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Years at
Nelthorpe

* 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time | 12 October 2025 *

Come celebrate the Rosary Mass

6 pm, Friday, October 31

Followed by Exposition | Rosary | Benediction

Come dressed as your favourite saint or prophet!

Then join us for a Potluck Dinner in the Parish Hall.
The Sign-up Sheet is in the church foyer.



*We thank the Sacred Heart Conference
of the Society of St. Vincent De Paul for a delicious*

Pasta Night

and an awesome evening of fellowship last Saturday, October



Returning To Give Thanks

By Jean Allen



While reading the story of the ten lepers, where only one returned to give thanks for his healing, I felt a sense of conviction.

As a washed clean (baptized) Catholic who belongs to a wonderful parish, am I like the nine who went away cleansed, those who didn't stop to

comprehend at all who was behind the healing and to completely appreciate that they had not only been given the gift of health but also the gift of restored community?

It's pretty typical for us all to attend Mass, get our duty done and then head out to get on with 'normal' life but maybe what we all need to do is take a few moments in Mass to heave a sigh of relief and gratitude. We have been cleansed and given access to the enfolding and healing arms of Christ and community. It's not because we are so good and it's not because we are Catholics. Jesus didn't ask any of the 10 for their spiritual credentials or ask if they deserved healing. He simply gave healing love because he was asked for it.

It is also noteworthy that the one who returned to give thanks was an outsider to the Jewish faith, a Samaritan. Perhaps that's what made him so grateful. He was not an entitled insider who felt that being Jewish made him more deserving of Jesus's compassion. He was perhaps more acutely aware of the gracious goodness of Jesus because he knew he was an outsider and Jesus still healed him, no questions asked.

We not only need to appreciate the healing gift of Jesus in the Eucharist but also the beautiful community that surrounds us. If you've never been an outsider it might be difficult to fully grasp the gift of a spiritual family we all have been given. We take it for granted because it's always there whether we embrace it and interact with it or not. With faith, give thanks for Jesus and for the community.

And you will be made well.

LITURGICAL YEAR C

Saturday:

English Mass (Anticipated Sunday Mass) 4:00 pm

Sunday:

English Mass 9:00 am

Syro-Malabar Rite (No Mass on Sun 19 Oct) 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

**No weekday Masses
from Oct 14 to Oct 24.**

Weekend Masses will be celebrated as usual.
We thank Fr. Eduardo Santos & Fr. Benson Asuming
for celebrating the weekend Masses with us.

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:

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Sacred Heart Parish Website >



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



*Have a most meaningful,
joyful, and blessed
Thanksgiving!*



*Have an excellent long weekend
with your family and friends!*



Please Pray For

Those who have died:

Alice, Joe Snr. & Joe Jnr. Delima, Violeta Magnaye,
John Oei, Sixto Pongos, Edmond Rumiano,
Max Sequeira, Eugene Webster, and Souls in Purgatory.

Those who are ill:

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



4th CWL Community Garage Sale

Saturday, October 18
9 am -1 pm

New and Used Treasures, Home,
Personal, Gifts, Home Baking, BBQ,
Coffee/Tea Shop, Rest and Enjoy



Society of St. Vincent de Paul

In today's Gospel we hear that only one of those
healed returned to glorify God and to give thanks to
God. It is true, that when we have a grateful heart,
we know that everything is a gift from God.

To give thanks for all that God has given to you, have you
considered answering the call to help serve the poor by joining the
Society of St. Vincent de Paul?

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:
mgvshort@telus.net or call 250-727-2615



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!

October 4 & October 5, 2025

Envelopes \$ 1,513.00

Cash \$ 474.05

Total \$ 1,987.05

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



ST. TERESA OF ÁVILA 15 October

St. Teresa of Ávila, born on March 28,
1515 in Ávila, Spain, died on October 4,
1582, in Alba de Tormes, was canonized
in 1622. Teresa was a Spanish nun, one
of the great mystics and religious women
of the Roman Catholic Church, and an
author of a number of spiritual classics.
She initiated the Carmelite Reform, which
restored and emphasized the austerity

and contemplative character of Carmelite life. John Baptist Rossi,
the Carmelite prior general from Rome, went to Ávila in 1567 and
approved the reform, directing Teresa to found more convents and
to establish monasteries. That same year, while at Medina del
Campo, Spain, she met a young Carmelite priest, Juan de Yepes
(later St. John of the Cross, the poet and mystic), who she realized
could initiate the Carmelite Reform for men. A year later Juan
opened the first monastery of the Primitive Rule at Duruelo, Spain.

St. Teresa was elevated to doctor of the church in 1970 by Pope
Paul VI, the first woman to be so honoured.

[Online accessed, 10 Oct 2024:

<https://www.britannica.com/biography/Saint-Teresa-of-Avila>]

ST. MARIE-MARGUERITE D'YOUVILLE 16 October



St. Marie-Marguerite d'Youville was the first
Canadian-born saint. Born October 15, 1701
at Varennes, Quebec, through the influence
of her great grandfather, Pierre Boucher, she
studied at the Ursulines in Quebec. Upon her
return, she became an invaluable support to
her mother and undertook the education of her brothers and sisters.

In 1722, she married François d'Youville. However, four of her six
children died in infancy, and François, too, was seriously ill. She
faithfully cared for him until his death in 1730. In all this suffering,
Marguerite recognized God's presence and his love, undertaking
many charitable works with complete trust in God. Marguerite was
soon joined by three young women who shared her love for the
poor. On December 31, 1737, they consecrated themselves to God
and promised to serve him in the poor. Marguerite had become the
foundress of the Sisters of Charity of Montreal, the "Grey Nuns".

In 1747, now known as "mother of the poor", she became director
of the Charon Brothers Hospital in Montreal which was falling into
ruin. She and her sisters rebuilt the hospital and cared for those in
most desperate human misery. In 1765, when a fire destroyed the
hospital, she asked her sisters and the poor who lived at the
hospital to recognize the hand of God in this disaster and to offer
him praise. At age 64, she undertook the reconstruction of this
shelter for those in need. Totally exhausted from a lifetime of self-
giving, Marguerite died on December 23, 1771: remembered
always as a loving mother who served Jesus Christ in the poor.
Pope John XXIII beatified Marguerite on May 3, 1959 and called
her "Mother of Universal Charity".

[Online accessed, 10 Oct 2024: https://www.vatican.va/news_services/liturgy/saints/ns_lit_doc_19901209_youville_en.html]



ST. IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH 17 October

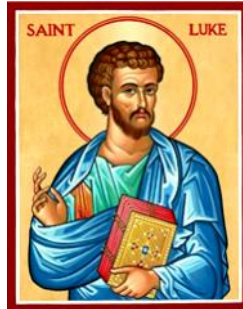
St. Ignatius of Antioch (died c. 110,
Rome; Western feast day October 17;
Eastern feast day December 20) was
the bishop of Antioch, Syria (now in
Turkey), known mainly from seven
highly regarded letters that he wrote

during a trip to Rome, as a prisoner condemned to be executed for his beliefs. He was apparently eager to counteract the teachings of two groups, the Judaizers, who did not accept the authority of the New Testament, and the Docetists, who held that Christ's sufferings and death were apparent but not real. The letters have often been cited as a source of knowledge of the Christian church at the beginning of the 2nd century.

[Online accessed, 10 Oct 2024:
<https://www.britannica.com/biography/Saint-Ignatius-of-Antioch>]

ST. LUKE 18 October

St. Luke was born in Syria and according to tradition, he died at age of 84, in Boeotia, Greece, where he had settled to write the Gospels. St. Luke's tomb was initially in Thebes, Greece. His relics were transferred to Constantinople in the year 357. Christians believe he was the author of the Gospel of St. Luke and the Acts of the Apostles.



Luke had a unique perspective on Jesus, and this can be seen by the eighteen parables and six miracles not found in the other gospels. Luke's gospel seems to focus or highlight social justice and the poor. He tells the story of Lazarus and the rich man who ignored him. In the beatitudes, he is the only one who uses "blessed are the poor" rather than "blessed are the poor in spirit". Luke's gospel is the only one that we hear of Mary's Magnificat. He is known to have worked with Paul, remaining with him until his death. He had a very close relationship with Mary and brought us many Scriptural teachings on the life of Mary that other Gospel's didn't. Forgiveness and God's mercy to sinners is also of first importance to St. Luke, in his writings about the Prodigal Son being welcomed back. Throughout St. Luke's gospel, Jesus takes the side of the sinner who wants to return to God's mercy. He was one who loved the poor, respected women, and was a physician by profession.

[Online accessed, 10 Oct 2024:
<https://www.newmanministry.com/saints/saint-luke>]



2025 Annual Bishop's Appeal Love & Unity

Please support the annual Bishop's Appeal as it supports our parish projects and events such as our annual Sacred Heart Feast Day, our 60th Anniversary, the Holy Doors Pilgrimage, our 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 here: www.rcdvictoria.org/bishops-appeal

Please collect your Appeal envelopes in the church foyer. Then return them to the parish office or the weekend collection basket.

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

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

Our project this year:

installing a multimedia system in church to screen lyrics, prayers, & video clips.

**Our Parish goal for 2025
\$45,500.00**



If you have not received your 2025 Parish Photo Directory

Please arrange a pickup with Marilyn Bojko: 250-361-4393



From the Diocese

Family Catechesis video "Called to Witness and Proclaim"

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCC) has released a new video series on Family Catechesis titled "Called to Witness and Proclaim", building on last October's Pastoral Letter. The series offers accessible and engaging content for parish formation, family ministry, or personal reflection.

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?app=desktop&list=PLKPM9ivAroOMLZw5PQYsBcXXDWbARAD4N>



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

Marriage Preparation Course

Nov 15 and Nov 22, 10 am to 4 pm
Holy Trinity Parish, Nanaimo



The Diocese of Victoria is offering a two-day, in-person marriage preparation course. Open to all, this course provides essential guidance for couples preparing for marriage. A joint Certificate of Completion will be issued upon completion of both sessions.

Please register by October 26

<https://in-person-marriage-prep-nov-2025.eventbrite.ca>

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>



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or call 1-800-968-3146

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