



# Sacred Heart Catholic Church

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**\* Ascension of the Lord | 12 May 2024 \***

I'm going to focus on Luke's account of the Ascension in the first reading. The first thing I want to point out is that the disciples asked Jesus, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" They still didn't get it. They were still hoping Jesus would lead Israel into political and religious freedom. No wonder Jesus had to visibly ascend and disappear because as long as he was visibly present to them, they would continue to expect him to lead a huge Maccabean type rebellion and free Israel from Roman tyranny. He had to go in order to make space for his Holy Spirit to come and begin subtly infecting his followers and the world with a whole new way of gaining freedom. Today we would call that a guerilla tactic!



To leave the life of the early church in the hands of these people who just couldn't grasp the basics of his message was also a sign of Christ's willingness to be vulnerable to our human weakness. But he left knowing that the Holy Spirit would come and that, in spite of the spiritual fragility of his followers, the Spirit would begin to spread like yeast in the church and in the world. We are still fragile followers. We still often don't get it. Just look at all the different Christian churches with differing dogmas in the world. Just look at our Catholic Church and all its disagreements and schisms over interpretations as to what is orthodox and what is not. If it was just up to human understanding and ability, our Church and every Christian church would be totally screwed.

But it's not up to us. Yes, Christ ascended in vulnerability, knowing we would continually get it wrong over and over, but he ascended in complete faith, knowing that his Holy Spirit would come and begin to leaven the whole loaf inexorably in spite of our continuing best efforts to thwart him.

Somehow, that's incredibly comforting!

## LITURGICAL YEAR B

### Saturday:

English Mass (Anticipated Sunday Mass) 4:00 pm

### Sunday:

English Mass 9:00 am  
Polish 1:00 pm  
Korean 3:00 pm  
Vietnamese (1st and 3rd week) 5:30 pm

### RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:00 pm

### Weekday Masses

#### English Masses

Tuesdays to Thursdays 12:05 pm  
Fridays (Mass followed by Adoration) 12:05 pm

Adoration until 3 pm  
(Sign-up sheet, in the foyer)

#### Korean Masses

Wednesdays 7:30 pm  
Thursdays 10:30 am

#### Diocesan Online Mass

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCRinXZ2d6GBMpnDM7boV1CA>

## Parish Office Hours

Tuesdays to Fridays: 9:30 am to 3:00 pm

The office is closed: 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm

Closed: Saturdays, Sundays, and Mondays.

If you are new to the parish, and would like to register, or volunteer for a Parish Ministry, please kindly send an email to

[sacredheart@rcdvictoria.org](mailto:sacredheart@rcdvictoria.org)

### Baptism, Marriage, Funerals and Anointing of the Sick

Please contact the Parish Office:  
[sacredheart@rcdvictoria.org](mailto:sacredheart@rcdvictoria.org) / 250-479-1611



We wish all mothers  
a most blessed  
**Mothers' Day**



### Fr. Jan's Birthday

Saturday, May 18

Join us for cake and refreshments after the 4pm Mass



The birthday card is in the church foyer for signing.

### Celebrate the 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Priesthood

(May 13, 1989 to May 13, 2024: Feast of our Lady of Fatima)



### Fr. Jan Grotkowski, SDS

Monday, May 13, 2024, Mass is at 6 pm, followed by a Potluck Dinner in the Parish Hall.

The Sign-up Sheet is in the church foyer.

**Pastor: Fr. Jan Grotkowski, SDS**  
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**Korean: Fr. Robert Ryu**  
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## **Please pray for:**

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

*Ludovica Van Aert, Vincenza Cameron, Józef Grotkowski, Herculano & Joao Pimentel, Frances Reiger, and Monica Wheaton.*

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

*Rheza A, Skarlet, Thérèse A, Jon A, Maritza C, Patricia C, Cora C, Ludwik D, Lesley D, Stan D, Marge Fenwick, Kathleen G, Gwen J, Khanh, Derek L, Lisa L, Diane L., Monique L, Rafael M-Duke, Matthew M, Davide R, and Maria T.*



## ***Eternal Rest Grant Unto Vincenza Cameron***

*(8 May 2024)*

*O Lord, and let Perpetual Light Shine Upon her. May her soul rest in peace. Amen.*

## **Next "Cor" Meeting Knights of Columbus**



The Knights of Columbus Sacred Heart Council invites men to their next "Cor" meeting on Tuesday, May 14 at 7:30 pm in the Parish Hall. Our topic for this meeting is The Rosary - Our Spiritual Weapon".

You are encouraged to come at 7:00 pm to pray the Rosary. Afterwards, please join us for an hour of prayer, formation, reflection, and fellowship. All men, including non-Knights and non-Catholics, are most welcome.

Hope to see you there!

## **Options to Donate**

### **E-Transfer:**

The email to use is [sacredheart@rcdvictoria.org](mailto:sacredheart@rcdvictoria.org)

### **Pre-Authorized Debit (PAD)**

Automatic Debit Form:

<http://sacredheartvictoria.com/docs/PAD%20form%202020.pdf>

The PAD form is also available from the Parish Office.

If you use the Special Collection Envelopes, please remember to complete your name and address on those envelopes to receive a tax receipt. Information and links are also available on our website.

### **Canada Helps**

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/47781>

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!**

### **May 4 to May 5, 2024**

Envelopes \$ 2,203.00

Cash \$ 397.75

**Total \$ 2,600.75**

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



## **OUR LADY OF FATIMA May 13**

Between May 13 and October 13, 1917, three Portuguese children, Francisco and Jacinta Marto, and their cousin Lucia dos Santos, received apparitions of Our Lady at Cova da Iria near Fatima, a city 110 miles north of Lisbon. Mary asked the children to pray the rosary for world peace, for the end of World War I, for sinners, and for the conversion of Russia.

Mary gave the children three secrets. Following the deaths of Francisco and Jacinta in 1919 and 1920 respectively, Lucia revealed the first secret in 1927. It concerned devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The second secret was a vision of hell. When Lucia grew up she became a Carmelite nun and died in 2005 at the age of 97.

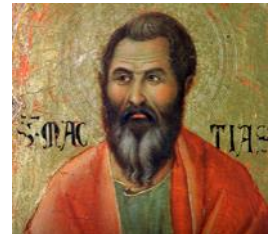
Pope John Paul II directed the Holy See's Secretary of State to reveal the third secret in 2000; it spoke of a "bishop in white" who was shot by a group of soldiers who fired bullets and arrows into him. Many people linked this vision to the assassination attempt against Pope John Paul II in St. Peter's Square on May 13, 1981.

The feast of Our Lady of Fatima was approved by the local bishop in 1930; it was added to the Church's worldwide calendar in 2002.

[Accessed Tuesday 7 May 2024: <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/our-lady-of-fatima/>]

## **ST. MATTHIAS**

**May 14**



The Acts of the Apostles (1:15-26) tells us that Matthias was chosen after the resurrection to replace Judas. Peter, quoting a psalm, told the 120 people gathered that they must choose a new apostle: someone who had been with them from the time of the baptism of the Lord until the resurrection, someone who could join them in bearing witness to these events.

Two names were put forward and the assembly casts lots, the lot falling to Matthias. Nothing more is known of his life or apostolic work.

According to one tradition, Saint Matthias preached for a time in Jerusalem and eventually he was stoned and beheaded. He is often portrayed holding an axe, the instrument of his death. Another tradition claims he preached the Gospel to the barbarians and cannibals in the interior of Ethiopia and was crucified.

Saint Matthias is the patron of carpenters, tailors, alcoholics, those with smallpox, and in prayers for perseverance and for hope.

[Accessed Monday 6 May 2024: <https://stmatthiasgreene.org/st-matthias>]

## ***Please pray for the candidates for Confirmation & First Holy Communion***

to be administered at the

**4 pm Mass, Saturday, June 15, 2024**

*Amelia, Alejandra, Arianna, Daniel, Izzy, Isabella, Johan, Leighton, Mateo, Raiden, Sophia, Violeta, Benjamin, Stella, Lucy, John, Jennie, Isave, Anthony*



## **Society of St. Vincent de Paul**

When donating online, please specify "Sacred Heart Parish": <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/society-of-st-vincent-de-paul-of-vancouver-island/>

To join the society, please email Georgina: [mgvshort@telus.net](mailto:mgvshort@telus.net)

**Not sure what to offer Our Lady?  
Offer a rose ... and the Rosary...**

The tradition of dedicating the month of May to Mary began in the 13th century. Like spring, Mary gave new life to the world when she bore our saviour, Jesus Christ. Devotion to Mary is an important part of the Catholic identity. As our mother, she is an example of a committed "Yes" to the will of God. Through devotion to her, many people ask her for help in the most difficult moments of their life as any child would with their mother.



**Join us to pray the  
Rosary in MAY**  
**7 pm Sundays  
to Fridays**



in the church, unless the weather allows us to pray in the courtyard.

**3:35 pm Saturdays** in church before Mass  
**8:35 am Sundays** in church before Mass

**PARISH MINISTRIES  
& GROUPS**



**Please contact the  
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**PARISH LITURGICAL MINISTRIES**

<b>Parish Liturgy Coordinator</b>	<b>Rafael Oei</b>
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Christian Meditation	Margie Noonan
C.W.L. / Prayer Line	Margot McLaughlin
Knights of Columbus	Rick Perez de Tagle
Led By The Spirit Group	David MacIntyre
Moms & Tots	Chantal Côté
Phone-tree	Elizabeth Olcen
Funeral Receptions	Elizabeth Olcen
Social Justice/D & P	Stan Dzbik
St. Vincent de Paul	Georgina Short

**CHILDREN'S ART CLASSES**



**Saturdays  
10:30 am to 12 pm**  
Art Teacher, Ms. Belle

**Please contact  
the Parish Office.**

Children aged 6 to 15.  
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**Come celebrate the  
Solemnity of the  
Sacred Heart of Jesus**



**Friday, 7 June 2024**  
**Mass at 5 pm followed by Dinner**

*The Novena to the Sacred Heart  
begins on Wednesday, May 29  
after each Mass.*

**CHRISTIAN MEDITATION**

**Thursdays, 1 pm | Parish Hall**  
We welcome newcomers.



Visit the Canadian website [www.wccm-canada.ca](http://www.wccm-canada.ca)  
or the World Community website [www.wccm.org](http://www.wccm.org)  
For more information, please contact Margie Noonan  
250-589-6313 or [margielnoonan@gmail.com](mailto:margielnoonan@gmail.com).



**Moms & Tots**

**Parish Hall, Twice a month, Mon. 9:30 am - 11:30 am**

Come for the company and faith-sharing.  
Parents and caregivers are welcome.

Please contact Chantal: [momstots.shvic@gmail.com](mailto:momstots.shvic@gmail.com)



**Catholic Women's League**

The next **General Meeting of the CWL**  
is on **Saturday, 18 May at 10 am.**

All Catholic women are invited  
to make a difference and to join.

For more information, please contact Denise Owen:  
[deniseowen@shaw.ca](mailto:deniseowen@shaw.ca) / 250-580-0066



**From the Diocese**

**Diocesan Bursaries**

**The Jawl Bundon LLP Bursary** (\$2500): for a grade 12 Catholic student who has been accepted to a post-secondary institution. Preference will be given to Indigenous students, and to students who live outside of Greater Victoria and Nanaimo.  
<https://www.rcdvictoria.org/jawl-bundon-bursary>

**The Blessed Marie Anne Blondin Bursary** (\$1000): for a lay woman who is accepted or enrolled in a program or course for ministry in the Church, such as religious education, social justice, liturgy, social action, care of the sick, etc.  
<https://www.rcdvictoria.org/blondin-bursary>

**The Char Deslippe Memorial Award** (\$500): for a teacher working in Catholic Island Schools or a parish catechist serving in children, youth or adult ministry.  
<https://www.rcdvictoria.org/char-deslippe-award>

**HOSTING INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS**

St. Andrew's High School International Student Program

For September 2024: female students for the full school year. If you are willing to host youth on their international high school journey, be a host family. Host families receive \$1,275 per month to cover costs.

Please contact Nina Timm: [homestay@cisdv.bc.ca](mailto:homestay@cisdv.bc.ca) / 403-771-2519

**National Family and Life Week (NFLW)**  
**"Love hopes all things" May 13 – 19, 2024**

You are invited to cultivate, deepen, and renew Christian hope by drawing on scriptural reflection, family prayer, and the Sacraments. The NFLW website has resources for families including prayers, activities, and a catechesis with discussion questions.

For more information and access, please visit <https://www.cccb.ca/faith-moral-issues/family-and-life/national-family-and-life-week/>

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To report sexual abuse by a clergy member, religious,  
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or call 1-800-968-3146

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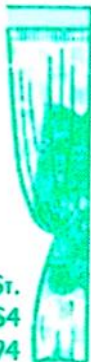
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