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*** 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time | 6 September 2026 ***



*Have a most
enjoyable,
relaxing, and
blessed
**Labour Day
Long Weekend***

Happy Labour day!

Grateful Thanks

to
Fr. Sean Flynn
and
Fr. Marco Park
for celebrating Holy Mass
with us this weekend.

LITURGICAL YEAR A

Saturday:

English Mass (anticipated Mass) 4:00 pm

Sunday:

English Mass 9:00 am
Syro-Malabar (Sep 6) 1:00 pm
Korean 3:00 pm
Vietnamese (Please contact the Parish Office) 5:30 pm

Weekday Masses English Masses

Tuesday	No Mass
Wednesday	No Mass
Thursday	No Mass
Friday	No Mass

Korean Masses

Wednesday	7:30 pm
Thursday	10:00 am

Syro-Malabar Mass

Thursday (Every 3rd Thurs of the month)	7:00 pm
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RECONCILIATION

Tuesday to Friday	10:30 am
Saturday	3:15 am
Sunday	8:15 am



No One Left Behind.

By Jean Allen

This is one Gospel I'd be extremely leery of taking literally as written without taking into consideration the context plus Jesus's overarching mission. Jesus told his followers how to deal with someone who sins against them: speak to them; and if that doesn't work, take it to the Church. If that doesn't work, "let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector." A bit brutal, what?

However, immediately preceding this week's text is the parable of the shepherd who leaves the ninety-nine to go seek out one lost sheep. Jesus does not advocate ostracizing the wayward person; he pulled the Gentiles and tax collectors into his fold and they were as loved and accepted and sought after as anyone else. Matthew, who wrote this text, had been a tax collector himself. Jesus's idea is that if someone is acting out of line, you seek them out – with love, concern and acceptance. They are as important as the ninety-nine who don't stray. Banishing or shutting anyone out of the Kingdom is absolutely not the way of the Lord.

The other point of this text may be that Jesus was giving his followers a way to deal with disputes after he was gone. The Jews had the 'Bait Din' (house of justice) that met to resolve disputes according to Jewish law, not Roman law. This was supposed to be an impartial body of educated Jews but it was really an old boys' club, rife with corruption where positions could be bought or given as favors. Also, judgements were made according to the Old Testament laws and Jesus was establishing a new order based on mercy and forgiveness. The Bait Din was definitely not a place where his infant Christians would receive fair hearings or could resolve disputes in the way Jesus intended.

Even before he died, Jesus knew there would be conflict and disputes in the young Christian community. What a surprise, huh?

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**Knights of Columbus
Sacred Heart Council**
invites all men to the next

COR Meeting

7:30 pm, Tuesday, September 8
Pope John Hall, next to the Rectory

**Topic "Mental Health Flourishing in
Everyday Life - Are You Thriving
or Surviving?"**

All Knights, male parishioners, and
friends are welcome to attend.

Nepal Flooding Relief Efforts

Development & Peace - Caritas Canada

A flash flood has devastated the
Nepal-Tibet border, taking the lives of
thousands, and leaving thousands
more missing. To donate:

<https://devp.org/en/nepal-floods-necessitate-a-deluge-of-solidarity/>
or call 1-888-234-8533

Parish Office Hours

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

Closed on Sundays, Mondays, and Saturdays

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 >



Come enjoy a delicious

*Welcome Back
Pancake Breakfast*



Hosted by the Knights of Columbus
after the 9 am Mass, Sunday, 13 September
in the Parish Hall.

**All proceeds will go toward the Sacred Heart
Parish Building Fund. See you there!**

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!

August 29 & 30, 2026

Envelopes \$ 1,844.00

Cash \$ 460.00

Total \$ 2,304.00

Building Fund \$ 220.00

August 22 & 23, 2026

Envelopes \$ 1,900.00

Cash \$ 458.00

Total \$ 2,358.00

Building Fund \$ 210.00

August 15 & 16, 2026

Envelopes \$ 1,913.00

Cash \$ 488.00

Total \$ 2,401.00

Building Fund \$ 30.00

August 8 & 9, 2026

Envelopes \$ 1,380.00

Cash \$ 521.00

Total \$ 1,901.00

Building Fund \$ 320.00

August 1 & 2, 2026

Envelopes \$ 1,959.00

Cash \$ 415.00

Total \$ 2,374.00

Building Fund \$ 7,750.00

August 2026

E-transfers \$ 1,070.00

PAD \$ 6,385.00

Canada Helps \$ 830.00

July 2026

E-transfers \$ 1,055.00

PAD \$ 6,410.00

Canada Helps \$ 1,500.00

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

Please Pray For

Those who have died:

Mary Awor, Alice, Joe Snr & Joe Jnr De Lima, Titong Pongos, Souls in Purgatory, Joe & Luigi Reda, and Bernadette Roxas.



Those who are ill:

Irene Anna, Jon A, Jacobus B, Cora C, Theresa H, John Knapik, Joe & Sherry O, Alexandra Picard, Walt Ryan, Davide R, and Dan W.

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary September 8



This is one of the most ancient Marian feasts. It is thought that this feast originated in connection with the Feast of a church dedicated to Mary, now the Church of St Ann, in Jerusalem in the 6th century. Tradition holds that this is where the house of Mary's parents, Joachim and Ann, stood and where she would have been born.

The Feast began to be celebrated in Rome in the 8th century with Pope Sergius I (+ 8 September 701). It is the third such feast of a "nativity" on the Roman Calendar: the Nativity of Jesus, the Son of God (Christmas); the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist (24 June); and the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (8 September). Nothing can be found in the Gospels to confirm this feast. They do not even give the names of her parents, which are based on a tradition that stems from the 2nd century Protoevangelium (apocryphal) Gospel of James.

The primary event in Mary's life always remains the Annunciation. The Church looks on her as the Mother of God, but even more so as the disciple who can best offer us an example and model of the Christian life. In her faith, in her obedience to her Son, in the way she made herself a neighbour toward her cousin Elizabeth and to the couple in Cana on their wedding day, Mary is the woman to imitate especially in the trust shown during the darkest moments in the life of Jesus, her Son. Here, and in many other moments, she explains why the people of God know they can find their refuge and comfort, help and protection in her.

In Milan, evidence of the celebration of this feast dates back to the 10th century. A cathedral to the "newborn Mary" was consecrated on 20 October 1572 by Saint Charles Borromeo. It was there, on Santa Sofia Street, that a shrine was built that housed a statue of Baby Mary, entrusted to the Sisters of Charity of Saints Bartolomea and Vincenza.

Expressing her own personal devotion, a Franciscan nun from Todi, Sister Chiara Isabella Fornari, made several wax statues of the newborn Mary wrapped in swaddling clothes from 1720 to 1730. One of these images was donated in 1739 to the Capuchin Sisters of Blessed Mary of the Angels in Milan. These sisters spread her devotion, which in the Ambrogian tradition found particularly fertile terrain. The statue of Baby Mary became so popular there that, even till this day, the sisters of this congregation are popularly known as the Sisters of "Baby Mary".

[Online accessed: 4 August 2026: <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/liturgical-holidays/feast-of-the-nativity-of-the-blessed-virgin-mary-italy.html>]



Society of St. Vincent de Paul

In today's Gospel, Jesus says: "...where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them." Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Together, we help them to know that indeed "God is in the midst of them."

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

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".



THANK YOU!

We thank the members of the 2025 - 2026 Parish Pastoral Council for their support as advisors to our Pastor. We are grateful for their service, hard work, and long hours of dedication to the parish. We wish them and their families every blessing.

Outgoing Parish Pastoral Council Members: Jeremy Côté, Samantha Sherman.

We welcome the new members to the Sacred Heart Parish Pastoral Council
(Effective September 2026)



Rey Hermoso



Peter Martin



Lorraine Van Dyk



Edgar Tan Jr. (Chair)



Margaret Sasges



Rick Perez de Tagle



Merwin Thengil



Richard Byeon



Sonny Huynh



Jithin James

New Members of the PPC

Current Members of the PPC

**Korean Vietnamese Syro-Malabar
Ethnic Community Representatives**



Mid-Autumn Festival

**5:30 p.m. Saturday
September 19
Parish Hall**



You are invited to celebrate the Mid-Autumn Festival with the whole family. Enjoy Lantern-Making, delicious food, treats, games, prizes and raffles. Fun and fellowship for the family! Celebrate and bond as a parish!

All funds raised will go toward the Church Roof Project.



If you have been Confirmed and received your First Holy Communion, consider being an **Altar Server!** Volunteers are also welcome to be **Proclaimers, Ushers,** and singers and musicians are invited to join the Choir on Sundays. If you feel called to serve as **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion** or the **Pastoral Outreach Homebound Ministry,** please contact us as well. We will be happy to hear from you.

Please contact the Parish Office at
250-479-1611 or sacredheart@rcdvictoria.org

Commissioning Sunday is on the weekend of September 19 / 20.



From the Diocese



Birthright's Annual Strollerthon

**11 a.m., Saturday, September 12
Fisherman's Wharf Park**

Five-K around Jame Bay! The Moreau family from our parish will be participating in this Strollerthon, and would love to have your support! Mary Moreau will have sponsor sheets available after each weekend Mass, if you would like to sponsor them. Pledges (clearly labeled "Birthright Strollerthon" on the outside and with mailing address inside for those wanting a charitable receipt) can also be dropped in the collection plate or left at the Parish Office.

Thank you for your support!

7th Annual Mass for Our Lady of Penafrancia, Saturday, September 12

St. Patrick's Church, Haultain Street.

Celebrate faith, tradition, and community in a beautiful gathering of devotion for the Penafrancia Festival, one of the Philippines' most vibrant celebrations in honour of Our Lady of Penafrancia.

The Rosary will be prayed at 10 a.m., Mass will be at 11 a.m., followed by a potluck lunch at noon.

All are welcome.



Society of Saint Vincent de Paul Vancouver Island: Hearts for Homes Gala

**6 pm, October 3, Union Club of Victoria
805 Gordon Street, Victoria, BC**

Tickets, \$200 each - <https://www.hibid.ca/events/heart-for-homes>
An evening of compassion and community in support of affordable housing on Vancouver Island. Enjoy a three-course dinner, musical entertainment, guest speakers, and silent and live auctions.

BELOVED CATHOLIC WOMEN'S RETREAT 2026

Mysterium: Behold the Lamb of God

November 13-15, 2026, Camp Homewood, Quadra Island

Registration opens Saturday, September 12 at 9:00 a.m.

For more information - <https://belovedvi.com>
or phone: 250-731-0567

PASTORAL CARE TRAINING SESSIONS

**9:30 am to 12 pm | Sep 26 to Nov 28
(No session, Oct 10)**



Nine online sessions, via Zoom, on Saturday mornings. You will receive a Certificate of Completion if all sessions are attended.

Please register by Thursday, September 17.

For further information, please email moiraking@shaw.ca



Rachel's Vineyard is hosting a retreat on Vancouver Island from September 11 - 13. This ministry is a safe place for people to renew, rebuild and redeem hearts broken by abortion.

For information and to register, please contact Nicola at rachelsvineyardvancouverisland@gmail.com or 250-514-3973.

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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 call 1-866-892-3737

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