



The Summer Post



Sacred Heart Catholic Church

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*** Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time | 23 July 2023 ***



World Day
for Grandparents
and the Elderly
2023

"His mercy is from age to age"

(Luke 1:50)



*Have a meaningful
and enjoyable day!*

Weekday Masses

**NO 7pm Masses
on**

July 24, 25, 28 &
31 through August,
until September

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Wed 8 pm (Korean) : Fr. Ryu

Thu 10:30 am (Korean) : Fr. Ryu



Please contact the Parish Office
if you would like a box of
Donation Envelopes for 2024.

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WEEKENDS

Saturday	4:00 pm
Sunday (live streamed)	9:00 am
Korean	3:00 pm
Syro-Malabar (9 Sept)	12:00 pm
Polish	TBA

(Please call the Parish Office)

Vietnamese (30 July) 5:30 pm

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:00 pm

Sacred Heart YouTube Channel

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

Last week I wrote about how all of us carry within us all the soil types mentioned by Jesus in the 'Sower and the Seed'. This week I want to focus on the first parable Jesus tells in the Gospel text about the enemy that sowed weeds among the wheat.

The householder instructs the servants not to pull up the weeds so as not to pull up the good plants with the weeds. In the end, both will be harvested and the weeds will be burned. A good apocalyptic parable, huh? In the end all the evil people will be dealt with harshly.

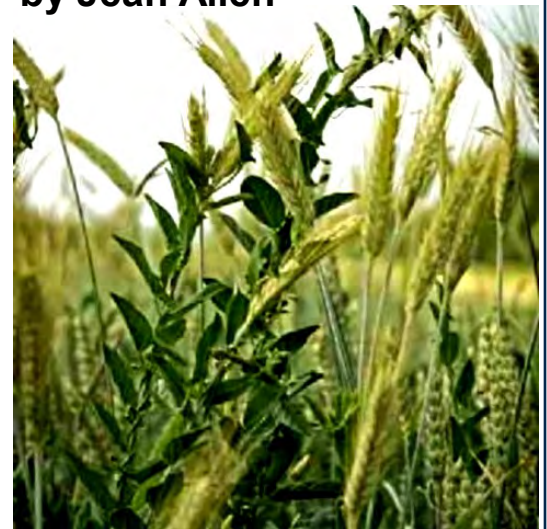
But wait a second. Are we assuming this is what will happen to other people, the people we think are nasty and irredeemable? That's a dangerous assumption because each one of us has beautiful wheat and each one of us has an abundance of weeds. That means that right now, God is allowing our weeds to flourish as well as our wheat. In the end all will be harvested but the weeds that are still within (and, trust me, there will still be weeds) will be burned. But they will be burned away by the fire of love, not the fire of damnation.

So, this parable is less a cautionary tale about how God will eternally damn those who have evil lurking within, as it is a parable of hope and joy. Anyone who is honest and who has ever been serious about trying to make themselves righteous and holy will admit that those pernicious weeds of resentment, anger, fear, judgement, territorialism and self-pity, to name only a few, take deep root and those roots are totally entangled with the roots of all that is good within us. When one weed seems eradicated, another one immediately pops up. In the end, when we come face to face with God, the weeds of our false selves will wither away in the fiery furnace of God's love.

And when that happens, it will be magnificent!

Growing Like A Weed

by Jean Allen



Please pray for:

Those who have died

Ivano Chelini, Pierre Daoust,

Maureen & Fidelis Prashad and Angelo Salvador

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 & Maria T.

Summer Parish Office Hours



**For Tuesday July 25
to Thursday, July 27
10 am to 12 pm**

**(The office is closed on
Mondays and Fridays)**

Miscellaneous Projects:

Grateful thanks to Khue, Soi, and Ken Nguyen
for their most beautiful and creative
contributions to our parish.



Our new Paschal Candle Stand, Portable Tabernacle
(mostly for the Altar of Repose: Maundy Thursday),
Crozier Stand, and six Altar Candle Stands.
Thank you, Khue and Soi.



Thank you, Ken, for replacing and restoring the
"Alpha" & planing the front doors of the church.



Baptism Congratulations!

We welcome the newest member to our
Catholic Family on Sunday, 23rd July.

Kiara Elizabeth Hearn

Bachelors in Divinity Program

The Maryvale Institute has relaunched their online Bachelors of Divinity Program, to provide an overview of the Catholic theological tradition in preparation for pastoral ministry in the parish, diocese, or other possible ministries.

Maryvale is an expert in online education, and the access to professors is world renowned. For more information, go to:

<https://www.maryvale.ac.uk/early-bird-discount.html>

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



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>



Rachel's VINEYARD

Healing the pain of abortion - one weekend at a time

Rachel's Vineyard will host their first retreat on Vancouver Island August 25-27, at the Bethlehem Centre, Nanaimo (2371 Arbot Rd).

This ministry is a safe place for people to renew, rebuild, and redeem hearts broken by abortion.

For more information, please contact Nicola:
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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