



# Sacred Heart Catholic Church

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**\* Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time | 24th September 2023 \***

## 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>

## Weekday Masses



There will be  
**NO 7 pm Mass**  
with Bishop Gary  
from Sep 25 to Oct 6.

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

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

## DURING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

You are invited to join us  
25 minutes before each  
Mass to

**Pray the  
Rosary**



## Relax Into Desire

By Jean Allen

"Lavish, magnanimous, bountiful, ungrudging, unstinting, munificent, benevolent, prodigal, profuse, abounding, copious, generous." These are words the labourers who only worked one hour in the vineyard could have easily used to describe the landowner who paid them the same wages as those who labored all day.

"Unfair, biased, unethical, unjust, stingy, miserly, cheap, mean, underhanded, unscrupulous, fraudulent, callous, perverse, cold, pitiless." These are words the labourers who worked all day could have easily used to describe the same landowner who paid them the same wages as those who had only worked one hour.

Which set of words will we use for God when we pass from this life to the next and witness people going in before us, (who, as far as we could tell, did diddly-squat in serving God or who only acknowledged God in the last minute), and receiving the same loving and joyful welcome as us? This question can either cause us to recognize our underlying need for God (and others) to exclusively recognize our righteous labour for him and can highlight an underlying resentment towards those who aren't as labour intensive as we are – or it can bring us enormous hope.

God doesn't judge according to quantity or even quality, which is pretty good news for most of us! He simply recognizes and welcomes the willing and desirous heart. He doesn't practice generosity according to our standards of what is 'enough'. The Kingdom is not based on the 'reward for goods received' system like the world does. It is actually quite difficult for us to get our heads around that and hard for us to understand unconditional generous love. Perhaps we will never quite get it until we pass over to our Kingdom home.

But, meanwhile, it would be good to reflect on how many words in the above lists apply to us. After pondering that, we might be super relieved that God does not operate on a tit for tat reward system.

And maybe we'll get a glimpse of the true meaning of unconditional love.



## 2023/2024 Faith Formation Classes

Sundays at 10 am in the Parish Hall:

- 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, and foyer of the church.

### We need Catechists and Youth Helpers for:

Pre-Sacrament (Preschool to Gr. 1) & Yr 1 Sacramental Prep (Gr. 2 & higher)

Please contact Lidia Moodie at [sacredheartreled@rcdvictoria.org](mailto:sacredheartreled@rcdvictoria.org).



## Parish Office Hours

25 September to 13 October

**Tuesdays to Thursdays, 10 am to 2 pm**

**Closed on Mondays & Fridays**

**Regular office hours will resume  
on Tuesday, 17 October.**

We thank our Parish Office volunteers  
for keeping the office open.



### **Please pray for:**

#### **Those who have died**

Fr. Philip Bae, Joe McCarthy,  
Mike Short and Salvacion Tinsay

#### **Those who are ill**

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



### ***Eternal Rest Grant Unto***

***Fr. Philip Bae (September 6, 2023)***

***O Lord, and let Perpetual Light  
Shine Upon him***

***May his soul rest in peace. Amen.***

***Fr. Philip Bae was the pastor for our  
Korean Community from 2014—2017.***



## **SAVE THE DATE 2nd CWL Community Garage Sale**

**Saturday, November 4  
9 am -1 pm**

It's not too late! Tables may be used  
for your hobby or business.

Book a table for \$25, sell your goods, and keep the profit.

For more information, or if you would like to book a table,  
please contact Denise at [deniseowen@shaw.ca](mailto:deniseowen@shaw.ca)  
or phone (250) 580-0066

## **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](mailto: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 16 & 17, 2023**

**Envelopes \$ 1,447.00**

**Cash \$ 493.00**

**Total \$ 1,940.00**

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

## ***OUR MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS***

### **Saturday, 23 September, 4 pm : Fr. Frank Franz**

Altar Servers : Daisy L, Mariah C, Gabby C  
Proclaimers : Margaret S, Catherine M  
EMCs : Marilyn T  
Ushers : Don M  
Music : Arlene S, Rafael O

### **Sunday, 24 September, 9 am : Fr. Eduardo Santos**

Altar Servers : Daisy L, Elias T, Mara T, Pio T  
Proclaimers : Stan D, Ben P  
EMCs : Jeff K, Gilbert S  
Ushers : Teresa E, Lynda T  
Music : Sacred Heart Choir, Rafael O

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

***On this Commissioning Sunday,  
we thank all our Parish Volunteers  
for being part of the Sacramental and Liturgical  
celebrations in our parish.***

**We are still accepting volunteers to be  
Ushers, Altar Servers, Communion Ministers, &  
choir members... etc...**

**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](mailto: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



## From the Diocese



### Help the Society of St. Vincent de Paul

On September 27, the Church celebrates the feast of St. Vincent de Paul: "God had sent him to bring good news to the poor." Together with your gifts, the members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul continue his work and mission in our parish.

Please make a gift and you will bring faith and hope to those less fortunate in our community. Please email: Georgina at [mvgshort@telus.net](mailto:mvgshort@telus.net) or call 250-727-2615

Look around your house for furniture, household items, and clothing you no longer use. Give it to the Society at one of our local thrift stores at Esquimalt or Langford. Also, help stock the food pantry at the Social Concern Office in downtown Victoria (833 Yates Street).

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/>

## National Day for Truth and Reconciliation September 30, 2023

Every year on this day, Canadians commemorate the history and legacy of residential schools and honour First Nations, Inuit, Métis Survivors, their families and communities.

In Victoria, all are invited to attend the South Island Powwow (<https://www.songheesnation.ca/south-island-powwow>) sponsored by the Diocese this year. The powwow runs from 10 am to midnight at Royal Athletic Park (1014 Caledonia Ave, Victoria), and admission is free.

Explore the Diocesan Indigenous Relations website (<https://www.rcdvictoria.org/indigenous>) that archives posts and news from our Diocese on Indigenous relations, including information on the Diocese of Victoria's responses to the Truth & Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action, the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund, the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, and Our Lady of Guadalupe Circle.



worldwide  
**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!*

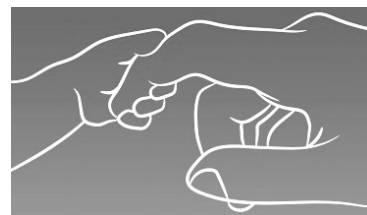
## Fall 40 Days For Life Prayer Vigil

Our Fall 40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil is from September 27 to November 5, 2023, located near the Park & Ride at the Helmcken Overpass! (Near Victoria General Hospital)

Come and Pray for Pre-Born Babies!

"One Saved Baby will Save Generations of People"

To Volunteer – Call or Text Glenda @ 250-661-2613



## Feast of St. Francis

**Wed. Oct. 4 at 7 pm**

Lourdes Hall of St. Patrick's Church, 2060 Haultain St.

Celebrate the Feast of St. Francis watching the film "The Sultan and the Saint": a remarkable film about Muslim-Christian peace.

**All are welcome.**

**Popcorn will be provided.**

Trailer for the film:

[https://](https://www.sultanandthesaintfilm.com/about-the-film/)

[www.sultanandthesaintfilm.com/about-the-film/](https://www.sultanandthesaintfilm.com/about-the-film/)



## 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.devpc.org/en/civcrm/contribute/transact?reset=1&id=3&gl=24092>

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



A Mighty River  
Amos 5: 24

## Let Justice & Peace Flow Season of Creation 2023

**September 1st to October 4th**

Every year, Christians around the world are invited to join in prayer and action to protect our common home.

To learn more about the Season of Creation, read Pope Francis' Message for the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, please visit:

<https://www.rcdvictoria.org/news/season-of-creation-2023-let-justice-and-peace-flow>



## 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](http://RCDVictoria.org/Responsible-Ministry) or call

**1-800-968-3146**

To report sexual abuse or cover-up by a Catholic Bishop, visit [BishopReportingSystem.ca](http://BishopReportingSystem.ca) or call **1-866-892-3737**

## 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

## Sacred Heart Executive Committee (Responsible for Sacred Heart Parish)

**Marilyn Bojko, Marilyn Turner, & Stan Dzbik**  
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## *Ethnic Communities at Sacred Heart*

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