



Sacred Heart Catholic Church

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* Christmas | 25th December 2022 *

Christmas Message from the Executive Committee

Dear parishioners of Sacred Heart,
Thank you for the support and understanding that you have given over the past seven months. It has been challenging, in the absence of a Pastor, but through it we have come together as a true Christian community; reflecting the words of Jesus in Matthew 18:20

"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, I am there among them."

The Sacred Heart Executive Committee wishes all parishioners and their families a joyous Christmas, and many blessings in 2023.

Yours in the service of Christ,
The Executive Committee



LITURGICAL

Please see the Christmas & New Year Schedule

This is the last Bulletin of the year.
See you in 2023!

Have a Holy & Blessed Christmas,
and a Joyous & Meaningful New Year!

See our YouTube Channel

www.youtube.com/channel/UCzXJfSxennwmYIT4kPyUh6w



When Jesus was born, it had been 400 years since God had made his presence known to the Jews. 400 years! They were desperate to win his favor back through sacrifice and strict adherence to the law. They thought God was angry with them and all they wanted to do was appease him because everything was going so badly. So, what were the angel's first words to the world?

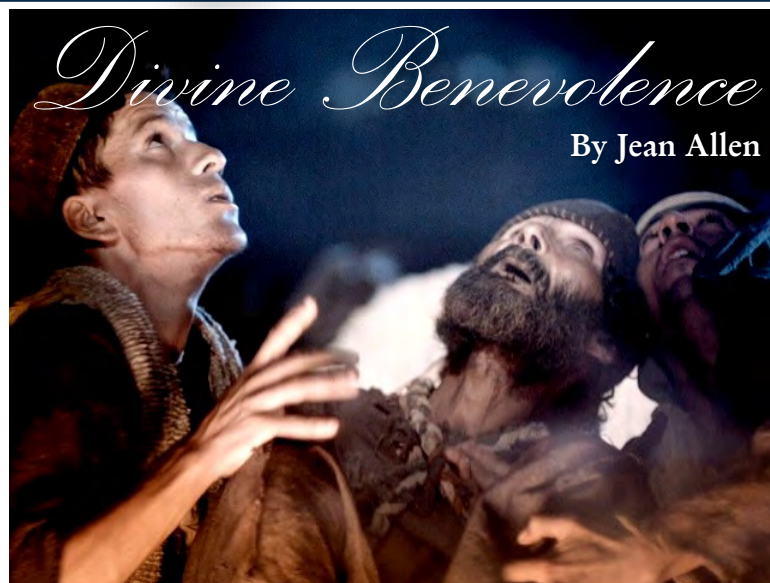
'Glory to God in the highest and on earth, peace to people of good will.' Or another translation says, **'and among people, divine benevolence.'**

This message didn't come to the priests in the temple or the scribes or the Pharisees or any other high authority. It was given to shepherds. Why? Because they didn't have set in stone expectations of how God should return to his people. They were simply trying to survive from day to day. They weren't inwardly demanding that God should come in violence and wrath to devastate their enemies. The shepherds were the small ones, the humble ones, the ones who could hear a message of great joy. They were God's people, his anawim, and among them dwelled his benevolence. They could respond and relate to the promise of a weak baby because they had been the victims of power all their lives. It must have been a moment of amazing peace and relief when the angels said they would find God in a manger as a powerless infant dressed in rags just like they were. And they had no trouble accepting it!

This is indeed good news for us. Shepherds were generally not terribly holy people. They probably didn't give a lot of thought to the law and getting to the synagogue every week. Maybe you aren't feeling like you're making the holiness grade. Maybe you keep failing in areas you think you should be succeeding. Maybe there's more dirt on your robe than clean spots. Fear not.

To you is born a savior, Christ the Lord!

A very holy and peaceful Christmas to you all!



Divine Benevolence

By Jean Allen

Bishop's Appeal 2022

[Check the Diocesan website for more information!](#)

Thank you for your contributions. Pledges and donations will be accepted until December 31st. There is still time to contribute, in support of the parish communities on our Island. All contributions work to help us all!

Online: <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/growing-together-2022>

Goal: \$51,000.00 Pledged: \$23,476.75 Gifts Received: 93

PLEASE NOTE

The Parish Office will be closed for Christmas and New Year from
Friday, December 23rd.

Regular Hours will resume on
Tuesday, January 10th, 2023.





Please pray for:

Those who have died
Marie Kalnciems, Maria Kissinger

Those who are ill

Barbara Adamowski, Jaime A, Cora C,
Kathleen G, Richard G, Marie K, Sylvain L,
Derek L Barbara M, Bruno R, Patricia R, and Marguerite T.



Eternal Rest Grant Unto
Maria Kissinger (18 Dec 2022)
Marie Kalnciems (21 Dec 2022)

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



May the love of Christ enter your hearts and homes
this Christmas, and throughout 2023.

Please join us for our first 2023 meeting, Saturday,
January 21 at 10 am, Pope John Hall. Bring a friend.
Contact Miriam: 250-888-8797

Donation Envelopes & Tax Receipts



**Donation Envelopes are ready for pick up
in the church foyer. Please do not use them
until January 1st, 2023.**

**If you would like to receive a 2022 Tax Receipt,
contributions must be received by Saturday, 31st
December 2022.**

**Please remember to write your name and address on all your
Donation Envelopes. This will help the office staff greatly.**

Please inform the Parish Office if you have moved, have a new
postal address, a new email address, or phone numbers. If you do
not have Donation Envelopes and would like a box, or if you wish to
discontinue using the Donation Envelopes, please inform the Parish
Office. Thank you.

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 (PAD)

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!

December 17 and 18 2022

Envelopes \$ 1,821.00

Cash \$ 196.00

Total \$ 2,017.00

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

Weekday Masses

Mondays to Fridays at 7 pm

Bp. Gary Gordon

Wednesdays at 8 pm

Korean Mass (Fr. Robert Ryu)

Thursdays at 10:30 am

Korean Mass (Fr. Robert Ryu)



PLEASE NOTE THIS UPDATE

There will be **NO 7 pm Mass**
Thursday, 22 and Friday, 23 December 2022.
Monday through Friday, January 9 to 13, 2023



Christmas Season Mass Schedule



Saturday, Christmas Eve, 24 December

4:00 pm Children's Pageant Mass - English (Fr. M. Parent)

6:30 pm Carolling (before the English Mass)

7:00 pm Mass in English (Fr. Marc Parent)

9:30 pm Mass in Korean (Fr. Robert Ryu)

Sunday, Christmas Day, 25 December

9:00 am Nativity of the Lord in English (Fr. E. Santos)

5:30 pm Nativity of the Lord in Vietnamese (Fr. M. Tran)

Monday, 26 December

12:00 pm Mass in Polish (Fr. Jan Grotkowski, SDS)

Saturday, 31 December

11:30 am Syro-Malabar Mass (Fr. Sajj Chakkittamuriyil)

4:00 pm Mary, Mother of God in English (Fr. F. Franz)

Sunday, 1 January 2023

9:00 am Mary, Mother of God (English : Fr. E. Santos)

3:00 pm Mary, Mother of God (Korean : Fr. Robert Ryu)

5:30 pm Mary, Mother of God (Vietnamese : Fr. M. Tran)

Saturday, 7 January

4:00 pm Epiphany of the Lord in English (Fr. F. Franz)

Sunday, 8 January

9:00 am Epiphany of the Lord in English (Fr. E. Santos)

3:00 pm Epiphany of the Lord in Korean (Fr. Robert Ryu)

Mass for Vocations

Thursday, December 29

at 12 p.m.

with Fr. Frank Franz.

Confessions from 11 a.m.

See you in church!



CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Are you interested in learning about meditation?

Our Meditation Group will begin meeting again in person
on Thursdays, from 1 pm - 2 pm beginning Thursday, January 5th.

We welcome newcomers.

Father John Main (1926-1982), a Benedictine monk, rediscovered
this ancient prayer tradition for contemporary men and women.
Meditation, also known as contemplative prayer, is the prayer of
silence and stillness beyond word and thought. It is often called the
"prayer of the heart". The time together includes a short-taped talk
on meditation and 20 - 30 minutes of silence.

For further information, phone or email Margie Noonan:
250-589-6313 or margielnoonan@gmail.com

To learn more about the Community, visit the Canadian website
www.wccm-canada.ca or the World Community website
www.wccm.org



From the Diocese

Congratulations...

Gwen Jahelka

on your appointment as
Chancellor of the Diocese of Victoria!

We express our appreciation to Cynthia Bouchard for all her years of service to the Diocese. We wish her good health, and all the very best in blessings on her retirement, effective 16 January 2023.



Pastoral Centre Hours for Christmas & New Year

The Pastoral Centre will be closed:

- Friday, December 23
- Monday, December 26 (statutory holiday in lieu of Christmas)
- Tuesday, December 27 (statutory holiday in lieu of Boxing Day)
- Monday, January 2 (statutory holiday in lieu of New Year's Day)



Ring in the New Year at Our Lady of Fatima Parish Hall!

Saturday, December 31st from 6 pm to 1 am!

Music by the City Slickers, and food by Casa Nova Catering. Tickets are \$80 each for adults and \$40 each for children (ages 5-12).

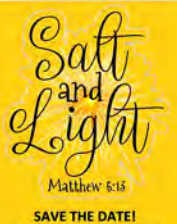
Please contact Connie Pereira at 250-888-7720 for more information and to buy your tickets.

Online Pastoral Care Outreach Training Starting January 28, 2023

The Nine-Session online Pastoral Care Outreach Training series will be held via Zoom, Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. to noon, from 28 Jan. 2023 until April 1st.

No session on March 18: Spring Break. If you are interested, please register with the Parish Office by Mon, Jan 16, 2023.

For further information, please email moiraking@shaw.ca



CAMP HOMEWOOD February 3 to 5, 2023

For Grades 7 to 12

Please register on Eventbrite and complete the Youth or Adult / Chaperone Reg. and consent forms. Email the completed forms to Bonni Roset at broset@telus.net by Jan 15.

Group participants paying by cheque or cash: gather payment onto ONE CHEQUE under your group, payable to St. Patrick's Parish. Mail to Bonni or pay at the Camp. Complete details are in the registration package available from the Parish Office.

CALLED & GIFTED WORKSHOP

Saturday, February 4, 2023, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Holy Cross Parish

This workshop with Sherry Weddell and Katherine Coolidge is an opportunity to discover God's call for your life: a unique purpose and work of love that only you can do. Discern your charisms and through the gifts received in Baptism and Confirmation God intends His love to reach others through you. Topics include: The Call of the Laity; Catholic Spiritual Gifts Inventory Explained; Role of the Holy Spirit; Charisms Discernment Process; and Role of Charisms in Parish, Community and World. Please register at

- Holy Cross Parish, office@holycrossvictoria.org;
- St. Patrick's Parish, stpat190@telus.net.

Christmas Reflection

We celebrate the birth of our Lord into our world; however, many have not received the birth of our Lord into their hearts.

If Christ lives in your heart and you would like to help others discover the Lord, you may be called to be a priest, deacon, sister or brother.

Please contact

Fr. David Hogman: dhogman@rcdvictoria.org

Fr. Harrison Ayre: hayre@rcdvictoria.org

Directors of Vocations in the Diocese of Victoria.



Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols by Candlelight



The Catholic community of Saint John Henry Newman invites you to a festival of nine lessons and carols on Tues, 27 Dec, 6:30 pm at Our Lady Queen of Peace Church. Join us for mulled cider and Christmas cookies following a beautiful liturgy of biblical readings and traditional carols. Parking on site and on side streets.



ANAWIM HOUSE



To arrange to donate, please contact: info@anawimhouse.com / 250-382-0283

For financial contributions, please donate at:

<https://www.anawimhouse.com/donations/?preview=true>

Mail: Anawim House, 973 Caledonia Ave. Victoria BC, V8T 1E7.

The popular Island-grown, fresh-cut Christmas trees are now on sale at the house: Mon.-Fri.: 10 am to 8 pm, Saturday: 9 am to 7 pm / Sunday: 11 am to 6 pm.

May the peace, love and joy of the Christmas season be with each you. Thank you for caring.

Support our Grads!

Drop off your empties at St. Andrew's Regional High School on Sat, Jan 7 between 10 am & 4 pm. If you can't, please let us know and we will send someone for the pick up at your location.

Please contact: vinning.jen@gmail.com



CANADIAN CONFERENCE
OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS

Burying the Dead, Grieving Well:

A Guide for Catholics on

Bodily Disposition and Grief deals with death and the various forms of bodily disposition, including the Catholic liturgical and pastoral practices that accompany the grieving process. The guide is on the Diocesan website: <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/funerals-and-burials>



Report Sexual Abuse

For all Responsible Ministry and
Safe Environment information and forms

<https://www.rcdvictoria.org/responsible-ministry>

PARISH MINISTRIES

Please contact the Parish Office:
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Altar Servers	Karla Montano
Christian Meditation	Margie Noonan
C.W.L. / PrayerLine Ministry	Miriam Podmoroff
Extraordinary Ministers	Gilbert & Chay Santos
Finance Chairperson	Marilyn Turner
Knights of Columbus	Rick Perez de Tagle
Led By The Spirit Group	David MacIntyre
Music Director	Rafael Oei
Parish Liturgy Coordinator	Rafael Oei
Pastoral Care Ministry	Lynda Tan
Phone-tree Ministry	Elizabeth Olcen
Proclaimers	Stan Dzbik
Funeral Receptions	Elizabeth Olcen
Responsible Ministry	TBA
Social Justice/D & P	Stan Dzbik
St. Vincent de Paul	Georgina Short
Ushers	Marisa Tinsay / Isme Liem

PASTORS

Executive Committee (Designated Acting Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish)

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Vietnamese Pastor: Fr. Michael Tran
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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL 2020 / 2022

Marilyn Bojko (Chairperson)	Vincenza Cameron
Stan Dzbik	Jeff Kucharski
Catherine Minvielle	Oscar Perez de Tagle
Michele Ricard	Cyrille Santos

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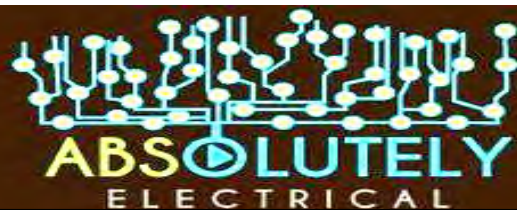
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