

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Jan. 15, 2023

SCHEDULE:

Saturday, Jan. 14th, Weekday:

9:30-2:30pm K of C Bottle Drive
 5:00pm Mass-soul of Jeff Audette †
 Requested by K of C Ascension Council # 7991

Sunday, Jan. 15th, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am Mass-soul of Terry Dyer † & intention of Val Dyer
 Requested by Marie Randall

10:30am FAMILY MASS

Mass-soul of Richard McMullen †
 Requested by Jean Mulholland

11:30-2:30pm K of C 4th Degree Brunch—Parish Hall

Monday, Jan. 16th, Weekday:

No mass

Tuesday, Jan. 17th, St. Anthony, Abbot, Memorial:

5:00-6:00pm Eucharistic Adoration
 6:00pm Mass-soul of Zbigniew Pacanowski †
 Requested by Richard Pacanowski
 6:45pm CRE and Youth Ministry Classes

Wednesday, Jan. 18th, Weekday:

8:30am Cenacle Rosary
 9:00am Mass-soul of Stephanie Pacanowski †
 Requested by Richard Pacanowski
 10:00am Mass-intention of Christine Legault
 Mass at The Gardens in Qualicum Beach

Thursday, Jan. 19th, Weekday:

8:30am Cenacle Rosary
 9:00am Mass-soul of Lina Coppola †
 Requested by Cheryl Biggs

Friday, Jan. 20th, Weekday:

8:30am Cenacle Rosary
 9:00am Mass-soul of Eleanor Bishop †
 Requested by Ron and Joan Walsh
 9:30am Benediction, Exposition and Divine Mercy Devotion

Saturday, Jan. 21st, St. Agnes, Virgin, Martyr:

11:00am Funeral Mass—Irma Schwenneker †
 5:00pm Mass-soul of Dave Gamroth †
 Requested by Bernice Urwin

Sunday, Jan. 22nd, Third Sunday in Ordinary Time:

8:30am Mass-soul of Ambrose Chorney †
 Requested by Tina Hanlon
 10:30am Mass-soul of deceased members of Barnes Family †
 Requested by Monica Vallor
 11:30am Family Fun Craft—Pine Cone Owls—Hall

Family Fun Craft—Pine Cone Owls:

Calling all families to please join us after 10:30am Mass on Sunday, January 22nd for more wonderful craft creations. Materials are free and instruction will be provided.
 ...Jack Chambers, K of C and PPC member

2023 Parish Offering Envelopes:

Offertory Envelopes for year 2023—or pick-up in the Cloak Room at the Church entrance. Beginning in **January 2023, we request to please put your name on every offering envelope for counterchecking and so no offering is missed particularly those whose offertory numbers were changed from last year (2022). Thank you for your generosity.**

Youth Bake Sale Fund Raising -

Thank you for contributing to the youth sale fundraiser after mass. This will help offset the costs of 10 Youth and their chaperones going to an Annual Diocesan Youth Camp on Quadra Island called Homewood. It's not too late to donate to the youth, you can make a cheque to Church of the Ascension and memo church. We will use the funds for an upcoming diocesan youth retreat in May. Thanks so much for your continued support. Your investment in the future of our Church will be fruitful. It gives the youth an opportunity to get away from the busyness of life and find an encounter with Christ. He never fails.
 ...Matthew Morrison, Youth Ministry Coordinator

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time:

Today's gospel reading comes from the early chapters of John's gospel. It pictures for us John the Baptist drawing attention to Jesus at the beginning of His public life. He calls Him the "Lamb of God" and describes Him as "the One who takes the sins of the world". The scene has a forward looking perspective.

From our perspective, however, it is easier to look backwards and see what Jesus did to take away the world's sins. As we think about His life, we see Him healing the crowds of sick and curing the blind. But His work went beyond healing physical ills. We can think of the ten lepers who were outcasts because of their illness, and of the beggars, the poor and the disreputable who flocked to Him for acceptance and encouragement. We can think too of the way He stood firm and confronted the self-righteous, the greedy cheats, and those who exercised power unjustly: the money changers in the temple; those who wanted to stone the woman taken in adultery; those hypocrites who He called whited sepulchers. And then we can remember what He finally achieved through all this. Because He confronted their greed and hypocrisy, men of power and wealth plotted His death. His mission was to confront our sins and our evil and He would not turn aside from His calling. Because He worked to take away the sins of the world, He met His death and His blood was poured out like the blood of a sacrificial lamb. Through faith, we know the deepest level of mystery in all this. He was the Son of God sent to save us. In and through His life and death the redeeming power of God is at work amongst us. As lamb of God, He still takes away our sins and the sins of the world.

That is why the prophecy of Isaiah in the First Reading speaks of Him as the light of the nations.
 That is why Paul in the Second Reading speaks of Him as the Lord.

Blessings,

Fr. Thomas

Bishop's Appeal 2022: As of Dec. 21, 2022

Please consider making a financial commitment to the Bishop's Annual Appeal. Not only are you helping your own parish, but you are making a real difference to our greater Diocesan faith community. It is through your commitment and efforts that we will be able to grow together.

Our parish project is: Rectory Roof Replacement.

Parish Goal: \$ 58,000.00. if we reach our goal, we will have **\$11,600** for our own needs and we will be able to give **\$46,400** to community projects and initiatives within the Diocese. Not only are you helping our own parish, but you are also helping create faith connections throughout our Diocese.

So far, **104** of our parishioners have made a pledge with a total pledged amount of **\$25,776.01** or **44.44%** of goal pledged.

All donations received before December 31st will receive a tax receipt for 2022. There is still time for us to make our parish goal! We hope you will donate before the new year! Thank you for your support.

Donations may be made on-line at :<https://www.rcdvictoria.org/growing-together-2022>. Also, please consider making a pledge today by completing the form in the Appeal Envelope located in the Church entrance. If you are able to make this commitment now, please put the Appeal pledge in the collection basket or send to the Diocese via mail. Thank you.

Donations to the Homeless: Manna and OHEARTS wish to thank you for all of the warm clothes and other donations over the Christmas season. We still need warm clothing, gloves, boots and pants (men's size 32 & 34) and long underwear, also belts and of course cash which is usually used for emergency food supplies.
 ...Manna and O-HEARTS

Eucharistic Adoration:

Please come and join us for an hour of Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament on **Tuesdays from 5:00-6:00pm** followed by Mass.



Knights of Columbus

Next General Meeting: Thursday, Feb. 2, 2023 at 6:30pm for fellowship. 7:00pm meeting starts, in the Parish Hall

Next Officer's Planning Meeting: Thursday, Jan. 19th, 7:00pm—Library

ANNUAL CHARITY APPEAL: Purchase tickets at: www.kofcdraw.net@c7991

4 cash prizes and a 2023 Toyota Rav4

Main Draw: January 28th, 2023

"Let all creation help you to praise God. Give yourself the rest you need. When you are walking alone, listen to the sermon preached to you by the flowers, the trees, the shrubs, the sky, the sun and the whole world. Notice how they preach to you a sermon full of love, of praise of God, and how they invite you to proclaim the greatness of the one who has given them being." - St. Paul of the Cross

Jack Chambers

Bishop Thomas J. Lobsinger, OMI Memorial Bursary Program:

The annual British Columbia and Yukon Bursary Program is underway. The 2023 is now receiving applications. We are privileged to offer fourteen bursaries of \$1,000.00 each to Catholic students across the Province of British Columbia. These bursaries are made available on a one-time only basis to young practicing Catholic students who are in post secondary education at a recognized institute of higher learning within the Province of British Columbia. Applications are accepted from January 1, 2023 until June 30, 2023 with the bursaries being awarded in the fall.

Requests for application should be addressed to:

Knights of Columbus BC & Yukon
 2809 Maria Drive, Coquitlam, BC V3C 5T9
 Attn: Herb Yang, Bursaries Chairman

Message from the Chancery:

- Camp Homewood, the Diocese of Victoria Youth Retreat** on Quadra Island on **Feb. 3-5, 2023.** More details and a registration link is available at <https://www.rcd.victoria.org/events/camp-homewood-youth-retreat-2023>.
- Winter 2023 Pastoral Care Training Session:** The valuable and free Pastoral Care Outreach Training series will be offered online again this winter. Nine Sessions will be held via Zoom on Saturday mornings from 9:30-noon, **starting on January 28, 2023 and running until April 1** (with no session on March 18 for Spring Break). Participants who attend all sessions will receive a Certificate of Completion. Participants will require a phone number and email address, a computer, tablet or Smart Phone with speakers, microphone and webcam, a reliable internet connection, and access to Zoom. Bishop Gary Gordon feels "it is important to have parishioners trained at the ready to provide a caring and compassionate experience to those who are most in need." Previous graduates have commented "Loved every minute of it! I would mark all nine session evaluations as **EXTREMELY WELL!!!** Each of the sessions were rich in the information presented and methods of delivery and discussion. I have appreciated these classes and the beautiful warm-hearted people I have met here. It was very motivating and the presentations were excellent. I have learned so much on this journey. My first reaction was I don't have time for this course. It went by so quickly and I gained so much info. I am so happy I said 'yes'. **Please register through your local parish by January 18.** For further information, please email moiraking@shaw.ca
- January Diocesan Livestream Schedule:**
 Sunday, Jan. 15: Livestream at 11:00am from St. Mary's, Port McNeill

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St. Paul tells us that we have been sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be a holy people. Could it be that you or someone in your family is being called to be a priest, deacon, sister or brother? Contact Fr. David Hogman or Fr. Harrison Ayre, Directors of Vocations in the Diocese of Victoria. Fr. David Hogman: dhogman@rcdvictoria.org. Fr. Harrison Ayre: hayre@rcdvictoria.org.

Sunday Missal—2022-2023 available at the Church's Entrance & in the Office for \$5.00.

We have a limited number of copies, however, you are encouraged to get one for your family and consider giving a few as gifts to others. Thank you.

Volunteers Needed:

Volunteers are needed to assist Fr. Thomas for the celebration of the Mass in the Nursing Homes, at **Stanford** on the **2nd Wednesday** of each month at **1:30pm** or at the **Gardens** on the **3rd Wednesday** of the month at **10:00 am**.

...Christine Legault, Ministry to Nursing Homes Coordinator



Catholic Women's League

CWL Executive Meeting: Jan. 26, 2023

Sandi Digras, CWL President

"Talking Points to Share"

ACCEPTANCE

The gifts we have are made valuable only by sharing them with others. Your gifts are gratefully accepted by the Catholic Women's League where members willingly share the good things God has given them. We can't wait to meet you!

Health Care For Seniors— Navigating new reality. Please join us for a panel discussion directed at the new realities in health and home care for Seniors in Parksville/Oceanside. Panel include Dr. Sandra Allison, Isobel Mackenzie and D'Arcy Falconer. Time for questions and discussion following the presentations. **Please join us on Wed, January 25th 10:30am-1:30pm at the Catholic Church of Ascension. Please bring a bag lunch and we provide coffee. Sponsored by Catholic Women's League Ascension Parish.** ...Sandi Digras, CWL President

Children's Religious Education:

It is so exciting to see all the parents and children and youth coming out every Tuesday at 6:45pm. Join us this Sunday for our Family Mass at Ascension, 10:30am. Bring the whole family. We look forward to seeing you all.

...Alan Cavin, Children's Religious Education Coordinator

Sponsor a Child now Through Chalice Canada:

4,500 children are waiting for a sponsor in some of the poorest countries in our world. All the work of Chalice is done by Priests, and religious brothers and sisters. You can make a real difference. Go to chalice.ca or please call Alan Cavin at 778-268-2245 or email acavin@telus.ca. and info can be mailed to you.

Altar Flowers: Financial donations for altar flowers are needed. Please place your donations in the Sunday Offertory envelopes and print Donations— Flowers. Thank you for all your donations to the Flower Ministry.

...Sharon Doucette, Altar Flowers Coordinator

Please Support the BC Catholic Newspapers—\$1.00 at the Church entrance.

Ministry for the Sick—Our ministry is in need of **more volunteers** to visit the sick, in their homes, and bring them Communion, on Thursday mornings following the 9:00am Mass. If you are interested, please leave your name and phone number on the sign up sheet at the Church entrance or contact me personally for more information @250-586-6654—*Cathy Coldham*.

New Parishioners: Welcome to the Church of the Ascension. Kindly sign the green Registration Card at the entrance of the Church & you will be contacted by the Newcomers Committee.

Please check our Website: Ascension Parish Parksville for more information.

Tea and Coffee: Each Sunday following the 8:30am and 10:30am Masses, parishioners are invited for a tea and coffee in the parish hall to get to know more of each other. Welcome Everyone! To all the volunteers who set-up, serve and clean-up, Thank you!



Prayer List:

Please pray for Lucien Biggemann, Denise Kirkpatrick, Jeremiah Leahy, Cristina Triay, Dea & Art Kern, Brenda Bercier, Cale Hendricks, Bert Cafik, Joan Walsh, Daniel Kobitzsch, Grant Cameron, Myra Balaski, Sandra Anderson, John & Lisa Boag, Kay Boag, Anna Bryan, Mary Clarke, Fr. Michael Favero, Herbert Grindley, Donovan Hanlon, Joan Teri Johnston, George Kelly, Kate Kelly, Kellie Lockhart, Carolyn MacIsaac, Caleb McIntyre, Edna Mora, Kevin Moreland, Lily Moreland, Stephen Moreland, Vincent Robertson, Rae Smith, Aileen Dobson, Fred Shiloff, Janet Marriott, James Asher and a **Special Prayer Intention for the Reverence for Life with dignity. May we defend it and promote it from conception to its natural end.**