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** First Sunday of Advent | 30 November 2025 **

Begin the new Liturgical Year and the Advent Season with an

Advent Mission 2025 *The Humility of Jesus*

Mass at 6:30 pm each evening

Sunday, 30 November

Monday, 1 December

Tuesday, 2 December



Fr. Joseph Yuson



All Are Welcome!



Christmas Season 2025

Thu, Dec 18	11:00 am Weekday Mass (English) 6:30 pm Advent Reconciliation Service
Wed, Dec 24 Christmas Eve	4:00 pm Children's Pageant / Carolling 4:30 pm Children's Mass in English 6:30 pm Carolling (before English Mass) 7:00 pm Mass in English 8:30 pm Mass in Korean 10:00 pm Syro-Malabar Rite Mass
Thu, Dec 25 Christmas Day	11:00 am Nativity of the Lord (English) 5:30 pm Nativity of the Lord (Vietnamese)
Fri, Dec 26	11:00 pm NO MASS
Sat, Dec 27 Holy Family	4:00 pm Anticipated Mass (English)
Sun, Dec 28 Holy Family	9:00 am Mass (English) 11:00 am Syro-Malabar Rite Mass 3:00 pm Mass (Korean)
Wed, Dec 31 New Year's Eve	6:00 pm Thanksgiving Mass (English) 7:30 pm Mass (Korean) 9:30 pm Syro-Malabar Rite Mass
Thu, Jan 1 Mary, Mother Of God	11:00 am Mass (English) 5:30 pm Mass (Vietnamese)



Eternal Rest Grant Unto
Fr. Frank Franz (23 Nov 2025)
Memorial Mass, Thu. 4 Dec at 10 am
St. Andrew's Cathedral
O Lord, and let Perpetual Light
Shine Upon him.
May his soul rest in peace. Amen.



LITURGICAL YEAR A

Saturday:

English Mass (Anticipated Sunday Mass) 4:00 pm

Sunday:

English Mass 9:00 am
Syro-Malabar Rite 11:00 am
Korean 3:00 pm
Vietnamese 5:30 pm
Advent Mission (Nov 30) 6:30 pm

Weekday Masses

English Masses

Monday (Dec 1, Advent Mission: No 11 am Mass) 6:30 pm
Tuesday (Dec 2, Advent Mission: No 11 am Mass) 6:30 pm
Wednesday (Dec 3) 11:00 am
Thursday (Dec 4, Funeral Mass: Roberto Segato) 1:00 pm
(No 11 am Mass & Parish Office is Closed)
Friday (Dec 5) 11:00 am
Followed by Exposition, Benediction is at 1:30 pm

Korean Masses

Wednesdays 7:30 pm
Thursdays 10:00 am

RECONCILIATION

Tuesday to Friday 10:30 am to 10:50 am
Saturday 3:00 pm to 3:45 pm
Sunday 8:15 am to 8:45 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

The Parish Office will be closed
for the Christmas Season from
25 December 2025 to 7 January 2026

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

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

Sacred Heart Parish Website >



The 2025-2026
Sunday Missal
are now available at **\$6 each.**



Specialty Fudges
Please order by Dec. 2



Email: info@birthrightvictoria.org
or call Peggy: 250.478.5372.

Parish Office pick-up: week of Dec 9 to 12.
Please see Birthright's Fudge poster for ordering details.
Support the pro-life work of Birthright Victoria.



Please Pray For

Those who have died:

Fr. Frank Franz, Elizabeth McPherson, Mary Neo,
Helene Oei, Sixto Pongos, and Roberto Segato

Those who are ill:

Dan, Jon A, Jacobus B, Irene C, Patricia C, Cora C,
Lesley D, Kathleen G, Derek L, Lisa L, Kevin Loughran, Ed O,
Fiona O, Will P, Willy S, Gaspar S, Valerie S, Cathy T, & Ornella T.



Join the CWL!

Catholic Women's League
is having its annual membership drive
Nov. 29 and Nov. 30, 2025

You can join or renew your membership
after Mass this weekend and next.

If you have any questions please contact Margot at 250-479-1161



*Donations for Flowers &
our Building Fund*
are now welcome!

The envelopes are
in the church foyer.

2026 Donation Envelopes

READY FOR PICK UP in the foyer, arranged according to
your surname in alphabetical order. Donation Envelopes
are needed to receive a tax receipt. If you are a new
parishioner and want a box of donation envelopes, please contact
the Parish Office: 250-479-1611 / sacredheart@rcdvictoria.org.



PLEASE DO NOT USE ANY ENVELOPES FROM PAST YEARS.

Please inform the Parish Office if you have a change of address.

PAD users, please use the special envelopes. Thank you.

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!

November 22 & November 23, 2025

Envelopes \$ 1,815.00

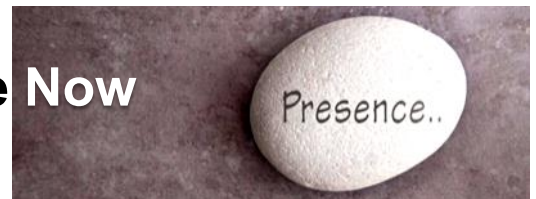
Cash \$ 516.70

Total \$ 2,331.70

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

Be Here Now

by Jean Allen



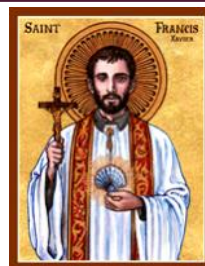
Pay attention, people! Will Jesus come like a thief in the night...or
like a babe in the night?

Advent is a time to sharpen our attention with the understanding
that the coming of Christ was, is, and always will be, a very subtle
intrusion into our lives. The often overwhelming clanging gongs of
Christmas preparation can dull our senses and cause us to miss
the reality of what it means that Christ has come and is coming all
the time. He will not announce himself with trumpets. The star of
Bethlehem was not flashing neon sign with an arrow pointing to
the manger. People like the shepherds, who were familiar with the
still silence of the night, and the Magi, who had hearts that
contemplated so they could hear the sound of light and answer its
call, were given access to a tiny infant born in the midst of the dark
confusion and noise of the world.

But how do we sharpen our attention? Be here now. Attend to the
present moment as often as you can. Pull your thoughts away from
future concerns and past wounds to live in the moment where God
resides. You will find yourself pulled away time and again because
living in the moment is not easy. It's hard to believe that the past
and the future are never resolved by constantly chewing on them
and all they do is bring unnecessary noise and confusion to an
already confused and noisy life. Sure, you need to make plans
but the mistake comes when you live in those plans and all the
imagined variations of them. Make a plan and then come back to
the present and put the plan in God's hands.

If Jesus did come like a thief in the night, what would he steal
from you? All the worries you've stacked up and hoarded? All the
resentments that fall out of overstuffed cupboards? If he did come
like a babe in the night, what would he bring to your home? The
innocent sweetness of a child who can only exist in the moment?

Thief or babe, be there for him.



St. Francis Xavier

3 December

St. Francis Xavier was born April 7, 1506 in
Xavier (Javier) Castle near Sangüesa,
Navarre, Spain, died December 3, 1552 on
Shangchuan Island, China. He was canonized
on March 12, 1622. St. Francis Xavier was the
greatest Roman Catholic missionary of
modern times, establishing Christianity in

India, the Malay Archipelago, and Japan. He was one of the first
seven members of the Society of Jesus, or Jesuits, under the
leadership of St. Ignatius of Loyola. Francis was ordained a priest
on June 24, 1537.

On March 15, 1540, Francis left Rome for the Indies. Francis spent
the next three years on the southeast coast of India among the
Paravas, simple, poor pearl fishers, baptizing about 20,000. Using
a small catechism he translated into Tamil, Francis travelled from
village to village instructing and confirming them. Shortly after, on
the southwest coast, he baptized 10,000 Macuans in the last
months of 1544. In the fall of 1545, Francis travelled to the Malay
Archipelago, to Malacca; founding missions among the Malays and
headhunters in the Spice Islands, Moluccas. In 1548, he returned
to India, to develop the College of Holy Faith into a centre to
educate native priests and catechists for the diocese of Goa which
stretched from the Cape of Good Hope, Africa, to China.

On August 15, 1549, Francis travelled to Japan. His first letter from
Japan revealed his enthusiasm for the Japanese: "the best people
yet discovered." By 1551, Francis left 2,000 Christians from five
communities in Japan to his companions. On December 3, 1552,
Francis died on the island of Sancian, Shangchuan, off the Chinese
coast, as he attempted to secure entrance into the country.

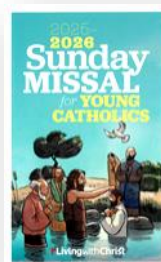
[Online accessed 25 November 2024: <https://www.britannica.com/biography/Saint-Francis-Xavier>]



Children, come participate in this year's Christmas Pageant!

All children of the parish are invited to participate in this year's Christmas pageant on Wednesday, 24 December, Christmas Eve, before the 4:30 pm Children's Mass. The main practice and rehearsal will be on Sunday, December 14 after the 9 am Mass.

Please email the Parish Office by December 6 to sign up.



2025-2026 Sunday Missal for Young Catholics

For sale in the church foyer
Suggested contribution: \$10 each

Parish Reconciliation Service

Thursday, 18 December at 6:30 p.m.

A number of priests will be available for Confessions.



Five Conditions of a Good Confession



1. Examination of Conscience
2. Repentance and remorse for one's sins: arising from faith and love of God.
3. Firmly resolve not to sin, or repeat a sin again.
4. Confess and disclose the sins to a priest.
5. Fully intend to make reparation, and do works of reparation for the sins.



Confessions

Tuesdays to Fridays 10:30 a.m. to 10:50 a.m.

Saturdays 3 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.

Sundays 8:15 a.m. to 8:45 a.m.



Society of St. Vincent de Paul

The Advent spirit is in the heart of all of us: longing for fulfilment that is beyond ourselves: for the coming of the Lord. Make your gift to the St. Vincent de Paul Poor, discover the true meaning of Christmas. For assistance, please call our Social Concern Office: 250-727-0007 ext 1.

To donate online, specify "Sacred Heart Parish"
https://give-can.keela.co/ssvp_donation_form

Make cheques to: "Society of St. Vincent de Paul".

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



*Knights of Columbus
Sacred Heart Council*



Christmas Party

Saturday, December 13, 6 pm to 9 pm

Come for a potluck dinner, and enjoy Christmas Favours,
Please bring your food or dessert dishes
to the Parish Hall from 5:30 pm to 6 pm.
Come and join us in celebrating
this most joyous Christmas Season,
while donating to your favorite charities!!!



2025 Annual Bishop's Appeal Love & Unity

For a Tax Receipt, please send donations to the Parish Office or directly to the Pastoral Centre before the end of the year.

Every dollar raised up to the goal, **20%** will return to the parish.
For every dollar raised above the goal, **80%** will be returned.
If what is raised is beyond 200%, **100%** will return to the parish.

Online Donation Options:

Diocesan website: www.rcdvictoria.org/bishops-appeal

E-transfer: appealoffice@rcdvictoria.org

Phone the Pastoral Centre directly to make a one-time or monthly donation by credit card 1-250-479-1331

Our Parish goal is \$45,500.00

Actual to Date: \$43,207.00

Number of Gifts: 111



From the Diocese

Blessed Are You

January 30 to February 1, 2026

A WEEKEND OF KNOWING JESUS
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Camp Homewood

Registration is now open.

For Youth in grades 7-12



The cost is \$195 per participant:
includes food, accommodation, and activities.

To register: <https://camp-homewood-2025.eventbrite.ca>

Young Catholic Women

express your joy and love of God through art!

Deadline: January 15, 2026

Open to all Catholic women using watercolour, charcoal, acrylics, oil, and pencil crayon only. A spiritual theme: nature, animals, and portraits. First place awards for ages: 10-17, 18-25, 26-35. Winners will be announced in June 2026 at the BC/Yukon convention.

Email the original art with your name, address, phone number, age and email address to pastpresident@bcyukoncwsl.com



Care of the Dying

Diocese of Victoria Health Care Committee has created a new resource: *A Catholic Perspective: What Family Members Need to Know Before and After a Loved One Enters Eternal Life.*

This pastoral guide offers practical information, from a Catholic perspective, for families facing the death of a loved one. There are also quick reference cards available. Please read and share its guidance and message of faith, hope, and eternal life.

Download at: <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/care-of-the-dying>



Anawim's Annual Christmas Tree Fundraiser

Nov. 24 to Dec. 13 : 973 Caledonia Ave.

Weekdays: 2 pm – 8 pm Sat: 9 am – 3 pm Sun: Closed



We also need new and gently used warm winter clothing.

A donation box will be in the church foyer to collect your donations.

Anawim House: info@anawimhouse.com / phone 250-382-0283.

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Knights of Columbus
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Moms & Tots
Funeral Receptions
Social Justice/D & P
St. Vincent de Paul

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Margot McLaughlin
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Stan Dzbik
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To report sexual abuse by a clergy member,
religious, employee, or volunteer, visit
RCDVictoria.org/Responsible-Ministry
or call 1-800-968-3146

To report sexual abuse or cover-up
by a Catholic Bishop,
visit BishopReportingSystem.ca or
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