



# Sacred Heart Catholic Church

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60  
Years at  
Nelthorpe

**\* 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time | 21 September 2025 \***

The parable of the dishonest manager who was praised by his master and by Jesus for his shrewdness is such a confusing parable. It feels like Jesus is advising his followers to be dishonest and shrewd like the manager. One of the keys to this gospel is what Jesus means by 'dishonest wealth'.

In the mind of Jesus, all wealth is dishonest (or unrighteous) simply because it is temporary and tied to corrupt worldly systems. But we live in the world and we need to deal with money in order to survive so what's a person to do? The shrewdness that was praised in the manager was that, in the midst of his corrupt desperation, he glimpsed the truth that what would save him was giving, not grasping. That is the shrewdness that Jesus wants his followers to pick up on. If you can be a generous child of the light, you will be welcomed into the community dwelling in God's Kingdom.

This is not a parable teaching that if you serve God and not mammon, you will win God's approval and, in the end, be allowed into heaven. This is not one part of your ultimate escape plan. God's Kingdom is here and now. The ripple effects of generosity are here and now. If we are completely focussed on our money, how to get it, how much we have, how to hang on to it and who we need to compete with to get it, we're not living in the eternal Kingdom where the children of light dwell. While we're stockpiling and worrying over our temporary and sometimes corrupt wealth, the ones who have learned the true way of the Kingdom are focussed on God's real assets of lasting value: love, compassion, mercy, forgiveness, inclusion...you get the gist.

If we are lovingly shrewd, we can be welcomed to and can live in the eternal home right now.

## Kingdom Shrewdness

by Jean Allen



## LITURGICAL YEAR C

### Saturday:

English Mass (Anticipated Sunday Mass) 4:00 pm

### Sunday:

English Mass 9:00 am  
Syro-Malabar Rite (Sep 21) **No Mass**  
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 **No Mass**  
Wednesday 11:00 am  
Thursday 11:00 am  
Friday (St. Jean de Brébeuf and Companions) 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](mailto:sacredheart@rcdvictoria.org)

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**Introducing the new Sacramental Preparation Program**

## SIGNS of GRACE

*beginning October 19*

- 1: *Sacrament of Reconciliation*  
*Our Life with Jesus: You Are Forgiven*
- 2: *Sacrament of Confirmation*  
*The Life of Grace: You Are Sent*
- 3: *Holy Communion*  
*The Life of Grace: You Are Loved*

Registrations forms are in the church foyer and on the website.

**Please complete and return the registration forms to  
the Parish Office or email to [sacredheart@rcdvictoria.org](mailto:sacredheart@rcdvictoria.org)**



## Horizons of Hope: Tuesdays, Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28

6:30 pm to 8:30 pm, Parish Hall

This program provides information to empower and educate parishioners on palliative care, dying, death, suffering, and bereavement in a holistic manner.

- 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.

Refreshments and written material will be provided.

The sessions will be led by Dr. Felipe Edora and Angela Spencer.

**Please sign-up. The Sign-Up Sheet is in the church foyer.**

## Handcrafted Holy Land Wood Carvings on sale!

**Saturday & Sunday, September 27 & 28**

Handcrafted by Christians, who are now only 1 % of the population in the Holy Land. Help to preserve a cultural heritage by purchasing a handcrafted item.

**Only CASH**

is accepted for now.





## Please Pray For

### Those who have died:

Sheila Ayres, David Baanstra, Cecile Pinault,  
Souls in Purgatory, Pancrasio TanKasio.

### Those who are ill:

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



## Eternal Rest Grant Unto

**David Baanstra** (4 September 2025)

*Funeral Mass: Thu, Oct 2 at 1 pm*

*O Lord, and let Perpetual Light Shine Upon him.  
May his soul rest in peace. Amen.*



## Parish Holy Doors Pilgrimage

**Saturday, 27 September 2025**

**Registration is now closed as  
all the seats have been taken.**



We thank all the pilgrims for signing up for this little adventure,  
and the Diocese of Victoria for the grant that helped  
to bring the cost of this pilgrimage down.

A grateful thank you to the planning committee as well:

Jeremy Côté, Felipe Edora, Isme Liem, Peter Liem, Neil Lundin,  
Samantha Sherman, Angela Spencer, Marisa Tinsay



## 4th CWL Community Garage Sale

**Saturday, October 18  
9am -1pm**

**Secure a table for \$30**

Contact Miriam at [mirpod@yahoo.com](mailto:mirpod@yahoo.com)  
or 250-888-8797



## Options to Donate

### E-Transfer:

The email to use is [sacredheart@rcdvictoria.org](mailto: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!

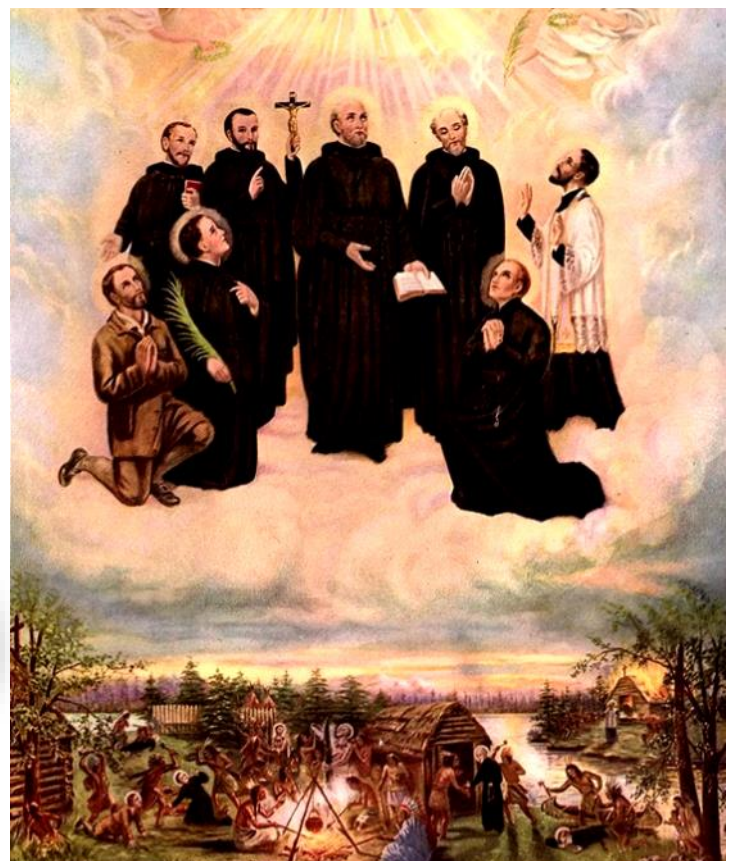
### September 13 & September 14, 2025

Envelopes \$ 1,665.40

Cash \$ 332.00

**Total \$ 1,997.40**

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



## SAINTS JOHN DE BRÉBEUF and ISAAC JOQUES, and Companions 26 September

By 1632, the Jesuits had a mission center in Quebec, where they ministered to 20,000 Huron in 30 villages. The missionaries suffered from cold and heat and were not accustomed to the Huron culture. When the "black robes" arrived, Huron children ran to their mothers, afraid that they were sorcerers. The missionaries were blamed for a smallpox epidemic. Still, they tried to bring the faith to the native people, educate them, and teach them medical and agricultural skills. John de Brébeuf founded schools and wrote a catechism and dictionary in the Huron language. He was once condemned to death but spoke so well that he was spared. Noel Chabanel, a language professor, could barely stutter out Huron phrases. The food and life of the Huron repulsed him, but he vowed to stay. Rene Goupil and John de Lalande, lay missionaries, worked without pay. Charles Garnier sometimes walked 40 miles to baptize one child.

The missionaries converted about two thousand converts in their many years in Quebec. Then the enemies of the Huron, the Iroquois, who resented the French, captured and tortured the missionaries. Rene Goupil was tomahawked while trying to baptize a baby. Anthony Daniel was at Mass when the Iroquois attacked, shot arrows at him, and threw him into the fire. Isaac Jogues was made a slave but escaped back to France. His left hand had been mutilated, but Pope Urban VIII allowed him to celebrate Mass, saying, "It would be a shame that a martyr of Christ not drink the blood of Christ." Isaac Jogues returned to America. On a peace mission to the Iroquois for the governor of New France, he was accused of bringing a bad harvest. The Iroquois thought his box of religious goods contained the plague. He was attacked and killed. The Indian who killed him was later baptized and took the name Isaac. The sufferings of the missionaries are the seeds of the Church.

As Tertullian, an early Christian writer wrote, "The blood of the martyrs is the seed of the Church." The witness and martyrdom of Sts. Isaac Jogues, John de Brébeuf, and their companions was not fruitless. Ten years after their martyrdom, St. Kateri Tekakwitha was born. She was part of the Mohawk tribe that had killed these Jesuit missionaries.

[Online accessed, 18 September 2024:  
<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/saints/saints-stories-for-all-ages/saints-isaac-jogues-john-de-brebeuf-and-companions/>]





## Society of St. Vincent de Paul

The Society's Thrift Store on Cloverdale Avenue was the victim of an arson attack that resulted in the loss of a significant amount of inventory. The stores are an important source of revenue for the Social Concern Office - the food pantry in downtown Victoria. Apart from food, the stores provide household goods and clothing distributed for free to those in need. So gently used household items and clothing to restock the inventory is urgently needed. To help, grocery bags will be handed out after Mass this weekend (Sep. 20 & 21). Please fill the bags with protein and canned food, household items or clothes. The bags will be collected from you the following weekend (Sep 27 & 28).



You can also contribute by reserving a seat or two for the Sacred Heart Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul's Pasta Dinner Fundraiser in the Parish Hall on Oct 4 at 5 pm to support our Downtown Food Pantry that has had an 18% increase in visits compared to last year.

Entrance is by donation at the door – reservation required. Reserve your spot after Mass or at the Parish Office. For more info contact: [isme.svdpvictoria@gmail.com](mailto:isme.svdpvictoria@gmail.com)

To donate online, specify "Sacred Heart Parish" [https://give-can.keela.co/ssvp\\_donation\\_form](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: [mgyshort@telus.net](mailto:mgyshort@telus.net) or call 250-727-2615



## Commissioning Sunday (Weekend) September 13/14

Last weekend, the Diocese of Victoria launched the Catechetical Year with the commissioning of liturgical, ministerial coordinators, ministries, catechists, educators, and volunteers. The ceremony formally recognizes, blesses, and sends out individuals or groups to serve in various roles and ministries, empowering them with prayer and God's blessing to fulfill their mission, acknowledging their commitment, and activating their God-given gifts to serve the parish and the community at large.

**Grateful Thanks** to all our catechists, liturgical coordinators, and volunteers who serve our Pastor and the parish in the worship and smooth celebration of our Sacraments and Liturgies in this new Catechetical Year. **Thank You!**



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>



## From the Diocese



### Serra Club in Formation Diocese of Victoria 6 pm, Tuesday, September 30 St. Joseph the Worker Parish

Serra Club in formation meets every last Tuesday of the month in different Parishes. Mass for Vocations is at 6 pm. This is followed by a talk by Fr. Alfredo Monacelli.

All are welcome!

For more information, please email: [victoria@serrainternational.org](mailto:victoria@serrainternational.org).

### PASTORAL CARE TRAINING SESSION



9 am to 12 pm, Sep 27 to Nov 29  
(No session, Oct 11: Thanksgiving)

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

**Please register through your local parish by  
September 19, 2025.**

For further information, please email [moiraking@shaw.ca](mailto:moiraking@shaw.ca)

### "Not in My City!" Seminar

Respect Life Ministry, 9 am to 3 pm, Saturday, September 27  
St. Andrew's Cathedral, Seghers Hall

Speakers include: John MacCormick & Robert Deacon of Break Free Ministry; Cathy Peters, author of "Child Sex Trafficking in Canada and How to Stop it"; Kathryn Lacerte (Highway of Tears); and Brian Rae of Wilber. Registration is \$25 per person; includes a light lunch. Please register through St. Andrew's Cathedral parish office: <https://www.standrewscathedral.com/contact-us>

### Enjoy Singing?

**Voices in Motion** is an intergenerational choir for adults with memory loss. No previous singing or choir experience required!

Our 2025 season begins from Sep 17 & 19:

**Wednesdays, 2:15 pm:** Sacred Heart Church

**Fridays, 10:30 am:** UVic Multi-Faith Centre

**All Are Welcome**

### Sr. Sarah Comeau SSA

...passed away on Thu, Sep 11. Funeral Mass is on Thu, Sep 18, 10:30 am at Holy Cross Parish. Lunch will follow. Live-stream details and to offer condolences, visit: [www.sandsvictoria.ca](http://www.sandsvictoria.ca).

### Christian Life Program

**St. Andrews' Cathedral Segher's Hall**  
8 Saturdays from October 4 at 6:30 pm

The couples for Christ (CFC) community at St. Andrew's invites married couples to its Christian Life Program (CLP).

If you are interested, please contact: Buddy or Chris Gaspar

Phone: 250-661-9682 / 250-661-8429

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Knights of Columbus

Led By The Spirit Group

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To report sexual abuse by a clergy member, religious, employee, or volunteer, visit [RCDVictoria.org/Responsible-Ministry](http://RCDVictoria.org/Responsible-Ministry) or call 1-800-968-3146

To report sexual abuse or cover-up by a Catholic Bishop, visit [BishopReportingSystem.ca](http://BishopReportingSystem.ca) or call 1-866-892-3737

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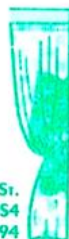
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