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*** Solemnity of Christ the King | 26th November 2023 ***

Dear parishioners,

On this, the Solemnity of Christ the King, we come to the end of another Liturgical Year. Thank you for giving me such a warm welcome these past three weeks. You have shown me what a wonderful, friendly, integrated, and culturally diverse parish we are; enthusiastically participating in our parish activities such as the Fall Clean Up and the Garage Sale.



The path forward for our parish is to nurture the faith of parishioners, the young, and our youth, including students from St. Andrew's Regional High School. Let us journey as one family, to create a home and haven for all to experience the presence of God in the Sacraments, Liturgies, Scripture, gatherings, and in our lives. Like a family raising resilient and respectful children in an appropriate environment, with the parents modelling the desired values and behaviour firm on the foundation of Christian values, we will do the same in raising our families in our Faith. We will work to create a nurturing environment in our parish where all are welcome to pray, worship, reflect, study, and grow in faith, knowledge, and love of our Lord and His Church. Who knows, this may inspire vocations to the priesthood and religious life from our own backyard?

Little steps in that direction are our weekday Masses, the First Friday Mass in honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and from this Saturday, December 2nd, we will celebrate Mass on the First Saturday of each month in honour of our Blessed Mother.

Without you, there is no parish. Together, with the guidance and intercession of our Blessed Mother, we will walk with our Lord in our ethnic and cultural diversity, proclaiming and celebrating God's glory, beauty, love, and compassion to the world. Together, we are the Parish of Sacred Heart.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Jan Grotkowski, SDS
Pastor, Sacred Heart Parish

LITURGICAL YEAR A

Saturday:

Syro-Malabar (Nov 25) 11:30 pm
English Mass 4:00 pm

Sunday:

English Mass (streamed) 9:00 am
Polish 1:00 pm
Korean 3:00 pm
Vietnamese (Dec. 17) 5:30 pm

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:00 pm

Weekday Masses

English

Tuesdays to Thursdays 12:05 pm
Fridays 12:05 pm

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

Korean

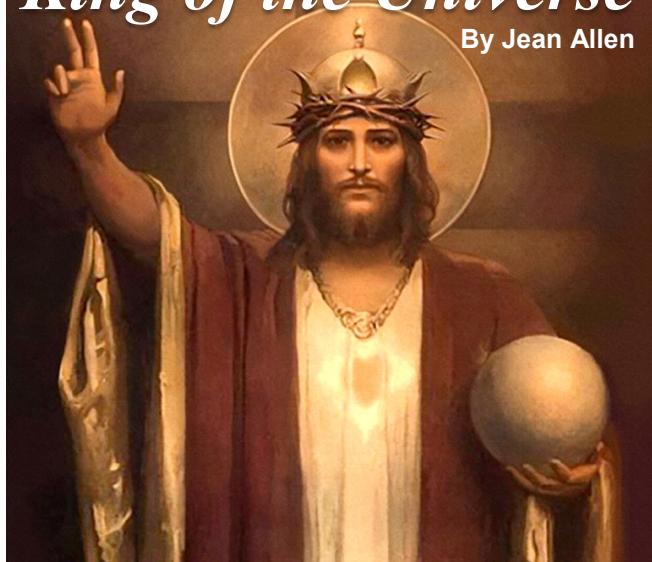
Wednesdays 8:00 pm
Thursdays 10:30 am

Sacred Heart YouTube Channel

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

King of the Universe

By Jean Allen



"And he will separate people one from another..."

More recent translations of the bible slightly changed the meaning of the Greek word 'autos' from 'them' to 'people', which very much changes the thrust of what Jesus was saying. It should read, "All the nations will be gathered before him and he will separate them one from another." He will separate nations one from another, not individual people.

God is not only concerned about how individuals care for one another; he is also deeply concerned about how nations take care of the poor and the marginalized. Too often the wealthy and those in power are all too willing to sacrifice those on the margins to protect themselves. Every action that sorts people into 'us' (the rich, the ones with status) vs 'them' (the ones who struggle) is violence against those who suffer. The system of the wealthy and powerful center doesn't care if people on the edges are suffering because of the elite center's decisions. We can see this happening in many nations of the world, even in so called Christian nations.

Those in positions of power would be very threatened by a King who advocates for the poor and the marginalized and does not advocate for the nation's continued positions of privilege. The idea of Jesus being the King of the Universe has had very little impact on those who

control economies and are entrenched in rewarding their friends and punishing their enemies because Jesus did not, does not and will not do that, not now and certainly not in the afterlife. Communities and nations that tend to the least will flourish while nations and communities that neglect the least will live within with the hellish fire of their own violence.

The poor, the sick, the immigrants, the prisoners – what kind of report card would you give Canada?

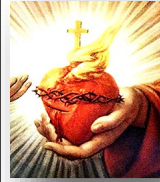


Please pray for:

Those who have died
Mary Neo and Alec Perez de Tagle.

Those who are ill

*Thérèse A, Jon A, Patricia Cavanagh, Darrell C, Cora C,
Ludwik Dabrowski, Lesley D, Kathleen G, Richard G, Pedrito K,
Marita Romero Lopez, Derek L, Lisa L, and Maria T.*



December 1st
12:05 pm First Friday Mass
*in honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
&*

December 2nd
9 am First Saturday Mass
in honour of our Blessed Mother



Fr. Jan and parish staff are grateful to everyone who came to help with the Fall Clean Up!



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.

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



Thank you for your contributions!

Nov 18 & Nov 19, 2023

Envelopes \$ 2,023.00

Cash \$ 757.15

Total \$ 2,780.15

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

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 difference

<https://www.rcdvictoria.org/bishops-appeal>

Parish Project: *New benches and more lighting in darker areas.* **Parish Goal:** \$44,000.00 **Actual:** \$18,869.31 **Pledges:** 79



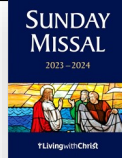
Join the CWL!

The CWL is a gift of faith, friendship and support and offers the opportunity to serve God and Canada. Through committee meetings, members can feel the pulse of what is happening in church and society. The CWL invites all Catholic women to join and make a difference. Meet with CWL members in the foyer of the church this weekend to have your questions answered or to join or renew your membership.

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

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON: Last chance for those who would like to register for the CWL Luncheon on December 2nd from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the parish hall. The cost is \$25. Please contact Margot at margotmclaughlin1978@gmail.com or see the CWL ladies in the foyer of the church this weekend.

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



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.



Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Today as we celebrate Christ the King, we hear Jesus say: "...whatever you did for one of the least brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

Knowing that we find the face of Christ in the poor, please make your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to assist those less fortunate brothers and sisters: bring them faith and hope. For monetary donations, please specify that it is for the "SCO Food Pantry". Cheques: "Society of St. Vincent de Paul" Donate online at: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/society-of-st-vincent-de-paul-of-vancouver-island/>.



From the Diocese

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/1LYDtOKNYWQaZnltDAW5L9hq_WvZwNMhH.



St. Mark's College: UBC

The Centre for Christian Engagement at St. Mark's College at UBC has shared videos of two talks they hosted this year:

- Super, Natural Vancouver - Christian Mission and Witness in a Secular Age with Rev. Dr. Ross Lockhart:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LLBFTKP4v8E>
- Laudato Si' in a Time of Global Disruption: Francis and Politics with Dr. Massimo Faggioli:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nyosDT3qdjk>



Advent Carol Service

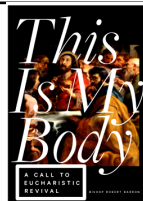
St. Patrick's School invites all to join them for an Advent Carol Service on Tuesday, December 12th, 6:00 pm at St. Andrew's Cathedral in Victoria (740 View Street).

Discover the Miracle of The Mass & The Holy Eucharist

Help Our Lady of the Rosary build a new church.

Donations go to **OLOR's Building Fund**

To order a copy please contact Nancy at nvanaya@gmail.com or text 604-442-2473.



Anawim House program.

Anawim is asking for assistance.

A collection box is now in the church foyer **THIS WEEKEND** 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

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.

Rite Relations: Developments in Indigenous Catholic Leadership and Unity



Star of the North Retreat Centre has shared a video of "Rite Relations: Developments in Indigenous Catholic Leadership and Unity". The presenter of this talk, which they hosted earlier in the year, is Noah MacDonald - a Canon Lawyer with the Archdiocese of Toronto, a proud Anishinaabe member of Michipicoten First Nation, and an advocate for the rights and leadership of Indigenous Catholics.

To view the video, please visit

<https://vimeo.com/starofthenorth/rite-relations?share=copy>

Enter the password "Star".

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, 25 November, 4 pm

Altar Servers : Daisy, Mariah, Gabby,
Elias, Mara
Proclaimers : Sigrune F, Belle PdT
EMCs : Sigrune F
Ushers : Don M
Music : Arlene S, Rafael O

Sunday, 26 November, 9 am

Altar Servers : Daisy, Mariah,
Pio, Michael
Proclaimers : Ben P, Monica N
EMCs : Ken N, Rose N
Ushers : Logan N, Angie Z
Music : Sacred Heart Choir, Rafael O

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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