



January 22, 2021

Dear Sacred Heart Families,

We are off to a great start to the school year. Everyone is thankful for the sunshine we have had this week. I have spent the past two weeks meeting with new families. Several of them are former students of our school. It excites me to welcome them back into our school community. Showing off our school serves as a reminder of what a fantastic school we have. I am blessed to work in a caring community with such a great staff and wonderful families. Thank you for your support of our school and for Catholic education.

God Bless,

Kelly Kozack
Principal

School Closure Due To Snow

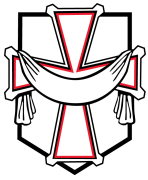
In the event of school closure due to severe weather, please visit the school website at www.shsdelta.org and/or listen to CKNW 98 AM for details. If the school will be closed an announcement will be made between 6:30-7:00 am and repeated often. Please do not call the school.

Sports Equipment

Thus far we have been fortunate in our attempts to keep everyone in our community healthy and safe. In order to ensure any shared materials have been sanitized prior to use, I ask that children keep personal sports equipment, including balls at home. We are in the process of surveying classes and making purchases of new equipment for the playground. I thank you for your cooperation and support of our safety plan.

Valentine's Day: Valentine's Day will be here before we know it. Out of an abundance of caution, we ask that you do not send anything to school with your child to be shared with others in our community, including cards.

Kindergarten and New Student Registration: Sacred Heart is currently accepting applications for all new students for the school year of 2020-2021. If you have a child entering Kindergarten please visit our [website](#) and follow the application process. We look forward to hearing from you.



SACRED HEART SCHOOL

Box 10, 3900 Arthur Drive, Delta, BC V4K 3N5
(604) 946-2611, <https://shsdelta.ca>

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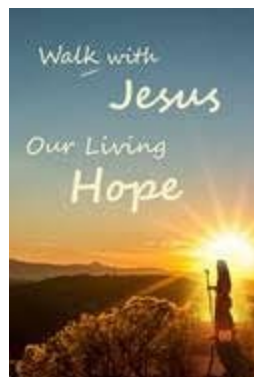
Lil' Saints preschool is looking for an assistant teacher for one of our classrooms. ECE or ECEA certified preferred. We offer competitive salaries for qualified candidates. Call Mylene Lock at 604-551-0827 or [email:lil'saintspreschool@shsdelta.org](mailto:lil'saintspreschool@shsdelta.org) for more information.

St Monica Guild Corner: All women of the parish - young and not so young - are invited to a zoom meeting on Monday 1st February at 7.00pm.

We have a fun evening planned, where we will get to know each other a little better - led by Marlyn. Please register by email, to be sent a zoom link for the meeting: saintmonicaguild@shsdelta.org Contact Lynne Willox for more information (604) 789-2912.



Parish News: Please see the bulletin from the Parish.



Sacred Heart Catholic Church



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Email: sacredheartparish@shsdelta.org

Parish Website: www.sacredheartparish.ca
Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Vancouver
604-683-0281 Website: <https://rcav.org/>

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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Chapel is open daily from 10am to 4pm for private prayer. (Except Sundays and holidays)

Baptisms: Please contact parish office for more information.

PARISH CONTACTS

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*“Come follow me
and I will make
you fishers of
people.”*



Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 24th, 2021

The kingdom of God has come; Repent,
and believe in the good news.

Mark 1.14-20

Sunday Focus: Prepare each day for the end of our earthly lives. There is an ancient practice of reflection on mortality that goes as far back as Socrates: Memento Mori, or, Remember, thou art mortal. Today’s Scriptures are perfect for the Christian spiritual practice of thinking about our life, and eventual death – a reminder that our ultimate goal in faith is to live with God after this life. Awareness of our own mortality should spur us to act righteously each day. **LITURGY OF THE WORD** At God’s command, Jonah goes to Nineveh, prophesying destruction. The citizens of Nineveh repent and are spared. Saint Paul urges the Corinthians to act in a way that reflects the passing away of this world. In the Gospel, Jesus arrives in Galilee, proclaiming the time of fulfillment has arrived, and that all are to repent, and believe in the Gospel. The Apostles Simon, Andrew, James, and John leave their lives as fishermen to follow him.

Being a disciple means being constantly ready to bring the love of Jesus to others, and this can happen unexpectedly and in any place: on the street, in a city square, during work, on a journey. Pope Francis

January 24th is:

Sunday of the Word of God: Making the Scriptures part of our everyday lives.

In order to help the Church grow in love and faithful witness to God, Pope Francis has declared that the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time be devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the Word of God. We are invited to hold the Word of God in our hands every day as much as possible so that it becomes our prayer and a greater part of our lived experience.

“A day devoted to the Bible should not be seen as a yearly event but rather a yearlong event, for we urgently need to grow in our knowledge and love of the Scriptures and of the risen Lord, who continues to speak his word and to break bread in the community of believers.” “We need to develop a closer relationship with sacred Scripture; otherwise, our hearts will remain cold and our eyes shut, struck as we are by so many forms of blindness,” Pope Francis

Find the daily readings on the Archdiocesan website: <https://beholdvancouver.org/services/daily-mass-readings>



Online PREP Classes take place Tuesdays at various assigned after-school times per grade. Newcomers are welcome to participate in our PREP Online Classes or Supported Home-School for children attending public, private Non-Catholic or Home-School (K-Gr 7). To learn more, contact: Erin Seddon, PREP Coordinator: eseddon@shsdelta.org or (604) 946-2618.

Second Collection



The BC Catholic Newspaper Collection will take place on **Sunday, Feb 7th**. This annual collection helps offset the parish's cost of sending the newspaper to parishioner's homes. If you already receive the newspaper (or desire to sign up) and want to switch to an **environmentally and COVID friendly digital copy** please let us know by email, phone or indicate that on your donation envelope. A suggested donation amount is \$20.00/year



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Please remember to keep the lonely, isolated, sick and dying in your daily prayers, especially those of our parish faith community.

Needed: Bikes in good condition for our Migrant Workers.

If you have a bicycle to donate please call the parish office and we can arrange for pick up or drop off. 604-946-4522 Ext 100. Thank you for your generosity.



SUNDAY COLLECTION REPORT
Year to date up to Jan 3rd, 2021

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Target</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Year to Date	\$6,466	\$11,985	-\$5,519

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.

2021 Donation Envelopes – Due to COVID and the cancellation of Masses we are asking parishioners to please pick up their offertory envelopes this year from either the front of the Monastery or Chapel area. There will be boxes available 7 days a week. If you are unable to get here please call the parish office and we can arrange to get the box to you. Thank you for your ongoing financial contributions to the parish.



“Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.”- Mark 1:17 Jesus’ call to “Follow

me” is a call to all Christians! The call is in the here and now, in our present circumstances, not when we think we are “ready” or have everything in order. Good stewardship of our God-given gifts means that things aren’t always going to go according to our schedule and that God has a much better plan in store for each of us. *Copyright © 2021 Archdiocese of St. Louis from RCAFV*

Into the Deep: Reading Fratelli Tutti: Pope Francis' Vision of Fraternity and Social Friendship

Pope Francis’ latest encyclical Fratelli Tutti diagnoses the shortcomings of society that have been laid bare by the COVID-19 pandemic. Inspired by the Gospel and the example of St. Francis of Assisi, Francis invites all to embrace fraternity and social friendship in order to build a more just world. Fr. Nick Meisl and Nick Olkovich will introduce and contextualize the encyclical, highlight important themes and invite participants to reflect on its implications for their Christian living. Join us for this free event on Friday, Jan. 29 from 7:00 - 8:30 pm on Zoom. Register now at beholdvancouver.org/events

Grade 8 Application now available - St. Patrick Regional Secondary Applications for the 2021-2022 school year are now available online for St. Patrick Regional. Please visit our website at www.stpats.bc.ca and click on the Apply Here button to access the online application form, our Frequently Asked Questions and other information from our Open House.

Deus Caritas Est - God is Love Women's Faith Study

In his first encyclical, God Is Love, promulgated on Christmas Day, 2005, Benedict XVI expounds on the reality of love. He knows that the word “love” has been distorted and its meaning tarnished – and this letter calls us back to the foundational truths about love. This 8-week faith study is an opportunity to come to a deeper understanding of what it means to be loved by God, and how God’s love is present in the concrete reality of our daily lives. Join us for this wonderful opportunity to meet other Catholic women, grow in fellowship and friendship, and go deeper in your relationship with God. There are two separate offerings for this study: Thursday mornings beginning Feb. 4 at 11:00 am – 12:30 pm OR Thursday evenings at 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm. Both sessions will take place online over Zoom. Register online at beholdvancouver.org/events

Virtual Worldwide Marriage Encounter- If you desire to restore communication & rekindle romance, this weekend is for you! No travel required means you can participate from the comfort of your own home. Join us on Feb. 26-28 (Registration deadline is Feb. 19) OR May 14-16 (Registration deadline is May 7). Register now at beholdvancouver.org/events

Virtual Date Night - During this time of pandemic, it has not been easy to set time aside for an intentional date night with your partner. Join us on Thursday, Feb. 11 from 8:00 pm to 9:30 pm on Zoom for our first ever Virtual Date Night. This event is for engaged couples or couples who have been married five years or less.. Socialize and have fun with other young couples. Hear from Trisha and Cam McManus and be inspired; receive practical tools to experience a greater connection with your partner. Receive a Date Night Kit valued at \$40. Limited spots available. Register now at beholdvancouver.org

The Sanctuary Course for Catholics -One in four people will be affected by a mental health problem at some point in their lives, yet the stigma surrounding mental illness silences many and prevents faith communities from responding compassionately and effectively. This eight-session course—designed for use in small groups—explores the realities of mental health and illness, as well as the vital need for faith-based community conversations about these topics. The sessions are accompanied by compelling films that feature the stories of Catholics living with mental health challenges, along with the insights of archbishops, theologians, and psychologists including Archbishop J. Michael Miller, CSB. The Sanctuary Course for Catholics is launching on FORMED in January 2021. FORMED is a technology platform for the delivery of award-winning Catholic content, children’s programming, audio talks, e-books and more, attracting over 1,000,000 users across 5,500 parish communities. Learn more, sign up, and find The Sanctuary Course for Catholics at formed.org

Pope at Audience: Christian unity achieved only through God’s grace. In his catechesis at the Wednesday General Audience, Pope Francis reminds Christians that unity is achieved only with the grace of God, and not through our own force of will. As Christians around the world observe the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, Pope Francis reflects on Jesus’ invitation to overcome discord and sow reconciliation.

Speaking in the catechesis portion of his weekly General Audience, the Pope reminded everyone that Jesus did not command His disciples to be united, but rather prayed that they might be.

This, said the Pope, “means that we are not able to achieve unity with our own strength. Unity is above all a gift, a grace to be requested through prayer.”

Internal conflict

As the Apostle Paul observed, each of us experiences a painful conflict within ourselves, in which we desire the good but find ourselves inclined toward evil.

Our internal conflict, said Pope Francis, is a reminder that the true solution comes “by asking God for peace, reconciliation, and unity.”

He said Jesus prayed for His own, “that they may all be one” (Jn 17:21).

“Our prayer for unity,” he added, “is thus a humble but trusting participation in the Lord’s prayer.”

External hardship

Pope Francis then asked us all to reflect on how often we pray for Christian unity.

“During this time of serious hardship, this prayer is even more necessary so that unity might prevail over conflicts.”

Christians, he said, need to pursue the path of visible unity, because the world will only believe in Christ if we bear witness “to the love that unites us”.

Fighting for unity

“To pray means to fight for unity,” said the Pope. This means fighting against the discord and division which the devil seeks to sow by magnifying the defects and mistakes of others in our eyes.

God, however, offers another path. “He takes us as we are, different, sinners, and nudges us towards unity.”

So, Pope Francis invited everyone to sow unity in our homes and workplaces with the tools God has given us: “prayer and love.”

In Christ’s love

Finally, Pope Francis reflected on the theme of this year’s Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: “Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit.”

“The root of communion and love is Christ who makes us overcome our prejudices to see in others a brother or sister to be loved always,” he said.

By seeking unity, we find that Christians of other confessions are gifts from God.

“Let us begin to pray for them and, when possible, with them,” concluded Pope Francis. “We will thus learn to love and appreciate them.”

By Devin Watkins- Vatican News

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2021-01/pope-francis-general-audience-christian-unity-grace.html>