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Years at
Nelthorpe

* 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time | 19 January 2025 *

WEEK of
PRAYER
for CHRISTIAN UNITY
18 to 25 Jan 2025



The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Prayer Service will be held on
Sunday, January 19 at 3:00 pm at St. Andrew's Cathedral.

All are welcome to participate, either in person at the Cathedral
or via the livestream at <https://youtu.be/C0fsyZDAbTA>

The Plan

By Jean Allen



How often are you faced with a choice of directions in your life and spend a lot of anguished energy trying to discern which is the right direction, afraid that if you choose wrongly, you will upset God's plans for your life? If this happens to you, just remember the Wedding at Cana.

When Jesus was asked by his Mother to deal with the lack of wine and he said, "What is that to you and me? My hour has not yet come," he had a clear idea in his head as to what his direction should be in that situation. Yet when his Mother insisted, he changed direction immediately and he didn't go off into the wilderness to pray about it and wrestle over it. So, what did he know about his Father that we often don't take into consideration when we're in discernment?

I think it was that his Father was all about love, not plans. I believe Jesus knew that if he acted in love, the Father would take care of everything else. Too often we decide on a plan and become so invested and so focused on it that we miss multiple opportunities to see that love is what is needed, not plans. That was the mistake of the law-abiding Pharisees. They 'religiously' stuck to the plan. They stuck to the law and could not see when the plan was hurting people.

Jesus doing an about-face and lovingly changing water into wine did not mess up God's plan for his life. It enhanced the plan, the plan that all God's children should be loved without reservation. It actually did not matter that Jesus did not wait for some amorphous hour; God got him to where he needed to be when he needed to be there. And that's the plan we need to buy into. As long as we desire to do God's will and seek to do the most loving thing...

...God will take care of the plan.

LITURGICAL YEAR C

Saturday:

Syro-Malabar Rite Mass (No Mass this weekend)
English Mass (Anticipated Sunday Mass) **4:00 pm**

Sunday:

English Mass **9:00 am**
Syro-Malabar Rite Mass **on pause**
Korean **3:00 pm**
Vietnamese (1st and 3rd Sundays) **5:30 pm**

RECONCILIATION

Saturday **3:00 pm to 3:45 pm**
Sunday **on pause**

Weekday Masses

English Masses

Tuesday to Friday **on pause**
Friday: Adoration after Mass
Benediction **on pause**

~ No Weekday Masses ~

Fr. Shijo is away on vacation.

We thank Fr. Benson Asuming
(Pastor of St. Patrick's Church, Haultain)
for celebrating the weekend Masses
with us during Fr. Shijo's absence.



Korean Masses

Wednesdays **7:30 pm**
Thursdays **10:00 am**

Temporary 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 >

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



Bishop's Appeal
2024
Sharing
God's Gifts

Thank You
Sacred Heart
Parishioners

We surpassed our goal of \$44,000.

Total Donations Received: **\$ 50,288.93**



Please pray for:

Those who have died

Kay Clarke, Joe Snr. & Joe Jnr. Delima, Herculano & Joao Pimental, Paul Spencer, and Souls in Purgatory.

Those who are ill

Mary-Lee A, Skarlet, Jon A, Patricia C, Cora C, Lesley D, Laverne Knapik, Kathleen G, Gwen J, Derek L, Lisa L, Diane L, Rafael M-Duke, Katherine N, Edvige P, Dino R, Davide R, Gaspar S, Valerie S, Cathy T, Maria T, and Ornella T.

St. Agnes of Rome 21 January Chastity & Purity



St. Agnes was a virgin and patron saint of girls, and is one of the most celebrated Roman martyrs. According to tradition, Agnes was a beautiful girl of about 12 or 13 of age. She refused marriage, stating that she could have no spouse but Jesus Christ.

Her suitors revealed her Christianity, which was at the time condemned as a cult in Rome. As punishment, she was exposed in a brothel. Awed by her purity and presence, all but one of the Roman youths left her untouched. In his attempt to violate her, the sole attacker was miraculously struck blind. Agnes healed him with prayer. Later, after refusing to renounce her faith, she was murdered during the persecution of the Christians by the Roman emperor Diocletian and was buried beside the Via Nomentana.

[Online accessed, 16 Jan 2025:
[https://www.britannica.com/biography/Saint-Agnes\]](https://www.britannica.com/biography/Saint-Agnes)

St. Francis de Sales 24 January

Writers, Journalists, & the Deaf



Born August 21, 1567, at the Château de Sales, the kingdom of Savoy near Geneva, Switzerland, into a noble family. By age 24, he obtained doctorates in canon and civil law, but chose religious life instead.

A leader of the Catholic Reformation, at a time when many were drawn to the new Protestant churches, Francis set out to restore Catholicism in the region around Lake Geneva known as Chablais. Tirelessly and patiently preaching the ancient faith, he wrote leaflets clearly explaining the Catholic view, gradually re-establishing a strong Catholicism in that area. Appointed Bishop of Geneva in 1602, he reorganized the diocese, reformed religious education, established a seminary, and founded schools. He died at Lyons on December 28, 1622 and was canonized in 1665.

Moms & Tots

Parish Hall, every third Monday of the month,
9:30 am - 11:30 am

Next gathering: Monday, January 20, 2025

Come for the company and faith-sharing.
Parents and caregivers are welcome.

Please contact Genevieve Vuksic: momstots.shvic@gmail.com



Bishop Thomas J. Lobsinger, OMI Memorial Bursary Program



This annual British Columbia and Yukon Bursary program is now receiving applications. There are fourteen bursaries of \$1,000.00 each to Catholic students across the Province of British Columbia. These bursaries are made available on a one-time only basis to young practicing Catholic students in post secondary education at a recognized institute of higher learning within the Province. Applications are accepted from Jan 1, 2025 until Jun 30, 2025 with the bursaries being awarded in the fall. The Terms of Reference may be found on our web site (kofcbc.org). Deadline for requests for application is June 1, 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

We would like to congratulate the many recipients over the years and look forward to assist more young people in their education.

2025 Parish Donation Envelopes

The 2025 Parish Donation Envelopes
are available for pick up in the foyer.



If you do not currently have a box set and would like to begin using envelopes, call the Parish Office or fill out the form on the table near the envelope sets. Offertory donation envelopes are beneficial if you make weekly contributions to the parish and are necessary if you wish to receive an income tax receipt.

If you are new to the parish or would like to start using these donation envelopes, contact the parish office at 250-479-1611, or email sacredheart@rcdvictoria.org to have a box set aside for you.

We also offer the following options for your financial contribution to the parish (see below).

1. Pre-authorized debit *(automatically deducted from your bank account on a monthly basis)
2. E-Transfers to sacredheart@rcdvictoria.org
3. Gifts of publicly traded securities.

PLEASE DO NOT USE ANY ENVELOPES FROM PAST YEARS.

Since we have re-numbered some sets, if you use a set from a prior year, you will not get credit for your donation.

Thank you.

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!

January 11 & January 12, 2025

Envelopes \$ 1,818.00

Cash \$ 353.00

Total \$ 2,171.00

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

Thank you to everyone who promoted the 2024 Appeal, "Sharing God's Gifts." We have raised an impressive \$840,000. Opportunity for donations have been extended up to February 5, 2025.



On December 30, 2024, the federal government announced plans to amend the Income Tax Act that will extend the deadline for donations eligible for tax benefits for the 2024 tax year to February 28, 2025. At the Diocese, tax receipts will be processed as usual in early February, with an additional batch in March for donations received in January and February. Donors will have the option to decide which tax year their additional tax receipt will apply to. To donate, please visit <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/bishops-appeal>.

As a parish, we have surpassed our goal!!! Congratulations!
Our project is to install a ventilation system to our Confessional

Thank you, all!

Parish Goal: \$ 44,000.00 Received: \$ 50,288.93 Number of Gifts: 152

Society of St. Vincent de Paul



In the Gospel today, at the wedding feast in Cana, Jesus reveals himself to his disciples and they began to believe in him. Everyday, God also gives us signs of his love and so we also can respond in faith and trust.

Your gift to the Society becomes a sign of God's love to those who are suffering and you give them reason to believe and to trust .

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

Donate online and specify "Sacred Heart Parish": <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/society-of-st-vincent-de-paul-of-vancouver-island/>

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



Recollections for Men & Women



Opus Dei's "Recollections" helps you to deepen your relationship with God. A priest of Opus Dei will be available for spiritual direction and/or confession.

Women: Mon, Jan 20, 7 to 9 pm, Our Lady of Fatima Parish.
 Mass is at 6pm and confession at 6:30pm.

Men: Tue, Jan 21, 6 to 8pm, Sacred Heart Parish.
 Mass is at 5:15pm.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Thursdays, 11:45 am | Parish Hall

We welcome newcomers.



From the teachings of Fr. John Main (1926-1982), a Benedictine monk. A "prayer of the heart" in silence and stillness.

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



From the Diocese



Seminary of Christ the King

February 8 & 9, Mission, BC | Vocation Live-In

You are invited to a Vocation Live-In on the weekend Feb 8 at the Seminary of Christ the King, Mission, BC. If you are contemplating a vocation, and wishing to enter the Seminary in the next couple of years, you are welcome for the Live-In weekend.

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

WINTER 2025 PASTORAL CARE TRAINING SESSION

**9 am to 12 pm, Feb 1st to Apr 5
 (No session on Mar 8: Spring Break)**



"God calls us to touch the lives of our aging, lonely, ill, palliative and dying sisters and brothers with accompaniment, kindness and compassion as the hands and face of Christ. In these sessions, you learn basic tools necessary to accompany those who are in need of the healing ministry of Christ." – Most Reverend Gary Gordon, Bishop of Victoria

Nine sessions will be held via Zoom on Saturday mornings. You will receive a Certificate of Completion if all sessions are attended. You will require a phone number and email address, a computer, tablet or Smart Phone with speakers, microphone and webcam, a reliable Internet connection, and access to Zoom.

Please register through your local parish by January 21, 2025.

For further information, please email moiraking@shaw.ca

Annual Diocesan Youth Retreat

**Camp Homewood, Quadra Island
 January 31 to February 2, 2025**

Annual Diocesan Retreat for youth for grades 7-12 will be held from January 31 to February 2 at Camp Homewood on Quadra Island.

The retreat will be led by FacetoFace Ministries and will include activities like archery and riding, as well as opportunities for prayer, praise, adoration, fellowship, and the celebration of the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist.

Registration is through your parish.

For more information, contact St. Patrick's Parish in Campbell River at 250-287-3498 or email stpatricks-cr@rcdvictoria.org

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://cwltdov.org/application>

Diocesan Permanent Pastoral Synod

<https://www.rcdvictoria.org/news/bishop-gary-gordons-message-for-the-2025-dpps-cycle>

For a synodal Church

Pastor, Fr. Shijo George

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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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