



Sacred Heart Catholic Church

60
Years at
Nelthorpe

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*** Divine Mercy Sunday | 27 April 2025 ***

IN MAY!

You are welcome
to join us to

**Pray the
Rosary**

**25 minutes
before each Mass**



*After the 9 am Mass
on Sunday 27 April, you are
invited to stay for the
Exposition
of the Blessed Sacrament &
Benediction
to celebrate
Divine Mercy Sunday*



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 (April 29 in the Pope John Hall) **11:00 am**
Wednesday **11:00 am**
Thursday **11:00 am**
Friday **11:00 am**
After Friday Mass, Adoration. Benediction is at **1:30 pm**

Korean Masses

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

The Eighth Day

by Jean Allen

Have you ever noticed in this scripture passage about Thomas that it specifically says, "After eight days his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them." Why would John specify it was eight days later after the first time Jesus visited the disciples? My question was, does the number eight have a meaning to the Jews? It does indeed.



In the Bible, the number eight is seen as the number of new beginnings, rebirth, resurrection, and transformation because it comes after the number seven which is the number of completion or perfection. The number eight signifies a fresh start. In the Jewish week, Saturday is the seventh day, the day creation was completed, so Jesus's resurrection took place on the eighth day, the day of new beginnings and transformation for all of humanity.

By the eighth day, Thomas was able to move from scepticism to a profound declaration of faith, "My Lord, and my God!" Jesus waiting eight days to appear to Thomas shows us that he allows time for struggle, for faith to grow and develop and that he works with us even within our doubts and uncertainties.

We can be encouraged by this because it's not just believers to whom Jesus exhibits such grace and patience. Do you have family members or friends who steadfastly refuse to believe in God? That can be disheartening and disturbing but we are invited to consider them as within the 'eight-day waiting period'. It isn't your job to convince them. It's not our business to determine when their time has come. The disciples couldn't convince Thomas of the reality of Christ's resurrection but Jesus knew when Thomas's heart was ripe and he didn't appear to Thomas until that day.

Eight days isn't that long.

But it can feel like 40 years.

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:
E. sacredheart@rcdvictoria.org
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Sacred Heart Parish Website >

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



*Thank you
Stella Lee & Family
for serving coffee
& Easter Treats
on Easter Sunday*



**Welcome
to our
Catholic Family**



**Congratulations to
Maximilian Solomon Iverson
Baptised on
Saturday, 26 April 2025
and
Caelum Cloud Buan Aquino
to be Baptised on
Tuesday, 29 April 2025**

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 pray for:

Those who have died

Tony da Silva, Maria Delima, Gwen Jahelka, Thomas Kehler, Emily Maya, Malvina Monacelli, Tricia Rea, and Irene Remedios.



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.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul



In the Gospel today, Jesus stands in the midst of us and says: "Peace be with you!" Indeed, the mercy of God centers our heart in peace. Through your gifts, the Society was able to help the poor celebrate the peace of Easter, by assisting families, providing in food, and assistance for utility and rent bills.

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



Fr. Shijo's Homilies

are available on our Parish Website

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



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 19 & April 20, 2025

Easter Offerings	\$ 1,984.00
Envelopes	\$ 1,335.00
Cash	\$ 968.15
Total	\$ 4,287.15

Good Friday, 2025

For the Holy Land	\$ 1,125.00
Envelopes	\$ 240.00
Cash	\$ 923.00
Total	\$ 2,288.00

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

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy and St. Faustina Kowalska



The message and devotion to Jesus as The Divine Mercy is based on the writings of St. Faustina Kowalska, a Polish nun who wrote a diary of about 600 pages in obedience to her spiritual director, recording the revelations she received about God's mercy. It was in 1935 that St. Faustina received a vision of an angel sent by God to chastise a certain city. As she began to pray for mercy, she saw the Holy Trinity and felt the power of Jesus' grace. Then, she found herself pleading with God using words she heard:

Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world; for the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us. (D, 475)

As she continued this inspired prayer, the angel could not carry out the punishment (D, 474). The next day, entering the chapel, she heard this interior voice again, this time instructing her on how to recite the prayer that our Lord later called "the Chaplet". Now, after "have mercy on us" the words "and on the whole world" (D, 476) were added. Thereafter, she recited this prayer almost constantly, offering it especially for the dying. In subsequent revelations, the Lord revealed that the Chaplet was for the whole world, attaching promises to its recitation. By the time of her death in 1938, devotion to The Divine Mercy had spread. The message and devotional practices proposed in the Diary have been found to be in accordance with the teachings of Church and are firmly rooted in the Gospel message of our Merciful Saviour.

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

A parishioner, Vaclav Trumpeš, 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.

St. Catherine of Siena April 29



St. Catherine is the patroness against fire, illness, the United States, Italy, miscarriages, people ridiculed for their faith, sexual temptation, and nurses.

Caterina di Jacopo di Benincasa, born 25 March 1347, was an Italian mystic and pious laywoman who engaged in papal and Italian politics. She is also considered to have influenced Italian literature. She joined the "mantellates", a group of pious women, primarily widows, devoted to Dominican spirituality.

After Catherine's death, these groups formalized into the Third Order of the Dominicans. It was Catherine who influenced Pope Gregory XI, in 1376, to leave Avignon for Rome. The Pope then sent her to negotiate peace with the Florentine Republic.

After Gregory XI's death (March 1378) and the conclusion of peace (July 1378), she returned to Siena. She dictated to secretaries her set of spiritual treatises, "The Dialogue of Divine Providence". She sent letters to princes and cardinals to promote obedience to Pope Urban VI and to defend what she calls the "vessel of the Church". St. Catherine died on 29 April 1380. Urban VI celebrated her funeral and burial in the Basilica of Santa Maria sopra Minerva in Rome. She was canonized by Pope Pius II in 1461, and declared patron saint of Rome in 1866 by Pope Pius IX. In 1939, with Francis of Assisi, Pope Pius XII declared her the patron saint of Italy. She was the second woman to be declared a Doctor of the Church on 4 October 1970 by Pope Paul VI, only a few days after St. Teresa of Avila. In 1999 Pope St. John Paul II proclaimed her a Patron Saint of Europe.



Grateful thanks to all the ministries, volunteers, and everyone who prepared and served during Holy Week and at the most Sacred Paschal Triduum. You made a beautiful and meaningful celebration even more beautiful and meaningful with your presence and service. **THANK YOU!**



Nominations for Sacred Heart's Parish Pastoral Council

The Sacred Heart Parish Pastoral Council led by Pastor, Fr. Shijo, plans, organizes, evaluates, and implements the pastoral programs of the parish. The Pastoral Council is composed of 10 members: 8 nominated or elected members, and 3 appointed by the pastor to represent the different communities in our parish.

In September, 4 of our members will not be coming back. We thank Marilyn, Jim, Peter, and Will for their time, hard work and dedication these past years. Now we need your help to find people who will continue to serve our parish. So if you or someone you know is:

- Of 18 years of age or older
- Enthusiastic for the future of Sacred Heart
- Willing to listen, speak and have the courage to work towards a consensus

We would like you to put in your name, or someone you, know into the Nomination Box that will be placed in the church foyer.

Nominations will be received from now until May 11. If necessary an election will be held on the weekend of May 17 and 18.



Thank you
for helping to remove the
invasive blackberry bushes
on Saturday, April 26.

We welcome financial contributions and sponsors or a sponsor to contribute toward, or pay for, an excavator and the accompanying licensed operator to remove the deep roots of these invasive plants. Donation envelopes are in the church foyer. Thank you.

60th Anniversary Photo Directory



The last photos will be taken next week for the Parish Directory. There are still some spots available for individuals or families. Please sign up at the table in the church lobby before or after the Saturday 4 pm Mass or Sunday 9 am Mass, or phone Marilyn at 250-361-4393 or 250-880-1442.



From the Diocese

Community Garage Sale St. Joseph the Worker Church Saturday, May 10, 9 am-2 pm

Over 30 tables of a little of everything: household, jewelry, books, plants, sports, tools, clothing ... Coffee, Tea, Lemonade, Burgers & Hotdogs will be available. We will accept donations until May 9.

11th Annual Diocesan Family Camp & Conference August 22 to 24, 2025, Nanoose Bay Camp Early Bird price: 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. Price includes meals, activities and your choice of accommodation.

St. Elizabeth's Craft Sale & Flea Market Saturday, May 10 from 9 am to 1 pm

Rent for space: \$40 | for a table \$10
Contact gary.koett@telus.net or phone 250-652-2543

Employment Opportunity Communications Assistant

St. Patrick's Parish in Victoria is seeking a detail-oriented and creative part-time **Communications Assistant** to support their Office Manager to ensure timely, and professional communications across all platforms.

For more details: <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/employment>



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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Pastor, Fr. Shijo George

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To report sexual abuse by a clergy member, religious, employee, or volunteer, visit [RCDVictoria.org/Responsible-Ministry](https://www.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://www.bishopreportingsystem.ca) or call 1-866-892-3737

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