The Summer Post **Sacred Heart Catholic Church**

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* Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time | 9 July 2023 *

"The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love." (Psalm 145)

"Come to me all you that are weary and are carrying *heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.*" (Matthew 11)

The readings for today are so beautiful! God is indeed such a gracious Lord, as are Christ and the Holy Spirit. I think we often lose sight of this graciousness, as we try to clear away the murk and muck of daily life. In fact, the reason we lose sight of this graciousness is that we feel it's totally our responsibility to clarify our spiritual atmospheres so we can see the Lord more easily. But those that feel that way are the ones Jesus is talking to. They are the weary ones, the ones carrying the heavy burdens of an insufficient ability to do right and be right. Let's be honest here. This means every single one of us.

God sees your self-perceived failure and says, "Come to me. I am merciful. I am gracious." Christ sees you discouraged and disheartened and says, "Come to me. I have rest for your weary soul." The Holy Spirit sees your inner confusion and despondency and says, "Come to me. I will clear out your heart and guide you into the new breath of simplicity." In fact, I don't think they are terribly interested in self-generated spiritual successes; they are more interested in you simply coming with all your rags and all your bags. You realize, don't you, that in their eyes we are all homeless people simply struggling to make it through another day. Their mercy and compassion are without borders. We cannot deplete their boundless abundance of grace, mercy and steadfast love.

That's all we need to know, really.



Please help the Society of St. Vincent de Paul,

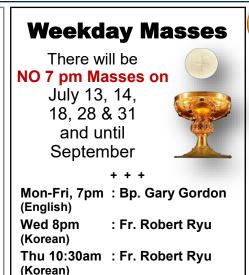
and bring respite and hope to the less fortunate in our community. The Social Concern Office food pantry shelves are bare. This impacts our ability to feed families and individuals in need. Please help stock our shelves by donating high protein soups, peanut butter and protein bars. Your financial contribution will purchase dairy products, meat and other items. Please be generous in helping us serve the roughly 23,000 people, including 4,000 children, who rely on us. You can also please place your offering into the food donation cart in the entrance to the church. For online contributions, please specify that it is for the Social Concern Office to enable the immediate purchase of dairy products, meat and other items.

https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/society-of-st-vincent-de-paul-of-vancouver-island/

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WEEKEND5	
Saturday	4:00 pm
Sunday (live streamed)	9:00 am
Korean	3:00 pm
Syro-Malabar	ТВА
(Please call the Parish Office)	
Polish	ТВА
(Please call the Parish Office)	
Vietnamese (16th July)	5:00 pm
RECONCILIATION	
Saturday (only before a Mass)	3:00 pm
Sacred Heart YouTube Channel https://www.youtube.com/channel/	

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Summer Parish Office Hours

Nutshell Spirituality

by Jean Allen

In July and August, the Parish Office will be open from 9:30 am to 3 pm **Tuesdays to Thursdays.** (The office will be closed on Mondays and Fridays)

Office Hours for Tues, July 25 to Thurs, July 27 10 am to 12 pm

Please pray for:

Those who have died Jaime Aherrera, Rick Lelonde Rene Quirynen and Dr. Michael O'Neill.

Those who are ill

Jon A, MaryLee A, Angelina C, Hilda C, Darrell C, Cora C, Lesley D, George G, Kathleen G, Richard G, Azaryah H, Barrie H, Pedrito K, Derek L, Bruno R and Maria T.



There will be no Mass for Vocations

We thank Fr. Frank Franz for initiating and celebrating the monthly *Mass for Vocations* with us for almost a year; hearing our Confessions, and for kindly and generously encouraging and supporting us in the absence of a pastor.

Thank you, Fr. Frank!





Congratulations

to **Dcn. Joseph Yuson** on his Diaconate Ordination Saturday, July 8, 2023, 10:30 am St. Andrew's Cathedral, Victoria

Recollections for men and women

Spend some time in conversation with God, guided by meditation and an examination of conscience. A priest of Opus Dei will be available for spiritual direction and/or confession.

Recollection for women: at Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Mon, July 17, 7 pm to 9 pm. Mass, 6pm: confession, 6:30pm.

Recollection for men: at Sacred Heart Parish, Tue, July 18, 6pm to 8pm. Mass at 5:15pm.



2nd CWL Community Garage Sale

Saturday, November 4, 9am-1pm

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

For more information, please contact Denise at deniseowen@shaw.ca or phone 250-580-0066

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

Congratulations!

And a warm welcome to the Diocesan Offices:

Lianne Laurence: the new Archives and Marriage Office Administrator,

Daniel Taft: the new Chaplain for the University of Victoria and Camosun College.

9th Diocesan Family Conference Family Camp 17 - 20 August 2023



The 2-3 night camp is held at the Nanoose Bay Camp. Choose to stay in a dorm, camp in a tent, or bring your camper! The price includes meals, activities and your choice of dorm, tent, or RV spot.

Our speaker this year is Paul Rossetti, the Superintendent for Island Catholic Schools.

For the purpose of this camp, a family is defined as 'up to two adults with dependent children'.

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/9th-diocesan-familyconference-august-2023-tickets-593430365197



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS Who Is Jesus Christ? What are Sacraments?

Curious about Catholicism or eager to enter the Faith, RCIA may be the journey you are

RCIA called to this Fall. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the process by which non-Catholics enter the Catholic Faith.

Join us to explore what the Holy Spirit has in store for you! Please contact your pastor to have a dialogue. Then register with Carmelle and Chris Whiteley to sign up for the initial evening meeting, September 21st.

> Please contact 250-886-2987 or email carmelle.whiteley@gmail.com

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