

Sacred Heart Catholic Church



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4th Sunday of Advent
Sunday, December 20th, 2020

You will conceive in your womb and
bear a son. Luke 1.26-38

The Archbishop of Vancouver, following the Provincial Health Order from Dr. Bonnie Henry, directs that all Masses, whether Sunday or weekday, beginning on Friday, November 20th and until further notice, are to be offered without public congregation.

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Our in-person drive through Sunday Adoration is cancelled until further notice.

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Individual Confessions Saturday from
10am-11am in the Chapel.
(Not available on Dec 26th)

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Live streaming of Mass on YouTube,
Saturdays at 6pm.

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Chapel is open daily from 10am to 4pm for private prayer. (Except Sundays and holidays)

Baptisms: Please contact parish office for more information.

PARISH CONTACTS

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Sunday Reflection: The Lord dwells among us. David worries that the ark of God dwells in a tent; Mary doesn't hesitate to allow the ark of God to dwell within her. God is not bound by human constraints, and yet he asks us to participate with him, and cooperate with his grace, that the ark of the covenant – and the arc of salvation history – may be made available to all. **LITURGY OF THE WORD** The Lord reminds David that he, the Lord, chose David. He tells David that a kingdom will be established in David's name and endure forever. Saint Paul gives glory to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ. In the Gospel, the angel Gabriel tells Mary that she will conceive and bear a son, and – hearing that the Holy Spirit and the power of the Most High will be with her – she responds, may it be done to me according to your word.

Parish Office Hours During Christmas

Mon. Dec 21 9am-Noon
Tues. Dec 22 9am-Noon
Wed. Dec 23 9am-Noon
Thurs. Dec 24, Fri. Dec 25, Mon. Dec 28 - **Closed**
Tues. Dec 29 9am-Noon
Wed. Dec30 9am-Noon
Thurs. Dec 31 and Jan 1st **Closed**
Week of Jan 4th the office we back to normal hours.

No Reconciliation on Saturday, Dec 26th

No Bulletin will be published on Sunday Dec 27th

Nativity of the Lord- Christmas Eve Mass- Dec 24th will be live-streamed from Sacred Heart Parish at 6pm. Go to Youtube and search for Sacred Heart Parish Delta.

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Death: Joe McNeill of our parish passed away on Dec. 14th at the age of 83. We offer our deepest sympathy to his children and entire family and pray for Joe's eternal rest in heaven.

John Farrell Hopwood of our parish recently passed away. We offer our deepest sympathy to his entire family and pray for John's eternal rest in heaven.

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This past weekend The Archdiocese of Vancouver released four short videos in relation to this year's theme of: Jesus Our Living Hope. We invite you to watch them and to share them with your family and friends. Two of them feature our pastor, Fr. Francis.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wZ-KYVrzFkU&list=PLEvGQ4Cmoqmo6dDFjY8n-I48Z2Sr9r-Yk>

Sunday Missals and 2021 Catholic Calendars are available to parishioners in COVID friendly ways this year. Ordered and picked up through the parish office. We would like to thank Gardens of Gethsemasni and Kearny Funeral Home for supplying us with this year's calendar. Please call the parish at 946-4522 Ext 100.

Please join us for our newest **Bible Study, "Jesus' Parables: Reading with Ears to Hear,"** facilitated via Zoom starting January 12, 2021. We will meet on **Tuesdays from 12:00pm to 1:30pm** and watch a short video followed by discussion. Dr. Brant Pitre, a Catholic scholar and professor, supplemented with Bishop Barron audio sermons, present the course. Cost: \$15.00. For more information and registration, please contact Sue Stevie at 604-644-6219 or Nancy Tait at 604-946-8873.



On behalf of the SHP Migrant Workers Ministry we are sending **Thanks** to each and every one of you for your generous help in filling 350 Christmas Gift Bags, which will be

delivered to the men who work in our local greenhouses...your gifts will bring such Joy to them this Christmas, especially during these difficult days and being far from their families.

We wish for you a Christmas of Joy, Peace and Hope as we celebrate the Birth of Jesus, and a Happy New Year where we can celebrate together with Family and Friends.

2021 Donation Envelopes – Due to COVID and the cancellation of Masses we are asking parishioners to please pick up their offertory envelopes this year from either the front of the Monastery or Chapel area. There will be boxes available 7 days a week. If you are unable to get here please call the parish office and we can arrange to get the box to you. Thank you for your ongoing financial contributions to the parish.

"Our soul waits for the Lord: he is our help and shield. Yes, our heart is glad in him" (Ps 33:20-21). The confident expectation of the Lord allows us to find comfort and courage in the dark moments of our lives. Pope Francis.



A Message from Our Finance Committee:



A big thank you to our generous parishioners who have remembered Sacred Heart in their yearly giving, particularly at this time of year. If you would still like to contribute to the Parish needs for 2020, all donations received by December 31 qualify for a 2020 donation tax receipt! Those unable to drop off their donation at the Parish Office or contribute online can call the office 604-946-4522 to arrange a Preauthorized Payment Plan. As well, for those parishioners who find it difficult, we can arrange for a pick up of your donation or drop off of 2021 envelopes. Next year's envelopes are available outside the Monastery daily or by calling the office.

SUNDAY COLLECTION REPORT

Year to date up to November 22nd, 2020

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Target</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Year to Date	\$392,670	\$551,500	-\$158,830

Our pastoral staff would like to thank everyone for their continued prayers and support for our parish community. Your support has been and will continue to be important to our parish during this difficult time. If you wish at this time to make a donation, please use one of the following methods.

- 1) Secure mailbox in front of Monastery.
- 2) Mail to Parish: **PO BOX 10 Stn. Main, Delta B.C. V4K 3N5**
- 3) Join our PAP program by calling or emailing the office.
- 4) If you are unable to drop off or mail in your donation please call the parish office and we can make arrangements to have it picked up.

“I plead with you--never, ever give up on hope, never doubt, never tire, and never become discouraged. Be not afraid.”
— Pope John Paul II

“Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you!” – Luke 1:28

After Jesus, we look to Mary as an ideal steward. Her entire life was lived in obedience to God's call. Mary teaches us to live with joy for all we have been given. Just as the moon reflects the light of the sun, Mary reflects the light of Christ. Like Mary, we are called to reflect Christ's light to the world through our gratitude and generosity. From RCAF - Copyright © 2020 Archdiocese of St. Louis

The Gospel of Matthew: A New Exodus In this webinar, we will investigate the brilliant way in which the Gospel of Matthew describes the person and mission of Jesus. In particular, we will see how Matthew portrays Jesus as a new Moses working a new Exodus of liberation. In this way, Matthew's Gospel continues to provide hope to all, especially the oppressed. Join us online on Saturday, Jan. 9 from 7:00 - 8:30 pm. Register for free at beholdvancouver.org/events

How Can We Hear Christ's Voice More Clearly in Our Lives? Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God -1 John 4:1. In our lives there are many voices; family, co-workers, society, or our own inner voice. Of all these voices, how do we know what is coming from God and what is not? Is there a way to know Christ's desire and invitation for my life? How can I make daily life decisions together with Jesus? In the Spiritual Exercises, St. Ignatius of Loyola gives us guidelines for discerning Christ's voice in our lives. During this session we will explore together with Fr. Elton Fernandes, SJ. Join us online on Saturday, Jan. 9 at 7:30 pm. Register for free at beholdvancouver.org/events

Superintendent, Catholic Independent Schools of the Diocese of Victoria The Diocese of Victoria is searching for a dynamic individual for the position of Superintendent of the Catholic Independent Schools of the Diocese of Victoria (CISDV), with duties to commence August 1st, 2021. Our Catholic Schools are located on beautiful Vancouver Island in British Columbia, from Victoria to Port Alberni, and serve approximately 1,600 students in 5 schools (3 elementary, 1 elementary/middle, and 1 high school). Learn more at rcav.org/employment

Volunteer, Men's Shelter

We are excited that the new Men's Shelter is relocating to the Comox building on the current St. Paul's Hospital site. We will be receiving guests starting on December 8th and due to the larger size of the Shelter and our desire to provide more support for the men, we are looking to build up a great team of volunteers. The first need is for a group to welcome and guide the guests from the entrance gate to the new space. Men will start arriving around 3pm each day and the last guest is usually checked in around 7pm. Ideally it would be a group of 2 or 3 volunteers on each day, for 2-4 hours, working alongside staff to welcome the guests. If you would like to be part of this Ministry and are able to volunteer for a few hours each week or each month, please contact:

humanresources@rcav.org or call 604 683 0281 ext. 50426. Other volunteer opportunities are being identified and will be shared in the near future. Thank you for considering this need and please pray for our guests and staff as this big change approaches.

Pope at Audience: Those who pray, pray for all

Continuing his catechesis on prayer, Pope Francis on Wednesday focused on "intercessory prayer"; that is, prayer which asks on behalf of another."

Those who are accustomed to pray, said Pope Francis, "never turn their backs on the world." If prayer is not engaged with every aspect of human existence – its joys and sorrows, its hopes and anxieties – it becomes a "decorative" activity.

Bread, broken and shared

The Pope noted a resemblance between those who pray for others, and Christ in the Eucharist. "In prayer," he said, "God 'takes us, blesses us, breaks us, and gives us,' to satisfy everyone's hunger." Every Christian, he added, "is called to become bread, broken and shared, in God's hands."

Men and women of prayer, the Pope said, always "keep the doors of their hearts wide open," even when they seek solitude and silence. They pray for those who do not pray, or do not know how to pray, as well as for those "who have erred and have lost the way." In their solitude, those who pray "separate themselves from everything and everyone" precisely in order to "rediscover everything and everyone in God."

Praying for all

The Pope said these people "pray for each and every person," they see "the face of Christ in every poor person who knocks at their door, in every person who has lost the meaning of things."

Prayer is "simply human," Pope Francis said. "The human heart tends toward prayer." But prayer necessarily involves love for our brothers and sisters. Human experience, said the Pope, "is present in every prayer, because no matter what errors people may have committed, they should never be rejected or discarded."

Neither judgment nor condemnation

Pope Francis insisted that when those who pray offer prayers for sinners, there should be no judgment or condemnation: those who pray, pray for all, and first of all for themselves. The Holy Father suggested, for this very reason, a prayer that all can pray: "Lord, no one is just in your sight; we are all debtors, each with an outstanding balance to pay; no one is sinless in your eyes. Lord, have mercy on us!"

The Pope continued, noting that, even despite the sins of His people, God remains faithful, persevering "in His service as a Shepherd even with those force him to get His hands dirty; He does not close His heart to those who have even made Him suffer."

A mission of intercessory prayer

The Church, too, said Pope Francis, "has the mission of practicing the prayer of intercession" – and this duty is especially incumbent upon those who have responsibility for others. "Like Abraham and Moses," he said, "they must at times 'defend' those entrusted to them before God."

In fact, the Pope said, by praying to God, they are "guarding them with God's eyes and heart, with His same invincible compassion and tenderness."

Leaves on the same tree

"We are all leaves on the same tree," the Pope said in conclusion. "Each one that falls reminds us of the great pity that must be nourished in prayer for one another."

By Christopher Wells - Vatican News