

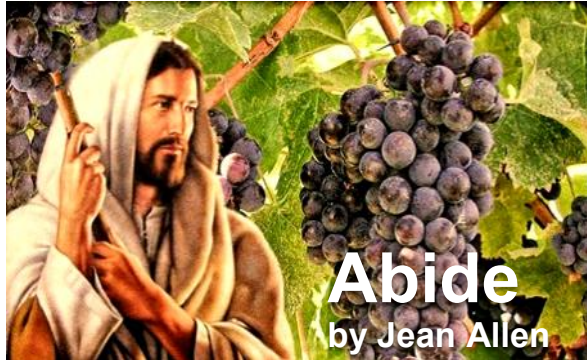


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*** 5th Sunday of Easter | 28 April 2024 ***

When Jesus said "I am the vine and you are the branches," we need to think about, as branches, who and what we are all attached to. Obviously, we are attached to Jesus but who is he attached to? The Vine-grower Father and the nourishing sap of the Spirit. So, we all have the life blood (or life sap) of the Trinity running through us all. You aren't just an isolated branch clinging to the vine; you are part of a communion of branches and in this communion with each other and with the Trinity, as a community, we flourish and bear fruit.



We can't head off on our own and expect to flourish. We absolutely need communion with the Trinitarian vine and community with all the branches. If we decide we don't need the vine, it's similar to the old saying, "Cutting off the branch you are sitting on." You will hurt yourself.

'Abide' is not a difficult concept. It simply means 'to stay or to remain'. Don't wander off, drift or fade away. Jesus is simply saying, "Stay with me and pay attention to me in the now." He doesn't say, "Prune yourself, fertilize yourself or make yourself grow grapes." He just says, "Abide."

How do we fail to abide? By fading away into the past or into the future. It's a great temptation to live in the hope of a better past and it's an even greater temptation to feel like we can control the future by thinking, stewing and worrying about it. There is no life-giving sap in our worries about the future or the past. There's no nourishment there, for ourselves or for others we are in communion with. Jesus is here right now in this present moment and that's where we need to abide with him. He is very serious about this need. It's true that the present moment may not be pleasant or easy but why would we want to add to the burden by pulling the useless past and future onto our shoulders as well?

Be. Here. Now. Abide.

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 (Resumes in May) 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

Baptism, Marriage, Funerals and Anointing of the Sick

Please contact the Parish Office:
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Celebrate the 35th 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.



Children's Liturgy at 9 am Mass

Please contact Kinga Hearn through the Parish Office if you are interested:
Ph: 250-479-1611
E: sacredheart@rcdvictoria.org



Please pray for the candidates for Confirmation and First Holy Communion to be administered at the

4 pm Mass, Saturday, June 15, 2024

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

Congratulations!



We welcome the newest member to our Catholic Family with the Baptism of

Adam Padronzolan
on Sunday, 28 April
at the 9 a.m. Mass.

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

Those who have died

Tony and Dody Archer, Maria Calica, Alfie Lacanlale, Teresa de Lima, Jane Holatko, Fritz and Adi Ketzmerick, Bill, Marion & Bruce Van Munster, Brian Noonan, Jose Olivia, Irene Remedios, and Brian Tighe.

Those who are ill

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



St. Catherine of Siena

April 29

St. Catherine is the patroness against fire, illness, the United States, Italy, miscarriages, people ridiculed for their faith, sexual temptation, and nurses.

Caterina di Jacopo di Benincasa, born 25 March 1347, was an Italian mystic and pious laywoman who engaged in papal and Italian politics. She is also considered to have influenced Italian literature.



She joined the "mantellates", a group of pious women, primarily widows, devoted to Dominican spirituality. After Catherine's death, these groups formalized into the Third Order of the Dominicans. It was Catherine who influenced Pope Gregory XI, in 1376, to leave Avignon for Rome. The Pope then sent her to negotiate peace with the Florentine Republic. After Gregory XI's death (March 1378) and the conclusion of peace (July 1378), she returned to Siena. She dictated to secretaries her set of spiritual treatises, "The Dialogue of Divine Providence". She sent letters to princes and cardinals to promote obedience to Pope Urban VI and to defend what she calls the "vessel of the Church". St. Catherine died on 29 April 1380. Urban VI celebrated her funeral and burial in the Basilica of Santa Maria sopra Minerva in Rome.

She was canonized by Pope Pius II in 1461, and declared patron saint of Rome in 1866 by Pope Pius IX. In 1939, with Francis of Assisi, Pope Pius XII declared her patron saint of Italy. She was the second woman to be declared a Doctor of the Church on 4 October 1970 by Pope Paul VI, only a few days after St. Teresa of Ávila. In 1999 Pope St. John Paul II proclaimed her a Patron Saint of Europe.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Donate online and specify "Sacred Heart Parish" at <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



Catholic Women's League

All Catholic women are invited to make a difference and to join. For more information, please contact Denise Owen: 250-580-0066 deniseowen@shaw.ca



CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Thursdays, 1 pm | Parish Hall

We welcome newcomers.



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

Moms & Tots

**Parish Hall, Twice a month on Mondays
9:30 am to 11:30 am**

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

Please contact Chantal: momstots.shvic@gmail.com



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!

April 20 to April 21, 2024

Envelopes \$ 2,076.50

Cash \$ 414.10

Total \$ 2,490.60

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

Horizons of Hope

Grateful thanks to all who attended the workshops, and facilitators

Dr. Edora, Angela, Ana Marie, & Dominique!



Thank you Adam Kokelj and Allan Cabida

for restoring the benches and chairs in our courtyard!

~ Fr. Jan Grotkowski, SDS



Development and Peace thanks the parishioners of Sacred Heart parish for contributing **\$1285.00** to the 2024 Share Lent campaign. Thank you for supporting our partners in the Global South.



The video for the Polish community's **Good Friday Way of the Cross** is available at:

<https://vimeo.com/935259014>

The password is: stations

**Thank you to all who attended the
Parish Annual General Meeting
on Saturday, 20 April 2024 in the Parish Hall**

~ Fr. Jan Grotkowski, SDS



**PARISH MINISTRIES
& GROUPS**

**Please contact the
Parish Office:
sacredheart@rcdvictoria.org**



PARISH LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Parish Liturgy Coordinator	Rafael Oei
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Music Director	Rafael Oei
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Video Streamers	Peter Liem

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Christian Meditation	Margie Noonan
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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

Begins Saturday, April 27
10:30 am to 12 pm, Art Teacher, Ms. Belle
Please contact the Parish Office
Children aged 6 to 15 are welcome. Fees are by donation.
Materials will be provided.



**Join us to pray the
Rosary in MAY**

7 pm Mondays to Fridays
in front of the statue of Our Lady
in the courtyard



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

Crowning of the statue of Our Lady
7 pm, Wednesday, May 1st (before the Rosary)

The tradition of dedicating the month of May to Mary began in the 13th century. May is when spring is at the height of its beauty. Spring is connected with nature renewing itself, and in her way, Mary gave new life to the world when she bore our saviour, Jesus Christ. By the 1700s, Mary and the month of May became popular among the Jesuits at the Roman College. "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 a child would with their mother.



**St. Philip
and James
May 3**

Sts. Philip and James were both apostles, and both served Christ faithfully during the very early days of the Church.

Philip was the one who brought his friend Nathanael to Jesus. Some years later, with the help of Andrew, Philip arranged to have a group of Greek Gentiles brought to Jesus. Philip had a practical, down-to-earth mind; he was the apostle who commented that it would take a considerable amount of money to feed a crowd of more than 5,000 hungry men, women, and children. It was also Philip who asked to see the Father when Jesus spoke about him at the Last Supper.

St. James was the son of Alphaeus and seems to have been born in Caesarea. He is mentioned less frequently in the New Testament than Philip. Sometimes James is called the Less, which might be a hint that he was either a short person or perhaps younger than the other apostle named James.

After Jesus' death James continued to preach the Gospel and is believed to have become the first bishop of Jerusalem. St. James met his death as a martyr in Jerusalem around the year A.D. 62. Tradition identifies James as the author of the epistle associated with his name.



From the Diocese

"Love and Respect": a marriage retreat
St. Joseph the Worker Parish, Victoria
May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 7 pm to 9 pm

Please register in advance at:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeO3axTZQ5GDP4ycAM3u2KLQOxbA1MJUPyp0kr546fZV_6-Fg/viewform



March for Life

Thursday May 9, 2024
12 pm Mass, St. Andrew's Cathedral
For more information, please go to:
<https://m4lvictoria.ca/>
See you there!

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL 2023 / 2024

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