



Sacred Heart Catholic Church

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* 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time | 16 June 2024 *



Welcome Fr. Shijo George to Sacred Heart Parish!

We welcome, also, the Syro-Malabar Community
back to the parish!



"The mustard shrub, which is considered a malignant weed, is extremely beneficial for the health. It grows entirely wild, though it is improved by being transplanted: but on the other hand, when it has once been sown, it is scarcely possible to get the place free of it as the seed, when it falls, germinates at once. A real mustard plant is unlikely to attract nesting birds." (Natural historian Pliny the Elder, AD 78.)



The Kingdom is like ...

by Jean Allen

Jesus's followers would have been aware of the characteristics of the Mustard Shrub. So what was Jesus saying when he compared the Kingdom of God to the Mustard seed? Considered malignant yet beneficial for the health? Improved by transplanting yet once sown, impossible to eradicate? Unlikely to attract nesting birds?

Perhaps Jesus wasn't trying to give a perfect analogy of the Kingdom but was, instead, letting his followers know that the Kingdom is a bunch of contradictions and something that can't be frozen into a single image, tied up with string, put on a shelf and forgotten. The Kingdom is dynamic and it organically responds to what is needed in the present moment. It is a mustard seed. It is yeast. It is a dead seed. It is abundant life. When you say it can't be this or do that, that's exactly what it can be and will do. It is invasive like a malignant weed yet it is beneficial for the health. It's not the first place birds will choose to build their nests yet it is always available for that. It begins tiny and ends up taking over.

With what shall we compare the Kingdom of God? It is the creative, loving energy of God doing whatever God wants, whenever he wants, however he wants.

It is a sheer and utter explosion of hope.



Thank You

Bishop Gary Gordon, for
administering the Sacraments of

Confirmation & First Holy Communion

4 pm Mass on Saturday, June 15, 2024

Congratulations!

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

Have a Blessed



Fathers' Day!

LITURGICAL YEAR B

Saturday:

English Mass (Anticipated Sunday Mass) 4:00 pm

Sunday:

English Mass 9:00 am

Polish (paused until further notice)

Korean 3:00 pm

Vietnamese (1st and 3rd Sunday) 5:30 pm

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:00 pm

Weekday Masses

English Masses

Stay tuned!

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 and would like to register, or volunteer for a Parish Ministry, please kindly send an email to sacredheart@rcdvictoria.org

Baptism, Marriage, Funerals and Anointing of the Sick

Please contact the Parish Office:
sacredheart@rcdvictoria.org / 250-479-1611

Pastor: Fr. Shijo George

sgeorge@rcdvictoria.org

Korean: Fr. Robert Ryu

youngjinryu0758@gmail.com

Polish: TBD

Vietnamese: Fr. Michael Tran

michaeltran@rcdvictoria.org

Hospital Chaplain

Fr. Sean Flynn: 250-889-3761

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Please pray for:

Those who have died

Claire Cain, Jason Coe, Brian Noonan, Arthur Persson, Seonaid Sanders, Souls in Purgatory, Veronica Wheaton.

Those who are ill

Les A, Rheza A, Skarlet, Thérèse A, Jon A, Maritza C, Patricia C, Cora C, Ludwik D, Lesley D, Gaspar Sirot, Kathleen G, Gwen J, Khanh N, Derek L, Lisa L, Diane L., Monique L, Rafael M-Duke, Matthew M, Davide R, Walt R, and Maria T.



NEXT "COR" MEETING

The Knights of Columbus Sacred Heart Council invites men to their next "Cor" meeting on Tuesday, June 18th at 7:30 pm in the Parish Hall.

Please join us for an hour of prayer, formation, reflection, and fellowship. All men, including non-Knights and non-Catholics, are most welcome to attend. Our topic for this meeting is: "The Power of Eucharistic Adoration". Hope to see you there!

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Thursdays, 1 pm | Parish Hall

We welcome newcomers.



For more information, please contact Margie Noonan 250-589-6313 or margielnoonan@gmail.com.

FORMED

You can now gain access to FORMED through the parish.

Please scroll and search for our parish:
"Sacred Heart Catholic Church,
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Select it and create a new account on www.formed.org/signup

Options to Donate

E-Transfer:

The email to use is 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!

June 8 & June 9, 2024

Envelopes \$ 1,968.50

Cash \$ 437.00

Total \$ 2,405.50

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

Fr. Shijo George



Fr. Shijo George (1985) was born in Tellichery, India, and is a priest of the Vincentian Congregation, ordained on 28 December 2011 by the Late Mar (or Most Reverend) Paul Chittilapilli.

He joined the Vincentian Minor Seminary in 2000 and completed his philosophical studies at De Paul Institute in Bangalore; Bachelor of Arts, Bangalore University; and Theological Studies at St. Joseph's Pontifical Seminary in Mangalapuzha.

Fr. Shijo holds a Masters of Arts in Christian Studies from Madras University, a Masters in Political Science (2017), and a certificate of Climate Studies from Harvard University (2020). He has held the position of Vice Rector, member of Popular Mission, and Finance Officer of the Vincentian Minor Seminaries in Kerala from 2012 to 2015. Thereafter, he was Assistant Director and Finance Officer of the Divine Prayer Centre in Mangalore; Pastor of St. Joseph Church, Aurangabad, under the Diocese of Shamshabad (2017 to 2020); Administrator of De Paul Public School in Kopargaon; and as Parish Priest of St. Thomas Church in Janakpuri in the Faridabad Diocese. His last assignment was as Associate Priest at St. Joseph the Worker Church here in Victoria. Fr. Shijo is also Pastor to the Syro-Malabar Catholics in the Diocese of Victoria. His hobbies are reading, listening to music, cooking, and trekking.

Eparchy of Mississauga

The Apostolic Exarchate for Syro-Malabar Catholics in Canada was elevated to the rank of an Eparchy with the title in Mississauga by His Holiness Pope Francis on 22 December 2018. The inauguration of the Eparchy and the installation of Mar (Bp) Jose Kalluvellil were solemnized on 25 May 2019 by His Beatitude George Cardinal Alencherry, Major Archbishop of the Syro-Malabar Catholic Church, at St. Alphonsa Syro-Malabar Catholic Cathedral, Mississauga.

Vincentian Congregation (VC)

The Vincentian Congregation is a clerical society within the Syro-Malabar Church with its Generalate at Edappally in the Archdiocese of Ernakulam-Angamaly, India. It comes under the category of the Societies of Common Life according to the manner of religious, and the Pontifical Right. The Congregation, founded on 20 November 1904 as a Koventha at Thottakom, India, by Fr. Varkey Kattarath with three diocesan priests, had the approval and encouragement of Mar Louis Pazheparampil, the first Vicar Apostolic of Ernakulam. The rule of the Koventha was based on the Common Rules of St. Vincent de Paul and on the model of the Congregation of the Mission founded by St. Vincent de Paul in 1625.

For more about the Syro-Malabar Church:

<https://syromalabarcanada.com/about-us/eparchy-of-mississauga/our-patron-saint/>



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MISSISSAUGA**

For more about the Eparchy of Mississauga:

<https://syromalabarcanada.com/about-us/eparchy-of-mississauga/history/>



Society of St. Vincent de Paul

The Society of Saint Vincent De Paul Vancouver Island a non-profit organization dedicated to live the Gospel message by serving Christ in the poor with love, respect, justice and joy, is seeking a Treasurer to join our Board. If you have experience in accounting or finance and are willing to serve, a job description can be found at <https://svdp.bamboohr.com/careers/31?source=aWQ9MTg%3D> or the QR code here >

Also, 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: mngvshort@telus.net



MEMO



DATE: June 13, 2024

TO: Clergy, Religious, Pastoral Administrators, Parishes, Pastoral Centre staff, and CISDV Administrators

FROM: Bishop Gary Gordon

RE: Pastoral Appointment Announcements for Sacred Heart, Holy Cross, St. Patrick's Victoria, and the West Coast Parishes

As I shared in my memo of May 24, 2024, Rev. Jan Grotkowski, S.D.S. was recently and unexpectedly called to a new assignment by his Religious Superior. After much prayer and discussion, the Diocese of Victoria Personnel Committee has discerned that Sacred Heart Parish, having experienced a number of changes over the past few years, is in great need of a period of stability.

Therefore, I announce today that Rev. Shijo George, new to the Diocese in December 2023, and here upon mutual agreement with the Eparchy of Mississauga, will be appointed Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish effective June 15, 2024. He will also continue to serve the Syro-Malabar faithful.

[The above excerpt regarding Sacred Heart Parish was taken from the full Memo, released at 9:44 am, 13 June 2024]

We are most grateful for the dedicated and faithful people who minister in our Diocese. Your continued support and prayers for the ongoing pastoral needs of the Diocese of Victoria are much appreciated.



Catholic Women's League

BAKE SALE

Thank you all



*for supporting the CWL BAKE SALE last weekend.
The sale was a huge success
and your contributions are much appreciated!*



From the Diocese



YOU ARE INVITED TO THE
ORDINATION OF
REVEREND MISTER

Joseph Philippe Yuson

SATURDAY 22 JUNE, 2024
10:00AM

Online Live Stream:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MullFNXUEKI>

*"You are a priest forever, according to
the order of Melchizedek" (Ps 110:4)*



HOSTING INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

St. Andrew's High School
International Student Program

Thank you so much to all of you who already responded! We are close to having every student placed, however there is still a need for one host family for September 2025 for a boy from Mexico (Grade 10) for the full school year.

If you would be willing to support a student on their international high school journey and experience, please consider welcoming an international student into your family. Host families receive \$1,275 per month to cover costs.

Please contact Nina Timm:
homestay@cisdv.bc.ca / Tel: 403-771-2519

A Great Symphony of Prayer: The Our Father as a Programme of Life



Videos and reflection guide are available for this webinar series by Dr. Josephine Lombardi of St. Augustine's Seminary, hosted by the CCCB, to participate in the Year of Prayer 2024 in anticipation of the Jubilee Year 2025.

<https://www.cccb.ca/evangelization-catechesis-catholic-education/video-resources/a-great-symphony-of-prayer-the-our-father-as-a-programme-of-life/>

10th Annual Family Life Conference and Camp needs your help...

The committee for the 10th Annual Family Life Conference and Camp is looking for volunteers to assist with the camp.

For more information, please email:
familycamp@rcdvictoria.org

RESEARCH QUESTIONNAIRE

The Diocese of Victoria is participating in an international research project about how religious communities experienced the COVID-19 pandemic. To complete the anonymous online questionnaire, please visit <https://www.research.net/r/covidandreligion>.

Deadline to complete the questionnaire is June 30, 2024.

SACRED HEART PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL 2023 / 2024

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Andy Pak (Korean Representative)
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Stan Planeta (Polish Representative)

PARISH MINISTRIES & GROUPS

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PARISH LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Parish Liturgy Coordinator	Rafael Oei
Altar Servers	Karla Montano
Extraordinary Ministers	Gilbert Santos, Chay Santos
Floral Ministry	Eduardo Bautista
Lectors	Stan Dzbik
Music Director	Rafael Oei
Pastoral Care Ministry	Lynda Tan
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Video Streamers	Peter Liem

PARISH GROUPS

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

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