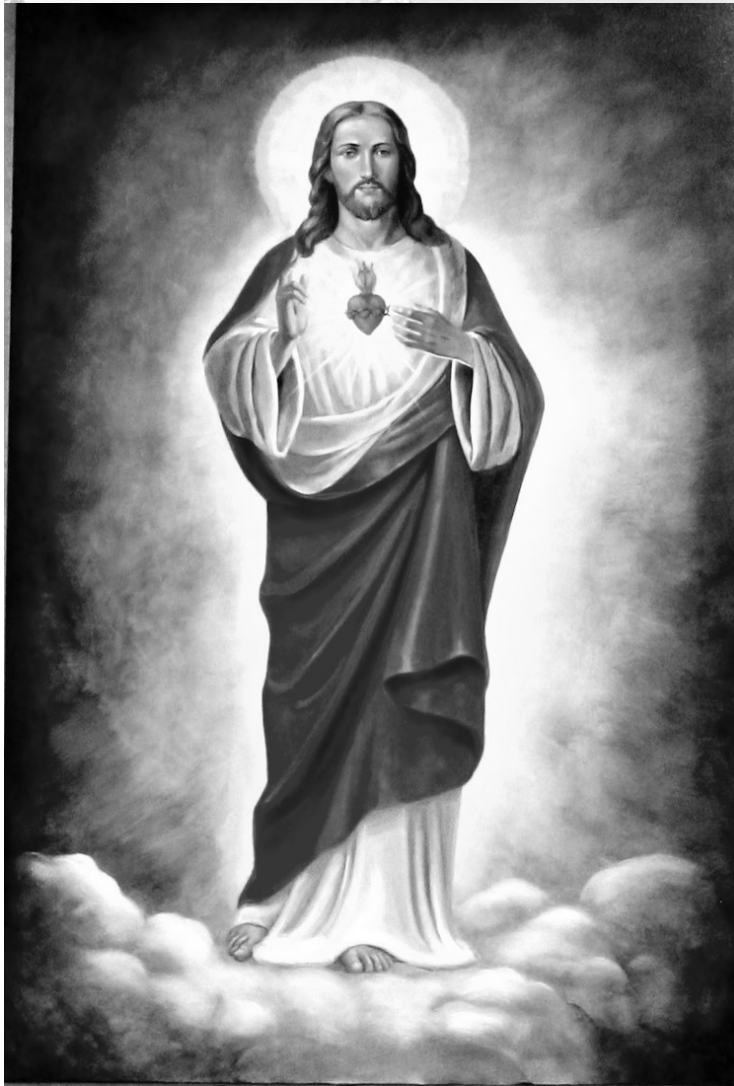


Sacred Heart Faith Community



EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

WEEKDAY MASS

Adoration before Mass 8:00am till 8:55am
Tuesday—Friday 9:00 am

1st Saturday of the month 9:00am

WEEKEND MASS

Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 8:30 & 10:00 am
Sunday - Polish 12:30 pm
Sunday - Korean 3:00 pm

OTHER KOREAN MASS TIMES:

Wednesday 7:30pm
Thursday 10:30am
Friday 10:30am
1st Saturday of the month 10:30am

RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 4:00pm - 4:45 pm
Or by appointment with Fr David

For Sacraments of Baptism, Anointing and Visiting the Sick and Marriage, contact Fr. David.

A minimum of six months notice prior to the marriage date is required.

Pastor Fr David Hogman
(frdhogman@gmail.com)

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Korean Pastor Fr Philip Bae

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Lunch 12:00nn-12:30pm

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THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

"Where is the infant king of the Jews?"

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

"The glory of the Lord has risen upon you."

Responsorial Psalm:

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6

"Now the mystery has been revealed; now the Gentiles have become fellow heirs of the promise."

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

"We have come from the East to pay homage to the king?"

Prayers for those who are ill.

Daphne Dalsin, Vicky Dziekan, Bettee Giles; Edmee Kearney, Ana Libarios, Ben Perri and Barbara Rowley.

Prayers for the deceased. Walter Halusiak and Reid Kyfiuk.

If there are members of your family or friends who are ill or have recently died, and for whom you wish prayers, please contact the Parish office to provide their names.

CALENDAR

Monday	4th January	Development & Peace meeting	Pope John Hall	7:00pm
Tuesday	5th January	Bible TimeLine Study Society of St Vincent de Paul meeting	Parish Hall Pope John Hall	7:00pm 7:00pm
Wednesday	6th January	CWL Exec meeting	Pope John Hall	4:30pm
Saturday	9th January	CWL General meeting	Pope John Hall	9:30am

An explanation of the Christmas Season from Fr. David

In the Church's calendar, the Christmas season begins on December 25th and it is the celebration of the mystery of God freely assuming the fullness of our human nature. God become man in Jesus always remains a free gift. God was under no obligation to clothe Himself in our humanity and this gift of God's own self to us is why gift-giving is so essential to the Christmas season.

However, without the slightest hesitation, every Christian should profess that the death and Resurrection of Jesus is the principal mystery of the Christian faith. Everything leads to Easter. In view of this, only two of the four Gospels tell the story of Jesus' birth and John's Gospel emphasizes how the Word, who existed before time began became flesh in time. In fact, all four Gospels begin their principal narrative about the mission of Jesus with his Baptism, which is the actual end of the Christmas season (celebrated on January 10th this year). The birth of Jesus is like a prequel narrative that gives flesh to the story of how the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. The purpose of the Christmas season is to deepen the faith of the People of God in this saving mystery of God's marriage with humanity in the Body of Christ: Christ the bridegroom and the Church the bride.

The actual feast of Christmas is designed to establish the pattern of this divine and human union made visible in the powerful vulnerability of the Christ-child. The Church then

celebrates Christmas day for an entire week in what we call: "the Christmas Octave". During this week, the Church also celebrates various saints and events that offer varying perspectives of this divine/human mystery: St Stephen, the Holy Innocents, St John the Apostle and Evangelist, and St Thomas Beckett. During this time, the first Sunday after the 25th, the Church also celebrates the Holy Family as God's participation in the fullness of the human mystery (with all of its ups and downs).

The Christmas Octave concludes on January 1st with the feast of Mary the Mother of God or God-bearer, a holy day of obligation in Canada. This feast grew into prominence in the Universal Church after the Council of Ephesus in 431 AD. Because the Christian faith came out of a Jewish context, it took a few centuries to express the Christian mysteries to a Greek world after the first disciples met and touched the Risen Christ. Mary was called the God-bearer or Mother of God to express the fact that the humanity of Jesus is perfectly united (but not blended) with his eternal equality with God the Father. Therefore, Mary was not a receptacle of Christ; she is an active participator in the Incarnation. In my own less authoritative terminology, she was a participating translator of the Divine Word into our humanity.

12 days after Christmas on January 6th, the larger Church celebrates the Feast of Epiphany, which is generally a remembrance of the visitation of the wise men or kings from the East. In Canada, we move this feast to

a nearby Sunday to maximize the participation of the faithful. Epiphany generally means "manifestation" and is primarily celebration of the revelation of the Jewish Messiah to the Gentiles (non-Jews). From the very beginning of the Christian tradition, it was understood that if there is any virtue and any excellence to be found in any religious tradition it would lead men and women of good will to the Christ child. St Gregory Nazianzen pointed out that the astrology of the wise men led them to the Christ child, but that since they had found him, it was in Christ that they would understand the mystery of the stars. This led to Christianity's de-sacralization of the universe and the development of astrology into astronomy, but that is for a different bulletin.

LITURGY, THE SACRAMENTS, PRAYER AND THE WORD OF GOD

Oblate Fundraiser Lunch

For Seminarians in Peru project

St. Patrick's Parish is hosting an Oblate fundraiser lunch for their Seminarians in Peru project on Sun, Jan 24 at St. Patrick's at 11:30am, following the 10:30am mass.

Fr Bill MacDonald, OMI will be con-celebrating mass with a few of the Oblate Associates from Saltspring Island. Please mark your calendars, there will be more details in the New Year.

For more info, please call 250-477-6952.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND VOCATIONS

RCIA

If you are interested in becoming a Catholic or have not yet been confirmed, please contact Fr David at frdahogman@gmail.com

Led by the Spirit Charismatic Prayer Group

There will be no Led by the Spirit Charismatic prayer meeting until Monday, January 18 2016.

PARISH OUTREACH, SOCIAL JUSTICE AND ECUMENISM

Anawim

On behalf of Anawim we thank you for all the wonderful new clothing we were able to give out on Christmas morning and throughout the week. For many it was their only gift at Christmas.

Your ongoing financial support is appreciated. We would not be able to give hope and direction to those we serve without it. God bless you all.—Mark Lemay

YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS

Youth Bottle Drive

Youth Group Bottle Drive- January 9, 2016- 9am - 2pm @ St Andrew's High School. Please donate to enable youth

to attend the annual Catholic Youth Retreat on Feb 5-7 at Camp Homewood. You may drop off your bottles or have them picked up.

Please contact Sandy (see below) if you want them picked up.

We need people to drive the youth to collect bottles. Please contact Sandy @ 250 881-0140 or email san.beau@gmail.com, if you can help.
Thank you —Sandy

MARRIAGE, FAMILY LIFE, AND THE SANCITY OF HUMAN LIFE

Our Refugee Family

To date, donations to the refugee fund from Sacred Heart Parish (ioners) is \$9,661.20. Thank you.

CWL

There will be a General Meeting on Sat, Jan 9 at 9:30am in Pope John Hall.

All ladies, 16 years and above are welcome.

Topic: Centering Prayer by Charlie Allen.

Hosted by: Daffodil

STEWARDSHIP, ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

Weekly Bulletins

Do you know that you have 3 options of receiving our bulletins?

- 1) Visit our website :- www.sacredheartvictoria.com
- 2) By email, *please send an email or call the parish office.*
- 3) Picking up a hard copy from the church foyer.

2016 Donation envelopes

There are a few envelopes boxes left to be picked up at the back of the church. If you are currently not using envelopes but wish to do so, please complete the sign-up sheet on the table beside the envelopes.

Reminder: We request that you complete your full name and address on each envelope for the months of January and February.

Thank you

DONATION TOTALS

Christmas Donation \$6,078.20

26th & 27th December 2016

Envelopes/Loose	\$4,413.90
PAD	\$ 681.75
Other Revenue	\$ 350.00
Total	\$5,445.65
Refugee fund	\$2430.60

PARISH MINISTRIES

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Altar Servers	Mary-Ellen Ross	658-4112
Attic Treasures	Jim Haffey	389 0440
	Pat Tonkin	721-0293
Bazaar	Rita Kelly	598 9558
Bereavement Support	David MacIntyre	383 9955
Christian Meditation	Margie Noonan	388-3173
Clothing Sale	Mary Bennett	477-5145
Craft Group	Elizabeth Olcen	477-8115
C.W.L.	Lidia Moodie	479-6495
Eucharistic Ministers	Robert / Helen Payne	370-0241
Finance Chairperson	Robert Payne	370 0241
Knights of Columbus	Greg Churchill	812-4248
Led By The Spirit Group	David MacIntyre	383-9955
Music Coordinator	Rafael Oei	383-1523
Pastoral Care Ministry	Hilda Rosales	778 432-0709
Prayer Line	Pamela Blakeslee	477-0579
Pro-Life Ministry	Rocio King	744-2802
Proclaimers	Catherine Minvielle	294-4923
Raffle Coordinators	Walt Ryan	658-5044

RCIA	Vincenza Cameron	479-6488
Responsible Ministry Coord	Isme Liem	479-1611
Social Justice/Dev & Peace	Margie Noonan	388-3173
St. Vincent de Paul	Georgina Short	727-2615
Ushers	Zeudy Villar-Vega	920-0220
Youth Ministry	Sandy Bourbeau	881-0140
	(email at san.beau@gmail.com)	

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL 2015 / 2016

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