



# Sacred Heart Catholic Church

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*\* Second Sunday of Advent | 7 December 2025 \**

You've made such a difference!

## Annual Clean Up!

*Thank you to everyone who came to clean and tidy up the church buildings and grounds for the festivities of this season, and the ladies who prepared the delicious refreshments.*



 *Thank You to all!*

## LITURGICAL YEAR A

### 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 5:30 pm

## Weekday Masses

### English Masses

Monday (Dec 8: Immaculate Conception) 6:30 pm  
Tuesday (Dec 9) 11:00 am  
Wednesday (Dec 10) 11:00 am  
Thursday (Dec 11) 11:00 am  
Friday (Dec 12: Our Lady of Guadalupe) 11:00 am  
Followed by Exposition, Benediction is at 1:30 pm

### Korean Masses

Wednesdays 7:30 pm  
Thursdays 10:00 am

## RECONCILIATION

Tuesday to Friday 10:30 am to 10:50 am  
Saturday 3:00 pm to 3:45 pm  
Sunday 8:15 am to 8:45 am

## Parish Office Hours

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

Closed: 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)

**The Parish Office will be closed for the Christmas Season from 25 December 2025 to 7 January 2026**

**Tue, Dec 23:** Deadline for hand-delivered donations to the church & office for the 2025 tax year.

**Wed, Dec 31:** Last collection in church basket to "count" toward the 2025 tax year.

**Thurs, Jan 1:** Collection in church basket will "count" toward the 2026 tax year.

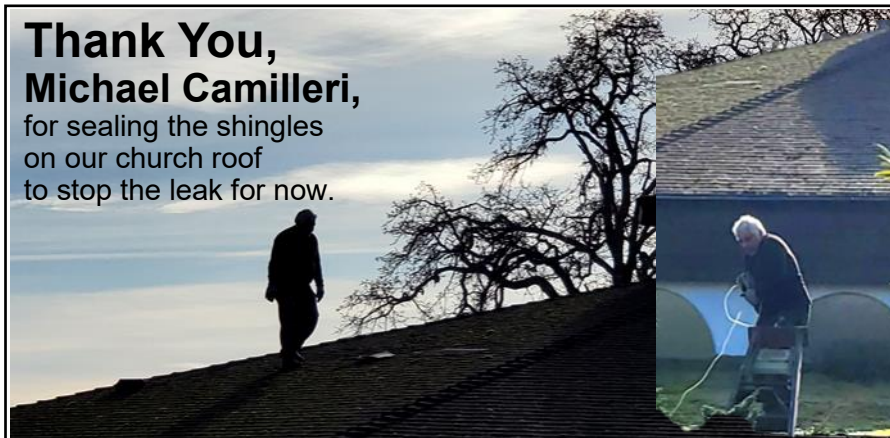
## For Baptism, Marriage, Funerals, and Anointing of the Sick

Please contact:  
E. [sacredheart@rcdvictoria.org](mailto:sacredheart@rcdvictoria.org)  
P. 250-479-1611

[Sacred Heart Parish Website](http://Sacred Heart Parish Website) >



**Thank You, Michael Camilleri,**  
for sealing the shingles on our church roof to stop the leak for now.



## The 2025-2026

## Sunday Missal for Young Catholics

Colourfully illustrated, with notes to help our youth understand the Mass and the Scripture Readings of each week.

Suggested donation: **\$10 each.**





## Please Pray For

### Those who have died:

Alice, Joe Snr. & Joe Jnr. Delima, Fr. Frank Franz,  
Mary & Kevin Loughran, Agnes Mao, Henry Muzyka  
Jose Remedios & Max Sequeira,  
Souls in Purgatory, and Louise Whitley

### Those who are ill:

Dan, Jon A, Jacobus B, Irene C, Patricia C, Cora C, Lesley D,  
Kathleen G, Derek L, Lisa L, Kevin L, Ed O, Fiona O, Will P,  
Davide R, Willy S, Gaspar S, Valerie S, Cathy T, & Ornella T.



## Donations for Flowers & our Building Fund

are in the church foyer.

Cash or cheques are accepted.  
Please make cheques out to  
"Sacred Heart Church".

## 2026 Donation Envelopes

ARE READY FOR PICK UP in the foyer.

Envelopes are arranged alphabetically according to your surname. Donation Envelopes are needed to receive a tax receipt. If you are a new parishioner or would like a box of envelopes, please contact the Parish Office: 250-479-1611 or email [sacredheart@rcdvictoria.org](mailto:sacredheart@rcdvictoria.org).



**PLEASE DO NOT USE ANY ENVELOPES FROM PAST YEARS.**  
**Some numbers have been re-assigned.**

Please inform the Parish Office if you have a change of address.  
PAD users, please use the special envelopes and clearly write your name and address. Thank you.

## 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!

### November 29 & November 30, 2025

Envelopes \$ 2,194.00

Cash \$ 287.25

**Total \$ 2,481.25**

### November 2025

E-transfers \$ 2,281.00

PAD \$ 5,920.00

Canada Helps \$ 810.63

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



## Eternal Rest Grant Unto

**Henry Muzyka** (19 November 2025)

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



## The Wilderness Way

by Jean Allen

Isaiah actually didn't say, the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord,' What's written in Isaiah is, "the voice one crying: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord.'" It would seem the difference is miniscule yet it indicates that John was not just one who was crying out somewhere in the wilderness; he was calling God's people to come to the wilderness, out from under the recognized power centers and power wielders of the Jewish faith world. He was calling them to come away, from a path where everything spiritual was mediated for them through sacrifice, and enter into a new path of direct access to God. John was catching glimmers of what the New Testament way would be and he intuited that it definitely would not be centered on Temple Sacrifice and the often corrupt Temple authorities.

No wonder some Pharisees and Sadducees came to check him out under the pretext of wanting to be baptized. John was a real threat to their authority and lifestyle and, there was no doubt about it, people were flocking to John out there in the wilderness on the Jordan River. John was calling the people to prepare their hearts for a new way, and new ways always feel like a wilderness at first. The old comforts and perspectives are gone, which can be scary and uncertain. John wasn't saying, "Repent and go sacrifice a lamb." He was saying, "Repent, be baptized and change your ways. Do good. Don't cheat. Be satisfied with your wages. Live simply. This is the way; this is the path to the heart of God."

People were so ready to come out from under the thumb of Temple Sacrifice. Where the Temple was built of stumbling blocks that made the people's access to God difficult, John's way, even though it was a wilderness way, felt fresh, open and untangled. Even John's preaching about the wrath of God felt better to them and more doable than the heavy and burdensome yoke of the Temple.

In the wilderness, prepare your way.

## Parish Reconciliation Service

**Thursday, 18 December at 6:30 p.m.**

A number of priests will be available for Confessions.



### Five Conditions of a Good Confession



1. Examination of Conscience
2. Repentance and remorse for one's sins: arising from faith and love of God.
3. Firmly resolve not to sin, or repeat a sin again.
4. Confess and disclose the sins to a priest.
5. Fully intend to make reparation, and do works of reparation for the sins.



### Confessions

Tuesdays to Fridays 10:30 a.m. to 10:50 a.m.

Saturdays 3 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.

Sundays 8:15 a.m. to 8:45 a.m.





## Knights of Columbus Sacred Heart Council Christmas Party



**Saturday, December 13, 6 pm to 9 pm**

Come for a potluck dinner, and enjoy Christmas Favours,  
Please bring your food or dessert dishes  
to the Parish Hall from 5:30 pm to 6 pm.  
Come and join us in celebrating  
this most joyous Christmas Season,  
while donating to your favorite charities!!!



**Come celebrate the  
Solemnity of the  
Immaculate Conception  
at a 6:30 pm Mass  
on Monday, 8 December  
here at Sacred Heart!  
Rosary at 6:10 pm**



Nine months before the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary on 8 September, the Church celebrates her Immaculate Conception. The Feast was approved in 1476 by Pope Sixtus IV, extending to the universal Church by Pope Clement XI in 1708. Acknowledging the belief held for centuries by the Fathers and Doctors of the Church, of councils and his predecessors, Pope Pius IX solemnly proclaimed the Dogma of the Immaculate Conception in 1854 (Ineffabilis Deus, 1854)

[Accessed, 2 Dec 2025: <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/liturgical-holidays/solemnity-of-the-immaculate-conception-of-the-blessed-virgin-mary.html>]

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## Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe 12 December



The Virgin of Guadalupe, like the shroud of Turin, appears on a piece of fabric. Both are sacred objects, hundreds of years old, and both depict a miraculous image. The Virgin of Guadalupe was declared Queen of Mexico and is Patron of the Americas.

Our Lady of Guadalupe introduced herself as the Mother of God and the mother of all humanity when she appeared on the hill of Tepeyac in Mexico in 1531 to a peasant, Juan Diego. Although it was winter, Juan Diego found an abundance of flowers on that hill, of a type he had never seen before. The Virgin bundled the flowers into Juan's cloak, known as a tilma. When Juan Diego presented the tilma of flowers to the Archbishop of Mexico, the flowers fell out and he recognised them as Castilian roses: not found in Mexico. The tilma also now bore the colourful image of the Virgin herself. This actual tilma, with the image of the Virgin Mary, remains the most sacred object in Mexico. The story is from a manuscript written in the Aztec language, Nahuatl, by Antonio Valeriano, sometime after 1556.

Over 20 million people visit the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe each year. Pope St. John Paul II declared Juan Diego a Saint in 2000.

[Accessed, 2 Dec 2025: <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/church/news/2018-12/our-lady-of-guadalupe-feast-day-mexico-americas.html>]



## Society of St. Vincent de Paul

In the Gospel, John the Baptist urges us to "Prepare the way of the Lord." This is what Advent is all about: we are called to help prepare the way of the Lord by making the real meaning of Christmas come alive in our hearts, in our family, and to reach out to those in need. Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Let us help the suffering and poor celebrate Christmas. 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](https://give-can.keela.co/ssvp_donation_form)

Make cheques to: "Society of St. Vincent de Paul".

To join the Society, please contact Georgina:  
[mgvshort@telus.net](mailto:mgvshort@telus.net) or call 250-727-2615



## You are invited to the next Knights of Columbus COR Meeting 7:30 pm, Tuesday, December 9 Pope John Hall, next to the Rectory

The topic: "Challenge Yourself this Advent".

All Knights, male parishioners and friends are welcome to attend.



## 2025 Annual Bishop's Appeal Love & Unity

For a Tax Receipt, please  
send donations to the  
Parish Office or directly to  
the Pastoral Centre before  
the end of the year.

**Online Donation:**

[www.rcdvictoria.org/bishops-appeal](http://www.rcdvictoria.org/bishops-appeal)

Phone the Pastoral Centre directly for credit cards: 1-250-479-1331

**Our Parish goal is \$45,500.00**

**Actual to Date: \$44,917.00**

**Number of Gifts: 120**



## From the Diocese

## Blessed Are You

**January 30 to February 1, 2026**

A WEEKEND OF KNOWING JESUS  
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*Camp Homewood*

Registration is now open.

For Youth in grades 7-12

The cost is \$195 per participant:  
includes food, accommodation, and activities.

To register: <https://camp-homewood-2025.eventbrite.ca>



## Anawim's Annual Christmas Tree Fundraiser

Nov. 24 to Dec. 13 : 973 Caledonia Ave.

Weekdays: 2 pm – 8 pm Sat: 9 am – 3 pm Sun: Closed

We also need new and gently used warm winter clothing.

A donation box will be in the church foyer to collect your donations.

Anawim House: [info@anawimhouse.com](mailto:info@anawimhouse.com) / phone 250-382-0283.



## Closing of the Jubilee Year 11 am Mass, Sunday December 28 St. Andrew's Cathedral

Bishop Gary Gordon will celebrate Mass at 11 am on Sunday, December 28 as the Diocese of Victoria joins the Universal Church to celebrate the Rite of the Closing of the Jubilee Year.

**All are welcome!**

Livestream at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8BBaull-9vo>

Check out the latest

*Fr. Alfie's Table*

with Special Guest  
Fr. Shijo George

<https://youtu.be/MJvn4rxurCQ>



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Moms & Tots  
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## 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](https://RCDVictoria.org/Responsible-Ministry)  
or call 1-800-968-3146

To report sexual abuse or cover-up  
by a Catholic Bishop,  
visit [BishopReportingSystem.ca](https://BishopReportingSystem.ca) or  
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