



Sacred Heart Catholic Church

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*** Divine Mercy Sunday | 12 April 2026 ***



**Welcome to our
Catholic Family
Christian Picard**

*Who received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation,
and First Holy Communion at the
Easter Vigil on Saturday, 4 April 2026*



Thank you
*Stella Lee & family,
and Richard & Irene
Byeon
for the Easter Treats
after Easter Mass
last Sunday!*



JESUS, I trust in YOU

I may have been the only person at the Good Friday Liturgy thinking about this week's Gospel about 'Doubting Thomas'. But in my defense, the reason was thinking about that text was because of the Good Friday Gospel reading where Jesus was given sour wine and after he received the wine, he said, "It is finished." Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit." Whenever that is read on Good Friday, my heart feels the wrenching grief and shock of all of his followers who witnessed that. Dead. Gone. Done. The end. All over. Sobs of anguish won't bring him back.



Belief
by Jean Allen

It was probably a need for comfort that made my mind skip ahead to this week's Gospel where the disciples were locked, not only in a room but also in the fresh wounds of their shredded hearts. The light bursts in upon them. Jesus is there! Alive and full of joy, forgiveness, healing and consolation.

We're supposed to be reflecting on the doubt in Thomas but did Thomas doubt in the way we normally think of doubt: disbelief born out of cynicism, lack of faith and hardness of heart? Or were his statements of doubt just self-preservation because his grief could not take any more disappointments or any more betrayal of hope? When Jesus said, "Do not doubt but believe," was he not saying, "Believe you are loved; you are not excluded,"? When he said, purportedly just to Thomas, "Have you believed because you have seen me?" I think he was talking to all the disciples. None of them had believed before they saw Jesus – and none of them immediately proclaimed Jesus as Lord and God, like Thomas did.

One lesson of this Gospel is that Jesus not only wants us to believe in his resurrected life but he also wants our belief to be bound up by an inner experience of his love, love that comes to us even when we struggle with belief. No, we have not seen him, but we believe we can have relationship.

And we are so blessed.

JOIN US!

April 12, 2026, 10am; Parish Courtyard

Sacred Heart Engagement Fair

Find out how YOU can contribute to the Parish Community!

LITURGICAL YEAR A

Saturday:

English Mass (anticipated Mass) 4:00 pm

Sunday:

English Mass (Divine Mercy Sunday: April 12) 9:00 am
Syro-Malabar 11:00 am
Korean 3:00 pm
Vietnamese (Please contact the Parish Office) 5:30 pm

Weekday Masses

English Masses

Tuesday (April 14: in Pope John Hall) 11:00 am
Wednesday (April 15) 11:00 am
Thursday (April 16) 11:00 am
Friday (April 17: St. Kateri Tekakwitha) 11:00 am
Exposition 11:30 am
Benedicton 1:30 pm

Korean Masses

Wednesday 7:30 pm
Thursday 10:00 am

RECONCILIATION

Thursday & Friday 10:30 am
Saturday 3:15 am
Sunday 8:15 am

Parish Office Hours

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

Closed on Mondays, Saturdays, and Sundays

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:
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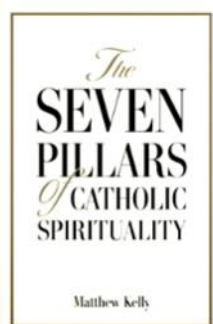
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for their generous donation of
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Catholic
Spirituality***

by Matthew Kelly

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to a copy, and take one
for your friends.*





Please Pray For

Those who have died:

Kris Balanda, James Bond, Teresa Bijold, Nigel Brodeur, Daniel de Grammont, George & Regina McLaughlin, Sixto Pongos, Pierre Sene, and Norman Webb.

Those who are ill:

Irene Anna, Jon A, Jacobus B, Patrick C, Irene C, Patricia C, Cora C, Lesley D, Robert H, Derek L, Lisa L, Ed O, Fiona M, Davide R, Valerie S, Norma Thompson, Ornella T, and Dan W.



The Chaplet of Divine Mercy and St. Faustina Kowalska

The message of 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. In 1935, 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, 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. 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.

Eternal Rest Grant Unto



Norman Webb (6 March 2026)

Funeral Mass, 12 p.m., Thursday, 16 April 2026

Nigel Brodeur (30 March 2026)

Funeral Mass, 11 a.m., Tuesday, 12 May 2026

James Bond (31 March 2026)

Teresa Bijold (31 March 2026)
Funeral Mass, 2:30 p.m., Friday, 17 April 2026

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

The Garry Oak restoration project is back!

The group meets every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month, from 1 pm to 4 pm, until the end of October.

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 4 & 5, 2026

Envelopes \$ 3,395.90

Cash \$ 1,043.00

Total \$ 4,438.90

March 2026

E-transfers \$ 970.00

PAD \$ 6,345.00

Canada Helps \$ 862.92

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

St. Kateri Tekakwitha

April 17



Known as the "Lily of the Mohawks", Kateri Tekakwitha was born in 1656 to a Catholic Algonquin mother and a Mohawk Chief in Ossernenon (Auriesville, New York). When she was four years old, her parents and brother died of smallpox, and Kateri was also affected by the disease that left her almost blind and with her face badly scarred. She was taken in by her aunts and uncle, who was strongly opposed to Christianity.

When she was 10 years old, her village moved to Caughnawaga (Fonda, New York). In 1667, her village was visited by the Jesuit missionaries Fathers Fremin, Bruyas and Pierron, from whom she received her first knowledge of Christianity. When Kateri turned 18, Fr. Jacques de Lamberville arrived to take charge of the mission in her village. Despite his misgivings, her uncle allowed her to be baptized as long as she remained in the village. Following her Baptism, Kateri lived a pious and faith-filled life, spending hours in prayer and fashioning crosses out of twigs. She also refused to marry, believing that she was married to God and that no man could take God's place in her heart. Her beliefs were met with ridicule, hostility and threats. Two years after her Baptism, she fled to St. Francis Xavier Mission, a Christian Mohawk village in Kahnawake, Quebec. There, she received her first Communion on Christmas Day 1677. She also made a vow of perpetual virginity on the Feast of the Annunciation in 1679. In Kahnawake, Kateri was known for her faith and holiness. She taught prayers to children, cared for the elderly and the sick, and would often attend Mass at sunrise and sunset.

Kateri's health deteriorated in the last years of her life. She died of tuberculosis on April 17, 1680, shortly before her 24th birthday, and was buried at St. Francis Xavier Mission. Her final words were: "Jesos Konoronkwa" ("Jesus, I love you"). Witnesses report that within minutes of her death, the smallpox scars vanished from her face, which then radiated with beauty.

[From the CCCB website, accessed 10 April 2024, <https://www.cccb.ca/indigenous-peoples/prayer-and-spirituality/saint-kateri-tekakwitha/>]

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 the already beautiful highpoint of our faith an even more beautiful and meaningful celebration with your presence and service.

THANK YOU!



Society of St. Vincent de Paul

In the Gospel today, Jesus stands in the midst of us and says: "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you"

Tax Receipts will be issued by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

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".



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

Knights of Columbus COR Meeting

7:30 pm, Tuesday, April 14

Pope John Hall, next to the Rectory

Topic "The Miracles and Holiness
of St. Padre Pio "

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



From the Diocese

Healthcare Mass

11 am, Sunday, April 19
St. Patrick's Church, Haultain

Bishop Gary Gordon will celebrate a special Healthcare Mass at 11:00 am on Sunday, April 19 in honour of the dedication of those who work or volunteer in health care.

Everyone is invited to participate, either in person or via livestream:
<https://www.youtube.com/live/BcHDjhHitMc>.

Enjoy a Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast before and after Mass in the Lourdes Hall

USED UNIFORMS NEEDED

St. Andrew's Regional High School will accept "USED UNIFORM" donations for their sale in May. Please drop off the donations in the marked bin by the main doors of the school.



HOSTING STUDENTS

The St. Andrew's International Student Program need host families for male students for the 2026/27 School Year starting September. Host families receive \$1,350 per month to cover costs.

Please contact Nina Timm at:
homestay@cisdv.bc.ca / 403-771-2519

Joy of Music Concert

6 pm, Tuesday, April 14
UVic Farquhar Auditorium

Island Catholic Schools warmly invite you to their annual Joy of Music Concert. This special evening showcases the talents of students from St. Patrick's, St. Joseph's, and St. Andrew's through choir, band, and musical theatre performances.

Join us for an inspiring night as our young musicians share their dedication, creativity, and passion for music; honouring the spirit of our Island Catholic Schools community.

Purchase tickets by calling the UVic Box Office:
(250) 721-8480 or online at:

<https://purchase.tickets.uvic.ca/EventAvailability?EventId=12601>

Bp Thomas J. Lobsinger, OMI Memorial Bursary

Applications accepted until Jun 30, 2026

Requests for application should be addressed to:

Jim Williams, State Bursary Chairman
2195 Neptune Road, North Saanich, BC, V8L 5J4
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Terms: https://foundation.kofcbc.org/bursary/#elf_l1_Lw



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