



Sacred Heart Catholic Church

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*** Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time | 17 September 2023 ***

Weekday Masses

There will be NO 7 pm Mass
with Bishop Gary on
September 19,
and from Sep 25 to Oct 6.

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Mon to Fri, 7 pm : Bp. G. Gordon
Wed 8:00 pm (Korean) : Fr. R. Ryu
Thu 10:30 am (Korean) : Fr. R. Ryu

We thank all the priests who
celebrate Masses here at
Sacred Heart Parish.



Opus Dei: Evening Recollections

Mon, 18 Sep, 7 pm to 9 pm:
Women's Recollection, at

Our Lady of Fatima Parish. Mass is at 6 pm,
Confessions, 6:30pm.

Tue, 19 Sep, 6 pm to 8 pm: A Men's
Recollection, at Sacred Heart Parish.

Mass, at 5:15 pm.

Spend some time in conversation with Him,
guided by meditation and an examination of
conscience. A priest of Opus Dei will be
available for spiritual direction and/or
Confession. For more information on the
women's recollection, contact M. Elizabeth
Boyd at melizboyd@gmail.com;
For the men's recollection, contact Brent
Boyd at od-men@boydfam.ca.

LITURGICAL YEAR A

Saturday: English Mass 4:00 pm

Sunday:

English Mass (streamed) 9:00 am

Korean 3:00 pm

Vietnamese (1st & 3rd Sun) 5:30 pm

Please call the Parish Office for the following:

Syro-Malabar 12:00 pm

Polish TBA

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:00 pm

Sacred Heart YouTube Channel

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

This week's Gospel is about the servant who was totally forgiven an enormous debt and then turned around and refused to forgive the relatively tiny debts of those who owed him money. We all listen to it and are a little outraged that someone could be so small minded, especially after receiving such incredible mercy from the master.

But wait a second. There is not one of us who is not supremely guilty of the same sin. God has gifted us with prodigious mercy and forgiveness yet we continually take offense against others and refuse to offer the same grace that has been given to us. We gratefully accept God's forgiveness of our transgressions and for a brief period we are dwelling in the Kingdom of grace. But the moment someone speaks disrespectfully to us, betrays our trust, is critical of our beliefs, ignores our perspectives or acts entitled to our service and we immediately choose to move out of the gracious Kingdom and we angrily choose to live in a realm where we will make that person pay the last penny. It is a realm bereft of grace. It is a hellish place to exist and it is often torture.

But make no mistake. We choose that place.

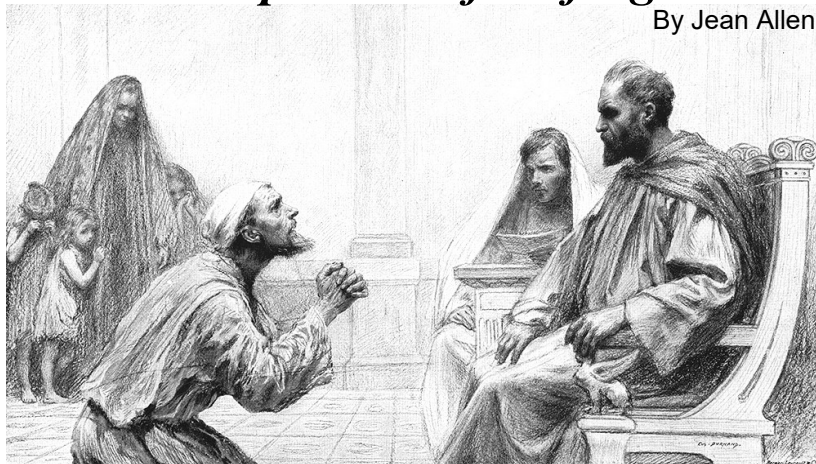
I am not implying that forgiveness is effortless or a matter of a quick and easy choice. Forgiveness is often horrendously difficult but God sees the heart and the desire to choose to live in the Kingdom of grace. It's not a matter of how well we succeed; it is a matter of how much we try and how hard and consistently we seek for God's help to forgive. We cannot do it without him.

When we forget how much we have been forgiven and refuse to even try to offer the same generous forgiveness and grace to anyone, whether it's a person, a group or even an institution or a government, it makes a mockery of God's merciful heart and it is a complete misrepresentation of Jesus. No wonder people turn away from the faith; they keep witnessing our disturbing distortions of who God really is.

No offense is worth that.

The Consequences of Unforgiveness

By Jean Allen



Eugène Burnand | The Unmerciful Servant

2023/2024 Faith Formation Classes

Classes will begin this Sunday, September 17 at 10 am in the Parish Hall for:

- Pre-Sacrament (Preschool to Grade 1)
- Sacramental Prep Yr 1 (1st Reconciliation) &
- Sacramental Prep Yr 2 (1st Communion & Confirmation)

Registration Forms are on the parish website, in the Parish Office, and foyer of the church.

We need Faith Formation Catechists and Youth Helpers for:

Pre-Sacrament (Preschool to Grade 1) and Year 1 Sacramental Prep (Grade 2 & higher)

For details, please contact Lidia Moodie at sacredheartreled@rcdvictoria.org.



Parish Office Hours

Sept. 25 to Oct. 13, Tue to Thu, 10 am to 2 pm
The Office will be closed on Mondays & Fridays.

Regular hours will resume on Tuesday, 17 October.

We thank our Parish Office volunteers
for holding the fort during this time.



Please pray for:

Those who have died

Franz Van Thillo and Clemente Oliveros.

Those who are ill

*Jon A, Anne Brodeur, Darrell C, Cora C, Lesley D,
Joseph Fegan, Kathleen G, Richard G, Azaryah H, Pedrito K,
Derek L, Lisa Laidlaw, Bruno R, Maria T, and Bob W.*



Help the Society of St. Vincent de Paul

The challenge in today's Gospel, is to forget how others have behaved toward us and to look to God's way of loving and forgiving. Our focus must be on God. If a neighbour or friend is in need because of a loss of a job or an illness, please contact the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. We want to help! Contact Georgina at 250-727-2615.

Make a donation of food or funds at
<https://www.ssvpvancouverisland.ca/>

OR

Through Canada Helps.

Please specify "Sacred Heart Parish"
or "the Social Concern Office" when you make your gift 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/)

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!

September 9 & 10, 2023

Envelopes \$ 1,375.00

Cash \$ 506.30

Total \$ 1,881.30

Donations through PAD, Canada Helps, & e-Transfer
will be reported in mid-October.

OUR MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS

Saturday, 16 September, 4 pm : Fr. Frank Franz

Altar Servers : Daisy L, Elias T, Mara T
Proclaimers : Belle PdT, Sigrune F
EMCs : Marilyn T
Ushers : Miriam P
Music : Rafael O

Sunday, 17 September, 9 am : Fr. Eduardo Santos

Altar Servers : Mariah C, Gabby C, Pio T
Proclaimers : Connie H, Kathy W
EMCs : Jeff K, Gilbert S
Ushers : Vanora N, Lisa S
Music : Sacred Heart Choir, Rafael O

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

COMMISSIONING WEEKEND

23rd & 24th September 2023

Do you like to read the Word of God? How about
proclaiming to your fellow parishioners? The Proclaimers
Ministry is looking for volunteers. Training will be provided.

**We also need Ushers, Altar Servers,
Communion Ministers, & choir members etc...**

*Be part of the joyful Sacramental
and Liturgical celebrations in our parish.*

**For more information, please contact
the Parish Office!**

We look forward to hearing from you.



PARISH MINISTRIES & GROUPS

**Please contact the Parish Office:
sacredheart@rcdvictoria.org**

PARISH LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Parish Liturgy Coordinator Rafael Oei

Altar Servers	Karla Montano
Extraordinary Ministers	Gilbert & Chay Santos
Floral Ministry (Environment)	Ruby Rivera
Music Director	Rafael Oei
Pastoral Care Ministry	Lynda Tan
Proclaimers	Stan Dzbik
Ushers	Marisa Tinsay / Isme Liem
Video Streamers	Peter Liem

PARISH GROUPS

Christian Meditation	Margie Noonan
C.W.L. / Prayer Line	Margot McLaughlin
Knights of Columbus	Rick Perez de Tagle
Led By The Spirit Group	David MacIntyre
Moms & Tots	Chantal Côté
Phone-tree	Elizabeth Olcen
Funeral Receptions	Elizabeth Olcen
Social Justice/D & P	Stan Dzbik
St. Vincent de Paul	Georgina Short



Thank you for supporting the Knights of Columbus'

Welcome Back Pancake Breakfast!

Sunday, 10 Sep 2023



CWL General Meeting

September 16

10 am to 11:30 am

Parish Hall. Focus: Food Waste.

2nd CWL Community Garage Sale

Saturday, November 4, 9am -1pm

Secure a table for \$25

Sell your treasures --- New or Used and keep your profit.

Contact Denise Owen at deniseowen@shaw.ca or phone (250) 580-0066



From the Diocese

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Who Is Jesus Christ? What are Sacraments?



The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the process to enter the Catholic Faith. Contact your pastor to have a dialogue, then register with Carmelle and Chris Whiteley for the evening meeting on September 21st at 7:30 pm in the Community Room of St. Joseph the Worker Parish located at 785 Burnside Rd W.

Ph: 250-886-2987 / Email: carmelle.whiteley@gmail.com

Show Us Your Face, Lord

A Retreat with Fr. Mark Cherry

Friday, September 29 & Saturday, September 30

St. Joseph the Worker Parish. Registration: \$45, Space is limited

Three talks, adoration and benediction, worship, a healing service Confession and Mass. Please bring a bagged lunch.

To register: www.tinyurl.com/showusyourface2023. For information: catholicretreat7@gmail.com or 250-383-7746.



A Mighty River
Amos 5: 24

Let Justice & Peace Flow Season of Creation 2023

September 1st to October 4th

Mouvement Laudato Si' Movement: Canada https://www.faithcommongood.org/mouvement_laudato_si_movement_canada invites everyone to join in the first online MLSM Canada National Gathering on Wed, 27 September from 3 pm to 5 pm PT.

For information and to register, please visit: https://www.faithcommongood.org/mlsm_canada_national_gathering/

September 15 and 17: Join in the [March to End Fossil Fuels](https://www.mail.laudatosimovement.org/click.html) (<https://www.mail.laudatosimovement.org/click.html>)

(<https://www.mail.laudatosimovement.org/click.html>) that will be held in cities around the world. You are also invited to follow the North America Programs Coordinator, Luke Henkel, on his bike pilgrimage to the New York march from Chicago!

Funds for Morocco



Development and Peace

CARITAS CANADA

Development and Peace:

Caritas Canada is collecting funds to support rescue and relief efforts in Morocco after the devastating magnitude 6.8 earthquake that struck the country on September 8.

To donate online, please visit:

<https://www2.devp.org/en/civcrm/contribute/transact?reset=1&id=3&gl=24092>

Select "Emergency – Earthquake Morocco" when it asks what you are giving towards.



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marriage encounter

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Vancouver

A weekend marriage retreat
October 27-29

Rekindle the romance, remind yourselves why you fell in love and how to make a good marriage even better!

For more info and to register, please visit:

<https://beholdvancouver.org/events/couple-retreat-by-worldwide-marriage-encounter>

You both deserve it!

BELOVED CATHOLIC WOMEN'S RETREAT



NOV. 17-19, 2023

CAMP HOMEWOOD, QUADRA ISLAND

All women, 19+ are invited.

The Key Note Speaker is Fr. Chrysostom Mijinke OP

Fr. Mijinke OP is currently the Director of Frassati: Seattle Catholic Young Adults, and Asst. Director of the Catholic Newman Center, University of Washington. His name means "golden mouth" after St. John Chrysostom due to his zeal for

preaching with conviction, love, and logic.

Come for rest, prayer, adoration, outdoor activities, fabulous meals, and fellowship.

For more information, please email vicatholicwomensretreat@gmail.com

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

Sacred Heart Executive Committee (Responsible for Sacred Heart Parish)

**Marilyn Bojko, Marilyn Turner,
& Stan Dzbik**

email: sacredheartexec@gmail.com

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL 2023 / 2024

Marilyn Bojko (Chair)
Peter Martin
Rick Perez de Tagle
Samantha Sherman

Jim Haffey
Jeremy Côté
Edgar Tan Jr.
Will Podmoroff

Ethnic Communities at Sacred Heart

Korean Pastor: Fr. Robert Ryu
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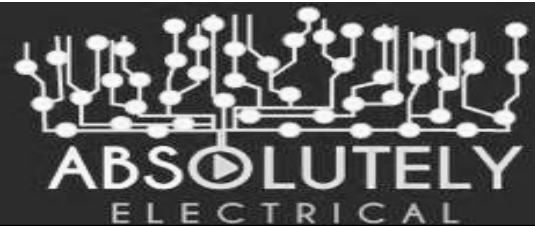
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