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* *Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time* | 19th November 2023 *

Fr. Jan thanks everyone

for making the
*Pancake Breakfast such a success,
and for such a warm welcome!*



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 **1:00 pm**
Korean **3:00 pm**
Vietnamese (1st & 3rd Sun) **5:30 pm**

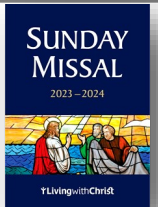
RECONCILIATION

Saturday **3:00 pm**

Sacred Heart YouTube Channel

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

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



Comparative Studies

By Jean Allen



In the parable of the master who entrusted his three slaves with five talents, two talents and one talent respectively before he went away, I see in the background something at play here that we all struggle with from time to time. Comparisons. Comparing oneself to others and finding oneself lacking and unworthy.

Did the slave who was given one talent look at what the other two were doing with the master's money and despair because he didn't have the same kind of smarts as the other two? Did he feel totally lacking in confidence that he could measure up to the other two? He was not only afraid of the master. He was frozen in his fear that he wasn't like the other two.

Something that we don't often pick up in this parable is that Jesus said the slaves were given the money, "each according to his ability." That meant that the master in no way expected the slave with the smallest amount of money to do anything similar to what the other two were doing. In fact, it was none of his business what the other two were up to and how they were succeeding. His business was to understand his own ability and to work within it. That's all the master wanted and expected.

If you've ever read about a saint's accomplishments for God or witnessed someone in your community who seems to be so fruitful in his or her spiritual accomplishments or service and then found yourself feeling guilty and a little bit threatened because you just know you haven't got what it takes to attain those spiritual lifestyles...STOP! Stop and take a deep breath, step back and say, "What they do is none of my business. God has endowed me with everything I need to be what he has called me to be. If it doesn't feel noteworthy and amazing, that's all right. I will walk according to my ability and it will be enough. It will be more than enough."

Comparing yourself to others is called 'Freezing your assets.'

Weekday Masses

English

Tue-Thu **12:05 pm**

Fri **12:05 pm**

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

Korean

Wed **8:00 pm**

Thu **10:30 am**



Beginning December 1st!

**12:05 pm
First Friday
Mass**

**&
9 am
First Saturday
Mass**



PLEASE NOTE

The Parish Office will be closed

on Friday, November 24 for the
Diocesan Faith Day for Employees.

**12:05 pm MASS on that day
will be celebrated as usual.**

We thank Fr. Frank Franz
for celebrating the Eucharist with us.





Please pray for:

Those who have died

Sr. Maria Huyen,
Roberto Tinsay and Helena Van Aert .

Those who are ill

Thérèse A, Jon A, Patricia Cavanagh,
Darrell C, Cora C, Lesley D, Kathleen G, Richard G,
Azaryah H, Pedrito K, Derek L, Lisa L, and Maria T.

A big thank you to everyone who turned up to help with the Fall Clean-up.

You have made a sweeping
difference in our parish



Eternal Rest Grant Unto

Bro. Dominic Tessier OFM

(November 14, 2023)

Sr. Mary Gordon SSA

(November 9, 2023)

*O Lord, and let Perpetual Light Shine Upon them.
May their souls rest in peace. Amen.*

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 11 & Nov 12, 2023

Envelopes \$ 2,140.00

Cash \$ 487.00

Total \$ 2,627.40

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

Join the CWL!

CWL members will be in the foyer of the church before and after
Mass this weekend to sign up new and renewing members. There
are many benefits to belonging to the CWL:



- spiritual development
- service on committees
- friendship, mentorship, prayer partners
- adding your voice to local and national social justice issues

Please contact Denise Owen for more information:
250-580-0066 or deniseowen@shaw.ca

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON: December 2nd.

Members and guests are welcome. Cost: \$25, paid in advance.

If you are interested, please see the CWL ladies in the foyer of the
church before and after Mass this weekend. You may also contact
Margot at margotmclaughlin1978@gmail.com.

ADVENT RETREAT: For members based on the "Behold" series.
The retreat will be held Saturdays, 3:00 pm to 3:30 pm, from
November 25th to December 23rd. The cost is \$15. Please see the
CWL ladies in the foyer of the church before and after Mass this
weekend, or contact Mary at marykatekearsey@gmail.com

MASS FOR DECEASED CWL Members: 12:05 pm, November 21st
especially for those who passed away in 2023. Please put on your
scarves for the Mass.

African Aids Angels will be on sale in the church
foyer on Saturday December 16 before and after the 4 pm Mass
and Sunday, December 17 before and after the 9 am Mass.

African Aids Angels are handcrafted angels made by volunteers
from donated materials. These angels are sold and funds earned
help to support children orphaned by the HIV virus.

We help support an orphanage in South Africa and one in Zambia.



Small angels: \$10
Large: \$25.

We accept cash or
cheques made out to
"African Aids Angels".

Thank you,
in advance, for your
support.

Marcia Thompson

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.

**Birtheright
Victoria**





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:** \$16,155.00 **Pledges:** 63



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>

HOLODOMOR COMMEMORATION

6 pm, Sunday, November 26th

Christ Church Cathedral, 911 Quadra St.

Please join us in remembering the millions who died in Ukraine during the Holodomor (death by starvation) genocide imposed by Russian president Joseph Stalin in 1932-33. History repeats itself as Russia, under Vladimir Putin, wages war on Ukraine, considered by many to be another genocide. The program includes a memorial service led by Fr. Yuriy Vyshnevskyy of St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Parish, speeches, songs lead by the Kalyna choir, and other musicians.

Sponsored by the Ukrainian Canadian Congress, Victoria Branch.
 Donations accepted for the Canada-Ukraine Foundation toward humanitarian aid in Ukraine.

The CCCB Office for Family & Life

is pleased to share a recording of the webinar "Concrete Ways to Renew Practices in Family Holiness".

The webinar, which was offered in June, featured Msgr. Philippe Bordeyne, President of the Pontifical John Paul II Theological Institute for Marriage & Family Sciences in Rome. The recording is on the CCCB YouTube channel:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QGsBidBUhtU>.

The PDF of the slides used in this presentation are on
https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1LYDtOKNYWQaZnZtDAW5L9hq_WvZwNMhH.



Anawim House

Anawim is asking for assistance.

There will be a collection box in the church foyer starting November 25th to accept donations of **NEW CLOTHING**: items such as jeans, jackets, socks, underwear, shirts, raingear and any new items of clothes that may be used as gifts to the residents of the two houses, and guests from the drop-in program.

Anawim will also have their **Annual Christmas Tree Sale** starting Saturday, November 25th, 9 am at 973 Caledonia Avenue.

Thank you for your long-term support of Anawim.

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/>

You may also use the envelopes provided in each of the pews, to help us make a difference in the lives of those less fortunate in our community. Please be generous



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).

Opus Dei's Recollections

Spend some time with God in meditation and an examination of conscience. A priest of Opus Dei will be available for spiritual direction and / or confession.

For women, Monday, November 20, 7 pm to 9 pm, at Our Lady of Fatima Parish, 4635 Elk Lake Drive, Saanich. Mass at 6pm and confession at 6:30pm.

For men, Tuesday, 21st November from 6 pm to 8 pm at Sacred Heart Parish, 4040 Nelthorpe Street, Saanich. Mass at 5:15pm.



**DIocese of VICTORIA
HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE**

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

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, 18 November, 4 pm

Altar Servers : Mariah, Gabby, Sarah, Rachel
Proclaimers : Margaret S, Catherine M
EMCs : Sigrune F
Ushers : Miriam P
Music : Arlene S, Rafael O

Sunday, 19 November, 9 am

Altar Servers : Pio, Elias, Mara, Matthew
Proclaimers : Caroline S, Mary K
EMCs : Aubert G, Jeff K
Ushers : Isme L, Stella, Daniel
Music : Sacred Heart Choir, Rafael O

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

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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