

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

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Augustinian Friars in the Parish:

Fr. Francis Galvan, OSA – Pastor

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Daily Mass in the Chapel
Monday to Saturday at 9:00am

Sunday Mass Schedule (Church)
Saturday (Anticipated) at 5pm
Sunday at 9am and 11am and 5pm

Chapel open Mon-Sat for private prayer
(Closed Sunday and holidays)
Mon- Fri 8am to 4:30pm - Saturday 8am – 3pm

Spanish Mass
First Saturday of the Month at 7:30pm (Church)

Confession
Saturday 10am-11am (Chapel)

Parish Office Hours
Monday to Friday 9am to 4pm.
Closed on all statutory holidays.
Closed for lunch from 12-12:30

Baptisms
Last Sunday of the month. Please contact the parish office to register and for information.

Marriages
Couples should contact the parish office at least six months in advance of their date.

Funerals
Please call the parish office to inquire about the processes for arrangements.

Fifth Sunday of Easter
April 28th, 2024

I am the true vine, and my
Father is the vinegrower.
John 15.1-8

Sunday Focus. Remain in Jesus as the Father tends and cares for us. When we remain in Jesus, his word remains in us, and we bear the fruit of love for one another. The Father prunes us, knowing what we need and do not need to grow and flourish. No other vine is as life-giving as that of Jesus. **LITURGY OF THE WORD** In the first reading, Barnabas introduces Saul to the Apostles in Jerusalem. In the second reading, John teaches that we remain in Jesus by keeping his commandment to love one another. In the Gospel, Jesus uses vineyard imagery to describe our relationship with him and his nurturing Father. Jesus is the true vine, we remain in him as his branches, and his Father is the vine grower pruning us to bear much fruit. ***Faith Catholic.***

A **WARM WELCOME** to all new parishioners, visitors and the faithful to our Parish Community! We invite new parishioners to register with our parish. Please register online at our website: www.sacredheartparish.ca or find a registration form at the back of the church. If you have moved, have a new phone number or email address please let us know by contacting the parish office. Thank you.

Sacred Heart Parish acknowledges that the land on which we gather is the traditional territories of the sc̓awa' an (Tsawwassen) and x̓w̓m̓ək̓w̓ay̓əm (Musqueam) First Nations and speakers of the hənq'əminəm' (Hun'qumi'num) language who have been stewards of this land since time immemorial

Parish Contacts

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Tuesday, April 30th

Death: Claire Barazzuol of our parish passed away and her funeral Mass will be celebrated on Friday, May 3rd in the Church at 10am. We offer our deepest sympathy to her husband, Robert and entire family and pray for Claire's eternal rest in heaven.

Ivor Stubson of our parish passed away and his funeral Mass will be held on Wednesday, May 8th at 10:30am in our Chapel. We offer our deepest sympathy to his wife, Elaine and entire family and pray for Ivor's eternal rest in heaven.

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We ask for God's blessings on Graham Nixon as he celebrated his 80th birthday, Wednesday, April 24th. Happy Birthday Graham!

PREP (Parish Religious Education Program)

Tuesday, April 30 is our final PREP class of the year. Next week, we will have our PREP Year-End Celebrations where all PREP students, their families and catechists are invited to an evening of prayer, games & refreshments. To register or to learn more about next year's PREP program, go to: <https://sacredheartparish.ca/ministries/parish-religious-education-for-children-prep#registration> Contact Erin at eseddon@shsdelta.org or 946-2618.

On-line Bible Study Classes are held on Tuesdays.

For more information, please contact Sue at jsteevie@telus.net

Wednesday, May 1st

Coffee will be served after our Morning Mass in the Council room. Everyone is welcome to join for some social time.

Everyone is invited to join our **Mother of Perpetual Help Novena & Devotion group**. We will meet in the chapel at 6pm on Wednesday evenings. For more information please contact: Melanie at: devotionministry@shshdelta.org

Thursday, May 2

Our ladies **Craft Group** will meet tonight starting at 7pm in the Craft Room (Parish Hall) All ladies are invited to join – no experience necessary. For more info contact: saintmonicaguildd@shshdelta.org.

Friday, May 3rd

All Day Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament in our chapel following our morning Mass. We will have Benediction at 4:00pm. Everyone is welcome to spend some quiet time in prayer with our Lord.

BAPTISMS, SUNDAY, APRIL 28th

Caiden YuZhe, Cailey Kaiwei, Caitlyn Hexin, children of Ralph Cheng and Jastine Chen.

Seung-A and SeungYu, children of Junsik Shin and Eunsun Cho.

Jacqueline Ran, daughter of James Hsiung Fei Teng and Xiao Juan Ren.

Olivia Julia and Thomas Michael, children of Michael and Christina Wolf.

Markus Elias and Madelyn Elise, children of Edmund James Wong and Margaret Lo-Wong.

Xinduo (Dora) and Zerui (Jerry), children of Junhua (Drew) Zhu and Dan Liu.

***Congratulations and
God's blessings.***

Saturday, May 4th

Spanish Mass and Migrant Workers Dinner will be held tonight Saturday, May 4th. If you are able to help out with the meal following the Mass (served by parish volunteers) by donating sweets, cookies, desert bars or fresh fruit such as apples, oranges, or grapes please drop your items off at the Parish Center Kitchen between 3:30 and 4:00pm on the day of. For more information, please contact Maura or Diane at mwm@shsdelta.org *Your generosity is greatly appreciated.*

Sunday May 5th

Our monthly food collection of non- perishable, non-expired, non-opened food items will be this weekend. Your donation will help a local community member and is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Monday, May 6th

Saint Monica Guild- An invite to all ladies of our parish community – Join us as we celebrate our mothers, grandmothers, godmothers, stepmothers, aunts, and all women who nurture others with their support and love. Please bring a plate of your favourite pastries, sweets, or tea sandwiches (High tea) to share with others. Please RSVP to Janine at saintmonicaguild@shsdelta.org.

Time: 7:00pm.

Place: Parish Center Gym

We hope to see you there!



Fri. May 10th

JOIN US FOR SHP FAMILY BINGO NIGHT to be held on Friday, May 10th in our parish hall. From 6:30-8:30pm. Free bingo play. A Concession stand will be available for refreshments and snacks – by donation and cash only please. Bring the whole family for an evening of fun! (All ages welcome)



Our School Walkathon will take place next Sunday, May 5th. Please consider sponsoring our Pastor Emeritus, Father Michael as he walks alongside his parishioners in support of our school. Can you keep up to this seasoned walker?

Volunteers will be in the back of the Church this weekend - April 27/28 at all Masses to gratefully accept your pledge for Fr. Michael or you can use this QR code and donate today! Thank you for your generosity.



Safe Environment Training for Volunteers

Thank you to all the parishioners who attended our evening with the Archdiocesan Coordinator of Safe Environment - Deacon Bruce Fraser this past Tuesday. If you are a volunteer in our parish or want to start volunteering and have not gone through the Safe Environment process, please contact Anna or Maureen in the parish office at 946-4522 or sacredheartparish@shsdelta.org.

Are you interested in becoming a volunteer at SHP? To add your name to our volunteer list please contact Jane our Volunteer Ministry leader at: shpvolunteers@shshdelta.org.

Thank you



MARCH 4 LIFE VICTORIA

OUR KNIGHTS OF COLOMBUS ARE PROVIDING SACRED HEART PARISHIONERS WITH FREE BUS TRANSPORTATION

TO THE MARCH FOR LIFE IN VICTORIA.

(Participants up to age 65 will pay their own ferry charge. Seniors are free on the ferry) Hope for Life

Corner: March for Life Victoria Thursday, May 9th

- The March for Life in Victoria, BC is a Culture of Life event. The day will begin with Mass at Sacred Heart Church at 9:15am with Archbishop Michael Miller as the main celebrant. The event includes a march from Centennial Square down Government St. to the BC Legislature. Once at the Legislature several guest speakers will educate the attendees on the current challenges facing the Culture of Life.

For more information or to book a spot on the bus please contact:

Jim at jrcanil@telus.net

Our next school Mass will be Wednesday, May 15th

Save the date: Saint Monica Guild Luncheon, Sunday, June 2nd. More details to follow soon!

SOUTH DELTA CHURCHES PENTECOST

ECUMENICAL CONCERT OF PRAYER – Friday,

May 17th here at Sacred Heart Parish - This is a gathering of our local churches to pray together for our community. The evening begins with Prayer & Praise (6:30 PM) with Traditional & Contemporary Congregational Singing. The Concert of Prayer (7 to 8 PM) will be led by local clergy, praying for various aspects of our common life in South Delta. ALL members of ALL churches are warmly invited to attend. For further information, please call parishioner, Dr. John Roddam at (672) 515-1855 or email at john.roddam@hotmail.com A light reception and social time will follow.



A huge thank you to Danny and Patricia who have served our Outreach Ministry here at our parish for the 15 past years. Most recently they have been involved in the Christmas Angel tree and our monthly food collection. They are now retiring from this ministry. We welcome Karla and Savio who are ready to serve the poor through the Church. Karla is the new chair of the Outreach ministry and Savio is the vice chair.



SHP REFUGEE FAMILY UPDATE:

In mid 2016, our Parish Refugee Committee applied for and was granted a sponsorship agreement for a refugee family from Syria. That family of four arrived in Ladner in October of 2016. Through the generosity of Parish members, we were able to settle this family in our area. They have since integrated very well into their new Canadian identity. Both father and son found permanent employment in short order. Daughter Maguy, enrolled in courses to improve her English skills and worked at several jobs in the area. Her determination and hard work culminated in her obtaining a certificate as a Teaching assistant. She is, at present, working at Sacred Heart School.

A year after their arrival, the Committee discussed with them the possibility of sponsoring the rest of their family, - a daughter, son-in-law and grandson. This family had been living in Beirut, Lebanon as refugees since 2016.

Having accepted the challenge, we made an application through the Archdiocesan Senior Agreement Holder and were able to secure private donations sufficient to support the new family for 12 months, based on the cost of living existing at the time. Additional funds were secured to cover the increase in the cost of accommodation.

Over the next five and a half years, the application was processed, reviewed, suspended and re-applied, in major part due to Governmental changes and new requirements. Finally, in late 2022 the application was granted approval. And that year the family size increased with the birth of a daughter in June. We were able to add the newborn to the Agreement and proceed with the sponsorship. And soon afterwards the Committee was happy to hear that the family had been interviewed and were now properly on the way to the final steps for the move to Canada.

From 2017 until recently much correspondence flowed between the refugees, our Committee and the Canadian agency in charge. In June 2023, they

were given medical approval for the transfer and a final interview. Then had another long wait for final arrangements. On February 11, 2024, they were advised that their visas had been issued and that flight arrangements were being processed.

Shortly after that the Notice of Arrival/Travel Itinerary was received. The arrival in Vancouver, was preceded by flights from Beirut to Cairo, on to Toronto for official entry into Canada, then to Vancouver on March 25th, to the joy of their Canadian family and members of the Committee.

The new family was able to secure proper accommodation effective April 1st and were able to move in at that time. Their focus now will be to take advantage of schooling for the children, employment for the adults and with help from the original family, settle into daily life and their new environment.

We are committed to financial and personal support of the new family until April 2025. Based on our experience with the original family, we are delighted to do so. All family members are excellent additions to our Canadian population.

We wish to thank all parishioners for their kind offers of donations of items but currently our new refugee family has everything they require for their day to day living needs.

Sacred Heart Parish Refugee Sponsorship Committee Ray Decloux, Joey Aleksich, Wilma Moir, Fred Hermesmann, Patrick Kennedy – with the help of generous parishioners, friends, and acquaintances.

Ministry leader:

Ray DeCloux – email: ray.decloux@gmail.com



April 28, 2024 - 5th Sunday of Easter

“Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth.” -1 John 3:18 Regarding our Catholic faith, do you “walk the talk?” Do your actions reflect what it means to be a good disciple? Are you an active participant at Sunday Mass? Are you joyful when participating in parish ministry? Do you give gratefully and generously with your financial support to your parish and other Church needs? If not, it’s not too late to start! *Copyright © 2024 Archdiocese of St. Louis*

Living Laudato Si': The Challenge and the Promise *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis' 2015 encyclical on care for creation, is a clarion call to listen to the cries of the earth and of the poor and to assuage their suffering. This second annual *Laudato Si'* lecture will reflect on the challenges and promises of devoting ourselves to this undertaking. In these turbulent times, how can we navigate the obstacles and fulfill the promises that caring for creation in the spirit of *Laudato Si'* places before us? On Friday, May 17, 7:00 p.m. at St. Mark's College in Vancouver. Free admission. All are welcome! Learn more and register at beholdvancouver.org/events.

Mayfair 2024, Vancouver College

Join us for a day filled with delicious international food, midway fun, music, raffles and bazaars, and opportunities to forge new friendships and make cherished family memories! Mayfair is one of Vancouver College's primary fundraising and community-building events each year. The campus undergoes a delightful transformation into an old-fashioned spring fair, with modern updates to offer enjoyable activities for parents, children, and grandparents alike. On Saturday, May 11, 10:00 a.m to 4:00 p.m. at Vancouver College. Learn more at vcmayfair.com.

Birthright Mass

Please join us for this year's Birthright Mass at Holy Rosary Cathedral on Saturday, May 4, at 12:10 p.m. The Mass is offered for pregnant women and birthright mothers, their babies and their volunteers. It will be preceded by the praying of the Rosary.

Birthright Vancouver is a downtown crisis pregnancy service that provides free, non-judgmental, confidential, loving support to women, helping make a realistic plan for their future and their unborn children. Learn more via beholdvancouver.org/events.

Ladies, Registration is now open.
You are invited to our MAGNIFICAT
Ministry Brunch on May 25th.

To be held at Saint John Paul II Pastoral Centre, 4885 Saint John Paul II Way, in Vancouver. Doors open at 10:30 a.m. event begins at 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Our speaker Donna Ross is a cradle Catholic who strayed from the Church for many years before she realized what she was missing! A powerful call of the Holy Spirit brought her back to the Church with a new appreciation of her faith. She ended a 25-year career with the Magic Kingdom of Disney in 1994 to work for the Eternal Kingdom of God. She received the Diocese of San Bernardino's "Our Lady of Guadalupe Award" for using her God given gifts for the sake of God's people.

Prayer teams will be available at the end of the event for those interested. We hope you can join us as we gather for our 10th meal.

Cost is \$30.

Contact Magnificat to Register please send an email to magnificatvancouver@gmail.com

