

TWENTY-FIRST & TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAYS IN ORDINARY TIME, AUGUST 27TH & SEPTEMBER 3RD 2023

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 Blain and Leah Low

Monday, Aug. 28th, St. Augustine, Bishop, Doctor:

No Mass
Tuesday, Aug. 29th, The Passion of St John the Baptist:
5 – 6 pm Eucharistic Adoration
6:00 pm Mass—souls of William & Eva Copeland †
Requested by Lily Moreland

Wednesday, Aug. 30th, Weekday:

8:30 am Rosary
9:00 am Mass—souls of Rose Ganchar †
Requested by Myra Balaski

Thursday, Aug. 31st, Weekday:

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

Friday, Sept 1st, World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation:

8:30am Rosary Caring for God's Creation
9:00 am Mass—soul Thomas Moreland †
Requested by Lily Moreland
9:30 am Divine Mercy Devotion

Saturday, Sept 2nd, Weekday:

1:00 pm Wedding Blessing for Rachel & Jan Filko
4:00-4:30pm Reconciliation
5:00 pm Mass—Doreen Gordon †
Requested by Vida Cunniffe

Sunday, Sept 3rd, TWENTY- SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:

8:30 am Mass—soul of Donna Cockrane †
Requested by Doreen Peacock
10:30 am Mass –Soul of Mary Clarke †
Requested by Tina Hanlon
11:30 K of C Installation of Officers (all welcome)

Monday, Sept 4th, Labour Day—Office Closed

No Mass
Tuesday, Sept 5th, Weekday :

5 – 6 pm Eucharistic Adoration
6:00 pm Mass –intention of Shelton Paul & Family
Requested by Doreen Peacock

Wednesday, Sept 6th, Weekday:

8:30 am Rosary
9:00 am Mass—soul of Joe Trainor †
Requested by Tom & Vida Cunniffe

Thursday, Sept 7th Weekday:

8:30 am Rosary
9:00 am Mass Intention—Thanksgiving for the Scaria Family

Friday, Sept 8th, The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Feast:

8:30 am Rosary
9:00 am Mass—intention of Vida Abel
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



“Who do people say that the Son of man is?”

Jesus is nearing the end of his earthly ministry and wants to know where the people are, spiritually. The disciples tell him that some say he is John or Elijah or Jeremiah or another of the prophets. So they recognize him as a spiritual or even supernatural figure in history.

Even though they recognize his connection to the prophets and the fulfillment of prophesy, they fail to connect the dots as to who he really is. We also face the same question today, so who is Jesus? Many today would say, he was a good teacher, a moral leader or a champion for the poor, but he is much more. In the gospel reading Jesus then turns to his disciples and ask them. St Peter, inspired by the Holy Spirit gets it right. “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

In other words, Jesus is God. Jesus is God when we meet him in his Word, in his Priests, in his Church and his Vicar Pope Francis and he is God with us, in the transubstantiated bread and wine, his very body and blood made present with us, at every mass.

Jesus asks us too, “Who do you say that I am?” The “you” here in the original language is plural meaning all of you, the whole community, including us dear readers.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches: “Moved by the grace of the Holy Spirit and drawn by the Father, we believe in Jesus and confess: ‘You are the Christ, the Son of the living God’ (Mt 16:16). On the rock of this faith confessed by St. Peter, Christ built his Church.

Blessings,

Fr. Thomas Chinnappa



Vocations:

“For who has known the mind of the Lord?” Sometimes our mind is not necessarily the mind of the Lord. If God is calling you to serve as a priest, sister or brother, 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 Mass.



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



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: - September 21st in the Library at 7:00pm

Our next bottle drive will be September 9th.

The Knights are holding an outdoor bottle drive in our parking from 9:30am to 2:00pm. All returnable bottles and cans are welcome. If you are unable to attend, you can drop your refundable bottles and cans at your local recycling depot and request that the monies be placed in the account for the Knights of Columbus, Local 7991. Please note that 100% of all bottle money collected is given to local charities. Your support is deeply appreciated, thank you. We also invite all Knights who, although unable to attend regular meetings, might join us on a Saturday every couple of months in fellowship and good works that support the needy in our community.

Installation of Officers: following 10:30 am Mass on Sept 3rd, the Knights invite all parishioners to a brief ceremony, recognizing the new slate of officers who will lead Local 7991 and help co-ordinate their many charitable initiatives in the year to come. All are welcome to attend.

“Keep to the ancient way and customs of the Church, established and confirmed by so many Saints under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. And live a new life. Pray, and get others to pray, that God not abandon His Church, but reform it as He pleases, and as He sees best for us, and to His honour and glory.” St Angela Merici

Jack Chambers



A post has been added to the Diocesan website with photos from our delegation's pilgrimage to World Youth Day 2023 with Pope Francis. The post can be viewed at : <http://www.rcdvictoria.org/diocesanblog/world-youth-day-2023>

Men's Retreat - "Yeshua " delves deep into the heart of Christ

September 29– Oct 1st at RockRidge Canyon resort in Princeton BC, please visit <http://www.liferestoration.ca/mensretreat> for info and to register. All men of the Diocese are welcome to attend.

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 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.



FUN TIME for the young people of our parish making bubbles on our front lawn. Thanks to Jack, Sandi

Youth Class Starting in September:
To join the Youth Group contact:

Matthew Morrison,

Coordinator of Parish Youth Faith Formation
Email: ascensionyouthministry@shaw.ca



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: Sept 14th, 10:00am

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

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.

Inspire: Catholic Women's League members' passion is to inspire women, to grow in faith, and to witness to the love of God through ministry and service. Need inspiration or have inspiration to share? We are excited to have you join 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.



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.
Come Again



Children's Religious Education

Church of the Ascension

Fall

Join us

For a Fun Day For Kids
Saturday September 9th

Theme: "Being on God's Team"

Enjoy Kite making, great food, & fun games.

SIGN UP TODAY table in the Hall