

# Sacred Heart Catholic Church



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## Augustinian Friars in the Parish:

Fr. Francis Galvan, OSA – Pastor  
Fr. Michael Martell OSA

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.

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

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### Drive-In Communion on Saturday and Sunday.

For contact tracing purposes - If you wish to receive Holy Communion through our drive-in please call the parish office to register for a time spot.

**Drive-In Mass at Sacred Heart Parish.** We invite our parishioners to attend our Drive-In Mass on Sunday mornings at 9am. You remain in your vehicle and listen to the Mass on your car radio. Fr. Francis has an outdoor altar set up in front of the cars. Sorry, no washrooms are available. Holy Communion will be distributed at the end of Mass. We are limited to 50 cars maximum and you must be registered through the parish office. Once registered you will receive a gate entrance ticket. Please call for more information.

Parish Office: 604-946-4522



## Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 14th, 2021

***God sent his only-begotten Son so that the  
world might be saved through him.***

***John 3.14-21***

**Sunday Focus:** God sent Christ into the world not to condemn, but to save and to heal. Throughout history, humans have had a tendency to choose what is the easier – but not necessarily the better – path. The easier path often leads away from God and into the darkness of sin. Christ's way is the way of light. We are called to be his disciples, to let go of preferences and actions which keep us in the dark, and to take the path which leads to truth and goodness. **LITURGY OF THE WORD** The first reading recounts the failure of God's people to listen to his prophets and repent. Their wickedness results in their ruin and exile to Babylon. In the second reading, Paul tells the Ephesians they are saved by grace through faith, which is a gift from God. In the Gospel, Jesus tells Nicodemus that God sent his Son into the world, not to condemn it, but to save it.

### Baptisms - Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup>

Christopher James, son of Daniel Cunningham and Kelsea Orr.

***God's Blessings and Congratulations***

**Sacrament of Reconciliation during Lent at SHP**  
**"Days of Mercy"**

\*Friday, March 19<sup>th</sup> 7-8pm

\*Friday, March 26<sup>th</sup> 10am-12pm & 1pm-4pm

\*In order to follow the PHO rules of a maximum of 10 people permitted in the Chapel at anytime Father is requesting that parishioners book a time through the office for their confession time. Please email or call.

Confession is also available every Saturday from 10-11am in the Chapel.

**For Confession times throughout the Archdiocese:**  
<https://rcav.org/len/confession>

An Examination of Conscience from the RCAF in the time of COVID is attached to the end of the bulletin.



**Sacred Heart Youth Actions during Lent:**  
**ThinkFast 2021.**

It is a long-standing tradition to connect Lenten fasting with social justice actions supported by the Development and Peace (D&P was established in 1967 by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops in response to Pope Paul VI's encyclical letter Populorum Progressio).

In our present virtually enhanced world, our teens fasting will be very real and they will abstain from food for 24 hours trying to raise funds for Development and Peace and to reflect on their personal understanding of the issues supported by the CCCB. We invite parishioners to review this project at <https://www.devp.org/en/thinkfast>

This action is not exclusive to our teens - it can be done by any group and individuals who want to take action. We would like to ask Sacred Heart Parishioners for support: please contact Martin for instructions on donating to this cause at [magsh@axionet.com](mailto:magsh@axionet.com). Thank you in advance.

**St. Monica Guild News**

**Prayer line ministry** - Women from our St. Monica Guild have a group of dedicated ladies that pray for parishioner's requested intentions. All are invited to send their prayer request to [prayerline@shsdelta.org](mailto:prayerline@shsdelta.org)

St. Monica Guild would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to Peggy Cotter for her leadership and time to this ministry over the years and a thank you to all the women involved for their dedication.

Thank you Kathy Yamasaki and Corilee Cotter for taking over this leadership role.

**The next Zoom Meeting for St. Monica Guild** is on Monday, April 12<sup>th</sup> - Watch future bulletin for details.

**Call out to youth - actors & readers for a Virtual Stations of the Cross Youth** of Sacred Heart Parish are invited to join the cast of actors &/or readers for this year's online presentation of the Stations of the Cross. All interested youth 12 years and older please reply. Questions? Contact Erin Seddon (604) 946-2618 or [eseddon@shsdelta.org](mailto:eseddon@shsdelta.org)

**SUNDAY COLLECTION REPORT**  
**Year to date up to Feb. 21, 2021**

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Target</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Year to Date	\$64,408	\$95,880	-\$31,472

**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.

Thank you for your ongoing financial contributions to the parish



*"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son..." - John 3:16*

Of all the wonderful gifts that God has given to us, the gift of His own Son is truly the greatest. How can we ever thank God for a gift like that? God does not ask us to sacrifice our own precious firstborn, but He does ask that we are grateful and generous with our God-given gifts. That we nurture and develop our gifts, and in gratitude, generously give back with increase our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works and our treasure to support the mission and ministry of our parish and greater Church. *RCAV: Copyright © 2021 Archdiocese of St. Louis*

**500 Years of Christianity in the Philippines - Misang Pilipino sa Marso** Join us on Monday, March 15 from 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm for the live stream. Find the link at [beholdvancouver.org/events](http://beholdvancouver.org/events). This Mass Monday, March 15 will be both a thanksgiving for what the many volunteers of the Filipino Ministry have so far generously done, as well as to offer all the other activities we have planned for the year 2021. We are joyfully giving our gifts and are looking forward to do more according to God's Will.

**Into the Deep: St. Joseph and Year of the Family** On Friday, March 19, in the Year of St. Joseph and on the Solemnity of St. Joseph, we begin a special new chapter of our pilgrim journey. We will begin what Pope Francis has proclaimed, "The Year of the Family". And what a blessed guide, example, and intercessor we have in blessed St. Joseph – patron of families, of fathers, of our nation of Canada, and of the Universal Church. The Church is the "family of families", and not only is St. Joseph her guardian, but he is the guardian of your family, your greatest treasure. Join us on Friday, March 19 at 7:00 pm on Zoom to learn more about St. Joseph and the Year of the Family. Register online for free at [beholdvancouver.org/events](http://beholdvancouver.org/events).

**40 Days for Life - Daily Online Rosary during Lent** Join us for the 40 Days for Life Evening Zoom Rosary at 8:00 pm every night throughout Lent. Sign-up at [beholdvancouver.org/events](http://beholdvancouver.org/events)

**Holy Week Retreat: Prayer and Contemplation with the Holy Scriptures** Last year's Lenten Retreat was attended by over 700 faithful from the Archdiocese of Vancouver and beyond. This year, you and your family are invited to attend a special evening of faith to prepare for the holiest week of the year. Fr. Timothy Gallagher, OMV is America's preeminent writer on Ignatian spiritual direction and discernment. He will join us virtually from Denver to speak on prayer through meditation and contemplation. His clear and practical approach will invite us into the imaginative scenes of scripture and the characters we encounter throughout Holy Week. We will also hear personal reflections from Sister Mary Sabina DeMuth as well as Lisa and Makani Marquis. Join us on Friday, March 26 from 7:00 - 9:00 pm online. Register for free at [beholdvancouver.org/events](http://beholdvancouver.org/events)

**Share Lent Series 2021** This Lent, Development and Peace invites us to share love and spread the message of social fraternity given by Pope Francis in his encyclical Fratelli Tutti. Each week, a different aspect of the work of Development and Peace will be explored through various virtual activities. This series will take place until March 27. Learn more at [beholdvancouver.org/events/share-lent](http://beholdvancouver.org/events/share-lent)

**Navigate Life Together - The Marriage Course** The pandemic has brought unique challenges and impacted our families. This is the time, more than ever, to invest in your marriage and build a more joyful family. Join us on Wednesdays from 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm beginning on March 31. Register at [beholdvancouver.org/events](http://beholdvancouver.org/events)

**Administrative Assistant, Catholic Schools** The Superintendent's Office, Catholic Independent Schools Vancouver Archdiocese, is seeking a full-time Administrative Assistant for the Benefits Office. To learn more, please visit [rcav.org/jobs/109](http://rcav.org/jobs/109). Please submit your resume with a cover letter to the attention of Mr. Rob Mascitti, CISVA Human Resources Administrator, by March 19, 2021, 4:00 pm via email to: [hr@cisva.bc.ca](mailto:hr@cisva.bc.ca).

**Receptionist, Gardens of Gethsemani** The Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Vancouver is seeking a full-time Receptionist, one-year contract, to provide reception and general administrative support by performing a variety of office functions ensuring that families are assisted professionally in an understanding and compassionate manner. Learn more and apply at [rcav.org/jobs](http://rcav.org/jobs)

### **Advance Planning for Catholics - FREE Webinar Series**

Plan for the future now so your children don't have to worry later. This free webinar series offers a Catholic perspective on advance care planning, estates, wills, legacy, and memorialization. Our expert presenters will share the wisdom and practical advice you need to plan ahead with peace of mind. Register online for free at [rcav.org/planning](http://rcav.org/planning)

**Week 1: Advance Care Planning** *Tuesday, March 16 at 7:00 pm* This webinar will offer a professional Catholic perspective on how to write your wishes and values for future health care treatment in the event you become incapable of deciding for yourself. Robert Breen will share practical tips and experiences on preventative measures and resources about advance care planning. Register at [rcav.org/planning](http://rcav.org/planning)

### **Week 2: Estate Planning for Executors**

*Tuesday, March 23 at 7:00 pm* The legal and financial world around estate, wills, and legacy can be confusing. This webinar will clarify the roles and responsibilities of being an executor. We will discuss how to make sure your family is left with as much as possible while giving to the charities you care about. Our expert speaker will discuss situations where it may be best to not have a will, as well as what to do after you have already completed your will. Register at [rcav.org/planning](http://rcav.org/planning)

### **Week 3: Planning Meaningful Funerals & Sacred Burial**

*Tuesday, March 30 at 7:00 pm* Part of one's Catholic legacy and estate plan, making pre-need burial and funeral arrangements today ensures important decisions will not be made in a time of sorrow. Preparation is an act of care for the family. This webinar provides inspiration and practical information about the funeral rite and sacred burial. Attendees are eligible to receive free planning guides, tools, and resources. Register at [rcav.org/planning](http://rcav.org/planning)

### **FREE Estate & Memorial Planning Webinar**

Join us for a free webinar to help you plan your estate, learn the beauty of the funeral rite, and start thinking about a pre-need plan. You'll receive a complimentary Estate & Memorial Planning guide with practical tools and local resources. The next webinar will take place on Thursday, March 18 at 11:00 am. Register for free at [rccav.org](http://rccav.org) This event is presented by Gardens of Gethsemani Catholic Cemetery, a ministry of the Archdiocese of Vancouver.



**Pope Francis reflects** on his recent Apostolic Journey to Iraq during the weekly General Audience, and highlights a penitential sense he felt during his visit, as well as the joy of the Iraqi people at welcoming Christ's message.

"In the past few days, the Lord allowed me to visit Iraq, carrying out a project of Saint John Paul II," Pope Francis said. "Never before has a Pope been in the land of Abraham. Providence willed that this should happen now, as a sign of hope, after years of war and terrorism, and during a severe pandemic."

Pope Francis focused his catechesis during Wednesday's General Audience - the first after returning from his Apostolic Journey to Iraq - on his reflections on his four-day visit to the Middle Eastern nation from 5 - 8 March.

**Gratitude** The Pope said his soul is filled with gratitude: first to God, and to all who made it possible - the president and government of Iraq, the Patriarchs and bishops of the country, as well as the ministers and the faithful of their respective churches. He also acknowledged other religious authorities, beginning with the Grand Ayatollah Al-Sistani, with whom the Pope had an "unforgettable" meeting at his residence in Najaf.

### ***A hopeful church in spite of trials***

"I strongly felt a penitential sense regarding this pilgrimage," said the Pope.

"I could not draw near to that tortured people, to that martyr-Church, without taking upon myself, in the name of the Catholic Church, the cross they have been carrying for years; a huge cross, like the one placed at the entrance of Qaraqosh."

Pope Francis explained that he felt this sense in a special way when he saw the still open wounds of the destruction, and even more so, when he met with and listened to the witnesses who had survived the violence and persecution.

However, at the same time, the Pope noted that he saw all around him, the “joy of welcoming Christ’s message” and “the hope of being open to a horizon of peace and fraternity” which were summed up in Jesus’ words expressed in the motto of his Apostolic visit to Iraq: “You are all brothers” (Mt 23:8).

This hope, the Pope insisted, he saw in the discourse of the Iraqi president, in the many greetings and testimonies, in the songs and gestures of the people, and on the luminous faces of the young and in the vivacious eyes of the elderly.

### ***War destroys peace***

“The Iraqi people have the right to live in peace; they have the right to rediscover the dignity that belongs to them,” Pope Francis stated.

Recalling the country’s religious and cultural roots which are thousands of years old, the Holy Father noted that Mesopotamia is the cradle of civilization.

Historically, he added, Baghdad is a city of primary importance, “hosting for centuries the richest library in the world.”

“And what destroyed it? War!” the Pope lamented.

War, he explained, “is always the monster that transforms itself with the change of epochs and continues to devour humanity.”

“But the response to war is not another war, the response to weapons is not other weapons... The response is fraternity,” Pope Francis affirmed.

This, he insisted, is the “challenge not only for Iraq but for many regions in conflict and, ultimately, for the whole world.”

### ***You are all brothers***

Recalling his meeting with religious leaders in Ur during his Apostolic journey, Pope Francis said that Christians, Muslims and representatives came together to pray in Ur, where Abraham received God’s call about four thousand years ago.

He further explained that Abraham is our father in faith because listening to God’s voice promising him descendants, he left everything and departed. And at Ur, standing together under the same sky in which our father Abraham saw us, his descendants, the phrase “You are all brothers” seems to resound once again.

“God is faithful to his promises,” the Pope said. He “guides our steps toward peace still today. He guides the steps of those who journey on Earth with their gaze turned toward Heaven.”

### ***Messages of fraternity: Baghdad, Mosul, Qaraqosh and Erbil***

Further emphasizing the importance of fraternity, Pope Francis noted that a message of fraternity came from the ecclesial meeting in the Syrian Catholic Cathedral of Baghdad where forty-eight people, including two priests were killed during the celebration of Holy Mass in 2010.

He said that in that temple which bears the names of those martyrs inscribed in stone, the joy of encounter resounded as his “amazement at being in their midst mingled with their joy at having the Pope among them.”

The Holy Father also launched another message of fraternity from Mosul and Qaraqosh, on the Tigris River, near the ruins of ancient Nineveh. There, the occupation of the so-called Islamic State caused several thousands to flee for their lives, including Christians and other persecuted minorities, in particular the Yazidis.

He noted that reconstruction efforts are underway and Muslims and Christians are working together to restore churches and mosques.

The Pope enjoined all to pray for them that “they may have the strength to start over.” He also remembered the many Iraqi emigrants and reminded them, who have left everything like Abraham, to “keep the faith and hope” and be weavers of friendship and fraternity where they are.

Another message of fraternity came from the two Eucharistic celebrations in Baghdad and Erbil.

Pope Francis explained that “Abraham’s hope, and that of his descendants is fulfilled in the mystery we celebrated, in Jesus, the Son that God the Father did not spare, but gave for everyone’s salvation: through His death and resurrection, He opened the way to the promised land, to that new life where tears dried, wounds are healed, brothers and sisters are reconciled.”

### ***Prayers for Iraq, the Middle East***

Concluding his remarks at the General Audience, the Pope praised God for the Apostolic Journey, and encouraged all to pray for Iraq and the Middle East where, in spite of the destruction and weapons, the palm trees, symbol of the country and its hope, have continued to grow and bear fruit.

“So it is for fraternity,” the Pope said. “It does not make noise, but is fruitful and makes us grow.”

**By Fr. Benedict Mayaki, SJ**

At the Vatican Website

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2021-03/pope-francis-general-audience-apostolic-journey-iraq.html>