



Sacred Heart Catholic Church

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*** Third Sunday of Advent | 14 December 2025 ***

The Joy of New

by Jean Allen

John was the last of the Old Testament prophets and his general perception of God was definitely Old Testament based. Therefore, he preached the wrath of God in a way that Jesus, who ushered in the New Testament, did not. John may have even been confused by Jesus's ways of proclaiming the Kingdom because after his arrest, he sent his disciples to ask Jesus if he was the one who was supposed to come or should they wait for another. "Jesus said, *"Go back and tell John what you have seen and heard (the blind see etc.) ...and blessed is anyone who does not stumble on account of me."*

Jesus's way of gentle and compassionate preaching, teaching and healing could have been a real stumbling block to anyone with an Old Testament mentality.

Even today we need to search our hearts to see if we are harboring any remnants of an Old Testament mentality. This is a mentality that fears the wrath and judgement of God and then turns around and feels justified in having self-righteous wrath and judging others. Jesus came to disentangle us from that way of living our spirituality, a way that is so easy and satisfying to slip into. But Jesus calls us to flatten those mountains of judgement and wrath. Don't stumble over the idea that the wrath of God is just waiting to catch us out as if we're all worthless reprobates.

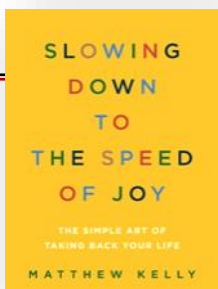
Don't miss the part in today's Gospel where Jesus says that the least in the Kingdom of God is greater than John the Baptist. John was born of a woman but we, the least in the Kingdom, are born of the Spirit of Christ. John was called to be John but we are called to be other Christs walking in the Spirit and bringing goodness and peace to all we meet, not walking in terror of judgement but in the joy of being loved and sharing love.

The Advent of our God, indeed!

**On this joyful Third Sunday of Advent
we gratefully thank an anonymous donor for this
Christmas Gift to the parish!**

*Please kindly take one copy per family,
to ensure every family receives a copy.*

Thank you!



Rite of Welcome Christian Picard

We thank his sponsor,
Felipe Edora for journeying with him.



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Access FORMED through the parish.
Please scroll and search for our parish:
**"Sacred Heart Catholic Church,
4040 Nelthorpe Street, V8X 2A1"**

Select it and create a new account on www.formed.org/signup

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 (1st and 3rd Sundays) 5:30 pm

Weekday Masses

English Masses

Tuesday 11:00 am
Wednesday 11:00 am
Thursday 11:00 am
Friday 11:00 am
Followed by Exposition, Benediction is at 1:30 pm

Korean Masses

Wednesdays (No Mass this week) 7:30 pm
Thursdays (No Mass this week) 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

**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
P. 250-479-1611

Sacred Heart Parish Website >



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:

Andrew Chong, Alice, Joe Snr. & Joe Jnr. Delima, Sriwan Fernandez, Fr. Frank Franz, and Henry Muzyka.

Those who are ill:

Dan, Jon A, Kris Balanda, 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.



Donation for Flowers

Amount _____

Donation for the Building Fund

To receive a Tax Receipt, please clearly include your name and address.

Name: _____ Amount: _____

Address: _____ Postal Code: _____

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

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.



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.
For PAD users, when using the Special Envelopes for additional donations, please clearly write your name and address.

Thank you.

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 6 & December 7, 2025

Envelopes \$ 1,492.00

Cash \$ 392.50

Total \$ 1,884.50

Building Fund \$ 200.00

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



Moms & Tots

Parish Hall, Mon. 15 December 9:30 am - 10:30 am

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

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

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.



Christmas Season 2025



Thu, Dec 18	11:00 am Weekday Mass (English) 6:30 pm Advent Reconciliation Service
Wed, Dec 24 Christmas Eve	4:00 pm Children's Pageant / Carolling 4:30 pm Children's Mass in English 6:30 pm Carolling (before English Mass) 7:00 pm Mass in English 8:30 pm Mass in Korean 10:00 pm Syro-Malabar Rite Mass
Thu, Dec 25 Christmas Day	11:00 am Nativity of the Lord (English) 5:30 pm Nativity of the Lord (Vietnamese)
Fri, Dec 26	11:00 pm NO MASS
Sat, Dec 27 Holy Family	4:00 pm Anticipated Mass (English)
Sun, Dec 28 Holy Family	9:00 am Mass (English) 11:00 am Syro-Malabar Rite Mass 3:00 pm Mass (Korean)
Wed, Dec 31 New Year's Eve	6:00 pm Thanksgiving Mass (English) 7:30 pm Mass (Korean) 9:30 pm Syro-Malabar Rite Mass
Thu, Jan 1 Mary, Mother Of God	11:00 am Mass (English) 5:30 pm Mass (Vietnamese)



2025 Annual
Bishop's Appeal
Love & Unity

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

Online Donation:

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: \$45,353.00

Number of Gifts: 122

Congratulations!

85 years... Catholic Women's League



Join in for the next Listening Circle

Thursday, 18 December from 11:30 am
A Listening Circle will be held in the Sacred Heart Parish Hall on Thursday, December 18th, from 11:30 am to 12:40 pm.

All are welcome.

Thank you!

For decorating the Advent Wreath, and for the floral decorations Karla and Stella; and for hanging the Christmas lights in the courtyard, Peter, Daniel, and Mario!



Society of St. Vincent de Paul

In today's Gospel Jesus tells us that the good news can be seen, touched felt and heard through the lives of God's people. We are now charged to take up the ministry of Jesus; our actions must speak for us. Since Christmas is a time of love and gift giving, share in Jesus ministry by giving a gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that those who are poor can know the good news of Jesus. 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

Make 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

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 / phone 250-382-0283.

Employment Opportunity

Assistant

to the Director of Faith Formation and Evangelization

The Assistant will assist in the primary mission of the Ministry of Faith Formation and Evangelization: to serve the People of God to know, celebrate, contemplate, and live the Christian faith in the One Triune God. Interested applicants are invited to submit a resume and cover letter by **January 5, 2026**.

<https://www.rcdvictoria.org/employment>



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 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=8BBau1l-9vo>

Mass Times in the Diocese

Mass times for Christmas and the Solemnity of Mary are available on the Diocesan website.

The schedule includes times and locations provided by parishes across the Diocese of Victoria.

<https://www.rcdvictoria.org/events/2025-christmas-mass-times>



Pastor, Fr. Shijo George

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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL 2025 / 2026

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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
Margot McLaughlin
Miriam Podmoroff
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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

To report sexual abuse or cover-up by a Catholic Bishop, visit BishopReportingSystem.ca or call 1-866-892-3737

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