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60
Years at
Nelthorpe

* 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time | 31 August 2025 *



*Have a most enjoyable
and relaxing*

Labour Day Long Weekend

Happy Labour day!

60th Anniversary Celebration

Celebrating Sacred Heart Parish's 60th year at Nelthorpe Street.

Friday, September 5

6:00 pm Mass (No 11 am Mass)
6:30 pm Adoration
7:00 pm Benediction, with snacks to follow

Saturday, September 6

4:00 pm Mass celebrated by Bishop Gary Gordon
5:15 pm Potluck Dinner in the Parish Hall
6:30 pm "Sacred Heart's Got Talent" (Parish Hall)

Sunday, September 7

9:00 am Mass, followed by cake and coffee

Sign-up sheets - in the church foyer for the potluck, the talent show, and the set-up and clean-up for Saturday, Sep. 6. **This is the last weekend to sign-up.**

***All are welcome
to celebrate this joyous occasion!***

Love from the 60th Anniversary Committee
Lorraine Van Dyk (Chair), Marilyn Bojko, Jeremy Côté,
Jim Haffey, Ben Pires, Edgar Tan Jr.

Heartfelt Thanks to the pilgrims

*who participated in
our first Holy Door Pilgrimage at
St. Andrew's Cathedral on Monday, August 4*



LITURGICAL YEAR C

Saturday:

English Mass (Anticipated Sunday Mass) 4:00 pm

Sunday:

English Mass 9:00 am
Syro-Malabar Rite 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

English Masses

Tuesday 11:00 am
Wednesday St. Gregory the Great (Sep 3) 11:00 am
Thursday 11:00 am
Friday (No 11 am Mass) 6:00 pm
Adoration after Mass 6:30 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

**For Baptism, Marriage, Funerals,
and Anointing of the Sick**

Please contact:
E. sacredheart@rcdvictoria.org
P. 250-479-1611
Sacred Heart Parish Website >



Welcome back from the Summer Break!

Now that you are back, please consider
volunteering for a ministry to participate in
Sacred Liturgy in a meaningful way. The list is on the back
page of the bulletin. Please contact the Parish Office.

Distribution of the Precious Blood of Christ

Receiving the Precious Blood is optional.
Please remain standing, bow, sip (no dipping), and
move on. Kindly follow the guidance of the Ushers.

Thank you.



Please Pray For

Those who have died:

Sheila Ayres, Lowela Duenas, Georgie Guterres,
Diane Laurin, Alice, Joe Sr. & Joe Jr. de Lima,
Violeta Magnaye, Louise McLaughlin, and Sixto Pongos.

Those who are ill:

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

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!

June 2025

PAD \$ 5,965.00
E-Transfer \$ 2,340.00
Canada Helps \$ 987.68

July 2025

PAD \$ 5,920.00
E-Transfer \$ 580.00
Canada Helps \$ 1,245.50

August 2 & August 3, 2025

Envelopes \$ 2,405.00
Cash \$ 442.00
Total \$ 2,847.00

August 9 & August 10, 2025

Envelopes \$ 2,108.00
Cash \$ 292.15
Total \$ 2,400.15

August 16 & August 17, 2025

Envelopes \$ 1,874.00
Cash \$ 382.10
Total \$ 2,256.10

August 23 & August 24, 2025

Envelopes \$ 1,407.00
Cash \$ 398.25
Total \$ 1,805.25

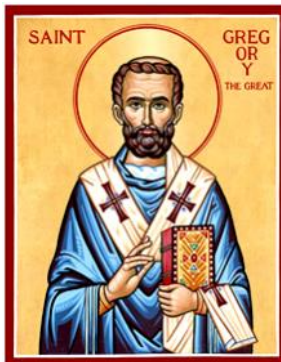
Donations through PAD, Canada Helps, & e-Transfer will be reported after the end of the month.



Eternal Rest Grant Unto

***Lowela Duenas (21 August 2025) &
Sheila Ayres (24 August 2025)***

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



St. Gregory the Great

September 3

Patron of musicians, singers,
students, and teachers.

Born c. 540, Rome [Italy] and died March 12, 604, Rome. Western feast day, September 3 [formerly March 12, still observed in the East]. St. Gregory was pope from 590 to 604, and was known as a reformer, an excellent administrator, and considered to be the founder of the medieval papacy which exercised secular and spiritual

power. His epithet "the Great" reflects his status as a writer as well as a ruler. As the fourth and final traditional Latin Father of the Church, Gregory was the first exponent of medieval, sacramental spirituality.

Gregory's conversion to monastic life in 574 grew from a lifelong conflict between his personal desire for contemplative purity and the public duty to serve others in the "pollution" of worldly affairs. Renouncing secular life, Gregory established, on family property on the Caelian Hill, a monastery dedicated to St. Andrew. The "rule" followed there cannot be identified as that of St. Benedict, nor does evidence exist that Gregory became abbot, although his Dialogues may give this impression. Gregory founded six more monasteries on family estates in Sicily but retained sufficient property to make later endowments to the church.

In 579, Pope Pelagius II made Gregory a deacon. In 590, Gregory was elected pope, succeeding Pelagius II, who succumbed to the plague that swept Rome that year. According to tradition, Gregory led a penitential procession to Santa Maria Maggiore during that plague; a vision of the archangel Michael atop Hadrian's Tomb (now the Castel Sant'Angelo) convinced him that Rome would be spared. Today, a statue on the Castel Sant'Angelo depicts Michael replacing his sword in its scabbard.

Gregory's moral theology shaped medieval spirituality and in his writings offered a practical wisdom for the Christians of his day. Several works, including the Moralia in Job (579–596) and his handbook for rulers, Pastoral Rule (591), were extremely popular. The Dialogues (before 594), which contain a life of St. Benedict of Nursia that describes the saint's many miracles, was also popular and influential. Gregory's Homilies on the Gospel (593) were preached to the people and offered practical wisdom. His Homilies on Ezechiel (591–593) explained the mysterious symbolism of the Temple of Jerusalem to monastic audiences. Gregory's surviving works include fragments of his exegesis of the Song of Songs (594–598), as redacted by Claude of Ravenna, and nearly 900 letters that document his papacy. Gregory's ideal was the just penitent: guiltless but still repentant. Though life is a mysterious trial, he emphasized the need to act, age quod agis ("do what you can").

For Gregory the mediation of the sacraments was central. As the Eucharist is offered, so one offers one's life in sacrifice at the Mass. The Mass and the Eucharist have supernatural powers that human beings can use to effect change. Gregory believed the church and its sacraments provided a safe path to salvation in a troubled world, and the importance placed on the Eucharist defined the medieval church. These teachings would be underscored in the Counter-Reformation when Gregory's view of the church emphasizing penance, works, and the sacraments was reemphasized in response to Protestant reforms.

[Online accessed, 11 August 2025:
<https://www.britannica.com/biography/St-Gregory-the-Great>]

THANK YOU!

We thank the members of the 2024 - 2025 Parish Pastoral Council for their support and as advisors to our Pastor. We are grateful for their service, hard work, and dedication of long hours to the parish, and we wish them and their families every blessing.

Outgoing Parish Pastoral Council Members:
Marilyn Bojko, Jim Haffey, Peter Martin, Will Podmoroff

We welcome the new members to the Sacred Heart Parish Pastoral Council
(Effective September 2025)



**Matthew
Moodie**



**Mary
Moreau**



**Margaret
Sasges**



**Merwin
Thengil**

New Members of the PPC



**Jeremy
Côté**



**Rick Perez
de Tagle**



**Samantha
Sherman**



**Edgar
Tan Jr. (Chair)**

Current Members of the PPC



Sacred Heart Sacramental Preparation Classes

Classes for children Grades 2 and up,
will begin on Sunday, 28 September
after the 9 am Sunday Mass.

Registration Forms are available in the church foyer and at:
<https://sacredheartvictoria.com/docs/FF%202025%202026%20Registration%20Form.pdf>

Adult Volunteers are needed to help with
the Sacramental Preparation classes.

For more information, please contact Lidia Moodie:
sacredhearteled@rcdvictoria.org



Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Please support the Society's Food Banks and Food Drive. Put donations in the food cart in the church foyer.

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



From the Diocese

PASTORAL CARE TRAINING SESSION

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



"God calls us to touch the lives of our aging, lonely, ill, palliative and dying sisters and brothers with accompaniment, kindness and compassion as the hands and face of Christ. In these sessions, you learn basic tools necessary to accompany those who are in need of the healing ministry of Christ." – Most Reverend Gary Gordon, Bishop of Victoria

Nine sessions will be held via Zoom on Saturday mornings. You will receive a Certificate of Completion if all sessions are attended. You will require a phone number and email address, a computer, tablet or Smart Phone with speakers, microphone and webcam, a reliable Internet connection, and access to Zoom.

Please register through your local parish by September 19, 2025. For further information, please email moiraking@shaw.ca



World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation September 1 to October 4

The World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation is the beginning of the Season of Creation. This Jubilee Year, the theme is *Seeds of Peace and Hope*. You can read Pope Leo XIV's message here:

<https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/messages/creation/documents/20250630-messaggio-giornata-curacreato.html>



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

From Thursday, Sep. 18, 7:30 pm at St Joseph the Worker Parish. Registration and the 'Welcome' will be held that evening. The group will gather on Thursday nights at 7:30 pm until the end of April.

Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested in registering for the RCIA by Wednesday, September 3rd.

World Wide Marriage Encounter

Oct 24 to 26, 2025, Fraser Valley

Rekindle your romance, deepen your connection, and strengthen your relationship.

Register by September 11 for the early bird rate; Final registration, October 11

<https://beholdvancouver.org/events/couple-retreat-by-worldwide-marriage-encounter>



CCCB Statement: Crisis in Gaza

The Statement echoes the call of Pope Leo XIV to pray and fast for an end to the war.

<https://www.cccb.ca/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/2025-08-25-Statement-by-the-Permanent-Council-Humanitarian-Crisis-in-Gaza.pdf>



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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

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