

TWENTY-THIRD & TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAYS IN ORDINARY TIME, SEPTEMBER 10TH & 17TH, 2023

Saturday, Sept 9th, Weekday:

9:30am-2:00 K of C Bottle Drive (Parking Lot)
10:00 am Fall Kickoff for children (pick up 2:30 pm)
4:00-4:30pm Reconciliation
5:00 pm Mass—soul of Ed Peacock†
Requested by Doreen Peacock



SUNDAY, SEPT. 10th, TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:

8:30 am Mass—soul of Gary Coldham †
Requested by Doris Banford
10:30 am Mass—souls of Stypka Family
Requested by Barry & Judy Anderson

Monday, Sept. 11th, Weekday: No Mass

Tuesday, Sept. 12th, Weekday:

5 - 6 pm Eucharistic Adoration
6:45 pm Youth Registration Night
6:00 pm Liturgy of the Word—soul of Mary Clarke †
Requested by Sandy & Suzie Fraser

Wednesday, Sept. 13th, St. John Chrysostom, Bishop, Doctor:

8:30 am Rosary
9:00 am Liturgy of the Word—soul of Mary Clarke †
Requested by Tom & Vida Cuniffe
1:30pm Liturgy of the Word—Stanford Senior's Village

Thursday, Sept. 14th, The Exaltation of the Holy Cross Feast:

8:30 am Rosary
9:00 am Mass—intentions of CWL
10:00am CWL General Meeting

Friday, Sept 15th, Our Lady of Sorrows, Memorial:

8:30am Rosary
9:00 am Mass—intention of Maureen Robertson
Requested by Tina Hanlon
9:30 am Divine Mercy Devotion



Saturday, Sept 16th, St. Cornelius, Pope, & St. Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs:

4:00-4:30pm Reconciliation
5:00 pm Mass—soul of Thressiamma Joseph †
Requested by Scaria Family

SUNDAY, SEPT. 17th, TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:

8:30 am Mass—soul of Ian Mc Intyre †
Requested by Tina Hanlon
10:30 am **Family Mass - CRE Registration after Mass**
Mass - soul of Myron Ganchar †
Requested by Myra Balaski



Monday, Sept 18th, Weekday: No Mass

7:00pm RCIA weekly class—St. Paul's Room

Tuesday, Sept 19th, Weekday:

5 - 6 pm Eucharistic Adoration
6:00 pm Mass - soul of Lawrence Holoboff †
Requested by Sandy & Suzie Frazer
6:45pm CRE Orientation

Wednesday, Sept 20th, St. Andrew Kim Tae-God, Priests, Paul Chong Ha-Sang and Companions, Martyrs Memorial:

8:30 am Rosary
9:00 am Mass—intention of Luke Morrison
Requested by Trisha Morrison
10:00am Mass at the Gardens
11:00am Parish Finance Council Meeting
7:00pm Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

Thursday, Sept 21st, St. Matthew, Apostle, Evangelist Feast:

8:30 am Rosary
9:00 am Mass—soul of Mary Clarke †
Requested by Doreen Peacock

Friday, Sept 22nd, Weekday:

8:30 am Rosary
9:00 am Mass—soul of Mary Clarke †
Requested by Roberta Martinek

Saturday, Sept 23rd, St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio), Priest Memorial:

4:30—5:00pm Reconciliation
5:00 pm Mass—soul of Joanna Inman †
Requested by John & Ann Smart

SUNDAY, SEPT. 24th, TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:

8:30 am Mass—soul of Eileen Cox †
Requested by CWL
10:30 am Mass—soul of Lorraine Purtill †
Requested by Gail Olyniuk

Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows - Sept.15th

Standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Cleofas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home. John 19:25-27



Pope Francis recommended that in difficult moments we (should) always seek refuge “under the mantle” of the Mother of God. Referring to the passage in our gospel reading in John 19, the Pope said that under the cross there was “only one disciple with Jesus’ Mother.

There at the cross, and everyone is looking at her”, perhaps whispering, “she is the mother of a traitor.” Mary, the Pope added,” heard these things, she suffered terrible humiliation and even heard the Priests say to Jesus, “But you are so great, come down, come down!” She experienced such intense suffering, but did not leave, she did not deny her Son, He was her flesh.

Precisely “at that time”, the Pope noted, “ Jesus-who had said he would never leave us as orphans, who spoke of the Father-looked at his Mother and gave her to us as a Mother: “Behold your Mother!” The Lord does not leave us as orphans: we Christians have a mother, the same mother as Jesus had, we have a Father, the same as Jesus. We are not orphans.

We have a mother,” who defends us, teaches us, accompanies us, and is not ashamed of our sins. She is not ashamed because she is Mother.” *Pope Francis September 15, 2016.*



Blessings,

Fr. Thomas Chinnappa



Fr. Thomas celebration mass with his fellow priests who together are also remembering their 25th anniversary to Sacramental Priesthood.

Fr. Thomas would like to thank Fr. Frank for his ministry among us these past weeks during his vacation. He also expressed his gratitude to all parishioners for their prayers for his intentions while he was away.

Vocations:

“For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.” The community that gathers needs leadership. If you are considering becoming a priest, deacon, sister or brother, contact Fr. David Hogman or Fr. Harrison Ayre, Directors of Vocations in the Diocese of Victoria: hogman@rcdvictoria.org or at hayre@rcdvictoria.org



Knights of Columbus

Next General Meeting: Thursday, October 5th in the Parish Hall, 6:30pm for fellowship. Meeting begins at 7:00pm
Next Officer's Planning Meeting: - September 21st in the Library at 7:00pm

“Let nothing disturb you, let nothing frighten you. All things pass. God does not change. Patience achieves everything. Whoever has God lacks nothing; God alone suffices.” - St. Teresa of Avila

Jack Chambers

News from the Chancery:

- Season of Creation 2023 has begun.** Every year from **Sept. 1 to Oct. 4**, Christians around the world are invited to join in a celebration of prayer and action to protect our common home. Please visit <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/news/season-of-creation-2023-let-justice-and-peace-flow>.
- People who are interested in participating in **Online Pastoral Care Outreach Training** sessions are asked to register with their parish by Monday, Sept. 11. The Diocese of Victoria Health Care Committee offers this program for those who wish to learn more about visiting the lonely, sick, injured, elderly and dying. Sessions are held via Zoom on Saturday mornings from 9:30-noon, starting Sept. 23 and running until Nov. 25, 2023. No session on Oct. 7th for thanksgiving.
- An online series exploring **Pope Francis' catechesis on old age** will begin on Monday, Sept. 11th. Each week, Amanda Achtman & Nicole Scheidl from Canadian Physicians for Life will give a 10 to 15 min. introduction and commentary on the address of that week. Each of the 18 sessions will run from 5-6 pm PT, and is designed to be a standalone discussion, so participants can attend as many or as few as they wish. To register, please visit <https://form.jotform.com/232203366113241>
- Trinity Catholic Parish in Nanaimo invites everyone in the Diocese to join in their **15 Day Sit-Spot Earth/Spirit Connection Challenge from Sept. 15-19.**
- Commissioning Sunday—will take place this year on Sunday, Sept. 24.** People in parishes throughout the Diocese who are involved in catechesis will be commissioned on this day. Catechesis in parishes and schools is a participation in the Bishop's ministry to teach the Faith.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: The Church of Ascension are in need of Volunteers for the following Ministries:

- Collection Counter Ministry
- Building and Maintenance Committee
- Ushers and Greeters

Please contact the Parish Office at 250-248-3747

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 on Monday, Sept. 18th at 7:00pm with weekly classes in St. Paul's room, 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.**



Youth Registration Night - Sept. 12th @6:45pm

To join the Youth Group contact: **Matthew Morrison,** Coordinator of Parish Youth Faith Formation



Welcome Back to Catechism

September 19 @ 6:45 pm
All parents, grandparents, teachers & students please join us.

Children's Religious Education Ministry's Religious Education Ministry



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.



Catholic Women's League

Next CWL General Meeting: Sept 14th, 10:00am

Next CWL Executive meeting: Sept 28th, 9:45am—Library

Sandi Digras, CWL President

Leaders: The Catholic Women's League has many programs and workshops that empower women in becoming confident leaders who journey together to build God's kingdom in the areas of faith, service and social justice! Come walk with us.

October Bazaar: Our annual bazaar will be held on October 28th. Your assistance with the following items would be appreciated:

- Fabric to sew craft items or children's clothing
- Christmas crafts & decorations that you've made
- The bake table is the busiest in the hall and a very successful fundraiser for our charity work.
- If you are a business owner and could donate an item for the silent auction, please consider doing so.
- These items can be dropped off at the parish office at your earliest convenience. As always, we cannot have a successful CWL Bazaar without your loving generosity. Thank you!

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

TODAY IF YOU HEAR HIS VOICE, DO NOT HARDEN YOUR HEARTS. HEBREWS 3:15



CWL MORNING OF REFLECTION
CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION HALL
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH
9 AM TO NOON



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 PARISHIONERS:

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.



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

Please pray for:



Roger Baron, 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 Maclsaac, 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.

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