org/application>

Pastor, Fr. Shijo George

sgeorge@rcdvictoria.org

Korean, Fr. Marco Park

dkpark@rcdvictoria.org

Syro-Malabar, Fr. Shijo George

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Vietnamese, Fr. Michael Tran

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Hospital Chaplain, Fr. Sean Flynn

250-889-3761

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Sindhu Merwin: sacredheartmse@gmail.com

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Please contact the Parish Office:

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Stan Dzbik

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Elizabeth Olcen

Social Justice/D & P

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St. Vincent de Paul

Georgina Short

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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

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