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World Day of Migrants and Refugees

27-IX-2026



"Even just one of these children"



Are You Better Than a Tax Collector? Are You Sure?

by Jean Allen

At first glance, this Gospel parable seems to be just encouraging us to do God's will rather than saying we will but never getting around to it. Fair enough. That's important. But

Jesus wasn't just giving a lesson in general to his followers; he was speaking directly to the Jewish Chief Priests and Elders. He was making a point about the self-righteousness that precludes a person from really listening for and hearing the voice of God.

I think we all feel we can easily identify a self-righteous person and, no doubt, we can when witnessing someone who exudes self-righteousness in the way the pharisee did when comparing himself to the publican in another text. But what about our own pockets of self-righteousness? Are we as adept at recognizing those pernicious little pockets?

Part of the definition of self-righteousness is 'the belief that one's own goodness, correctness, or virtue makes one morally superior to others and entitles one to judge, exclude, or condemn them.' The key phrase is 'one's own goodness'. That means that, subconsciously, my righteousness comes from me, from my achievements, my morality, my theology, my sacrifices, and my religious observances. My identity comes from comparing myself to others. Several examples: "I have been more involved and done more than most people." "I follow the liturgical guidelines scrupulously but those people don't." "I have more experience, therefore I know best." "I have prayer time every morning without fail; I doubt if she/he does." You get the gist.

The more one gives in to self-righteousness, the harder it becomes to be compassionate and it becomes almost impossible to recognize God's heart and hear his will. And the ones we think we're better than have more capacity to act with God's compassion than we do.

Just think of the last time you criticized someone, either out loud or in your heart. There you go. That came from self-righteousness. Kind of shocking isn't it?

We all have a long way to go.

CCCB Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada

This collection supports the mission of our diocese and the Bishops of Canada; from providing catechetical resources for families and parishes, to promoting the respect and dignity of all human life, and accompanying migrants and refugees. Please give prayerfully and generously.

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<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/canadian-conference-of-catholic-bishops/campaign/collection-for-the-needs-of-the-church-in-canada>

LITURGICAL YEAR A

Saturday:

English Mass (anticipated Mass) 4:00 pm

Sunday:

English Mass 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 (Feast of the Archangels) 11:00 am

Wednesday (St. Jerome) 11:00 am

Thursday (Oct 1: St. Therese, Child Jesus) 9:00 am

First Friday (Oct 2: Guardian Angels) 5:00 pm

of the month Rosary 5:30 pm

Exposition 6:15 pm

Benediction 6:30 pm

(No 11 am Mass) Holy Mass

Korean Masses

Wednesday 7:30 pm

Thursday 10:00 am

Syro-Malabar Mass

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

RECONCILIATION

Tuesday to 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 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

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Please Pray For

Those who have died:

Alice, Joe Sr. & Joe Jr. De Lima, Domingo de Lara, Rodolfo Gaspar, Ethel Lagman, Frances Nutyen, Rodriques Family Members, Paul Spencer, Bryan Tait, & Sylvia Voelk

Those who are ill:

Irene Anna, Jon A, Jacobus B, Cora C, Theresa H, John Knapik, Joe & Sherry O, Walt R, Davide R, Marguerite Thomas, & Dan W.



Society of St. Vincent de Paul

The Feast of St. Vincent de Paul falls on Sep. 27, knowing "God had sent him to bring good news to the poor." Together with your gifts, the members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul continue his work in our parish, assisting over 3276 families, including 800 children.

To join, please contact Georgina: sacredheart@svdpvictoria.com 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".



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Support our parish into the future! When you name Sacred Heart Catholic Church in your Will, life insurance policy, or retirement accounts as a beneficiary, you leave a lasting legacy of faith. If you already have a will, a simple legal amendment (a codicil) is often all it takes to include your parish. Please consult with your notary or lawyer to ensure your wishes are carried out accurately.

A bequest in your Will helps to ensure that future generations can continue to encounter Christ here in our parish. Thank you.

Options to Donate

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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 19 & 20, 2026

Envelopes \$ 2,376.00

Cash \$ 570.00

Total \$ 2,946.00

Building Fund \$ 100.00

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



Feast of the Archangels St. Michael, St. Gabriel, & St. Raphael September 29

The three archangels whom the Church honours by name are St. Michael, St. Gabriel, and St. Raphael. They are also the only three angels who are mentioned by name in Sacred Scripture. The feast of all three Archangels is September 29. In the traditional calendar, this was St. Michael's Feast day, with St. Gabriel's being March 24 (the day prior to the Annunciation) and St. Raphael's being October 24. Communities which celebrate the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite still celebrate the three feasts.

Saint Michael the Archangel is the leader of all angels and of the army of God; the "Prince of the Heavenly Host". "Archangel" means above all other in rank. 'Michael' in Hebrew 'Mica-El' means "Who is like God?", expressing the salvific choice thanks to which the angels 'see the face of the Father' who is in Heaven. (Pope St. John Paul II) St. Michael is the patron saint of grocers, soldiers, doctors, mariners, first responders, and police. More importantly, he is the Guardian of the Church, as he was shown to be of Israel in the Old Testament (Daniel 10).

Saint Gabriel is an angel who serves as a messenger for God to certain people. Gabriel is mentioned in both the Old and the New Testaments of the Bible. Saint John Paul II said 'Gabriel' in Hebrew means: 'my power is God' or 'power of God,' as if to say that the culmination of creation, the Incarnation is the supreme sign of the omnipotent Father. Saint Gabriel is the patron of telecommunication workers, radio broadcasters, postal workers, and messengers.

Saint Raphael is one of the seven Archangels who stand before the throne of the Lord, and one of the only three mentioned by name in the Bible. He appears, by name, only in the Book of Tobit. Raphael's name means "God heals." This identity came about because of the biblical story that claims he "healed" the earth when it was defiled by the sins of the fallen angels in the apocryphal book of Enoch. St. Raphael is also credited with driving the evil spirit from Sarah and restoring Tobit's vision; to see the light of Heaven and for receiving all good things through his intercession. Saint Raphael is the patron of travellers, the blind, nurses, pharmacists, physicians, and people who are ill.

[Online accessed, 23 September 2026: <https://ewtnmission.com/seasonsandfeastdays/holyarchangels/>
<https://stboniface-lunenburg.org/feast-of-saints-michael-gabriel-and-raphael-archangels/>]



Consider being an **Altar Server!** Or be a **Proclaimer, Usher**, or join the Sunday Choir. Be an **Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion** or join the **Pastoral Outreach Homebound Ministry**. We will be happy to hear from you.

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

St. Jerome September 30



St. Jerome was born c. 347 in Stridon, Dalmatia and died around 419/420 in Bethlehem, Palestine. He was a biblical translator and monastic leader, traditionally regarded as the most learned of the Latin Fathers. He lived for a time as a hermit, became a priest, served as secretary to Pope Damasus I, and about 389 established a monastery at Bethlehem. His numerous biblical, ascetical, monastic, and theological works profoundly influenced the early Middle Ages. He is known for his Latin translation of the Bible, the Vulgate, and has been designated a doctor of the church.

Thank you for your generous support and success of the
Mid-Autumn Festival fundraiser
last Saturday, September 19,
in support of the church roof fund.



Commissioning Sunday Weekend of September 19/20

Last weekend, the Diocese launched the Catechetical Year with the commissioning of liturgical ministry coordinators, catechists, educators, and volunteers. The ceremony recognizes, blesses, and sends out individuals to serve in various roles and ministries, empowering them with God's blessing to fulfill their mission, acknowledging their commitment and 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. **Thank You!**



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From the Diocese

St. Francis of Assisi Dinner and Presentation

4 pm, October 4, St. Patrick's Church, Haultain

All are invited to a special Mass in commemoration of the 800th anniversary of the death of St. Francis. Bishop Gary will preside. Dinner and a presentation on St. Francis of Assisi will follow.

Space is limited for this part of the evening.

Please register in advance at

<http://www.rcdvictoria.org/StFrancis800>

New Zoom Marriage Preparation Course Schedule 2026-2027

October 2 & 3, 2026: Fri, 7-10pm PT and Sat, 9am-4pm PT

Couples must attend both Friday and Saturday sessions in order to receive a certificate of completion.

Registration is now open for the October 2/3, 2026 course.

For details or to register please check our website:

<https://www.rcdvictoria.org/marriage-prep>

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/hearts-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.



National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Wednesday, 30 September

As we continue the legacy of Pope Francis' Penitential Pilgrimage across Canada, we are reminded of the Holy Father's hope that "Christians and civil society in this land may grow in the ability to accept and respect the identity and the experience of Indigenous Peoples."

The Diocese of Victoria is proud to sponsor the South Island Powwow, a free community event that offers an opportunity to recognize and honour Survivors and their families in the spirit of reconciliation. Through traditional song and dance, all will be part of a celebration of Indigenous cultures, resilience, and community.

The Powwow will take place at Royal Athletic Park (1014 Caledonia Avenue, Victoria) on September 30. All are warmly welcome to attend.

Info at: <https://songheesnation.ca/south-island-powwow>

The Catholic Way of Dying With Dignity: A Day of Faith, Accompaniment, Preparation, and Love

10 am to 3 pm, Sat, Oct. 3, St. Andrew's Cathedral, Segher's Hall

You are invited for a day of reflection and conversation about approaching the end of life with faith, compassion, dignity, and hope. Hear personal testimonials and practical details about this important topic.

For more info and Registration

standrewscathedral@gmail.com 250-388-557

Cherished Belonging A Diocesan Survey

This five-question survey was created by the Development Office, and with Bishop Gary Gordon and the Priest's Council. It provides an opportunity for you to express how parishes may support their faith needs. This survey is not mandatory. The online survey link: [Cherished Belonging Survey - Copy form](#)

To download, please select "Duplicate" at the top of the screen; the survey will be saved to your Microsoft Forms Account.



Rosary Walk

**10:30 am, Saturday, October 3
Mile 0 at Beacon Hill Park**

Join the Legion of Mary (St. Andrew's Cathedral) for a Rosary Walk, then enjoy a potluck at St. Andrew's Cathedral. For more information, contact Faye Baligod at faye_baligod@hotmail.com

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