

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - JULY 30TH, 2023 & THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD, AUGUST 6TH, 2023

Saturday, July 29th, Saints Martha, Mary & Lazarus, Disciples of the Lord:

4:00-4:30pm Reconciliation
5:00 pm Mass—souls in Purgatory - Requested by Scaria Family

Sunday, July 30th, Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

8:30 am Mass—soul of Daniel Kobitzsch †
Requested by the Knights of Columbus
10:30 am Mass—birthday intention of Helen Greenlees
Requested by Pauline Whitney

Monday, July 31, St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest: No Mass

Tuesday, Aug. 1st, St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop, Doctor:

5 - 6 pm Eucharistic Adoration
6:00 pm Mass—soul of Roman Ray Misanchuk †
Requested by the Knights of Columbus

Wednesday, Aug. 2nd, Weekday:

8:30 am Rosary
9:00 am Mass—soul of Eleanor Raab †
Requested by Gerry & Char Herkel

Thursday, Aug. 3rd, Weekday:

8:30 am Rosary
9:00 am Mass—soul of Shirley Kelly †
Requested by Cheryl Biggs

Friday, Aug. 4th, St. Jean-Marie Vianney, Patron Saint of Parish Priests:

8:30-9:00am Rosary and Mass in the Grotto
-soul of Linda Albridge †
Requested by Colleen Nicholson

9:30 am Divine Mercy Devotion

Saturday, Aug. 5th, Weekday:

2:00 pm **Wedding—Maria Therese Pirie & Jordan Weber**
4:00-4:30pm Reconciliation
5:00 pm Mass—soul of Linda Albridge †
Requested by Colleen Nicholson

Sunday, Aug. 6th, The Transfiguration of the Lord:

8:30 am Mass—soul of Donna Cochrane †
Requested by Emile & Viola Cyr
10:30 am Mass—soul of Linda Albridge †
Requested by Colleen Nicholson

11:30am Parish Picnic

Monday, Aug. 7th, Weekday: No Mass

Tuesday, Aug. 8th, St. Dominic, Priest:

5 - 6 pm Eucharistic Adoration
6:00 pm Liturgy of the Word—intention of Rick James
Requested by Joyce Lamb

Wednesday, Aug. 9th, Weekday:

8:30 am Rosary
9:00 am Liturgy of the Word—soul of Jacqueline Behan †
Requested by Tina Hanlon

1:30pm Liturgy of the Word—Stanford Seniors Village

Thursday, Aug. 10th, St. Lawrence, Deacon, Martyr Feast:

8:30 am Rosary
9:00 am Liturgy of the Word—intentions of CWL

Friday, Aug. 11th, St. Clare, Virgin:

8:30 am Rosary
9:00 am Liturgy of the Word - soul of Maureen Marsden †
Requested by Francine Lockhart

Saturday, Aug. 12th, Weekday:

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

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

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time & Transfiguration of the Lord:

In our Gospel reading, Jesus points us in a certain direction by giving us two short parables to think about—the treasure hidden in the field and the pearl of great value.

In both of these parables, Jesus is telling us that we need to be centering our life around one thing and one thing only—the Kingdom of God. Selling everything you have so that you can buy that treasure, so that you can have that pearl?

But what is this Kingdom of God? It's not a place or a thing. It's an attitude — a way of living in the world knowing that God is our Creator and Lover. It's seeing all other men and women as coming from God, and as being our sisters and brothers. It's knowing that the created earth is not ours to do with as we want, but rather a treasure given to us to cherish and enjoy.

The Kingdom of God is all around us and within us. We need the eyes of faith to recognize it, and to live in this Kingdom with respect and love for it's Creator, and for all that has come from the hands of this Creator.

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. We wish Fr. Thomas a safe flight to India and back to Canada.

Wedding Ceremony: The first wedding ceremony post Covid will be held on August 5th at the Church of the Ascension. Congratulations to **Maria Therese Pirie & Jordan Weber** on your wedding day. Wishing you happiness in your marriage.

Vocations:

"Give your servant therefore an understanding mind..." Perhaps the priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life awaits you. If God is calling you, contact Fr. David Hogman or Fr. Harrison Ayre, Directors of Vocations in the Diocese of Victoria
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 Mass.

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**



Knights of Columbus

Next General Meeting: Thursday, August 3rd in 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.

"[Jesus] body was for Him not a limitation, but an instrument, so that He was both in it and in all things, and outside all things, resting in the Father above. At one and the same time—this is the wonder—as man He was a human life, and as Word He was sustaining the life of the universe, and as Son He was in constant union with the Father." - St. Athanasius of Alexandria

Jack Chambers

News from the Chancery:

- Come join faith-filled families at the **Marriage and Family Life Camp** from **Aug. 17th-20th** in beautiful Nanoose Bay. Our speaker is Paul Rossetti, the Superintendent of Island Catholic Schools. There will be activities for children and youth, as well as family time. For more information and to register, please visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/9thdiocesan-family-conference-august-2023-tickets-593430365197> or email familycamp@rcdvictoria.org.
- 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 or call 250-248-3747.
- Sunday, July 30 is the **United Nation's World Day Against Trafficking in Persons.** The Diocese of Victoria, the Archdiocese of Vancouver, and the Diocese of Saskatchewan have created the "Working Towards Freedom" study guide to help people become more aware of the human trafficking that is occurring in our midst, and to learn how to bring to light situations where people may be in danger. To read the guide, and the CCCB Pastoral Letter on which it is based, please visit <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/news/working-towards-freedom-study-guide-on-human-trafficking-now-available>.
- A post with a video has been added to the Diocesan website commemorating the Apostolic visit of Pope Francis last July 2022. <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/indigenous/the-popes-apostolic-visit-to-canada-looking-back-one-year-later>



Youth Class:

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



You are Invited to the Ascension Parish Picnic

Fr. Thomas invites all parishioners to our Annual Parish Picnic August 6th after the 10:30 Mass

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

- Collection Counters Ministry
- Building and Maintenance Committee
- 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 on July and August 2023
Next CWL Executive meeting:
No CWL Executive meeting in July 2023
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.
Inclusive: Catholic Women's League members are a mosaic of women inclusive of all ages and cultures. Add your fabric to our quilt. Your place is among us.

Children's Religious Education
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.
Add names to the list in the office or email: ascensionchildredned@shaw.ca

Classes start September 19th

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

WELCOME
WE ARE GLAD YOU'RE HERE
Visitors & new families

Please Support the BC Catholic Newspapers—\$1.00 ONLY

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.

Please check our Website: WWW.ASCENSIONPARISH

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

Report Sexual Abuse

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