

NINETEENTH & TWENTIETH SUNDAYS IN ORDINARY TIME, AUGUST 13TH & 20TH, 2023

Saturday, Aug. 12th, Weekday:

4:00-4:30pm Reconciliation
5:00 pm Mass—soul of Donna Cochrane †
Requested by Tom & Vida Cunniffe

Sunday, Aug. 13th, NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:

8:30 am Mass—soul of John Scholes †
Requested by Tess Cormack
10:30 am Mass—intention of Fr. Mike Favero
Requested by Pauline Whitney

Monday, Aug. 14th, St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest, Martyr: No Mass

Tuesday, Aug. 15th, The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary:

5 - 6 pm Eucharistic Adoration
6:00 pm Mass—soul of Evelyn Scanlan †
Requested by Roberta Martinek

Wednesday, Aug. 16th, Weekday:

8:30 am Rosary
9:00 am Mass—soul of Donna Cochrane †
Requested by Tina Hanlon
10:00am Liturgy of the Word—The Gardens

Thursday, Aug. 17th, Weekday:

8:30 am Rosary
9:00 am Mass—souls of deceased members of Levesque Family †
Requested by Brilling Family
7:00pm K of C Executive Meeting—Library

Friday, Aug. 18th, Weekday:

8:30am Rosary
9:00 am Mass—soul of David Abel †
Requested by Vida Abel
9:30 am Divine Mercy Devotion

Saturday, Aug. 19th, Weekday:

4:00-4:30pm Reconciliation
5:00 pm Mass—soul of Larry MacNeil †
Requested by Maureen MacNeil

Sunday, Aug. 20th, TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:

8:30 am Mass—soul of Daniel Breton †
Requested by Sylvie Breton
10:30 am **FAMILY MASS with fun activity for kids**
Mass -intention of Dwight Oatway
Requested by Pauline Whitney

Monday, Aug. 21st, St. Pius X, Pope: No Mass

Tuesday, Aug. 22nd, The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary:

5 - 6 pm Eucharistic Adoration
6:00 pm Mass—soul of Catto McConnell †
Requested by Tom & Vida Cunniffe

Wednesday, Aug. 23rd, Weekday:

8:30 am Rosary
9:00 am Mass-intention of Brilling Family
Requested by Estelle Brilling

Thursday, Aug. 24th, St. Bartholomew, Apostle Feast:

8:30 am Rosary
9:00 am Mass—soul of Lorraine Shayer †
Requested by Victor Shayer

Friday, Aug. 25th, Weekday:

8:30 am Rosary
9:00 am Mass-intention of Fr. Thomas Chinnappa on his 25th-Year Priestly Ordination
Requested by Trisha Morrison & family

Saturday, Aug. 26th, Weekday:

4:00-4:30pm Reconciliation
5:00 pm Mass—soul of Joe Trainor †
Requested by Tom & Vida Cunniffe

Sunday, Aug. 27th, TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:

8:30 am Mass—soul of Walter Valentini †
Requested by Cathy Coldham
10:30 am Mass—intention (Thanksgiving) of Leah and Blain Low



Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary: August 15th:

Pope Francis offered his reflections on the importance of this Feast, saying "Mary's secret is humility." God looks at the heart, he said, and Mary's humility drew God's gaze to her. He observed that often times the human eye is instead overtaken with appearances and grandeur, while overlooking the essential importance of humility.

By looking to Mary assumed into heaven, the Pope said we see how "humility is the way that brings her to Heaven". Our gifts or wealth are not what allow us to be exalted by God, but instead it is our humility, our loving and serving God in total giving that matters, the Pope underscored.

This means we should examine ourselves and how we are doing with humility in our own lives, the Pope said. We need to ask ourselves if we are often seeking affirmation and praise only for ourselves, or if we could put more emphasis on serving.

We too should look to humility as the starting point in our faith journey, the Pope went on to say, noting that we need to be poor in spirit, which means "in need of God", so that through us the Lord can "accomplish great things".

"It is a huge message of hope for us", the Pope concluded, noting even in our own ordinary and often difficult lives we can follow the same example. "Mary reminds you today that God calls you too to this glorious destiny.", he stressed, and these are not just nice words, but "pure reality" he said, "as live and true as the Madonna assumed into Heaven".



Blessings,
Fr. Thomas Chinnappa



Fr. Thomas' Holiday: Fr. Thomas will be on holidays starting August 8th and will be back on September 12th, 2023. Fr. Frank will be replacing him .

Vocations:

"Take heart, it is I do not be afraid." We can sometimes be afraid of God's call to become a priest, deacon, sister, or brother. Get hold of yourselves! If God is calling you, contact Fr. David Hogman or Fr. Harrison Ayre, Directors of Vocations : hogman@rcdvictoria.org or at hayre@rcdvictoria.org

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



Marriage Blessing: The 2nd wedding ceremony for this year will be held on Saturday, September 2nd, 1:00pm at the Church. Congratulations to **Rachel Galda & Jan Filko!** Wishing you happiness in your marriage.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the religious education program which prepares adults for the Sacraments of Initiation into the Catholic Church (Baptism, Holy Eucharist and Confirmation). This program will start again at our parish in the fall, with weekly classes that will prepare candidates for initiation into the Church next Easter. To register, or for more information, please contact the parish office or **call Charlie Whelton at 250-752-0547**



Report Sexual Abuse

Sexual Abuse Reporting to an Independent Reporting Agency 1-800-968-3146



Knights of Columbus

Next General Meeting: Thursday, September 7th in the Parish Hall, 6:30pm for fellowship. Meeting begins at 7:00pm
Next Officer's Planning Meeting: - August 17th in the library. Meeting begins at 7:00pm

Our next bottle drive will be September 9th.

"The devotion to the Eucharist is the most noble, because it has God as its object; it is the most profitable for salvation, because it gives us the Author of Grace; it is the sweetest, because the Lord is Sweetness Itself." Pope St. Pius X
Jack Chambers

Fall 2023 Virtual Pastoral Care Training Session— the next series of online Pastoral Care Outreach Trainings sessions will be held in the fall starting Sept. 23. Nine sessions will be held via Zoom on Saturday mornings from 9:30am to noon. **Starting on Sept 23 and running until Nov. 25, 2023 (with no session of Oct. 7 for Thanksgiving).** Description of the nine sessions and poster to promote the sessions are posted on the bulletin board, in front of the Church entrance. If interested, please register in the Office prior to September 11, 2023

Ride Needed: if you live near Moilliet St. and could give a ride to Church for two, please call Robert and Helen at 250-586-0241. Thank you!

Children's Religious Education Ministry

Church of the Ascension

Fall Kickoff

Join us for a Fun Day For Kids
Saturday September 9th
Theme: "Being on God's Team"

Enjoy Kite making,
great food, & games.

SIGN UP Table in the Hall

Youth Class :
To join the Youth Group contact:
Matthew Morrison,
Coordinator of Parish Youth Faith Formation
Email: ascensionyouthministry@shaw.ca

Please pray for :

Maurice Tieulie, Mary Huzio, Joanne Mills, Kathie Campbell, Janet Marriott, Pieter de Reuver, Denise Kirkpatrick, Madeline Teo, Henry Teo, Jordan Fox, Jeremiah Leahy, Cristina Triay, Dea & Art Kern, Brenda Bercier, Cale Hendricks, Joan Walsh, Grant Cameron, John & Lisa Boag, Kay Boag, Fr. Michael Favero, Herbert Grindley, Teri Johnston, George Kelly, Kate Kelly, Kellie Lockhart, Carolyn MacIsaac, Caleb McIntyre, Kevin Moreland, Lily Moreland, Stephen Moreland, Vincent Robertson, Rae Smith, Fred Shiloff, and James Asher.

Special Prayer Intention for the Reverence for Life with dignity. May we defend it and promote it from conception to its natural end.

Some **Offertory Envelope Boxes** are still waiting to be picked up in the cloakroom, left of the Church entrance. Thank you!

Please Support the BC Catholic Newspapers—\$1.00

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: The Church of Ascension are in need of Volunteers for the following Ministries:
1. Building and Maintenance Committee
2. Ushers and Greeters
Please contact the Parish Office at 250-248-3747 or send email at: ascensionparish@shaw.ca



Catholic Women's League

Next CWL General Meeting:
No CWL meeting in August

Next CWL Executive meeting:
No CWL Executive meeting in August

Sandi Digras, CWL President

Identity: Members may wear pins and scarves with the Catholic Women's League crest, but our true identity is seen in sharing our faith, service to the community and advocacy for social justice. Your place is among us.

Innovation: Members of the Catholic Women's League bring innovative ideas to develop resolutions for change. We read signs of the times and propose creative solutions. Be a part of the process.

October Bazaar: We need your help! We need sewers, knitters, crocheters and other crafters. Also supplies, fabric, thread, wool, etc. Donation of completed items welcomed.

Contact Anne Chorney at rose-amb@shaw.ca for further info.



TEA & COFFEE: Each Sunday following the 8:30am and 10:30am Masses, ALL are invited for tea and coffee in the parish hall to get to know more of each other.
Welcome Everyone!

New parishioner, kindly sign the green Registration Card at the entrance of the Church and drop in the collection basket.
Thank you and welcome to our church family.

VISITORS

Welcome to the Church of the Ascension

Join us for a coffee after mass
We are glad you are visiting with us.
Come Again

Visitors
& new families



Annual Parish Picnic 2023

All parishioners express their gratitude to Fr. Thomas, the Knights, CWL, Parish Council and all their volunteers who worked hard to make the Picnic so wonderful. A special thanks also to Cara and Perry for their toe-taping music and Sandi for the fun rock art for the kids. It was GREAT and enjoyed by all!

