



Sacred Heart Catholic Church

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60
Years at
Nelthorpe

*** 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time | 5 October 2025 ***



*A Grateful and Heartfelt Thank You
for a most enjoyable and meaningful*

Parish Holy Doors Pilgrimage

last Saturday, 27 September!



A big thank you to the planning committee, who worked hard for this pilgrimage:
Jeremy Côté, Felipe & Dominique Edora, Isme Liem, Peter Liem, Neil Lundin,
Samantha Sherman, Angela Spencer, Marisa Tinsay, Rafael & Katherine.

LITURGICAL YEAR C

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 (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 (Our Lady of the Rosary: Pope John Hall) 11:00 am
Wednesday 11:00 am
Thursday (Please note the earlier time) **9:00 am**
Friday 11:00 am
Adoration after Mass, with Benediction at 1:30 pm

Korean Masses

Wednesdays 7:30 pm
Thursdays 10:00 am

Parish Office Hours

**Tuesdays to Fridays
9:30 am to 3:00 pm**

Close: 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 >



**IN OCTOBER join us to
Pray the Rosary**
25 minutes before each Mass



Horizons of Hope

Tuesdays, Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28
6:30 pm to 8:30 pm, Parish Hall

Oct 7, Mod 1: Understanding the Human
Experience of Dying & Death.

Oct 14, Mod 2: Discerning and Making
Decisions at the End of Life.

Oct 21, Mod 3: Accompanying those at
the End of Life.

Oct 28, Mod 4: Supporting & Integrating within
the Wider Community.

Led by Dr. Felipe Edora and Angela Spencer.

The Sign-Up Sheet in the church foyer.



Please Pray For

Those who have died:

Alice, Joe Snr. & Joe Jnr. Delima, Margaret Gustafson, Violeta Magnaye, Sixto Pongos, Edmond Rumiano, Max Sequeira, and Eugene Webster.

Those who are ill:

Dan, Jon A, Jacobus B, Irene Copiozo, Patricia C, Cora C, Maureen D, Lesley D, Kathleen G, Derek L, Lisa L, Will P, Dino R, Davide R, Willy S, Gaspar S, Valerie S, Cathy T, Maria T, Ornella T, and Louise Whitley.



Eternal Rest Grant Unto
Margaret Gustafson (23 September 2025)

Funeral Mass: Tue, Oct 7 at 1 pm

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

Please inform the Parish Office if you have a new address, or if your email or phone number have changed.

This will enable the Parish Office to ensure that the information on our database is accurate and up to date.



We thank everyone who contributed to the feast of ethnic foods for the 60th Anniversary Potluck Dinner, and all the talented parishioners who performed for us as well. Enjoy the recording!

<https://youtu.be/UJzUSbRTf3U>

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!

September 2025

PAD \$ 6,030.00

E-Transfer \$ 890.00

Canada Helps \$ 763.97

September 27 & September 28, 2025

Envelopes \$ 1,767.00

Cash \$ 511.00

Total \$ 2,278.00

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

Fr. Shijo's Homilies

are available on our Parish Website

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



Getting Down With It

by Jean Allen



In this Gospel, the disciples said, "Increase our faith!" and Jesus responded by talking about faith the size of a mustard seed and uprooting a mulberry tree and planting it in the sea. Then he plunged into an analogy about servants recognizing that they are worthless servants. Wait. What?? He was heading in one direction and then suddenly took off in a totally different direction. Kind of makes your head spin. But Jesus is a heart reader. He knew the intentions and desires behind the disciples' demand.

Jesus was always letting his disciples know that following him, even with great faith, was always a path of humble service. Sure, it would be awesome and impressive to be able to rip up mulberry trees and toss them into the ocean. Miracles are so cool. But, in the end, the Kingdom would not be served by this act. It would simply be a "See how great I am?" act.

Jesus wanted his disciples to have the kind of faith that leads to humility, love and service, not to spiritual status and power. It's not that God or Jesus views us as worthless servants. We have huge worth to them; we are pearls of great price in their eyes. What they don't want are servants who covet a place at the table of recognition, admiration and praise. They want servants who covet the lowest place like Jesus coveted the lowest place, the place with the sick, the poor, the marginalized and the ones who had made huge mistakes and were suffering for those mistakes.

It takes great faith to serve without needing recognition. It is the faith of knowing one is completely loved by God and that nothing else – absolutely nothing else – is needed. It is the faith of knowing one is already at home in the Kingdom and knowing the job now is to simply love and serve. There is no serving from the top down, there is only serving from the bottom up.

If Jesus's faith led him down, he's still there. That's where you'll find him.



Society of St. Vincent de Paul

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples, "When you have done all you have been commanded, say: We are unprofitable servants; we have only done what we were obliged to do."

In the month of September, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to bring God's love and mercy to the 2,831 individuals who benefited from the food and donations you made to support our downtown Choices Food Pantry. Thank You!

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

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

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



4th CWL Community Garage Sale

Saturday, October 18
9 am - 1 pm

Secure a table for \$30.

Contact Miriam at
mirpod@yahoo.com or 250-888-8797





OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

7 October

Many religions use beads to keep track of prayers. Our Rosary, a circle of beads, is like a garland offered to Mary because we pray a prayer on each bead. This well-loved prayer has its roots in the 150 psalms. People who couldn't read began praying 150 Hail Marys instead, the equivalent of three of our modern rosaries covering the original three sets of mysteries.

The story of the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is an interesting one. In the 16th century Pope Pius V was having trouble with the Ottoman Turks, who were a real danger to Christianity. After months of disagreements and bickering, he was able to unite Spain, Venice, and the States of the Church in a naval expedition to fight the Turks.

The two navies met in the Gulf of Lepanto in Greece on October 7, 1571. On the same day, the Rosary Confraternity of Rome was meeting at the Dominican headquarters there. The group recited the Rosary for the special intention of the Christians at battle. The Christians defeated the Turks in a spectacular victory and believed it was the intercessory power of the Blessed Virgin that won the victory. Pope Pius V dedicated the day as one of thanksgiving to Our Lady of Victory. Pope Gregory XIII later changed the name to the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary.

The story of the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary focuses on the intercessory power of Mary. Anyone who prays to Mary no longer feels alone because she prays with them and for them. Mary encouraged praying the Rosary in her apparitions. At Lourdes when she appeared to Saint Bernadette, Mary had a Rosary. As Bernadette prayed it, Mary joined in on the Glory Be prayers. At Fatima Mary exhorted the three children who saw her to pray the Rosary for peace.

The Rosary is a deep prayer; as we recite the Our Fathers, Hail Marys, and Glory Bes, we meditate on the mysteries in the lives of Jesus and Mary. No wonder it pleases Our Lady when we pray the Rosary.

[Online accessed, 2 Oct 2024:

<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/saints/saints-stories-for-all-ages/our-lady-of-the-rosary/>]



2025 Annual Bishop's Appeal Love & Unity

The Bishop's Appeal begins today! The theme of the 2025 Bishop's Appeal is *Love and Unity*. Inspired by Pope Leo's words, "I would like that our first great desire be for a united Church, a sign of unity and communion, which becomes a haven for a reconciled world".

Please support the annual Bishop's Appeal as it supports our parish projects and events such as our annual Sacred Heart Feast Day, 60th Anniversary celebrations, the Holy Doors Pilgrimage, and general buildings, landscaping, and maintenance projects.

For 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.

Watch Bishop Gary's video about the Appeal here:
www.rcdvictoria.org/bishops-appeal

With the Postal Strike, please return the Appeal envelopes to the parish office or place them in the weekend collection basket.

Online Donation Options:

The diocesan website: www.rcdvictoria.org/bishops-appeal

By e-transfer: appealoffice@rcdvictoria.org

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

Support the Annual Bishop's Appeal as a parish and together let us grow in Love and Unity as a Diocesan Family on Vancouver Island.

**This year our parish project is
the installation of a multimedia system.**

Our Parish goal for 2025 is \$45,500.00

Join the Knights of Columbus!

Our Sacred Heart Council is holding a membership drive this month. Rooted in Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism, we serve God, family, and community.

Learn more at www.kofc.org
and sign up after Mass on October 25/26.



From the Diocese

Jubilee 2025 Eucharistic Celebration

12:10 pm, Thu, Oct 9 at St. Patrick's Church

Celebrated by Bishop Gary Gordon. Consecrated men and women from across the island will be delighted to have you join them for this celebration, which is part of their day-long gathering on the theme: "Pilgrims of Hope on the Path to Peace." All are welcome.



Development & Peace Fall Workshop "Turn Debt into Hope"

St. Patrick's Parish Hall, Victoria | October 18, 9:30 am to 1:30 pm

Facilitator: Raphael Freston

There will be a light lunch at the end of the workshop.

All are welcome to attend.

Please contact Nancy Stuart: nancystuart7@gmail.com

Public Square Rosary Rally

12 pm, Saturday, October 11, 2025

All are invited to take part in this prayerful witness! At the corners of Belleville and Government Streets (same location as last year).

For details, contact Paul J. S. Beaubien
250-384-6047 or pauljsbmaps@telus.net

World Wide Marriage Encounter

Oct 24 to 26, 2025, Fraser Valley

Rekindle your romance, deepen your connection, and strengthen your relationship. Deadline: Oct 11.

<https://beholdvancouver.org/events/couple-retreat-by-worldwide-marriage-encounter>



24 September to 2 November

Every year more than 10,000 unborn babies are killed in the womb in BC, and over 100,000 in Canada. Join 40 Days for Life at Helmcken Road Overpass Park & Ride, from 7 am to 7 pm daily.

<https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/victoriabc>



Rachel's VINEYARD

Healing the pain of abortion - one weekend at a time

This ministry is a safe place for people to renew, rebuild and redeem hearts broken by abortion.

The next Retreat: November 7 to 9, 2025.

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or call 1-800-968-3146

To report sexual abuse or cover-up
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visit BishopReportingSystem.ca or
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