

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Jan. 22, 2023

SCHEDULE:

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

11:00am Funeral Mass—Irma Schwenneker †
 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

Monday, Jan. 23rd, Weekday:

No Mass

Tuesday, Jan. 24th, St. Francis de Sales, Bishop, Doctor:

11:00am Funeral Mass—Lucien Biggemann †
 5:00-6:00pm Eucharistic Adoration
 6:00pm Mass—soul of Paddy D'Souza; John Baptist & Piety Miranda †
 Requested by Maurice & Joanita Fernandez
 CRE and Youth Ministry Classes

Wednesday, Jan. 25th, The Conversion of St. Paul, The Apostle:

8:30am No Cenacle Rosary
 9:00am No Mass
 10:30-1:30pm Health Care for Seniors—CWL Sponsored

Thursday, Jan. 26th, St. Timothy & St. Titus, Bishops:

8:30am Cenacle Rosary
 9:00am Mass—soul of Ken Dawson †
 Requested by Tina Hanlon

Friday, Jan. 27th, Weekday:

8:30am Cenacle Rosary
 9:00am Mass—soul of Thomas Chmarney †
 Requested by Myra Balaski
 9:30am Benediction, Exposition and Divine Mercy Devotion

Saturday, Jan. 28th, St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Doctor:

11:00am Funeral Mass—Leslie Ledger †
 5:00pm Mass-soul of Thomas Chmarney †
 Requested by Myra Balaski

Sunday, Jan. 29th, Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

8:30am Mass-soul of Janice Coldham †
 Requested by Cathy & Gary Coldham
 10:30am Mass-soul of Fred Barker †
 Requested by Tess Cormack

2023 Parish Offering Envelopes:

Offertory Envelopes - 2023—for pick-up in the Cloak Room at the Church entrance. **Please call the office for a new set of 2023 Offertory Envelopes at 250-248-3747. Thank you for your generosity.**

Parish Pot Luck Luncheon:

Please join your fellow parishioners for a wonderful Pot-Luck get-together on Sunday, February 12th, following the 10:30am Mass. Let us celebrate the spirit of St. Valentines on this special occasion. We encourage those attending to bring one main dish and one dessert. And perhaps one friend who has never joined us at church before. Let us continue to thank God for all of his wonderful blessings.

...Jack Chambers, PPC and K of C member

D & P Share Lent Workshop:

Please join us on Sunday, January 29th at St. Patrick's Parish in Campbell River for the Mid/North Island Share Lent workshop. We will have a social time after the 11:00 Mass till 1:00pm and then the workshop will be from 1:00-3:00pm. Jeremy Laurie, the DPCC animator for BC/Yukon will be leading the workshop entitled "Create Hope". Everyone is welcome. If you are interested in the good work of D & P and supporting our sisters and brothers in the Global South, please join us to find out who you can get involved. For more information, contact Michelle at robertson@aquinas.org.



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Pastor's
NOTES

Our faith is a faith of new and hope-filled possibilities. Do you remember hearing our first reading a little over a month ago? It was part of the first reading of Christmas midnight Mass, celebrating the coming of God amongst us. We are given this reading again today to encourage us to remember that our God is a God of hope, of new possibilities, of the light that will never go out. And our Psalm echoes those feelings when it tells us: I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living. Hope in him, hold firm and take heart. Hope in the Lord. Lack of hope, or despair, can create a living hell for people. When we find ourselves in a personal situation of darkness where we feel trapped and are unable to imagine any way out, then despair has a stranglehold on us. And in the midst of despair, people act in harmful and even dangerous ways.

As Catholics, we are spread over the entire earth. That is one of our great strengths. We are a Catholic, universal, body of Christian believers. But we need to have connections with one another here at the local level. Every parish is a community of communities. We need to know the names of some of our community members and look into the faces of our fellow believers. Please consider joining with others to bring Christ's hope to those who are sitting in the darkness. Allow me to share an image with you: "In the midst of a storm, a little bird was clinging to the limb of a tree, seemingly calm and unafraid. As the wind tore at the limb of the tree, the bird continued to look the storm in the face, as if to say "Shake me off; I still have wings." (Wayne A. Lamb in 100 Meditations on Hope.)

Our wings are the promises and the acts of a God who loves us. No matter what may come into our lives, we all still have wings.

Blessings,

Fr. Thomas

Bishop's Appeal 2022: As of Dec. 31, 2022

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. Thank you for your support.

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"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven..." Do not be discouraged by jeers when considering to be a priest, deacon, sister or brother. If God is calling you, 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.

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

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.

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

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



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, Feb. 16th, 7:00pm—Library

ANNUAL CHARITY APPEAL: LAST WEEK FOR SALES

Purchase tickets at: www.kofcdraw.net/c7991

4 cash prizes and a 2023 Toyota Rav4

Main Draw: January 28th, 2023

SAVE THE DATE: Please join us for Irish Night this March 17th in the Parish Hall for dinner, dance and decorations in the spirit of St. Patrick. Tickets will be on sale soon after each Mass. More details to come...



OUR APOLOGIES to any parishioner who came to the church parking lot on Sat. Jan. 14th after 12 noon with empty bottles or cans in support of our bottle drive. Trucking and transportation arrangements from the bottle depot were not provided as per usual, forcing the Knights to cut the event short due to storage limitations. We appreciate your generous efforts and look forward to seeing you at our next bottle drive in March.

"Realize it, my brethren; - everyone who breathes...has a mission, has a work. We are not sent into this world for nothing; we are not born at random. God sees every one of us; He created every soul...for a purpose. He needs...every one of us. He has an end for each of us; we are all equal in His sight, and we are placed in our different ranks and stations, not to get what we can out of them for ourselves, but to labor in them for Him. As Christ has His work, we too have ours; as He rejoiced to do His work, we must rejoice in ours also." - St. John Henry Newman

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:

- The week of Prayer for Christian Unity is held every year from Jan. 18-25. This year's theme is "Do good; seek justice (Isaiah 1:17). For more information and resources that can be used during the Week and throughout the year, please visit <https://www.weekofprayer.ca/>.
- For those who attend or share information about the Diocesan Livestream, please note that the 7:00pm livestream Mass on Friday, Jan. 27th has been cancelled. This is posted at <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/events/dailymasslivestreamed> and <https://www.youtube.com/c/RCDVictoriaLiveOne/about>.
- The National Association of Catholic Nurses supports Catholic Nurses in Canada in their vocation. Their goal is to align professional practice with faith through prayer, fellowship, mentoring, access to resources regarding ethical issues, and participation in public discourse. To learn more, please visit <https://catholicnurses.ca/>.

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

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 and drop in the collection basket. Thank you!

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.



Catholic Women's League

CWL Executive Meeting: Jan. 26, 2023

Sandi Digras, CWL President

"Talking Points to Share"

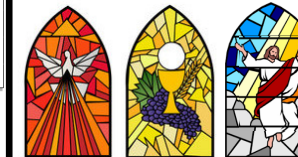
ACCEPTANCE

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!

CWL Bursary Info: We have copies of the criteria for the Freda Smith Bursary from the Diocesan CWL in the Parish office, as well as application forms, The \$750 bursary will be awarded to a Catholic student graduating from a secondary school. The student need not be related to a CWL member. Please give your filled-up applications to **Diane Major**, CWL Secretary, taking care of CWL Bursaries. Her phone No. is 250-594-8113. Thank you.

Carmen Tellier, CWL Past President

Children's Religious Education



Ascension Parish is your church home...

All Families & their children, grades K to 6 are invited to join us **Tuesdays from 6:45pm to 7:30 pm**

Our parish religious education program seeks to help children and their families know God and His church in order to better love and serve Him and others in their lives. Through regular participation in the celebration of Holy Mass, and religious classes, we hope that our students will not only learn about their faith, but how to live out their faith in meaningful and beautiful ways.

Alan Cavin, 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. & info can be mailed to you.

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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!



Parishioner seeking housekeeping work in Parksville/Qualicum Beach area, please contact Maria at 778-325-0553.

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.**