

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

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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.



Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 5th, 2024

Love one another as I have loved you.

John 15.9-17

Sunday Focus. *Remain in my love.* This Easter season, as the paschal mystery continues to unfold before us, Jesus focuses our attention on love being at the heart of discipleship. Jesus' words and actions were always rooted in his profound love for us. As disciples, we grow closer to Jesus and his mission by sharing God's love with others. In God's love, he is revealed. **LITURGY OF THE WORD** In the first reading, Peter humbly speaks while the Holy Spirit falls upon those who are listening, resulting in more baptisms. In the second reading, John writes of our call to love one another. In the Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples to remain in his love. He calls them friends, no longer slaves. **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.

Parish Contacts

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

Second Collection: The Pope's Pastoral Works, May 5 This national collection is passed on to the Holy Father for the immediate support of victims of war, famine and natural disasters. Tax-deductible gifts can be made in person at the parish or online at rcav.org/second-collection.

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



Tuesday, May 7th

PREP (Parish Religious Education Program) Year-End Celebration PREP students (grades K - 7) are joined by their families and catechists for this celebration to end our PREP year. This outdoor event begins with prayer at the grotto at 6:15pm followed by games and pot-luck snacks. Families bring their own lawn chairs & blankets. If it's raining, we'll gather at the church and move the school gym for games & refreshments.

To register for 2024/2025 PREP classes, or to learn more about the PREP program, contact Erin Seddon, PREP Coordinator, at 604.946.2618 or eseddon@shsdelta.org or go to: <https://sacredheartparish.ca/ministries/parish-religious-education-for-children-prep#registration>

Our On-line Tuesday Bible Study Classes are now on a break and will return in September. For more information on upcoming classes, please contact Sue at jsteevie@telus.net

Wednesday, May 8th

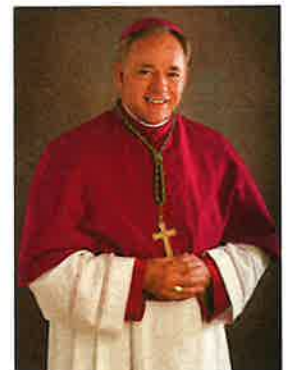
Everyone is invited to join our **Mother of Perpetual Help Novena & Devotion group**. We will meet in the chapel at 6pm on Wednesday evenings. For more information please contact: Melanie at: devotionministry@shsdelta.org

Thursday, May 9

MARCH 4 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 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: saintmonicaguild@shsdelta.org.

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) For more information please contact Nora @ pews@shsdelta.org



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.



Our next Pancake Breakfast will be on:

SUNDAY, MAY 26th



Our next school Mass will be on Wednesday, May 15th. Everyone is welcome.

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



"This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." -John 15:12-13. Do you love Jesus? Do you consider Him your friend? Jesus says that if we love Him we would be willing to offer whatever we have to Him, not because we want praise and glory, but simply because we love Him. Does your giving seem mechanical out of obligation, or do you share freely out of love? Copyright © 2024 Archdiocese of St. Louis

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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

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.

Pentecost Vigil at St. Mary's, Vancouver

"I have come to set the earth on fire and how I wish it were already blazing!" -Luke 12:49

Be set ABLAZE on the eve of Pentecost Sunday! Join us for an evening of Eucharistic Adoration, Praise and Worship, and Prayer Ministry and Teaching by Father Gabriel de Chadarevian, OP.

On Saturday, May 18, 7:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Parish in Vancouver. All are welcome! No registration needed. For more information, please email missionablazestmary@gmail.com.

Called to Freedom: Ignatian Weekend Retreat

Spiritual freedom is a key element for discernment and for movement in our spiritual journey.

We invite you to explore spiritual freedom through the lens of the spirituality of Ignatius of Loyola. This weekend retreat will offer inspiring inputs, periods of silence for personal prayer, small group spiritual conversation, and optional individual spiritual direction. We will engage art, music, poetry, scripture, film, and time in nature.

From May 31 to June 2 at the Bethlehem Centre in Nanaimo. **Registration deadline: Friday, May 24.** For schedule, costs, payment plan options, travel details and registration, please visit beholdvancouver.org/events.

***"What does love look like?
It has the hands to help others.
It has the feet to hasten to the poor and needy.
It has eyes to see the misery and want.
It has the ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of men. That is what love looks like."***

Saint Augustine



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A Message from Sacred Heart Parish Finance Council:

Attached is year-end financial information for 2023 as well as the approved budget for 2024.

As we emerge from the Covid years, we were able to do some much needed maintenance and upgrades deferred from 2020-2022. As mentioned last year, we had anticipated running a deficit as we caught up with some maintenance issues requiring attention but we were able to end the year with a small surplus of \$57,679. Maintenance costs for 2023 included upgrades to the audio visual system and replacement of lighting in the Church itself. Other larger expenditures for maintenance included paving by the parish centre, removal of a large diseased tree, repairs to the Church roof and higher than expected snow removal costs at the beginning of 2023.

Donations were up well over 15% over 2022 which allowed us to meet all our commitments. The generosity of parishioners deserves special mention in this time of economic stresses and is truly appreciated.

The Parish was blessed to have some one time special donations in the form of bequests and donations earmarked for a particular project or ministry for which we are grateful. These special donations exceeded our surplus and allowed us to complete the year without dipping into our reserves. We do encourage parishioners to remember Sacred Heart in their estate planning and additional year end giving. As well,

we were successful with Project Advance and have limited funds available for improvements to Children's Liturgy and improving accessibility. We would like to encourage all parishioners to consider a donation to Project Advance in 2024 as all funds in excess of our diocesan assessment are returned to the Parish for our own identified projects within the Sacred Heart community.

Budgeting for 2024 is conservative and we do anticipate increasing cost and inflationary pressures for ongoing expenses including taxes, supplies, insurance, utilities, salaries and maintenance similar to what we saw in 2023.

With the budget showing a breakeven for 2024, we do run the risk of running a deficit in 2024 as further projects deferred from 2022 may be undertaken and would be reflected in this year.

On behalf of the Pastor, the Parish Council and the entire Finance Council, thank you to all parishioners for their continuing generosity and support of the Parish. Without you, the Parish would not be sustainable and able to meet their ongoing obligations.

Should you require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the Finance Council at shpfinancecouncil@shsdelta.org

Sacred Heart Parish Finance Council

SACRED HEART PARISH 2024 ANNUAL BUDGET AND 2023 ACTUAL RESULTS

	Budget 2024	Actual 2023
REVENUES		
BC Catholic	4,000.00	3,048.75
CEWS (Canadian Emargency Wage Subsidy)	-	-
Diocesan Collections	50,000.00	50,900.26
Donations (Weekly, Special, Christmas/Easter)	690,000.00	707,726.87
Fundraisers - School	175,000.00	177,914.68
Fundraising - Other	25,000.00	26,732.41
GST Refund	7,000.00	8,065.00
Interest Income - Chancery Account	31,200.00	29,779.35
Parish Sponsored Events & Concerts	-	-
Pre-School Income	285,000.00	269,821.02
Project Advance Rebate	12,000.00	10,227.07
Religious Education Income	4,000.00	4,875.00
Rental Income	87,000.00	94,023.20
Special Donations	70,000.00	73,964.48
Stole Fees (Baptisms, Funerals, Weddings)	10,000.00	9,799.00
Youth Ministry Rebate	1,500.00	1,298.73
TOTAL REVENUES	1,451,700.00	1,468,175.82
EXPENDITURES		
Advertising and Promotion (BC Catholic, local papers)	4,500.00	3,632.46
Altar and Sanctuary Supplies	20,000.00	23,858.95
Bank & Interest Charges	3,500.00	3,519.82
BC Catholic	5,000.00	4,715.38
Charitable Works and Diocesan Collections	75,000.00	68,276.90
Diocesan Assessment	66,700.00	53,584.00
Fundraisers - School	175,000.00	177,914.68
GST Expense	14,000.00	16,129.41
Insurance	32,000.00	30,159.28
Janitorial	50,000.00	48,678.22
Miscellaneous	20,000.00	15,170.61
Office, Printing, Stationary, Equipment	20,000.00	23,337.55
Parish Sponsored Events & Concerts	20,000.00	22,347.85
Professional and Consulting Fees	-	-
Property Taxes	14,000.00	13,177.61
Religious Education & Youth Expenses	10,000.00	9,420.53
Rent, Food, Household Supplies	30,000.00	25,241.62
Repairs & Maintenance	85,000.00	153,883.98
Extraordinary Repairs and Maintenance	85,000.00	-
Salaries & Benefits	595,000.00	577,858.47
Subsidies - Elementary & High School	52,000.00	67,600.00
Utilities	75,000.00	71,989.49
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	1,451,700.00	1,410,496.81
SURPLUS	-	57,679.01

LETTER OF THE HOLY FATHER FRANCIS TO PARISH PRIESTS

Dear Brother Priests,

The International Meeting "Parish Priests for the Synod", and the dialogue with all of you who have taken part, provide me with the opportunity to pray for the parish priests the world over. To all of you, I address these words with great affection.

It is so obvious as to sound almost banal, but that does not make it less true: the Church could not go on without your dedication and your pastoral service. So before all else, I would like to express my gratitude and appreciation for the generous work that you do each day, sowing seeds of the Gospel in every kind of soil (cf. *Mk 4:1-25*).

As you have experienced in these days of sharing, the parishes in which you carry out your ministry vary widely, from those on the outskirts of great cities – as I know personally from Buenos Aires – to those in sparsely populated areas that are the size of vast provinces. They range from those in town centres in many European countries, where ancient basilicas house dwindling and aging communities, to those where celebrations are held beneath the branches of great trees and the songs of birds mix with the voices of small children.

Parish priests are well aware of this, since they know from within the life of God's People their joys and hardships, their resources and their needs. For this reason, a synodal Church needs its parish priests. Without priests, we will never be able to learn how to walk together and to set out on the path of synodality, "the path which God expects of the Church of the third millennium". [1]

We will never become a synodal and missionary Church unless parish communities are distinguished by the sharing of all the baptized in the one mission of proclaiming the Gospel. If parishes are not synodal and missionary, neither will the Church be. The Synthesis Report of the First Session of the XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops is very clear in this regard. Parishes, beginning with their structures and the organization of parish life, are called to think of themselves "primarily as being of service to the mission that the faithful carry out in society, in family life and the workplace, without concentrating exclusively on their own activities and their organizational needs" (8.1). Parish communities increasingly need to become places from which the baptized set out as missionary disciples and to which they return, full of joy, in order to share the wonders worked by the Lord through their witness (cf. *Lk 10:17*).

As pastors, we are called to accompany in this process the communities that we serve, and at the same time to commit ourselves with prayer, discernment and apostolic zeal in ensuring that our ministry is suited to the needs of a synodal and missionary Church. This challenge is set before the Pope, the bishops and the Roman Curia, and it is also set before you, as parish priests. The Lord who has called us and consecrated us asks us today to listen to the voice of his Spirit and to advance in the direction that he points out to us. Of one thing we can be sure: he will never leave us without his grace. Along the way, we will discover how to set our ministry free from the things that wear us down and rediscover its most authentic core, the proclamation of God's word and the gathering of the community for the breaking of bread.

I encourage you, then, to accept this, the Lord's call to be, as parish priests, builders of a synodal and missionary Church and to devote yourselves enthusiastically to achieving this goal. To this end, I would like to offer three suggestions that can help to inspire your lifestyle and activity as pastors.

1. I ask you first to *live out your specific ministerial charism in ever greater service to the varied gifts that the Spirit sows in the People of God*. It is urgent to “discover with faith, the many and varied charismatic gifts of the laity, be they of a humble or more exalted form” (Second Vatican Ecumenical Council, Decree on the Ministry and Life of Priests *Presbyterorum Ordinis*, 9), which are indispensable for evangelizing any number of human situations and contexts. I am convinced that in this way you will bring to light many hidden treasures and feel less alone in the demanding task of evangelization. You will experience the joy of being true fathers, who do not dominate others but rather bring out in them, men and women alike, great and precious possibilities.

2. With all my heart, I suggest that you *learn to practise the art of communal discernment*, employing for this purpose the method of “conversation in the Spirit”, which has proved so helpful in the synodal journey and in the proceedings of the synodal Assembly itself. I am certain that you will reap from it many good fruits, not only in structures of communion such as parish councils, but in many other fields as well. As the Synthesis Report makes clear, discernment is a key element in the pastoral activity of a synodal Church: “It is important that the practice of discernment be exercised also in pastoral settings, in a way adapted to differing contexts, in order to illumine the concreteness of ecclesial life. This will help to recognize better the charisms present within the community, to distribute wisely different responsibilities and ministries, and to plan in the light of the Spirit pastoral projects that go beyond the mere programming of activities” (2.1).

3. Finally, I would like to urge you to *base everything you do in a spirit of sharing and fraternity among yourselves and with your bishops*. This is something that emerged forcefully from the International Conference for the Permanent Formation of Priests, on the theme, “Fan into Flame the Gift of God that You Possess” (2 Tim 1:6), which took place last February here in Rome, with over 800 bishops, priests, lay and consecrated men and women, engaged in this area and representing some 18 countries. We cannot be authentic fathers unless we are first sons and brothers. And we cannot foster communion and participation in the communities entrusted to our care unless, before all else, we live out those realities among ourselves. I am quite aware that, amid the constant call of our pastoral responsibilities, this commitment may seem burdensome, even a waste of time, but the opposite is true: indeed, only in this way will we be credible and our activity not end up scattering what others have already gathered.

It is not only the synodal and missionary Church that needs parish priests, but also the ongoing process of the 2021-2024 Synod, “For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, Mission”, as we look forward to the Second Session of the XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, which will take place in the coming month of October. In order to prepare for it, we need to hear your voice.

For this reason, I invite those who have taken part in the International Meeting “Parish Priests for the Synod” to be missionaries of synodality, among yourselves and, once you return home, with your fellow parish priests. I ask you to encourage reflection, with a synodal and missionary mindset, on the renewal of the ministry of parish priests, and enable the General Secretariat of the Synod to gather your distinctive contributions in view of the preparation of the *Instrumentum Laboris*. The purpose of the present International Meeting was to listen to parish priests, but that cannot finish today: we need to continue to hear from you.

Dear brothers, I am at your side in this process, in which I myself am taking part. I bless all of you from the heart, and in turn, I need to feel your closeness and the support of your prayers. Let us entrust ourselves to the Blessed Virgin Mary *Hodegetria*, Our Lady of the Way. She shows us the way; she leads us to Jesus, who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

Rome, Saint John Lateran, 2 May 2024

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