



# Sacred Heart Catholic Church

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Years at  
Nelthorpe

\* 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time | 9 February 2025 \*



## Being a Who, Not a What

By Jean Allen

It's a common misconception that the story of Jesus calling Peter to be a fisher of people means that we are all called to the same vocation of being people fishers. Not so!

Paul expressed it very well in 1st Corinthians 12 when he said, "Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret?"

In the whole chapter he is saying that the body has many parts and all work together. No one is greater than anyone else. No one is given all the gifts and all have different ones.

So, although there may be occasions in your life where you are given the opportunity to be a fisher of a person, it is not necessarily your gift or your vocation. Each one of us needs to discern what vocation God has called us to and not to feel pressured into pursuing a vocation that the Lord didn't call us to. We are not an amorphous, homogenous group. Each one of us has spiritual strengths and passions and we all need to pay attention to who we are actually called to be.

What is probably a rich point of the story of Jesus calling Peter (and the other fishermen) is who Jesus was calling, not what they were called to. Last week I wrote about the mighty and those of lowly estate, and fishermen were definitely not categorized as the mighty. They had very little education, they lacked power and they definitely lacked riches. They were not your 'go to people' for leadership. Anyone else but Jesus would have said, "Yeah, they're probably good men but not leadership material at all." They would have completely passed by those unfortunate fishermen who couldn't even guarantee a good catch of fish from one day to the next.

If you ever feel like a small one, i.e. someone who has little to offer in terms of great spiritual gifts compared to someone else, then this scripture is for you. You may not recognize your calling...

...but God most certainly does!

### LITURGICAL YEAR C

#### Saturday:

English Mass (Anticipated Sunday Mass) 4:00 pm

#### Sunday:

English Mass 9:00 am  
Syro-Malabar Rite Mass on pause  
Korean 3:00 pm  
Vietnamese (1st and 3rd Sundays) 5:30 pm

#### RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:00 pm to 3:45 pm  
Sunday 8:15 am to 8:45 am

#### Weekday Masses

##### English Masses

MonŽHi YŽH i / Friday ..... 7:00 pm

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We thank Bishop Gary & Fr. Frank Franz for celebrating the Masses during Fr. Shijo's absence.

##### Korean Masses

Wednesdays 7:30 pm  
Thursdays 10:00 am

### Temporary Parish Office Hours

Tuesdays to Fridays  
10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Closed: Saturdays, Sundays, and Mondays.

If you would like to register or volunteer for a Ministry, please send an email to sacredheart@rcdvictoria.org

#### For Baptism, Marriage, Funerals, and Anointing of the Sick

Please contact:  
E. sacredheart@rcdvictoria.org  
P. 250-479-1611

Sacred Heart Parish Website >

For your convenience, QR codes are now located around the church.



Join us for a

## Pancake Breakfast

hosted by the Knights of Columbus

after the 9 a.m. Mass  
next Sunday, 16 February!



Donations at the door will be greatly appreciated.



### Please pray for:

#### **Those who have died**

Betty Guterres, Paulina Ho, Mary-Lou Konrath, Rafael Melendez-Duke, Rosa & Carlos Pimental, Irene Remedios, Albina Rozenberg, and Lolita Tan.

#### **Those who are ill**

MaryLee Alexander, Skarlet, Jon A, Patricia C, Cora C, Lesley D, Kathleen G, Gwen J, Derek L, Lisa L, Diane L, Katherine N, Edvige P, Dino Rinaldo, Davide R, Gaspar S, Valerie S, Cathy T, Maria T, and Ornella T.



### *Eternal Rest Grant Unto*

**Rafael Melendez-Duke (4 Feb 2025)**

*Funeral Mass, 10 a.m., Friday, 7 February 2025 and*

**Paulina Ho Tak Ping (1 Feb 2025)**

*Funeral Mass, 11 a.m., Tuesday, 11 February 2025*

***O Lord, and let Perpetual Light Shine Upon them.  
May their souls rest in peace. Amen.***

## 2025 Parish Donation Envelopes



**The 2025 Parish Donation Envelopes are available for pick up in the foyer.**

If you do not currently have a box set and would like to begin using envelopes, call the Parish Office or fill out the form on the table near the envelope sets. Offertory donation envelopes are necessary if you wish to receive an income tax receipt.

If you are new to the parish or would like to start using these donation envelopes, contact the parish office at 250-479-1611, or email [sacredheart@rcdvictoria.org](mailto:sacredheart@rcdvictoria.org) to have a box set aside for you.

### **PLEASE DO NOT USE ANY ENVELOPES FROM PAST YEARS.**

Since we have re-numbered some sets, if you use a set from a prior year, you will not get credit for your donation.

**Thank you.**

## Options to Donate

### **E-Transfer:**

The email to use is [sacredheart@rcdvictoria.org](mailto:sacredheart@rcdvictoria.org)

### **Pre-Authorized Debit (PAD)**

Automatic Debit Form:

<https://sacredheartvictoria.com/docs/PAD%20form%202020.pdf>

The PAD form is also available from the Parish Office.

If you use the Special Collection Envelopes, please remember to complete your name and address on those envelopes to receive a tax receipt. Information and links are also available on our website.

### **Canada Helps**

Donations through Canada Helps.

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/47781>

This is the new QR code for donations: also on display around the church for your convenience.



If you have any questions on the available options, or would like to make a change in how you donate, please contact the parish office.

**Thank you.**

## Thank you for your contributions!

### February 1 & February 2, 2025

Envelopes \$ 3,050.00

Cash \$ 270.60

**Total \$ 3,320.60**

### January 2025

Canada Helps \$ 1,023.26

**PAD \$ 5,910.00**

**E-Transfer \$ 1,480.00**

Donations through PAD, Canada Helps, & e-Transfer will be reported after the end of the month.

## St. Scholastica 10 February



Born in 480 of wealthy parents, Scholastica and Benedict were brought up together until he left central Italy for Rome to continue his studies. Twins often share the same interests and ideas with an equal intensity, therefore, it is no surprise that Scholastica and her twin brother, Benedict, established religious communities within a few miles from each other.

Little is known of Scholastica's early life. She founded a religious community for women near Monte Cassino at Plombariola, five miles from where her brother governed a monastery.

The twins visited each other once a year in a farmhouse because Scholastica was not permitted inside the monastery. They spent these times discussing spiritual matters.

According to the "Dialogues of St. Gregory the Great", the brother and sister spent their last day together in prayer and conversation. Scholastica sensed her death was close at hand and she begged Benedict to stay with her until the next day.

He refused her request because he did not want to spend a night outside the monastery, thus breaking his own Rule. Scholastica asked God to let her brother remain and a severe thunderstorm broke out, preventing Benedict and his monks from returning to the abbey.

Benedict cried out, "God forgive you, Sister. What have you done?" Scholastica replied, "I asked a favor of you and you refused. I asked it of God and he granted it."

Brother and sister parted the next morning after their long discussion. Three days later, Benedict was praying in his monastery and saw the soul of his sister rising heavenward in the form of a white dove. Benedict then announced the death of his sister to the monks and later buried her in the tomb he had prepared for himself.

[Online accessed, 4 February 2025:

<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-scholastica/>]

## Development & Peace Support Peasant & Rural Communities!



Peasant communities in the Global South work hard to protect their rights to land, water, seeds, and a healthy environment. These rights are threatened by powerful corporations. Urge Canada to legislate to ensure Canadian companies respect human rights and the environment. Sign the action cards, or online at <https://devp.org/en/campaign/reaping-our-rights/act/>

## Share Lent Workshop

Led by Raphael Freston BC/Yukon animator

**Saturday, February 15, 9:30am to 12:30pm**

St. Patrick's parish, 2060 Haultain Street. Lunch will be provided.

RSVP: [nancystuart7@gmail.com](mailto:nancystuart7@gmail.com) if you are staying for lunch.

**All are welcome!**

Thank you for contributing to the 2024 Appeal, "Sharing God's Gifts." As of the deadline, February 5th, the Diocese has exceeded their goal of \$850,000.00, receiving a total of \$856,784.07. Thank you all.

On December 30, 2024, the federal government announced plans to amend the Income Tax Act that will extend the deadline for donations eligible for tax benefits for the 2024 tax year to February 28, 2025. At the Diocese, tax receipts will be processed as usual in early February, with an additional batch in March for donations received in January and February. Donors will have the option to decide which tax year their additional tax receipt will apply to. To donate, please visit <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/bishops-appeal>.

**Parish Goal: \$ 44,000.00**

**Received: \$ 50,439.93**

**Number of Gifts: 157**



## CWL Friendship Lunch

**February 15th, 11:00 am, Parish Hall**

Please register by February 10

Chinese Food will be ordered in at \$22/person. Members and guests are welcome.

Please contact Margot:

250-479-1161 / [margotmclaughlin1978@gmail.com](mailto:margotmclaughlin1978@gmail.com)

## Next "Cor" Meeting

**7:30 pm Tuesday, February 11, Pope John Hall**

The Knights of Columbus Sacred Heart Council invites all men to their next "Cor" gathering.

The topic will be "Love of Neighbour as Perfect Love".

All Knights, male parishioners and friends are welcome to attend.



## Bishop Thomas J. Lobsinger, OMI Memorial Bursary Program

Applications accepted from Jan 1 until Jun 30, 2025.

The Terms of Reference: <https://kofcbc.org/bursary-program-2025/>

Requests for application should be addressed to:

Christopher Chen – State Bursary Chairman  
Knights of Columbus BC Charity Foundation  
#333 – 1231 Pacific Boulevard, Vancouver, B.C. V6Z-0E2

Or email: [chrischen.kofc@gmail.com](mailto:chrischen.kofc@gmail.com)



## Society of St. Vincent de Paul

To join the Society, please contact Georgina:  
[mgvshort@telus.net](mailto:mgvshort@telus.net) or call 250-727-2615

Donate online and specify "Sacred Heart Parish":

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/society-of-st-vincent-de-paul-of-vancouver-island/>

All cheques: "Society of St. Vincent de Paul".



## From the Diocese



## Employment Opportunity

The Diocese of Victoria is now accepting applications for the position of Payroll Administrator, Catholic Independent Schools of the Diocese of Victoria.

As a member of the Finance and Administration team, the Payroll Administrator will process payroll for approximately 300 employees across Vancouver Island in a confidential, accurate and timely manner.

The job posting may be viewed at  
<https://www.rcdvictoria.org/employment>.

**Applications must be received by February 19, 2025.**



## World Day of the Sick February 11

Pope Francis has released a poignant message for World Day of the Sick on February 11 that reflects on suffering as an opportunity for a transformative encounter with God. He highlights the importance of presence, gift, and sharing as essential aspects of compassionate care.

Read his full message here:

<https://press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/en/bollettino/pubblico/2025/01/27/250127f.html>

## Map of Parishes in the Diocese of Victoria



The Parish page on the Diocese website now includes an interactive map to help you find parishes more easily. We hope this also encourages parishioners to learn more about other parishes across the Island and surrounding areas.

Discover the map here: <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/parishes>

## Digital Health:

### Helping Our Children and Youth Navigate the Digital World

St. Joseph's School, Tue Feb 11, 7 to 8 pm

St. Joseph's School is hosting a free parent presentation with local registered clinical counsellor Shannon Husk on the topic, "Digital Health: Helping Our Children and Youth Navigate the Digital World." Come for some valuable insights for parents. Childcare is provided.



Please RSVP by February 4th  
to the St. Joseph's School office or [bbella@cisdv.bc.ca](mailto:bbella@cisdv.bc.ca).



## NET Ministries are BACK!

We are excited to welcome the NET teams back to the Diocese of Victoria. We are in search of at least 4 homes that would be able to host 2 men or 2 women for 3 to 6 days. Bed and bedding will be needed for each person, and offering meals would be appreciated.

For more details, please contact Angela:  
[angelagrohovac@gmail.com](mailto:angelagrohovac@gmail.com) or 250 588 3428

Click here for  
Bishop Gary Gordon's  
Message

<https://www.rcdvictoria.org/news/bishop-gary-gordons-message-for-the-2025-dpps-cycle>



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## Diocesan Bursary Catholic Women's League "In Memory of Freda Smith" Deadline: March 31



This \$750 Bursary is awarded to a Catholic student graduating from a secondary or home schooling program in the Diocese who plans to pursue a post secondary education. For more information, and for the application form, please visit <https://cwldov.org/application>

## Pastor, Fr. Shijo George

sgeorge@rcdvictoria.org

## Korean, Fr. Mark Park

dkpark@rcdvictoria.org

## Syro-Malabar, Fr. Shijo George

sgeorge@rcdvictoria.org

## Vietnamese, Fr. Michael Tran

michaeltran@rcdvictoria.org

## Hospital Chaplain, Fr. Sean Flynn

250-889-3761

## Parish Administrative Assistant

Katherine Newton: sacredheart@rcdvictoria.org

## Children's Religious Ed. Coordinator

Lidia Moodie: sacredheartreled@rcdvictoria.org

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Rafael Oei: sacredheart@rcdvictoria.org

## RMSE Coordinator

Sindhu Merwin: sacredheartmse@gmail.com

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(Syro-Malabar Representative)

## PARISH MINISTRIES & GROUPS

Please contact the Parish Office:  
sacredheart@rcdvictoria.org



## PARISH LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

### Parish Liturgy Coordinator

Rafael Oei

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Christian Meditation

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Margot McLaughlin

Knights of Columbus

Stan Dzbik

Led By The Spirit Group

David MacIntyre

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Genevieve Vuksic

Phone-tree

Elizabeth Olcen

Funeral Receptions

Elizabeth Olcen

Social Justice/D & P

Stan Dzbik

St. Vincent de Paul

Georgina Short

## TO REPORT SEXUAL ABUSE TO AN INDEPENDENT AGENCY

To report sexual abuse by a clergy member, religious, employee, or volunteer, visit [RCDVictoria.org/Responsible-Ministry](https://RCDVictoria.org/Responsible-Ministry) or call 1-800-968-3146

To report sexual abuse or cover-up by a Catholic Bishop, visit [BishopReportingSystem.ca](https://BishopReportingSystem.ca) or call 1-866-892-3737

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