



Sacred Heart Catholic Church

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Years at
Nelthorpe

* The Baptism of Our Lord | 12 January 2025 *

*A Grateful & Heartfelt Thank You
to the choirs of all the ethnic communities who helped to make our
2nd Evening of Carols
on Friday, 27 December 2024 a great success. Thank You!*



*Thank you to Bishop Gary, Fr. Dean Henderson,
Fr. Michael Tran, and Fr. Marco Park
for coming to support this musical evening.*

*Grateful thanks, also, to all
the Liturgical Ministries, the Maintenance Committee,
volunteers, and parishioners
who helped with the beautiful Christmas decorations
in and around the church and courtyard,
and who helped to make the Christmas and New Year Liturgies
and the Advent and Christmas Seasons
so meaningful, sacred, joyful, and glorious.*

*You bring the parish and the Sacred Heart of Jesus
to life, and glow with love, wonder, and awe.*

A Hearty and Grateful, Thank You to all!



LITURGICAL YEAR C

Saturday:

Syro-Malabar Rite Mass 11:00 am
English Mass (Anticipated Sunday Mass) 4:00 pm

Sunday:

English Mass 9:00 am
Syro-Malabar Rite Mass on pause
Korean 3:00 pm
Vietnamese (1st and 3rd Sundays) 5:30 pm

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:00 pm to 3:45 pm
Sunday on pause

Weekday Masses English Masses

Tuesday to Friday on pause
Friday: Adoration after Mass
Benediction on pause



~ No Weekday Masses ~

Fr. Shijo is away on vacation.
We thank Fr. Benson Asuming
(Pastor of St. Patrick's Church, Haultain)
for celebrating the weekend Masses
with us during Fr. Shijo's absence.

Korean Masses

Wednesdays 7:30 pm
Thursdays 10:00 am

Temporary Parish Office Hours

Tuesdays to Fridays
10:00 am to 2:00 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

**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.



Thank You from Anawim House

Happy New Year!

Heartfelt thanks to you for supporting the
Anawim Companions Society's food and
clothing drive this past Christmas. We are humbled by
your overwhelming generosity and are thrilled with the
success of the drive. Thanks to you, your donations
made this holiday season brighter for many.

Thank you!



Please pray for:

Those who have died

Kay Clarke, Joe Snr. & Joe Jnr. Delima,
Herculano & Joao Pimental, Paul Spencer, Souls in Purgatory.

Those who are ill

Mary-Lee A, Skarlet, Jon A, Patricia C, Cora C, Lesley D,
Laverne Knapik, Kathleen G, Gwen J, Derek L, Lisa L,
Diane L, Rafael M-Duke, Katherine N, Edvige P,
Davide R, Gaspar S, Valerie S, Cathy T, and Maria T.



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!

December 21 & December 22, 2024

Envelopes \$ 2,610.00
Cash \$ 287.00
Total \$ 2,897.00

December 24 & December 25, 2024

Envelopes \$ 2,890.00
Cash \$ 2,202.25
Total \$ 5,092.25

December 28 & December 29, 2024

Envelopes \$ 1,560.00
Cash \$ 319.35
Total \$ 1,879.35

December 31, 2024 & January 1, 2025

Envelopes \$ 1,135.00
Cash \$ 373.00
Total \$ 1,508.00

January 4 & January 5, 2025

Envelopes \$ 1,718.25
Cash \$ 345.00
Total \$ 2,063.25

December 2024

Canada Helps \$ 1,393.64
PAD \$ 6,395.00
E-Transfer \$ 7,550.00

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

Fr. Shijo's Homilies

Now available on our Parish Website

<https://sacredheartvictoria.com/sacred-heart-homilies.html>



Eternal Rest Grant Unto

Kay Clarke (3 Jan 2025)

Funeral Mass, 1 pm, Thursday, 6 March

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

2025 Parish Donation Envelopes

**The 2025 Parish Donation Envelopes
are available for pick up in the foyer.**



If you do not currently have a box set and would like to begin using envelopes, call the Parish Office or fill out the form on the table near the envelope sets. Offertory donation envelopes are beneficial if you make weekly contributions to the parish and are necessary if you wish to receive an income tax receipt.

If you are new to the parish or would like to start using these donation envelopes, contact the parish office at 250-479-1611, or email sacredheart@rcdvictoria.org to have a box set aside for you.

We also offer the following options for your financial contribution to the parish (see below).

1. Pre-authorized debit *(automatically deducted from your bank account on a monthly basis)
2. E-Transfers to sacredheart@rcdvictoria.org
3. Gifts of publicly traded securities.

PLEASE DO NOT USE ANY ENVELOPES FROM PAST YEARS.

Since we have re-numbered some sets, if you use a set from a prior year, you will not get credit for your donation.

Thank you.



Moms & Tots

**Parish Hall, every third Monday of the month,
9:30 am - 11:30 am**

Next gathering: Monday, January 20, 2025

Come for the company and faith-sharing.
Parents and caregivers are welcome.

Please contact Genevieve Vuksic: momstots.shvic@gmail.com

Bishop Thomas J. Lobsinger, OMI Memorial Bursary Program

This annual British Columbia and Yukon Bursary program is now receiving applications. There are fourteen bursaries of \$1,000.00 each to Catholic students across the Province of British Columbia. These bursaries are made available on a one-time only basis to young practicing Catholic students in post secondary education at a recognized institute of higher learning within the Province. Applications are accepted from Jan 1, 2025 until Jun 30, 2025 with the bursaries being awarded in the fall. The Terms of Reference may be found on our web site (kofcbc.org). Deadline for requests for application is June 1, 2025.

Requests for application should be addressed to:

Christopher Chen – State Bursary Chairman
Knights of Columbus BC Charity Foundation
#333 – 1231 Pacific Boulevard
Vancouver, B.C. V6Z-0E2

Or email: chrischen.kofc@gmail.com

We would like to congratulate the many recipients over the years and look forward to assist more young people in their education.





The New Year Choice by Jean Allen

It is a necessary disadvantage of the Sunday Gospels that events like the baptism of Jesus are only read occasionally. What that creates in us is an image of an event that is lovely but doesn't seem to tie in with much else. We know that we who are baptized have been baptized with Christ and we, perhaps, have an idea that it is a cleansing event or an initiation into the Christian life. But how does it tie in with Christ's whole life and death or our whole Christian life?

In Romans, Paul adds an interesting aspect to our baptisms: "We were buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the father, we too might live in new newness of life." And in Colossians he writes, "... having been buried with him in baptism in which you were also raised with him through your faith in the working of God."

The Baptism of Jesus is the beginning of the Christian life but cannot be separated from his death. His baptism was not an isolated event and neither were our baptisms. We were buried with him through baptism so that we can participate in Christ's resurrection. That's not somewhere down the road when we die. Paul didn't say you will be raised with Christ; he said you were raised with Christ. It has already happened. Through your baptism you have already been resurrected with Christ.

Are you living a resurrected life? Like everything else in the Christian walk, we need to accept and believe – and be utterly grateful. Don't see the fruits of what you perceive a resurrected life should be like? Try living an unresurrected life! We really have no idea how the resurrection undergirds our daily lives and forms our directions and desires. It's not a guarantee of a life free from pain; it's a guarantee of Life. Period. But you can choose to be aware of this life and to accept it.

Or you can do your own thing and ignore resurrection. Your choice.

Next "Cor" Meeting 7:30 pm Tuesday, January 14 Pope John Hall



The Knights of Columbus Sacred Heart Council invites all men to their next "Cor" gathering, Tuesday, January 14th at 7:30 pm in the Pope John Hall (note location - next to the Rectory).

The topic will be The Battle of Prayer.

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

Society of St. Vincent de Paul



After Jesus was baptized, he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and a voice was heard "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." As we give to the poor, we also can hear these same words.

As you help those who are suffering, know in your heart the truth of the words "you are my beloved in whom I am well pleased".

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

Donate online and specify "Sacred Heart Parish": <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/society-of-st-vincent-de-paul-of-vancouver-island/>

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



Recollections for Men & Women



Opus Dei is hosting "Recollections": to go deeper into a relationship with God, guided by meditation and an examination of conscience. A priest of Opus Dei will be available for spiritual direction and/or confession.

Women: Mon, Jan 20, 7 to 9 pm, Our Lady of Fatima Parish. Mass is at 6pm and confession at 6:30pm.

Men: Tue, Jan 21, 6 to 8pm, Sacred Heart Parish. Mass is at 5:15pm.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Thursdays, 11:45 am | Parish Hall

We welcome newcomers.



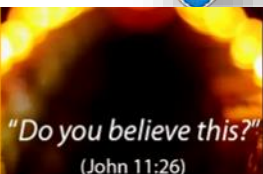
From the teachings of Fr. John Main (1926-1982), a Benedictine monk. A prayer of silence and stillness beyond word and thought, often called the "prayer of the heart".

For more information, please contact Margie Noonan 250-589-6313 or margielnoonan@gmail.com.



From the Diocese

WEEK of
PRAYER
for CHRISTIAN UNITY
2025



The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Prayer Service will be held on Sunday, January 19 at 3:00 pm at St. Andrew's Cathedral. All are welcome to participate, either in person at the Cathedral or via the livestream at <https://youtu.be/C0fsyZDabTA>

Diocesan Bursary Catholic Women's League "In Memory of Freda Smith" Deadline: March 31

This \$750 Bursary is awarded to a Catholic student graduating from a secondary or home schooling program in the Diocese who plans to pursue a post secondary education. For more information, and for the application form, please visit <https://cwldov.org/application>

WINTER 2025 PASTORAL CARE TRAINING SESSION

9 am to 12 pm, Feb 1st to Apr 5
(No session on Mar 8: Spring Break)



"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 January 21, 2025.

For further information, please email moiraking@shaw.ca

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RCDVictoria.org/Responsible-Ministry
or call 1-800-968-3146

To report sexual abuse or cover-up
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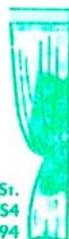
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