



# The Summer Post



## Sacred Heart Catholic Church

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**\* Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time | 16 July 2023 \***



### Kingdom Gardening

by Jean Allen

Is God as aware of and concerned about our gardening failures as we are?

When we judge ourselves as to what kind of soil we are, as per the Sower and the Seed parable, what we don't realize is that every single one of us is a conglomeration of every soil type and we all have areas where we feel arid, rootless and fruitless, areas that are thorny and areas where the soil is good and fruitful.

"Yeah, but I'm not fruitful like those other people. They seem so close to God all the time." What you see is the good soil fruit, on display for all to see. What you never see are the struggles in the hidden areas of soil that need tending. You, too, look like a bearer of good fruits to others, even when you can only see your own arid patches.

In the last part of the Sower and the Seed parable, Jesus says, "But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundred-fold, in another sixty and in another thirty."

Not everyone bears a hundred-fold all the time; thinking God expects that is a total misunderstanding of God. God has a completely different way of receiving our fruitfulness; comparisons and saintly high bars have no part of it. Remember the parable of the workers who started late and got paid as much as the ones who had been there all day? Don't make the mistake of thinking God is hung up on quantity. That's a human trait, not God's. He is absolutely into quality so if you produce only one small but nutritious fruit he will be delighted. He won't be saying, "Well, that's not much."

A warm smile is good fruit. A helping hand is sweet produce. One word of encouragement...oh my gosh! Worth more to God than someone who gives talks to a thousand people.

Don't judge yourself in a way God never would.



### Please help the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. We thank those who have already responded and contributed.

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/>

### LITURGICAL YEAR A

#### WEEKENDS

Saturday (live streamed)	4:00 pm
Sunday	9:00 am
Korean	3:00 pm
Syro-Malabar	TBA
(Please call the Parish Office)	
Polish	TBA
(Please call the Parish Office)	
Vietnamese (16 & 30 July)	5:30 pm

#### RECONCILIATION

Saturday	3:00 pm
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Sacred Heart YouTube Channel

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

### Weekday Masses

There will be  
**NO 7 pm Masses on**  
July 18, 28 & 31  
through August, until  
September

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Wed 8 pm (Korean) : Fr. Robert Ryu  
Thu 10:30 am (Korean) : Fr. Robert Ryu



We are currently preparing  
**Donation Envelopes** ahead of the new  
Liturgical Year. Please contact the  
Parish Office if you would like a box of  
**Donation Envelopes for 2024.**



### Summer Parish Office Hours

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***  
*Robert Gossen.*

### ***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.*

## **Sisters of Saint Ann News**

The Sisters' Congregational Leader in consultation from the Sisters has made the following appointments for a two-year mandate from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2025:

**Canonical Leader:** Sr. Joyce Harris, ssa

**Board Council members:** Sr. Judi Morin, ssa,  
Sr. Marie Zarowny, ssa

**President of the Board:** Sr. Marie Zarowny, ssa

## **Diocesan Bursaries & Awards**

**Deadline: Saturday, 15 July 2023**

### **The Jawl Bundon LLP Bursary (\$2500):**

<https://www.rcdvictoria.org/jawl-bundon-bursary>: for a grade 12 Catholic student accepted to a post-secondary institution.

### **The Blessed Marie Anne Blondin Bursary (\$1000):**

<https://www.rcdvictoria.org/blondin-bursary>: for a lay woman enrolled in a program for ministry in the Church, e.g. religious education, social justice, liturgy, care of the sick, etc.

### **The Char Deslippe Memorial Award (\$500):**

<https://www.rcdvictoria.org/char-deslippe-award>: for a teacher in Catholic Island Schools or a parish catechist serving in children, youth or adult ministry.

## **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](mailto:deniseowen@shaw.ca) or phone 250-580-0066

## **HOSTING INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS**

The St. Andrew's International Student Program is in need of an additional host family for September 2023 for a female Chinese student, attending Grade 10 for the full school year.

If you are willing to support a young person on their international high school journey experience, please consider welcoming one of our international students into your family.

Host families receive \$1,200 per month to cover costs.  
Please contact Nina Timm ASAP at: [homestay@cisdv.bc.ca](mailto:homestay@cisdv.bc.ca)  
Tel: 403-771-2519



## **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-family-conference-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 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 evening meeting on September 21st.

Please contact 250-886-2987  
or email [carmelle.whiteley@gmail.com](mailto:carmelle.whiteley@gmail.com)

## **Ethnic Communities at Sacred Heart**

**Korean Pastor: Fr. Robert Ryu**  
[youngjinryu0758@gmail.com](mailto:youngjinryu0758@gmail.com)

**Polish Pastor: Fr. Jan Grotkowski SDS**  
[jgrotkowski@rcdvictoria.org](mailto:jgrotkowski@rcdvictoria.org)

**Syro-Malabar Pastor: Fr. Sajy Chakkittamuriyil**  
[frsajy@gmail.com](mailto:frsajy@gmail.com)

**Vietnamese Pastor: Fr. Michael Tran**  
[michaeltran@rcdvictoria.org](mailto:michaeltran@rcdvictoria.org)

### **Hospital Chaplain**

**Fr. Sean Flynn: 250-889-3761**

### **Parish Administrative Assistant**

**Katherine Newton:** [sacredheart@rcdvictoria.org](mailto:sacredheart@rcdvictoria.org)

### **Children's Religious Ed. Coordinator**

**Lidia Moodie:** [sacredheart@rcdvictoria.org](mailto:sacredheart@rcdvictoria.org)

### **Parish Liturgy Coordinator**

**Rafael Oei:** [sacredheart@rcdvictoria.org](mailto:sacredheart@rcdvictoria.org)

### **RMSE Coordinator**

**Sindhu Merwin:** [sacredheartrmse@gmail.com](mailto:sacredheartrmse@gmail.com)

## **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](https://www.rcdvictoria.org/Responsible-Ministry)  
or call 1-800-968-3146

To report sexual abuse or cover-up by a Catholic Bishop,  
visit [BishopReportingSystem.ca](https://www.bishopreportingsystem.ca) or call  
1-866-892-3737