



# Sacred Heart Catholic Church

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**\* 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time | 13 October 2024 \***

**IN OCTOBER**  
**Join us to**  
**Pray the**  
**Rosary**  
**25 minutes before each Mass**



**Fr. Shijo's Homilies**  
*Now available*  
*on our Parish Website*

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

*Have a most meaningful, joyful,  
and blessed*

**Thanksgiving!**



*Have an excellent long weekend  
with your family and friends!*

## LITURGICAL YEAR B

### Saturday:

English Mass (Anticipated Sunday Mass) 4:00 pm  
Syro-Malabar Rite Mass 7:00 pm

### Sunday:

English Mass 9:00 am  
Syro-Malabar Rite Mass 11:00 am  
Polish (paused)  
Korean 3:00 pm  
Vietnamese (1st and 3rd Sunday) 5:30 pm

### RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:00 pm to 3:45 pm  
Sunday 8:15 am to 8:45 am

### Weekday Masses

#### English Masses

Tuesdays to Friday 11:00 am  
Friday: Adoration after Mass  
Benediction 1:30 pm

#### Korean Masses

Wednesdays (NO Mass on Oct 16 & 23) 7:30 pm  
Thursdays (NO Mass on Oct 17) 10:00 am

### Memorials and Feast Days coming up

#### When in Red: Major Feast with Gloria

**Tue. Oct 15: St. Teresa of Jesus**  
**Wed. Oct 16: St. Marie-Marguerite D'Youville**  
**Thu. Oct 17: St. Ignatius of Antioch**  
**Fri. Oct 18: St. Luke**



## Restitution

by Jean Allen

The man who wanted to know how to inherit eternal life was shocked and "went away grieving for he had many possessions." The Greek word for possessions' (ktéma) can also be accurately translated as properties'. It is interesting that when Jesus listed off the commandments to the man, instead of saying "You shall

not steal," he said "You shall not defraud." Defrauding is a form of stealing but it still seems oddly specific in this Gospel text.

The man had many properties. Now, in Jesus's day, the acquisition of a piece of land was usually not a straightforward transaction where the buyer and seller each went away satisfied. Land was often expropriated through immoral means: fraud, hard hearted refusal to recognize a peasant's rights, or political patronage. Those who lost their land were made destitute by the unfair expropriation. The man probably owned many properties acquired in a way that had caused great suffering and hardship. Jesus was asking him to make restitution to the poor people who had lost so much to make him a wealthy man.

Jesus isn't against wealth per se; he is against wealth accumulated by causing suffering and hardship. Those who become rich that way cannot enter the Kingdom because they refuse to divest themselves of a load acquired by causing grief, sorrow and destitution. The load is so large that they can't fit through the eye of the needle, a small gate in the city's walls through which a loaded camel couldn't fit. If the owner of the loaded camel was late to the city and the main gates were closed for the night, he could enter by the eye of the needle but the loaded camel could not. The owner would have to stay outside if he wanted to protect his load.

The perception that wealth meant you were favored by God was so strong that even the impoverished disciples could not fathom that there could be wealthy people unable to enter into the Kingdom. "Who then can be saved?"

Anyone who can let go of the load.

The Bishop's Appeal is very active in all parishes throughout the Diocese, and I am happy to announce that 8.02 % of our parish's registered households have contributed thus far. We ask you to join your fellow parishioners to support this Appeal with a gift. We need your support because your contribution will make a difference!

**Bishop's Appeal**  
**2024**  
**Sharing**  
**God's Gifts**

Parish Goal: \$ 44,000.00 Actual: \$ 3,529.00 Number of Gifts: 13



### Come celebrate the Month of the Rosary

**Wed. October 30**

**Mass, 6 pm with Bp. Gary & Fr. Shijo**  
Followed by Exposition | Rosary | Benediction

**Then join us for a Potluck Dinner in the Parish Hall.**  
**The Sign-up Sheet is in the church foyer.**

## 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)

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### **Please pray for:**

#### ***Those who have died***

*Paquito Aguila, Teresa Fleury, Betty Guterres,  
Joe & Jose de Lima, Fr. Alex MacLellan,  
Herculano & Joao Pimentel, Joseph Slanina,  
Max Sequeira, Edward Short, Felipe Solano,  
Constanza Solano, Souls in Purgatory,  
Consuelo & Tranquilino Valderrama*

#### ***Those who are ill***

*Skarlet, Jon A, Patricia C, Cora C, Maureen D, Lesley D, Gaspar S,  
Valerie S, Kathleen G, Gwen J, Derek L, Lisa L, Diane L,  
Rafael M-D, Edvige P, Davide R, Cathy T, Maria T, and Teresita W.*

## **CWL's Community Garage Sale November 16, 9 am to 1 pm**



The CWL will host their annual community garage sale on November 16, from 9 am to 1 pm.

To rent a table to sell your goods please contact Denise at: 250-580-0066 or deniseowen@shaw.ca



## **Society of St. Vincent de Paul**

**Please donate food** in the food cart at the entrance of the church, or clothes at any of the Thrift Stores. When donating online, please specify "Sacred Heart Parish": <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/society-of-st-vincent-de-paul-of-vancouver-island/>

All cheques should be made to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

To join the society, please email Georgina: mgvshort@telus.net

## **Options to Donate**

### **E-Transfer:**

The email to use is [sacredheart@rcdvictoria.org](mailto:sacredheart@rcdvictoria.org)

### **Pre-Authorized Debit (PAD)**

Automatic Debit Form:

<http://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!**

### **October 5 to October 6, 2024**

Envelopes \$ 4,226.00

Cash \$ 345.00

**Total \$ 4,571.00**

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



## **ST. TERESA OF ÁVILA 15 October 2024**

St. Teresa of Ávila, born on March 28, 1515, in Ávila, Spain, died on October 4, 1582, in Alba de Tormes, and canonized in 1622. Teresa was a Spanish nun, one of the great mystics and religious women of the Roman Catholic Church, and an author of spiritual classics. She initiated the Carmelite Reform, which restored and emphasized the austerity and

contemplative character of Carmelite life.

John Baptist Rossi, the Carmelite prior general from Rome, went to Ávila in 1567 and approved the reform, directing Teresa to found more convents and to establish monasteries. That same year, while at Medina del Campo, Spain, she met a young Carmelite priest, Juan de Yepes (later St. John of the Cross, the poet and mystic), who she realized could initiate the Carmelite Reform for men. A year later Juan opened the first monastery of the Primitive Rule at Duruelo, Spain.

St. Teresa was elevated to doctor of the church in 1970 by Pope Paul VI, the first woman to be so honoured.

[Online accessed, 10 Oct 2024:

<https://www.britannica.com/biography/Saint-Teresa-of-Avila>]

## **ST. MARIE-MARGUERITE D'YOUVILLE 16 October 2024**



St. Marie-Marguerite d'Youville was the first Canadian-born elevated to sainthood. Born October 15, 1701 at Varennes, Quebec, the eldest of six children. After her father died, it was through the influence of her great grandfather, Pierre Boucher, that she was enabled to study for two years at the Ursulines in Quebec. Upon her return home, she became an invaluable support to her mother and undertook the education of her brothers and sisters.

In 1722, she married François d'Youville whom, she soon realized, had no interest in making a home life. Four of her six children died in infancy. It was when pregnant with her sixth child she discovered François was seriously ill. She faithfully cared for him until his death in 1730. In all this suffering, Marguerite grew in her belief of God's presence and his tender love for every human person. In turn, she wanted to make his compassionate love known to all, undertaking many charitable works with complete trust in God. She provided for the education of her two sons, who became priests, and welcomed a blind woman into her home. Marguerite was soon joined by three young women who shared her love and concern for the poor. On December 31, 1737, they consecrated themselves to God and promised to serve him in the person of the poor. Without realizing it, Marguerite had become the foundress of the Sisters of Charity of Montreal, the "Grey Nuns".

In 1747, this "mother of the poor" as she was called, was asked to become director of the Charon Brothers Hospital in Montreal which was falling into ruin. She and her sisters rebuilt the hospital and cared for those in most desperate human misery. In 1765, when a fire destroyed the hospital, she asked her sisters and the poor who lived at the hospital to recognize the hand of God in this disaster and to offer him praise. At age 64, she undertook the reconstruction of this shelter for those in need. Totally exhausted from a lifetime of self-giving, Marguerite died on December 23, 1771: remembered always as a loving mother who served Jesus Christ in the poor. Pope John XXIII beatified Marguerite on May 3, 1959 and called her "Mother of Universal Charity"; a well-merited title for one who continues to reach out to all with love and compassion.

[Online accessed, 10 Oct 2024: [https://www.vatican.va/news\\_services/liturgy/saints/ns\\_lit\\_doc\\_19901209\\_youville\\_en.html](https://www.vatican.va/news_services/liturgy/saints/ns_lit_doc_19901209_youville_en.html)]





## ST. IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH

17 October 2024

St. Ignatius of Antioch (died c. 110, Rome; Western feast day October 17; Eastern feast day December 20) was the bishop of Antioch, Syria (now in Turkey), known mainly from seven highly regarded letters that he wrote during a trip to Rome, as a prisoner condemned to be executed for his beliefs. He was apparently

eager to counteract the teachings of two groups, the Judaizers, who did not accept the authority of the New Testament, and the Docetists, who held that Christ's sufferings and death were apparent but not real. The letters have often been cited as a source of knowledge of the Christian church at the beginning of the 2nd century.

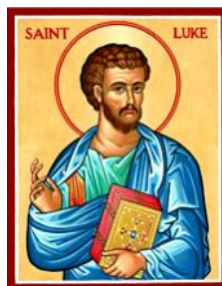
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## ST. LUKE

18 October 2024

St. Luke was born in Syria. The tradition is St. Luke died at the age of 84, in Boeotia, Greece, where he settled to write the Gospels. St. Luke's tomb was initially in Thebes, Greece. His relics were eventually transferred to Constantinople in the year 357. He is described by Paul as "Our dear friend Luke, the Doctor". Christians believe he was the author of the Gospel of St. Luke and the Acts of the Apostles.



Luke had a unique perspective on Jesus, and this can be seen by the eighteen parables and six miracles not found in the other gospels. Luke's gospel seems to focus or highlight social justice and the poor. He tells the story of Lazarus and the rich man who ignored him. In the beatitudes, he is the only one who uses "blessed are the poor" rather than "blessed are the poor in spirit". Luke's gospel is the only one that we hear of Mary's Magnificat. He is known to have worked with Paul, remaining with him until his

death. He had a very close relationship with Mary and brought us many Scriptural teachings on the life of Mary that other Gospel's didn't. Forgiveness and God's mercy to sinners is also of first importance to St. Luke, in his writings about the Prodigal Son being welcomed back. Throughout St. Luke's gospel, Jesus takes the side of the sinner who wants to return to God's mercy. He was one who loved the poor, respected women, and was a physician by profession.

[Online accessed, 10 Oct 2024:

<https://www.newmanministry.com/saints/saint-luke>]



An arborist has discovered that the Garry Oak in front of the Rectory is suffering from decay within its trunk. For the safety of parishioners, the arborist has recommended that the tree be cut down.

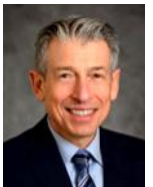
As such, please be informed of its eventual removal.



## Forgotten Rights and Ageing Matters

Oct 19, 11 a.m. Parish Hall

Come to a presentation on issues facing BC Seniors by Dan Levitt from the BC Office of the Seniors Advocate. **All are welcome!**



## Consider volunteering to be a member of the Parish Maintenance Committee!

If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office: [sacredheart@rcdvictoria.org](mailto:sacredheart@rcdvictoria.org).



## St. Vincent de Paul Online Fundraising Auction

Bidding opens on Friday, October 11 at 5 pm and closes on Sunday, October 20 at 5 pm. To participate and view the items available for sale please visit

<https://app.galabid.com/ssvpvancouverisland/register>



## From the Diocese

### Foster & Promote Vocations

Serra Club, St. Joseph the Worker Parish  
Thursday, 17 October, 6 pm to 8 pm



Join us for Holy Mass and Eucharistic Adoration followed by a talk by Fr. Sean Flynn who will share his own vocation story, the importance of creating a culture of vocations in parishes, and how families can nurture a calling to the priesthood for their sons. The evening will end with food & fellowship.

**All are welcome!**

### World Wide Marriage Encounter

Oct 25 to 27, 2024

Rekindle the romance, remind yourselves why you fell in love. Learn to make a good marriage even better! Registration closes October 14.

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



### Pray for Peace

During October dedicated to Mary, the President of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops invites all Catholics in Canada to pray and fast for peace.

<https://www.cccb.ca/media-release/statement-by-the-most-rev-william-t-mcgrattan-bishop-of-calgary-and-ccb-president-to-the-catholic-faithful-in-canada-inviting-them-to-pray-and-fast-for-peace/>.

### Catholic Near East Welfare Association

The Canadian branch of CNEWA, the Catholic Near East Welfare Association is launching a campaign to raise funds for families displaced by the escalating conflict in Lebanon.

For more information, and to donate, visit <https://cnewa.org/ca/>



Rachel's Vineyard will be hosting a retreat on Vancouver Island from Oct 24 to 27. For information and to register, contact Nicola: [rachelsvineyardvancouverisland@gmail.com](mailto:rachelsvineyardvancouverisland@gmail.com) / 250-514-3973.

### Camp Homewood Youth Retreat

is looking for members to serve on the planning team. Join the online meeting on Oct 29 at 7 p.m. <https://meet.google.com/bqf-icdp-hxp>.

For details, please contact Jeremy Lenz: [jeremylenz81@gmail.com](mailto:jeremylenz81@gmail.com)

## Pastor, Fr. Shijo George

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**Korean, TBD**

**TBD**

**Polish**

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To report sexual abuse by a clergy member,  
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[RCDVictoria.org/Responsible-Ministry](https://RCDVictoria.org/Responsible-Ministry)  
or call 1-800-968-3146

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