



# Sacred Heart Catholic Church

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*\* Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time | 29 October 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>

## Grateful Thanks

We thank all the priests who guided us and celebrated the Eucharist in our parish in the absence of a pastor, especially

**Fr. Frank Franz  
and Fr. Eduardo Santos**

who regularly celebrated the weekend Masses with us.

Our heartfelt thanks and gratitude to all of you.



**Join us to welcome  
our new Pastor**

**Fr. Jan Grotkowski, SDS**

**on Sunday, 12 November**

**after the 9 am Mass**

**at the Knights of Columbus'**

**Pancake Breakfast!**

**Donations to help cover the costs  
will be accepted.**



## The Second Greatest Commandment

By Jean Allen



The most important commandment has been debated forever by the Jews and in Jesus' day. Various rabbis and teachers had their favoured beliefs as to what was the most important commandment. The lawyer who asked Jesus his opinion was most likely trying to find out what yoke Jesus was under. Disciples of any rabbi were considered to be under that rabbi's yoke. Of course, Jesus was under his Father's yoke and his disciples were under Jesus' yoke.

Jesus proclaimed the Shema as the most important commandment and no doubt they would have, given the chance, asked what the second most important commandment was. Many Torah scholars maintained it was, "Honour the Sabbath and keep it holy". Not Jesus. He said it is to love your neighbour as you love yourself. They probably thought Jesus was a disciple of Rabbi Hillel, who, when challenged to teach the whole Torah while standing on one leg, famously taught: "What is hateful to you, do not do to your neighbour. This is the whole Torah; the rest is commentary. Go and learn."

How seriously do we take Jesus's opinion of the second greatest commandment?

How often do we get caught up in the commentary and forget that throughout the

Old Testament (as we heard in the first reading) God's concern was not for rules or sacrifice; it was for the widows, the orphans, the strangers and the marginalized. He cried from his heart, "I would have mercy, not sacrifice!"

If, when we die, God asks us about our lives, it would be to make us ultra-aware of where we could have done better since he knows our whole lives intimately. If he actually asks you about your life, will mercy and compassion shine through like bright stars in your past life? Will you be able to look at the threads of your tapestry and see the gold and silver threads of love for those you encounter woven into a beautiful story of your life?

Or are you caught up in the commentary?



**All Saints' Day**  
Wed. 1<sup>st</sup> November

English 12:05 pm

(Refreshments after)

Korean 8:00 pm

**All Souls' Day**  
Thu. 2<sup>nd</sup> November

Korean 10:30 am

English 12:05 pm

Polish 6:00 pm

## Weekday Masses

Monday, 30th October

7 pm Mass by Bp. Gary Gordon

**No 7pm Mass on Tue, 31 Oct.**

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**First Friday Mass, Fri, 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 12:05 pm**  
Adoration after Mass until 3 pm / Divine Mercy Chaplet.

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**Tue, 7 Nov to Fri, 10 Nov, 12:05pm**

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

**SUNDAY  
MISSAL**

2023 – 2024



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### Please pray for:

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

Jaime Aherrera, Jennifer Palmer, Bruno Rinaldo,  
and deceased members of the Reda family

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

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

## **ROSARY SCHEDULE: OCT 2023**

Sat, Oct. 28, 4 pm Mass: begins 3:35 pm : Ushers

Sun, Oct. 29, 9 am Mass: begins 8:35 am : EMCs



### **2nd CWL Community Garage Sale**

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

Come to the CWL Annual Community Garage Sale in the Parish Hall. There will be toys, clothing, plants, decorations, crafts, household items, and much more. The Knights of Columbus will serve a BBQ and there will be baking, coffee, tea and hot chocolate available.

## **The Knight's Annual Charity Appeal is now on until December 16.**

**Grand prize: 2023 Toyota RAV4 Hybrid**

Multiple prizes and Early Bird prizes to be won.  
Tickets are \$5 each, 10 for \$25 or 50 for \$50.  
Proceeds go towards charitable causes.

[www.kofccharity.ca](http://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](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!**

Oct 21 & Oct 22, 2023

Envelopes \$ 4,070.00

Cash \$ 367.20

**Total \$ 4,437.20**

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

## **OUR MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS**

**Saturday, 28 October, 4 pm : Fr. Frank Franz**

Altar Servers : Daisy L, Mariah C, Elias T, Mara T  
Proclaimers : Sigrune F, Belle PdT  
EMCs : Raul R  
Ushers : Miriam P  
Music : Arlene S, Rafael O

**Sunday, 29 October, 9 am : Fr. Eduardo Santos**

Altar Servers : Daisy L, Mariah C, Gabby C, Pio T  
Proclaimers : Connie H, Helen M  
EMCs : Rose N, Ken N  
Ushers : Colleen MN, Isme L  
Music : Sacred Heart Choir, Rafael O

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

## **Help needed now until November 18**

**to blow the leaves in the courtyard  
and to clean the Rectory gutters!**

**A blower is available for use.  
Please contact the Parish Office  
if you are able to help.**



## **PARISH MINISTRIES & GROUPS**

**Please contact the Parish Office:  
[sacredheart@rcdvictoria.org](mailto:sacredheart@rcdvictoria.org)**



### **PARISH LITURGICAL MINISTRIES**

#### **Parish Liturgy Coordinator**

Altar Servers  
Extraordinary Ministers  
Floral Ministry (Environment)  
Music Director  
Pastoral Care Ministry  
Proclaimers  
Ushers  
Video Streamers

#### **Rafael Oei**

Karla Montano  
Gilbert & Chay Santos  
Ruby Rivera  
Rafael Oei  
Lynda Tan  
Stan Dzbik  
Marisa Tinsay / Isme Liem  
Peter Liem

### **PARISH GROUPS**

Christian Meditation  
C.W.L. / Prayer Line  
Knights of Columbus  
Led By The Spirit Group  
Moms & Tots  
Phone-tree  
Funeral Receptions  
Social Justice/D & P  
St. Vincent de Paul

Margie Noonan  
Margot McLaughlin  
Rick Perez de Tagle  
David MacIntyre  
Chantal Côté  
Elizabeth Olcen  
Elizabeth Olcen  
Stan Dzbik  
Georgina Short

## **SAVE THE DATE!**



### **Fall Clean-up**

**Saturday, 18 November 2023  
9 am to 12 pm**



The 2023 Appeal theme, Tapestry of Faith, is dedicated to nurturing the growth of faith communities through providing opportunities for community and relationship building within our parishes and Diocese. In addition, it will provide support for our Clergy, Sisters, Seminarians and Vocations by providing funds for things such as: salary subsidies, retired clergy support, Seminarian and Vocations costs. Funds from this Appeal will also provide practical support for our Local Mission Parishes by providing funds for housing for Priests and Sisters, support for community outreach and funds for operational expenses such as heat, light, taxes, facility maintenance, and travel costs.

**Reaching our parish goal also means that the parish will retain \$ 35,200.00 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 Goal: \$44,000.00 Parish Project: New benches and more lighting in darker areas.**



## From the Diocese

### Like to Cook? The Soup Kitchen Needs You!



For 40 years, The Soup Kitchen in the basement of St. Andrew's Cathedral has been a comfort and a lifeline for the downtown community.

We are looking for a Wednesday morning cook to prepare our nutritious soup in a 70-litre commercial kettle for up to 150 diners. The hours are 4 am to 6 am. Duties include making the soup with precut ingredients and cleanup. Onsite training is provided. A current Food Safe Certificate is required, paid for by The Soup Kitchen. Please contact Sheila Connelly 250-216-7249.

### Redeeming Conflict

**Holy Cross Parish in Victoria from 8:30 am – 3:30 pm**

**Sat., Nov. 4, Catholic speaker / author Ann Garrido**  
will present our Diocesan Conference "Redeeming Conflict: One Messy Situation at a Time".

As Christians, how we handle our tensions with one another is one of the most profound witnesses we offer in the world. Ann will share how we can make our tensions part of our spiritual journey.

For information and to register please visit:  
<https://DofVRedeemingConflict.eventbrite.com>.

Questions can be directed to Margaret Gwyn at  
[mgwyn@rcdvictoria.org](mailto:mgwyn@rcdvictoria.org) or 250-479-1331 ext 227.



### CISDV AGM Wednesday, November 22

At this coming Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Catholic Independent Schools Diocese of Victoria (CISDV), a private ballot election for two positions to the CISDV Board of Directors will be held. Each position is a three-year term. Nomination forms may be requested from [schools@cisdv.bc.ca](mailto:schools@cisdv.bc.ca), completed and sent to the Nomination Committee no later than **Fri., Nov. 10** to [schools@cisdv.bc.ca](mailto:schools@cisdv.bc.ca).

Potential Board Members must meet the following requirements:

- Be a practising Catholic and an active member of a Catholic Parish in the Diocese of Victoria.
- Not be an employee of the CISDV, an immediate relative of an employee of the CISDV, nor a student of a school under the jurisdiction of CISDV.

Read and understand the constitution and bylaws, policies 200 and 201 and the method of election. Have a signed nomination form which includes two sponsors and Parish Priest.

For further information, contact the Island Catholic Schools office at 250-727-6893.

### SAVE THE DATE!

#### 2023 Diocesan Faith Days.

**Saturday, November 25 from 9 am to 3 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.

**Registration details, soon!**



### Multicultural Ancestral Potluck

**Holy Trinity Parish, Nanaimo  
(6234 Spartan Rd)**

**Thursday, November 2nd, 4:30 pm**

All are invited to a Multicultural Ancestral Potluck at Holy Trinity Parish. Our ancestors in our lineage who, through living their own lives, have helped us become who we are now. An Ancestor Potluck gathering gives us the chance to celebrate our family-lines through food, stories and music. In addition to a dish to share, you are invited to bring a story that relates to your dish, and photos or objects for the Ancestor table.

For more information and to RSVP by November 1st,  
please contact: [sdafoe@rcdvictoria.org](mailto:sdafoe@rcdvictoria.org),  
or 250-933-8208.



### 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.

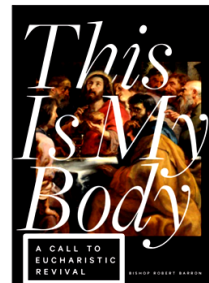
Parishes and communities are encouraged to use the "Horizons of Hope Toolkit" to facilitate gatherings to explore palliative care in the context of a prayerful, caring community.

For more information and assistance, please contact  
Joelle Dressler, Director of Faith Formation and Evangelization, at  
[jdressler@rcdvictoria.org](mailto:jdressler@rcdvictoria.org) or 250-479-1331 ext 230

### Discover the Miracle of The Mass & The Holy Eucharist

Help Our Lady of the Rosary build a new church. Book offered **by donation** that will go into **OLOR's Building Fund**

To order a copy please contact Nancy at  
[nvanaya@gmail.com](mailto:nvanaya@gmail.com) or text 604-442-2473.



### 7th Annual Franciscan Fine Arts & Poster Contest 2023

Children and youth are invited to participate in the 7th Franciscans of Western Canada's Fine Arts & Poster Contest. The theme this year is "The Greccio Nativity Scene", to celebrate the story of St. Francis of Assisi creating the first nativity scene 800 years ago. Entries must be postmarked "Wednesday, November 15".

For more information and the contest entry form,  
please visit <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1PFMW1T3uUKV1yoGmOBpCgYx0JoCdmsPo>



## 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)  
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