

# The Epiphany of the Lord- Jan. 8, 2023

## SCHEDULE:

### Saturday, Jan. 7th, St. Andre Bessette, Religious:

4:00-4:30pm Reconciliation  
5:00pm Mass-intention of Ian Docherty  
Requested by Pauline Whitney

### Sunday, Jan. 8th The Epiphany Of The Lord:

8:30am Mass-intention of Georgina Docherty  
Requested by Pauline Whitney  
10:30am Mass-Intention of Jimmy Greenlees  
Requested by Pauline Whitney

### Monday, Jan. 9th, The Baptism of the Lord Feast:

No mass

### Tuesday, Jan. 10th, Weekday:

5:00-6:00pm Eucharistic Adoration  
6:00pm Mass-soul of Jeff Audette †  
Requested by K of C Ascension Council # 1991  
6:45pm CRE and Youth Ministry Classes

### Wednesday, Jan. 11th, Weekday:

8:30am Cenacle Rosary  
9:00am Mass-soul of Ken Dawson †  
Requested by Tom and Vida Cunneiffe  
1:30pm Mass-intention of Christine Legault  
Mass at Standord Senior's Village

### Thursday, Jan. 12th, St. Marguerite Bourgeoys, Virgin:

8:30am Cenacle Rosary  
9:00am Mass-intention of the CWL  
10:00 CWL General Meeting—Parish Hall

### Friday, Jan. 13th, Weekday:

8:30am Cenacle Rosary  
9:00am Mass-soul of Jeff Audette †  
Requested by K of C Ascension Council #7991  
Mass-soul of Irma Schwenneker †  
Requested by Nicole Biagioni

### Saturday, Jan. 14th, Weekday:

9:30am Benediction, Exposition and Divine Mercy Devotion  
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 Mass-soul of Richard McMullen †  
Requested by Jean Mulholland  
11:30-2:30pm K of C 4th Degree Brunch—Parish Hall



## 2023 Parish Offering Envelopes:

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

**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.

## Mass Celebration in the Long Term Care Facilities:

Father Thomas will begin mass celebrations in January 2023 at Stanford Senior's Village in Parksville and the Gardens in Qualicum Beach, continuing once a month at each facility throughout the year. Parishioners are welcome to request these Masses for their intentions.

## 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 **10:30 am.**

...Christine Legault, Ministry to Nursing Homes Coordinator

**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.

## Epiphany of our Lord

Our feast of the Epiphany is the joyful proclamation that the kingdom of God is a kingdom where all people are meant to live in harmony with one another, and with the creation.

Pastor's  
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There is to be no division among the so-called chosen people and the rest of the world. All are God's children. All are parts of the same body, and the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel. (Second reading from today). As God's people, we need to create and encourage experiences of harmony.

The journey without can take many different forms. This can often depend on the circumstances in which we find ourselves. But the one place that we often find the divine is in the same place that the wise men found the divine—in the poor and the weak. The magi found a little helpless child and in doing so they found the divine. In our own world, we have many examples of spiritual seekers who also found God in the poor and the weak. Those who work with the poorest of the poor, with the dying, with the mentally challenged will often talk about finding God in these powerless and humble people. In Jesus, God was manifested in weakness and simplicity, rather than in power and strength.

Where is the poverty and weakness in our lives: in an elderly parent, a sick friend, a depressed neighbor? Or is it within ourselves? We must not forget that our weakness is often the very place that God can most powerfully enter our lives. It is when we recognize our own weakness that we have the opportunity to let the strength of God more fully into our lives.

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.

December is coming to a close and with it the deadline to make a pledge to the 2022 Bishop's Appeal—Growing Together. 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! Thanks 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 everyone who has provided many gifts to the homeless. If you wish to donate, warm clothing, boots, warm socks, rain gear and especially gloves and mitts, would be very much appreciated. Outdoor survival equipment and clothing are also needed. Hygiene supplies such as shampoo, tooth-brushes, tooth paste are also needed. Smaller donations may be placed at the back of the church and larger items such as sleeping bags may be left in the church hall. ...Manna and O-HEARTS



## 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](http://www.kofcdraw.net@c7991)

4 cash prizes and a 2023 Toyota Rav4

Main Draw: January 28th, 2023

The Knights of Columbus are holding an **outdoor bottle drive** in our parking lot on **Saturday, January 14th from 9:30-2:30pm.** All returnable bottles and cans are welcome. In order to ensure your health and safety, COVID-19 protocols will be in place. No need to get out of your car. Attendees on site can retrieve them from your vehicle, or if you are unable to attend, you can drop your refundable bottles and cans at your local recycling depot and request that the converted monies be placed in an account for the Knights of Columbus, Local 7991. Please note that 100% of all bottle money collected is given to local charities. Your support is deeply appreciated, thank you.

*"God has done everything; he has done the impossible: he was made flesh. His all-powerful love has accomplished something which surpasses all human understanding: the Infinite has become a child, has entered the human family. And yet, this same God cannot enter my heart unless I open the door to him." - Pope Benedict XVI*

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 returns on **Feb. 3-5, 2023.** More details and a registration link will be shared soon 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](mailto:moiraking@shaw.ca)
- January Diocesan Livestream Schedule:**  
Friday, Jan. 13: Livestream at 7:00pm from Port Hardy  
Sunday, Jan. 15: Livestream at 11:00am from St. Mary's, Port McNeill

## The Epiphany of the Lord—January 8, 2023

"On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid Him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered Him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh." God asks us to give our lives. What treasures have been to you to share with others in Christ's name? If God is calling you 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](mailto:dhogman@rcdvictoria.org). Fr. Harrison Ayre: [hayre@rcdvictoria.org](mailto:hayre@rcdvictoria.org).



## Catholic Women's League

**CWL General Meeting:** January 12, 2023—Hall  
Sandi Digras, CWL President

**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 Coordinator:

Coordinator Alan wishes to thank Doreen for her service to our children's catechism program. And to all parents for faithfully bringing their children and youth every week. New parents and grandparents are still welcome to bring children on Tuesday's from 6:45-7:30pm for faith formation.

## Chalice Giving: Christ to the Poor and the Poor to Christ:

How about giving the gift of hope this Christmas thru Chalice? Chalice is a Canadian Catholic International Aid Charity focused on child, family and community development. They work closely with lay people, religious missionaries, and local communities to provide care for the many children and families caught in the dehumanizing grip of poverty. Check out the bulletin board display at the Church highlighting the [Chalice.ca/gift](http://Chalice.ca/gift)—catalogue. You can order gifts by calling 1-800-776-6855 or go to [Chalice.ca](http://Chalice.ca) to order online.

**Sponsor a child now thru Chalice:** Give the gift of sponsorship and change two lives. Build a bond with a child as you exchange letters, support their education and show what love in action really looks like. For more information, please call Alan Cavin at 778-268-2245 or email [acavin@telus.net](mailto:acavin@telus.net)

**Altar Flowers:** Financial donations for altar flowers are needed. Please place your donations in the Sunday Offertory envelopes and print Donations—Flowers. Thank you. ...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 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 natu-**