

# Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Jan. 29, 2023

## SCHEDULE:

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

11:00am Funeral Mass—Leslie Joseph Leger †  
5:00pm Mass-soul of Thomas Chmamey †  
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

### Monday, Jan. 30th, Weekday:

No mass

### Tuesday, Jan. 31st, St. John Bosco, Priest, Memorial:

5:00-6:00pm Eucharistic Adoration  
6:00pm Mass-soul of Andy Francoeur †  
Requested by Muriel Francoeur  
6:45pm CRE and Youth Ministry Classes

### Wednesday, Feb. 1st, Weekday:

8:30am Cenacle Rosary  
9:00am Mass-soul of Andy Francoeur †  
Requested by Muriel Francoeur

### Thursday, Feb. 2nd, Presentation of the Lord Feast:

#### World Day of Consecrated Life

8:30am Cenacle Rosary  
9:00am Mass-souls of Monica & Francis D'Souza †  
Requested by Maurice & Joanita Fernandez  
7:00pm K of C General Meeting

### Friday, Feb. 3rd, Weekday:

8:30am Cenacle Rosary  
9:00am Liturgy of the Word- Soul of Fred Barker †  
Requested by Tom & Vida Cunniffe  
9:30am Benediction, Exposition & Divine Mercy Devotion

### Saturday, Feb. 4th, Weekday:

4:00-4:30pm Reconciliation  
5:00pm Mass- souls of Norma & Corey Robbins †  
Requested by Jim & Shirley Anderson

### Sunday, Feb. 5th, Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

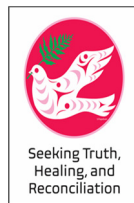
8:30am Mass-soul of Fred Barker †  
Requested by Roberta Martinek  
10:30am Mass-soul of Evan Cue †  
Requested by Debbie Tutty

### 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.



### Catholic Schools' Week – Jan 29-Feb 4, 2023



Today marks the beginning of Catholic Schools' Week (CSW). The theme this year is *Seeking Truth, Healing, and Reconciliation*. Each and every year, Catholic schools join together to share a message about the importance and value of Catholic education to the Church and society as a whole. For those that are not aware, there are five Catholic Schools in the Diocese (4 elementary and 1 high school) educating approximately 1400 students in the communities of

Port Alberni, Duncan and Victoria. On behalf of all the Catholic schools in the diocese, thank you for your ongoing support whether that be through prayer, time, talent or treasure. Catholic Education is a valuable ministry in the Church and diocese so we ask that you please continue to pray for their success.

...Heidi Pivaral, Island Catholic Schools



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In the beatitudes, Jesus gives a new twist to words like poverty, meekness and mercy. These look like weaknesses, but they can become the source of goodness. The whole eight beatitudes are a vast topic. Just let's focus on these three sources of power for goodness—poverty, meekness and mercy.

- The truly poor man, in Jesus' sense of the word is the man who not only is helpless but who also recognizes his helplessness and then takes the next step of placing his trust in God. Such a person is willing to accept the will of God. It's the doing of God's will that is the coming of his kingdom.. Doing his will is our peace.
- The word "meek" and even the word "gentle" are sometimes considered flabby words to the modern ear. In the beatitudes, however, meekness is a virtue mid-way between recklessness and cowardice. The meek man is the man who is willing to learn, who is willing to accept God's guidance. The person who is meek enough to learn God's ways of doing things is someone who will possess his or her life in security; they will possess the earth.
- We often use the word merciful with a note of condescension, pretentiousness, and helpfulness to someone who does not quite deserve help. But merciful in Scripture is the quality that God shows to mankind. The man or woman who is merciful is the one who treats others as God treats them; with an outgoing love and concern. Mercy rests on the willingness to see things from other people's point of view, to see their side of the story. Mercy has that happy result that the person who persists in seeing other's viewpoints and in being compassionate in the long run finds that others show him the same understanding and compassion.
- The beatitudes sound like a big deal, far too demanding for us to undertake. But if we look carefully at the lives of those who live them, they are evident in the little details of life. The man who tries every way he knows to tackle a problem, but also finds time to pray "Lord I don't know what to do" is a poor man, who knows his own inability. The woman who is angry not in a selfish but an altruistic way, not destructive but saving; not wounding but healing, such is the meek person. People who check themselves from gossiping and criticizing are merciful.
- Poverty, meekness and mercy are special qualities but they begin from incompetence, weakness and suffering. We all have these weaknesses to begin with. Like Moses, we can struggle to make them into strength. Jesus' beatitudes are a promise that we can perform the struggle with our own strength and his.

Blessings,

Fr. Thomas

## Pastor's NOTES

### 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.

#### 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.

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



## 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

**SAVE THE DATE:** Please join us on **March 17th** in the Parish Hall for dinner, dance and decorations in the spirit of St. Patrick. Door prizes, live music, 50/50 draw and a performance by the Knight's Choir are all part of the fun. Tickets are \$40 each, on sale after each Mass. Limited seating, so grab your tickets soon!



"The sacred heart of Christ is an inexhaustible fountain, and its sole desire is to pour itself out into the hearts of the humble so as to free them and prepare them to lead lives according to His good pleasure." St. Margaret Mary

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

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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

### 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.

### 2023 Parish Offering Envelopes:

Please call the office for a new set of 2023 Offertory Envelopes at 250-248-3747. Thank you for your generosity.

### Volunteers Needed:

**1. Offering Collection Counter:** To volunteer please call the office at 250-248-3747.

**2. 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.

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

**2023 Calendar from Yates. for pick-up at the church entrance.**

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

**Hall Rental:** Parishioners are invited to book our church hall for events. Contact the office at 250-248-3747 for availability and cost.



## Catholic Women's League

CWL General Meeting: Feb. 9, 2023

Sandi Digras, CWL President

A warm welcome to all ladies of the Parish!

"Talking Points to Share"

### ACTION

As a Catholic Women's League member, you are part of an organization of women who act through prayer, faith development, ministry, service, education, and advocacy on social justice issues. Choose your action. Join today.

**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. Deadline is Mar. 15, 2023. 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**

**Parents:** Join us on **Tuesday 7pm to 7:30 pm** for something special..... A seven part mini-series to strengthen your family faith life.

Our first one is: **How to Grow Grateful Kids with Discussion, short video, muffins & Decaf**

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](http://chalice.ca) or please call Alan Cavin at 778-268-2245 or email [acavin@telus.ca](mailto:acavin@telus.ca). & info can be mailed to you.

**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!

**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 Parkville/Qualicum Beach area.** please contact Maria at 778-325-0553.



### Prayer List:

Please pray for Roman Ray Misanchuk, Denise Kirkpatrick, Jeremiah Leahy, Cristina Triay, Dea & Art Kern, Brenda Bercier, Cale Hendricks, Bert Cafik, Joan Walsh, Daniel Kobitzsch, Grant Cameron, 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.**