



Sacred Heart Catholic Church

60
Years at
Nelthorpe

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* 3rd Sunday of Lent | 23 March 2025 *



Putting Spokes In The Wheel Of The Cycle

We're all aware that in Jesus's day, it was strongly believed that bad things happened to sinful people, so if a tower fell on someone or another's blood was mingled with pagan sacrifices, it was because these people were sinners and deserved disaster. Jesus very clearly tried to abolish that notion. So why, even today, do some Christians believe that disasters occur because God is making a judgement on the people the disasters affect?

I heard recently that some people are saying that the fires in Los Angeles happened because Los Angeles is full of sin and corruption. Guess what Jesus would say to that. He would say, "Do you think that these Los Angeles people were worse offenders than you? No, I tell you; but unless you repent you will all perish the same way."

What do we need to repent of? Making judgements about other people. By making a judgement that others are being punished by God, we are setting ourselves up as better and we are saying that God is a violent and vengeful God. If God is violent and vengeful, that means we can be too, right? Even just saying someone deserved calamity because of sin is violence and vengefulness.

But wait...didn't Jesus say that if we don't repent, we will perish in the same way? Isn't that God's vengeance? No. It's human vengeance. The ones who suffered in the Gospel were judged by people to be sinful and deserving of calamity so if any of those making those judgements suffered calamity at some point, they too would be judged by others as sinful and deserving of calamity. Jesus is saying, "Stop judging! Stop the cycle of violence that you bring upon yourselves! Nobody is deserving of death or blessings but my Father is loving, merciful and compassionate. Be like him!"

60th Anniversary Photo Directory

Act fast! Times are filling up quickly with the photographer .

Sessions are starting on March 31st

Come to the table in the back of the church after Saturday and Sunday mass to book your time

LITURGICAL YEAR C

Saturday:

English Mass (Anticipated Sunday Mass) 4:00 pm
Syro-Malabar Rite Mass 7:00 pm

Sunday:

English Mass 9:00 am
Syro-Malabar Rite Mass 11:00 am
Korean 3:00 pm
Vietnamese (1st and 3rd Sundays) 5:30 pm

RECONCILIATION

Friday (during Lent) 5:15 pm to 6:00 pm
Saturday 3:00 pm to 3:45 pm
Sunday 8:15 am to 8:45 am

Weekday Masses

English Masses

Tuesday 11:00 am
Wednesday 11:00 am
Thursday 11:00 am
Friday Adoration 5:00 pm
Benediction 6:15 pm
Stations of the Cross 6:30 pm
Mass 7:00 pm

Korean Masses

Wednesdays 7:30 pm
Thursdays 10:00 am

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.



Stations of the Cross

Fridays, March 7 to April 11

NO 11:00 am Mass on Fridays during Lent

Friday Adoration : 5:00 pm
Confessions : 5:15 pm - 6:00 pm
Benediction : 6:15 pm
Stations of the Cross : 6:30 pm
MASS : 7:00 pm.



Please pray for:

Those who have died

MaryLee Alexander, Maria Costa, Brian Noonan, Jaime Pimentel,
Manuel Pimentel,
Marie de Melo, Maria and Evodia Martinez, Bill Taratuta .



Those who are ill

Skarlet, Jon A, Patricia C, Cora C,
Lesley D, Kathleen G, Gwen J, Derek L, Lisa L, Diane L,
Edvige P, Will Pontes, Dino Rinaldo, Davide R, Gaspar S,

Thankyou to **Myles Shaffer Landscaping company** for clearing the invasive blackberries around Sacred Heart church free of charge and a big **thankyou to Bishop Gary for arranging it**



Holy Week 2025

Saturday, April 12 | Passion (Palm) Sunday

4:00 pm – Anticipated Mass (English)

Sunday, April 13 | Passion (Palm) Sunday

9:00 am – English

11:00 pm – Syro-Malabar Rite

3:00 pm – Korean



The Holy Triduum

Thursday, April 17 | Holy (Maundy) Thursday

7:00 pm – Mass (English / Korean)

9:00 pm – Syro-Malabar Rite

Until Midnight:

Adoration at the Altar of Repose (Parish Hall)

Friday, April 18 | Good Friday

8:30 am – Syro-Malabar Rite

2:30 pm – Stations of the Cross

3:00 pm – Good Friday Service (English)

6:30 pm – Korean Stations of the Cross

7:00 pm – Korean Good Friday Service



Saturday, April 19 | Holy Saturday

7:00 pm – Easter Vigil (English)

9:30 pm – Easter Vigil (Korean)

11:59 pm – Syro-Malabar Rite

Sunday, April 20 | Easter Sunday

9:00 am – English Mass

3:00 pm – Korean Mass

5:30 pm – Vietnamese Mass

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!

March 15 & March 16, 2025

Envelopes \$ 1345.00

Cash \$ 412.00

Total \$ 1757.00

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

External debt and ecological debt: Who owes whom?



Peru faces an ecological debt crisis as extractive industries, often foreign-owned, plunder its natural resources, harming the environment and human rights, and contribute to the unjust enrichment of the Global North at the expense of the Global

South. Thus, countries in the Global South incur financial debts that further impoverish them, that is never settled.

Our partners, the Episcopal Commission for Social Action (CEAS) and the Institute Bartolomé de Las Casas (IBC) work closely with

Our heartfelt gratitude to Climbing Fox Tree services for removing and pruning unsafe trees around the Sacred Heart Property



Join Fr. Dean Henderson,
Rector of St. Andrew's Cathedral,
for a Lenten Retreat



The Joyful Hope of the Gospel

Sunday, March 30 to Tuesday, April 1
at Sacred Heart Church

Theme for each evening

Sun, Mar 30 : Being Loved

9 am - Regular Sunday Mass
7 pm - Mission Mass

Mon, Mar 31 : Being Transformed by God's Love
Only 7 pm - Mission Mass

Tue, Apr 1 : Being Healing ministers of the Gospel
No 11 am Weekday Mass
7 pm - Mission Mass



Based on Pope Francis' encyclical: "The Joy of the Gospel" and celebrating this Jubilee Year of Hope, the Mission Retreat will share Biblical stories, personal anecdotes, and even shed a tear, to encourage the faithful in the Lenten love for Christ, and those who need him and the familial affection of his Church.

Bring your friends and your family!



Society of St. Vincent de Paul

In today's Gospel Jesus is quite clear in his message: "bear fruit or be cut down." This Lent we are called to cultivate and fertilize our spiritual lives through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Through your almsgiving you are performing a good work; far greater than you think.

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



Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord March 25

The Feast of the Annunciation, one of the principal feasts of the Christian church, is celebrated on March 25 (Lady Day), nine months before Christmas.

The first authentic allusions to the feast (apart from the Gelasian and Gregorian sacramentaries, in both of which it is mentioned) are in acts of the Council of Toledo (656) and of the Trullan Council (692). Because its significance is much more than narrative, the Annunciation had a particularly important place in the arts and church decoration of the early Christian and medieval periods and in the devotional art of the Renaissance and Baroque.

The Annunciation, in Christianity, is the announcement by the angel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary that she is to conceive a son by the Holy Spirit, and he is to be named Jesus (Luke 1:26-38). The angel's pronouncement is met with Mary's willing consent ("Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word"), and thus precipitates the Incarnation of Christ and his redemption of the world.

The first mention of Mary is the story of the Annunciation, which reports that she was living in Nazareth and was betrothed to Joseph (Luke 1:26 ff.), and the last mention of her (Acts of the Apostles 1:14) includes her in the company of those who devoted themselves to prayer after the ascension of Jesus into heaven. She appears in the following incidents in the Gospels: the Annunciation; the Visitation with Elizabeth, her kinswoman and the mother of John the Baptist, the precursor of Jesus (Luke 1:39 ff.); the birth of Jesus and the presentation of him in the Temple (Luke 2:1 ff.); the coming of the Magi and the flight to Egypt (Matthew 2:1 ff.); the Passover visit to Jerusalem when Jesus was 12 years old (Luke 2:41 ff.); the marriage at Cana in Galilee, although her name is not used (John 2:1 ff.); the attempt to see Jesus while he was teaching (Mark 3:31 ff.); and the station at the cross, where, apparently widowed, she was entrusted to the disciple John (John 19:26 ff.).

[Online accessed, 9 March 2025:
<https://www.britannica.com/topic/Annunciation-Christianity>
<https://www.britannica.com/biography/Mary-mother-of-Jesus>



From the Diocese



NET Ministries presents
**2025 Diocesan Youth Retreat:
Living for Greatness
For Youth in Grades 7-12**
May 9 to 11, Camp Imadene, Mesachie Lake

Cost: \$199 (includes meals, activities, accommodations, and t-shirt)
Transportation: Complimentary bus from St. Andrew's High School and Langford

Complimentary Mother's Day Brunch for families, Sunday 11:15 am

To Register, please complete the Google Form by April 15:
<https://bit.ly/4kErwki> To Pay: <https://bit.ly/3WWgGvJ>

**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>

CHRISM MASS

Diocese of Victoria will celebrate the annual
Chrism Mass at St. Andrew's Cathedral
at 7 pm on Thursday, April 10, 2025.



**St. Joseph the Worker Parish
Reconciliation Service**
Thursday, April 3rd at 7 pm



NET Ministries presents
**Illuminate 2025:
The Underlying Truth
For Youth in Grades 4-7**

May 3, 2025, St. Joseph's School, Victoria

This retreat will deepen faith, build community, & encounter Jesus.
Cost: \$75 (includes snack, lunch, activities, and t-shirt)

To Register, please complete the Google Form by April 7:
<https://bit.ly/4ioAujB> To Pay: <https://bit.ly/4hs3RAR>

Questions: Please contact Joelle Dressler at (250) 479-1331
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