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Point of Connection

Definition of Abide: *stay with, remain, continue without fading or being lost.*

Continue without fading or being lost...

When we spend huge amounts of time (and all of us do) remembering the past or worrying about the future and don't stay in the present moment where Christ always dwells, then we have faded away and have lost ourselves.

Jesus uses the metaphor of the vine and branches and when you think about it, the main concern of the branch is its point of attachment to the vine. If a branch could 'worry' about anything, that would be it. "Am I still attached to my source of nutrients?" It would not be worrying about the fruit it's going to produce or if it will produce fruit at all. Its total job is to stay connected to the vine. It does not remember previous cold snaps that affected the harvest. It doesn't wonder if there is another frosty disaster coming and start frantically trying to think of ways it can protect itself. That's completely outside of its jurisdiction.



But that's where we all fade away to most of the time. We gnaw on past wounds and upsetting circumstances and chew on future possibilities of repeated disasters or new ones. We are rarely here now. Watch your thoughts for one day and note how often you are off in the past or the future. When we live outside the very tiny circle of what is really our area of concern – connection to the vine – eventually our connection weakens and sometimes breaks. When we lose our connection to the present moment nutritional grace of Christ, we dry up. We get burnt up – or burnt out.

Staying in the present moment connected to Christ, even if that moment is painful or chaotic or as dull as taxes, is actually what faith is made of. It takes a huge leap of faith to leave the past and the future in God's capable hands and to stay in the moment. It also takes intentional practice.

Be. Here. Now.

Jean Allen

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 2, 2021

Pastor Fr. Alfredo Monacelli
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Responsible Ministry & Safe Environment

The Diocese has contracted an **outside independent Agency** to serve as the first point of contact for all cases of abuse. A trained counsellor will respond to the toll-free number (1-800-968-3146) to provide assistance with the process for reporting abuse claims.

For all RMSE information and forms please go to:
<https://www.rcdvictoria.org/responsible-ministry>

Fr. Alfie's Table



Here is the latest edition of Fr. Alfie's Table with a lovely, tasty salad.

<https://youtu.be/JdPh-B0MpEw>

Live-Streamed Mass

Saturday at 6 pm

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9tUaIzDIFwILV1imrPkNKg>

Mass: with the Bishop Live-Streamed

<https://www.youtube.com/c/RCDVictoriaLiveOne>

Sunday 10:00 am
Monday to Friday 7:00 pm

Personal Sacraments

1st May 2021, 11 am to 1 pm

Only Holy Communion will be distributed,
there will be NO Confessions.

Please **sign in** at the door.

Please observe COVID-19 restrictions and safety protocols when you arrive.
The church is limited to a max of 10 persons at all times.

Options to donate

Information and links are also available on our website

E-Transfer to email: sacredheart@rcdvictoria.org
Pre-Authorized Debit: [Automatic Debit \(PAD\)](#)
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Sanctioned Collection

Pope's Pastoral Works May 9, 2021

<https://www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html>

Thank you for your contributions!
April 15 to 28, 2021

Regular envelopes: \$1,660.00
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Total \$1,690.00

Easter Offerings: \$100.00

Donations from PAD, Canada Helps, & e-Transfers will be reported after the end of each month.

In our Parish

From Parish Pastoral Council Members **to all Sacred Heart Ministry Heads :**

As we all are well aware, this past year has been extremely challenging, and the usual activities within a parish community have been minimized.

At our Parish Pastoral Council Zoom meeting in March, we all agreed that unless things drastically changed in the ability to gather, we would not have an Annual General Meeting in May, nor any Parish Council elections.

The present members of Sacred Heart Parish Pastoral Council have agreed to stay on as your parish representatives for one more year, even if terms were up, so that we are able to experience continuity.

We ask that the heads of Ministries, or Groups within the parish, submit a report, so that we are able to publish those reports in a bulletin in late May.

Please email your report, **by May 15, 2021** to
Marilyn Bojko, PPC Chairperson at 123sigmar@gmail.com and/or
Fr. Alfredo at amonacelli@rcdvictoria.org

On behalf of the entire parish community, thank you for your participation.

Sincerely,
Marilyn Bojko, PPC Chairperson



Eternal Rest Grant unto them, O Lord and May Your Perpetual Light Shine Upon them

Hans (Horst) Petrecek —(April 22)

Helen Margaret Ross — (April 23)

Catholic Women's League (CWL)

Saturday, May 8 at 10:00 am

General Meeting and rosary in the courtyard,
weather permitting

For more info, contact Miriam 250-652-6252.

Birthright Victoria

Birthright is taking orders now for tomato plants,
other edibles, perennials, and shrubs.

<https://birthrightvictoria.org/garden-babies-for-birthright-plant-sales/>

In the Diocese



Image: Window in Our
Lady of the Rosary Church,
Langford, BC

Join Pope Francis in prayer for an end to the pandemic

May is always a month dedicated to our Blessed Mother Mary. This year, Pope Francis is encouraging Catholics across the globe to mark the month in a special way, with a "marathon" of prayer for an end to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Each day in May at 9:00 am Pacific Time, Vatican News will broadcast a recitation of the Rosary from various Marian Shrines around the world. The broadcasts can be viewed online at <https://www.vaticannews.va/en.html>.

Bishop Gary hopes that Catholics in the Diocese of Victoria will participate. "This is a very worthy initiative," he says, "an amazing learning and praying experience at the beginning of the day to create an awareness of our global interconnectedness as brothers and sisters."

<https://www.rcdvictoria.org/news/join-pope-francis-in-prayer-for-an-end-to-the-pandemic>.

Hail Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness, and our hope. To you do we cry!

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