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*** Easter Sunday | 20 April 2025 ***



*Christ the Lord is Risen!
He is Risen indeed,
Alleluia!*



Easter Message from Fr. Shijo George
*Easter is the Greatest Celebration
of our Christian Faith!*



Easter reminds us to recognize Jesus as the 'Living One.' The happy news is that He is living forever. "Why do you look for the living among the dead?" was the question to the perplexed and desperate women in the Gospel of St. Luke, and the angels proclaimed the good news: "He is not here, but has risen." (Luke 24:5) Our Christian faith is planted on the mysteries of the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ, and it should grow deeper in us, creating inner peace, joy, and hope through the Resurrected Lord. Easter becomes fruitful and more meaningful when we are filled with Peace, Joy, and Hope. With the angels, we should say to the world and to our brothers and sisters who lose their hope, peace, and joy in their lives: "Christ is Risen!"

Pope Benedict XVI in his homily on October 19, 2006, said: "The event of Christ's death and Resurrection is the heart of Christianity, the principal fulcrum of our faith, the powerful lever of our certainty, an impetuous wind that sweeps away every fear and indecision, every doubt and human calculation." Friedrich Schiller, the German poet and dramatist said: "... anyone who has heard the Easter proclamation can no longer go around with a tragic expression on his face and lead the humourless existence of a man who has no hope." In our life, we may face a kind of 'tomb silence': feeling lifeless with a loss of vigour and radiance; living in despair; having lukewarm faith; with no answers to many questions in our life. But even in the silence of the tomb there is hope; a belief that beyond the darkness there lies the glory of Easter morning.

Dear brothers and sisters, let us proclaim through our lives that Jesus is Risen by living a life full of hope, joy, and peace. Let the angel's voice echo in our hearts always: "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen!"

He is Risen indeed, Alleluia!



An Easter Gift

We thank the Marasco Family for their generous donation of
33 Days of Eucharistic Glory
by Matthew Kelly

It's FREE! Please help yourself to a copy,
or take one for your friends.

**Please remember to bring
your bells to ring
during the singing of the
Gloria**
on Holy Thursday, Easter Vigil,
and Easter Sunday.



Blessing of Baskets

12 pm, Saturday, April 19



LITURGICAL YEAR C

Saturday:

English Mass (Anticipated Sunday Mass) **4:00 pm**
Syro-Malabar Rite (except 1st Sat) **7:00 pm**

Sunday:

English Mass **9:00 am**
Syro-Malabar Rite **11:00 am**
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

Tuesday **No Mass April 22**
Wednesday **11:00 am**
Thursday **11:00 am**
Friday **11:00 am**

Korean Masses

Wednesdays **7:30 pm**
Thursdays **10:00 am**

Parish Office Hours

**Tuesdays to Fridays
9:30 am to 3:00 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:
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P. 250-479-1611
Sacred Heart Parish Website >

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



Calling all able-bodied parishioners!

**Come as a parish, on
Saturday, April 26 from 9 am
to pull out the roots of the invasive
blackberry bushes and cleaning
our parish grounds.
Please bring your boots, shovels,
and gardening equipment.
Thank you.**



Please pray for:

Those who have died

Manuel Delima, Thomas Kehler, Emily Maya, Malvina Monacelli, Tricia Rea, Irene Remedios, and Rosalina Viveiros

Those who are ill

Skarlet, Jon A, Patricia C, Cora C, Lesley D, Kathleen G, Derek L, Lisa L, Diane L, Edvige P, Will Pontes, Dino R, Davide R, Gaspar S, Valerie S, Cathy T, Maria T, and Ornella T.



Fr. Shijo's Homilies

are available on our Parish Website

<https://sacredheartvictoria.com/sacred-heart-homilies.html>



THE HOLY OILS OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

The Church makes use of three Holy Oils: the Oil of the Sick, the Oil of the Catechumens, and the Holy Chrism Oil. The first two are blessed, and the bishop consecrates the third during the annual Chrism Mass. Each has a distinctive purpose in the Church.

Oil of the Sick: pure olive oil, used for the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. This sacrament can be administered at any time and in any place. The priest lays hands on the sick or elderly, says special prayers and anoints the person by placing oil in the form of a cross on the forehead and hands. Through this sacrament, God gives the sick, grace and strength to bear the illness or infirmity.

Oil of the Catechumens: also pure olive oil. Adults and infants prior to baptism are anointed with the Oil of the Catechumens. At the beginning of the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA), each person preparing for initiation is anointed with the oil of the catechumens. In a similar way, an infant is anointed just before receiving the waters of Baptism. This anointing is to help the child ward off evil, avoid temptation and possess the faith necessary to carry the cross of Christ throughout life.

Holy Chrism Oil: This third oil is made of olive oil mixed with balsam. The oil symbolizes strength and the fragrant balsam represents the "aroma of Christ" (2 Cor 2:15). Anointing with Chrism Oil signifies the gift of the Holy Spirit and is used to consecrate someone or something to God's service. The Chrism Oil is used at the Sacrament of Baptism, Confirmation, and at the Easter Vigil when adults are Confirmed after Baptism. Holy Chrism Oil is also used during the the Sacrament of Holy Orders and the consecration of a bishop. It is also used in the consecration of a church and the blessing of an altar and the vessels used at Mass.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul



Today as we celebrate the feast of Easter, like Mary Magdalene and the Disciples we find the challenge of also seeing and believing the resurrection.

When you donate to St. Vincent de Paul box you help those who are poor and hungry to "see and believe" in the Resurrection.

Donate online: specify "Sacred Heart Parish" https://give-can.keela.co/ssvp_donation_form
All cheques: "Society of St. Vincent de Paul".

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



Share Lent 2025



Double your impact by becoming a monthly donor by June 8, 2025!

Development and Peace, Caritas Canada offers you a simple, effective way to support its mission throughout the year. As a Share Year-Round donor, you support the pursuit of social justice and human dignity throughout the year. Sign up as a monthly donor, or increase your monthly donation, before June 8, and your annual contributions will be matched dollar for dollar!

Turn your donation into a monthly gift at devp.org/shareyearround.

Options to Donate

E-Transfer:

The email to use is 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!

April 12 & April 13, 2025

Envelopes \$ 2,457.00

Cash \$ 507.40

Total \$ 2,964.40

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

Spring CLEANUP

Saturday, April 12



Thank you to all who cleaned our church for Easter.



Nine-Day Divine Mercy Novena

From Good Friday, our parish will pray the Nine-Day Divine Mercy Novena, leading up to Divine Mercy Sunday on Sunday, April 27.

A "Novena" is nine days of prayer in preparation for a feast day. The Lord asked that the Chaplet be recited as a novena. He promised, "By this Novena (of Chaplets), I will grant every possible grace to souls." And so for each day, our Lord gave a different intention:

1. All mankind, especially sinners;
2. The souls of priests and religious;
3. All devout and faithful souls;
4. Those who do not believe in God and those who do not yet know Jesus;
5. The souls who have separated themselves from the Church;
6. The meek and humble souls and the souls of little children;
7. The souls who especially venerate and glorify His mercy;
8. The souls detained in purgatory;
9. The souls who have become lukewarm.

"I desire that during these nine days you bring souls to the fountain of My mercy, that they may draw therefrom strength and refreshment and whatever grace they have need of in the hardships of life, and especially at the hour of death" (Diary, 1209).



Nine-Day Divine Mercy Novena

Good Friday, April 18
1st Day: after the 3 pm Service

Holy Saturday, April 19
2nd Day: after the 7 pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday, April 20
3rd Day: after the 9 am Mass

Easter Monday, April 21
4th Day: personal prayer at home

Easter Octave Tuesday, April 22
5th Day: personal prayer at home

Easter Octave Wednesday, April 23
6th Day: after the 11 am Mass

Easter Octave Thursday, April 24
7th Day: after the 11 am Mass

Easter Octave Friday, April 25
8th Day: after the 11 am Mass

Easter Octave, Saturday, April 26
9th Day: after the 4 pm anticipated Mass

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 27
after the 9 am Mass:
Exposition, Divine Mercy Chaplet, & Benediction.



Audio Version of "Divine Mercy in my Soul (Diary of Divine Mercy)" by St. Faustyna Kowalska

A parishioner, Vaclav Trumpes, is offering to provide, FREE, the audio version of the Divine Mercy Diary by St. Faustyna Kowalska. If you are interested, please bring a 2GB (or larger) Thumb/Flash Drive, label it with your name, and leave it with Rafael, the Music Director, at musician's corner after Mass. He will pass it to Vaclav.



Flowers for Easter Decorations

Donation envelopes are available in the church foyer.

Thank You all for helping to celebrate the Sacred Triduum!

The multi-language Prayer of the Faithful, the Feet Washing, Sacred Oil Decoration, Sacred Oil Bearers, Altar Servers, Proclaimers, Choir, the team of Decorators who prepared the Lenten Display, Altar of Repose, & Easter Decorations!

Fr. Shijo

60th Anniversary Photo Directory



Last chance to sign-up on the weekend of April 26 and 27. Please sign up at the table in the church lobby before or after the weekend Masses, or phone Marilyn at 250-361-4393 or 250-880-1442.



From the Diocese

Remembering Gwen Jahelka Chancellor of the Diocese of Victoria

Vigil prayers: 4:30 pm, Sunday, April 20,
St. Joseph's Church in Chemainus (9727 Elm Street)

Funeral Mass: 10:30 am, Monday, April 21

St. Andrew's Cathedral in Victoria (740 View St)
A reception will follow at St. Andrew's High School

Livestreamed: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bxNiqiQIVC0>

11th Annual Diocesan Family Camp & Conference August 22 to 24, 2025, Nanoose Bay Camp

Early Bird pricing until May 4
<https://www.rcdvictoria.org/family-camp>

Join families of the Diocese of Victoria for a fun, faith-filled weekend of fellowship, play, and prayer. Choose to stay in a dorm, camp in a tent or bring your camper! Price includes meals, activities and your choice of accommodation. ALL FAMILIES are invited to enjoy this weekend to strengthen your connection with Christ, one another, and with other families.

Victoria, BC MARCH for LIFE



Thursday, May 8

12:00 pm Mass at St. Andrew's Cathedral
1:45 pm March from Centennial Square to the BC Legislature
2:15 pm Rally at the BC Legislature

March for Life Dinner: Guest Speaker, Gabrielle Raymond, CCO
5:00 pm at St. Joseph the Worker Parish (\$55 per person)

To purchase tickets: Gary Skabeikis, garys235@outlook.com.

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St. Andrew's High School Presents

How to Get Away with a Murder Mystery

Spectrum Theatre, 957 Burnside Rd W,
Tickets at [Eventbrite.ca](https://www.eventbrite.ca) | scan the QR >

April 24, 25, 26 2025, from 7:00–8:00 pm*

April 26, 2025, from 2:00–3:00 pm*

*Doors open 30 minutes before start time
Bring cash for concession and merchandise!



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