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Years at
Nelthorpe

*** The Ascension of the Lord | 1 June 2025 ***

Diocese of Victoria Annual Priests' Retreat

Monday, June 2 to Friday, June 6



Please Note:

during this week, there will be no weekday Masses scheduled for the parish during this week.



Stay In The City

By Jean Allen

"...so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

When we read or hear those words, we immediately know that Jesus was referring to the coming Pentecost. We know what was coming for those disciples because we've heard it so often and we are somewhat blasé about it.

But those disciples had no idea what Jesus meant by that. "Clothed with power from on high? What? What did he mean? Do we have to do anything? Do we have to prepare ourselves for this mysterious event? Should we buy new robes? I have nothing to wear. Should we engage in cleansing rituals? What should we be doing??"

It seemed to fly right over their heads that Jesus said, "...so stay here in the city." Did they stay in the city? No, they did not. They went to the Sea of Tiberias and started trying to get back to their old lives. They could not hear the command to sit tight and wait because that would mean they weren't in control. Anybody else here relate to that? We abhor waiting. We will do anything other than allow ourselves to wait quietly on the Lord. We want to be doing, making, working, getting it together and making sure everything is being lined up. If Jesus had said that to most of us, we would be out there renting a hall and hiring a catering company and making signs and posting announcements and... and...and...and. If we don't do it, who's going to? We don't even know what's coming but, by golly, we're going to be prepared!

What I love about Jesus by the Sea of Tiberias is that he didn't say, "I gave you one job. Just the one! What are you guys doing outside the city?? I said you were to stay there! Whose idea was this anyway?" (Everyone turns slowly and looks at Peter.) Yet, even when we get all human and need to find some way to be in control, Jesus doesn't chastise. He feeds, loves, and then redirects.

Just feel the love. Feel that love!

LITURGICAL YEAR C

Saturday:

English Mass (Anticipated Sunday Mass)	4:00 pm
Syro-Malabar Rite (except 1st Sat)	7:00 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	No Mass
Wednesday	No Mass
Thursday	No Mass
Friday	No Mass

(Please Note: No English Masses June 3 to June 6)

Korean Masses

Wednesdays	No Mass
Thursdays	No Mass

(Please Note: No Korean Masses June 4 to June 14)

Parish Office Hours

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

Closed: Saturdays, Sundays, and Mondays.

**Closed Thursday, June 5
for the Diocesan Parish Support Staff Retreat**

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 >

For your convenience, QR codes are now located around the church.



All able-bodied parishioners!

We still need help to continue pulling out the roots of the invasive bushes and cleaning our parish grounds this Saturday from 9 am.

If you are available and would like to help, please come ready to dig up the roots.

Thank you.





Please pray for:

Those who have died

Helga Ahlers, Joe Snr. & Joe Jnr. Delima,
Amalia Garside

Those who are ill

Skarlet, Jon A, Patricia C, Cora C, Lesley D,
Kathleen G, Derek L, Lisa L, Diane L, Will P, Dino R,
Davide R, Willy Santiago, Gaspar S,
Valerie S, Cathy T, Maria T, and Ornella T.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul



Today as we celebrate the feast of the Ascension we are reminded that Christ's saving work on earth continues through his disciples, and now through us.

When we give to the poor, God indeed pours his love, peace and joy into our hearts, into our lives and into the hearts of those who are poor.

Donate online: specify "Sacred Heart Parish"
https://give-can.keela.co/ssvp_donation_form

All cheques: "Society of St. Vincent de Paul".

To join the Society, please contact Georgina:
mvgshort@telus.net or call 250-727-2615



PLEASE NOTE Distribution of the Precious Blood of Christ

Bishop Gary Gordon has approved the reintroduction of the distribution of the Precious Blood from the chalice from the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ, June 22, 2025.

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!

May 24 & May 25, 2025

Envelopes \$ 1,207.00

Cash \$ 411.00

Total \$ 1,618.00

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

Fr. Shijo's Homilies
are available on our Parish Website
<https://sacredheartvictoria.com/sacred-heart-homilies.html>



CWL petitions against proposed Federal Bills

On May 31st and June 1st, the CWL will be in the foyer of the church before and after Mass with two petitions against the Federal government, which we hope all parishioners will sign.

- Petition #1 against Recommendation 429: No longer provide charitable status to anti-abortion organizations, and Recommendation 430: Remove the privileged status of "advancement of religion" as a charitable purpose.
- Petition #2 against Recommendation 21: To allow for advance requests for medical assistance in dying (MAiD) following a diagnosis of a serious and incurable medical condition, disease, mental health issues, dementia or a disorder leading to incapacity.

For more information contact Margie Noonan:
250-589-6313 / margielnoonan@gmail.com



Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Friday, 27 June

***5:30 pm Sacred Heart Icon
Procession***

6:00 pm Mass

***Followed by a Knights of Columbus BBQ and Potluck
Entertainment by The Greater Victoria Concert Band***

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Knights of Columbus Pilgrim Icon Program



Spread devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and pray for Our Lord to make his heart our own, so that we may see and love in others what he sees and loves in us.

OVERVIEW

Through the Pilgrim Icon Program, councils organize a Sacred Heart Holy Hour featuring an icon depicting the most famous image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, painted in 1767 by Pompeo Batoni and now venerated in the Church of the Gesù in Rome. The reproduction bears the blessing of Pope Francis, through the Papal Almoner, and is one of more than 300 icons traveling across the world, from council to council, for veneration and use in prayer services.

This icon of the Sacred Heart will be in Sacred Heart Parish for veneration from June 14.

Donations of flowers!

We will accept flower donations by 1:45 pm each Friday. A bucket for flower donations will be placed by the entrance of the church. Bouquets of arranged flowers will also be accepted on Saturdays by 3 pm, before the 4 pm anticipated Mass.





*Please pray for the candidates
of the sacraments of*
**Confirmation &
First Holy Communion**

9 am Mass, Sunday, 8 June 2025

**We thank Bishop Gary Gordon,
for administering the Sacraments
for the Parish.**

*Ariana, Athena, Beatrice, Danielle,
Emily, Hung, Kaycee, Linden, Mikayla,
Myiesha, Oanh, Rhea, Sarah, Shaine,
Sid, Stella, Tai, and Victoria.*



Jubilee 2025
Friday, June 20, 5pm to 8 pm
Sacred Heart Parish Hall

Development & Peace - Caritas Canada invites you to come and celebrate Jubilee 2025 and the 10th Anniversary of Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si*.

The evening will begin at 5 pm with an opportunity for fellowship, followed by a potluck dinner. Our two after dinner speakers are Bishop Gary Gordon and D&P animator Raphael Freston.

Please bring a potluck dish to share. Beverages will be provided.

Kindly RSVP to Nancy Stuart: nancystuart7@gmail.com

All are welcome!

**Bishop Gary and the
Diocesan Permanent Pastoral
Synod (DPPS) Committee**

invites you to form or join a Listening Circle.

Watch the video

Spiritual Conversations, at: <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/dpps>



The Listening Circle Guiding Questions are:

Optional Opening Question: What is one story from your faith and life that you would like to share?

Q1. What is your experience or connection with Christ, The Anointed One, in your faith journey?

Q2. How have you experienced blessings and hope in your life, in your parish, in your school, in your church, or in your family?

To form or join a Listening Circle contact Danny Brock at: dcbrock617@gmail.com

Grateful thanks to everyone

who came to help with the weeding of the invasive plants. Help is still needed to clear the parish grounds on Saturday mornings.



**Parish Finance Committee
Chair & Committee Members**

An active, well-formed finance committee is key to the health of the parish. If you have a background in accounting, finance, or management and are looking for an opportunity to use your skills to contribute to the parish, Sacred Heart is seeking a Chair and members for the Finance Committee. As a member of the Parish Finance Committee, you will help to manage the parish's finances, establish budgets, and provide guidance on financial matters; supporting the parish and long term vision for the parish's longevity.

Term for Chair and Committee Members: 3 years (renewable).

As Chair, you will:

- work with the parish's accountant and the Pastor.
- hold at least four Finance Committee meetings each year.
- prepare meeting agendas, capture minutes, and track action items.
- produce an annual report.
- engage with Parish Council and others as needed to provide (financial) input on financial questions, options for solutions, and budget alignment
- liaise with the Diocese's Financial Officer(s) as needed

As a Committee Member, you will

- contribute expertise from your experience in finance, accounting or management sectors.
- assist in establishing budgets, contribute to all agenda items, review potential project costs and options for financial feasibility

Time commitment: approximately 2-6 hours each quarter.

Please consider applying for a role as Chair or committee member.

Send a brief summary of your experience and ability to contribute to sacredheart@rcdvictoria.org



From the Diocese



The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops' short Note on Prayer from its Episcopal Commission for Doctrine offers a simple introduction to what prayer is with a set of helpful resources prepared by the CCCB's Jubilee planning committee.

Please find this "Note on Prayer" here:

https://www.cccb.ca/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/Note-on-Prayer_EN-2025-04-22.pdf

**11th Annual Diocesan
Family Camp & Conference**
August 22 to 24, 2025, Nanose Bay Camp

<https://www.rcdvictoria.org/family-camp>

**Employment Opportunity
Pastoral Administrator**

The Diocese is seeking to hire a Pastoral Administrator for Holy Cross Parish in Victoria to maintain and grow the community and its service to the people of Gordon Head. The successful applicant will bring a grounded, spiritual life, supported by theological education and practical experience as a community leader.

For more information and to apply, please visit
<https://www.rcdvictoria.org/employment>.

Applications must be received by June 21.

Pastor, Fr. Shijo George

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Korean, Fr. Marco Park

dkpark@rcdvictoria.org

Syro-Malabar, Fr. Shijo George

sgeorge@rcdvictoria.org

Vietnamese, Fr. Michael Tran

michaeltran@rcdvictoria.org

Hospital Chaplain, Fr. Sean Flynn

250-889-3761

Parish Administrative Assistant

Katherine Newton: sacredheart@rcdvictoria.org

Children's Religious Ed. Coordinator

Lidia Moodie: sacredheartreled@rcdvictoria.org

Parish Liturgy Coordinator

Rafael Oei: sacredheart@rcdvictoria.org

RMSE Coordinator

Sindhu Merwin: sacredheartmse@gmail.com

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL 2024 / 2025

Marilyn Bojko

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Jeremy Côté

Samantha Sherman

Edgar Tan Jr. (Chair)

Jim Haffey

Will Podmoroff

Andy Pak

(Korean Representative)

Sonny Huynh

(Vietnamese Representative)

Anjali Aniyan

(Syro-Malabar Representative)

PARISH MINISTRIES & GROUPS

Parish Office: sacredheart@rcdvictoria.org



LITURGICAL MINISTRIES & POSITIONS

Parish Liturgy Coordinator

Altar Servers

Extraordinary Ministers

Floral Ministry

Lectors

Music Director

Pastoral Care Ministry

Ushers

Video Streamers

Sacristan

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Marilyn Turner,
Mae Tan

Eduardo Bautista

Stan Dzbik

Rafael Oei

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Marisa Tinsay

Lynda Tan

Peter Liem

Sylvain Leclerc

Denise Owen (Asst.)

PARISH GROUPS

Christian Meditation

C.W.L. / Prayer Line

Knights of Columbus

Led By The Spirit Group

Moms & Tots

Funeral Receptions

Social Justice/D & P

St. Vincent de Paul

Margie Noonan

Denise Owen

Stan Dzbik

David MacIntyre

Genevieve Vuksic

Marilyn Turner

Stan Dzbik

Georgina Short

TO REPORT SEXUAL ABUSE TO AN INDEPENDENT AGENCY

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

To report sexual abuse or cover-up
by a Catholic Bishop,
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