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60
Years at
Nelthorpe

*** 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time | 16 November 2025 ***



9th World Day of the Poor "You are my hope, Lord" (Ps 71:5)

Read Pope Leo's Message online
<https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/messages/poor/documents/20250613-messaggio-giornata-poveri.html>

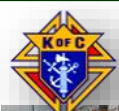
Happy 16th Anniversary!
To the Korean Community & Fr. Marco Park.
*Thank you for making Sacred Heart Parish
your home since 2009.*

Jesus says something we need to pay attention to before he lists various apocalyptic happenings that are to come. He says, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and 'The time is near!' Do not go after them." His disciples had just demonstrated to him the human inclination to be very fascinated by the end times. Even just last September there was a whole contingent of people who totally believed an African preacher who said the rapture was going to occur on the 23rd or 24th. They did not remember the words, "Do not go after them."

Has there ever been a time in history when there have not been nations rising up against nations or natural disasters or religious persecution? Was Jesus really telling his disciples how to tell when the end times are near or was he opening them up to the understanding that the institution of power that depended on blood sacrifice would start to crumble the moment he died? The temple they had been admiring was razed to the ground in 70 AD (very apocalyptic!) and there haven't been blood sacrifices offered there since then. What do the Jews offer instead? Sacrifices of praise.

We were reminded last week that we are temples of the Holy Spirit. Within that temple, we are called to offer sacrifices of praise. What does that mean? When the world feels out of control and we are stressed, anxious and angry, the very last thing we want to do is give praise to God. It truly is a sacrifice to take our thoughts off of circumstances that can feel pre-apocalyptic to give thanks. We want to name, blame and dissect the sources of our inner angry fear. We would often prefer to sacrifice inner peace rather than offer gratitude to God. Yet, in praise is where the power lies. When we praise, we are relinquishing control and judgement. We are saying to God, "Your business, not mine. I trust you." God takes that relinquishment very seriously.

Fear not. God dwells within the praises of his people.



Thank you for supporting the Knights of Columbus' Pancake Breakfast last Sunday!



LITURGICAL YEAR C

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 [No Mass: Nov 16. Next Mass: Nov 23] 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 11:00 am
Wednesday 11:00 am
Thursday (No 11 am Mass) 9:00 am
Friday (Nov. 21: Presentation B. V. Mary) 11:00 am
Followed by Adoration. Benediction is at 1:30 pm
Saturday (Diocesan Faith Day) 9:00 am

Korean Masses

Wednesdays 7:30 pm
Thursdays 10:00 am

Parish Office Hours

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

Close: 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 on
Thursday, November 20,
for the Annual Diocesan Faith Day.**

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

Please contact:
E. sacredheart@rcdvictoria.org
P. 250-479-1611

Sacred Heart Parish Website >



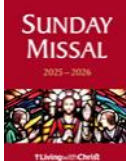
Moms & Tots

9:30 am, Mon, 17 Nov, Parish Hall
Come for the company and faith-sharing.
Parents and caregivers are welcome.
Please contact Genevieve Vuksic: mom-stots.shvic@gmail.com

The 2025-2026

Sunday Missal

are now available at **\$6 each.**
Will be used from the 4 pm Mass
on Saturday, 29 November.





Please Pray For

Those who have died:

Deceased members of the CWL,
Alice, Joe Sr., & Joe Jr. De Lima,
Sixto Pongos, Cecilio Sandoval, Cissy Sequeira,
All the Souls in Purgatory, and Louise Whitley

Those who are ill:

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



Society of St. Vincent de Paul

The Gospel predicts end times. Our challenge, though, is to live faithfully now. St. Vincent often asked this simple question: "What would Jesus Christ do, if he were in my place now?" Ask yourself "What would Jesus Christ do?" on this World Day of the Poor, please make a gift to help put food on the table of our neighbours in need. 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

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

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



2026 Donation Envelopes

Donation Envelopes are necessary to receive an income tax receipt. If you are new to the parish or would like a box of donation envelopes, please contact the parish office: 250-479-1611 / sacredheart@rcdvictoria.org.



PLEASE DO NOT USE ANY ENVELOPES FROM PAST YEARS.
Please inform the Parish Office if you have a change of 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!

November 8 & November 9, 2025

Envelopes \$ 2,882.00

Cash \$ 443.00

Total \$ 3,325.00

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



Eternal Rest Grant Unto Louise Whitley (12 November 2025)

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

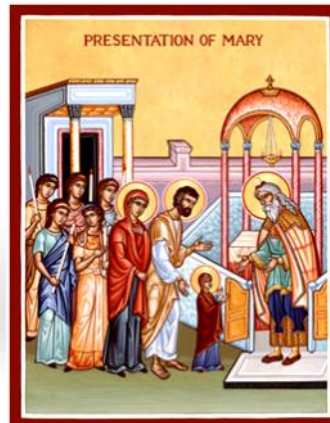


Clean-up

Saturday, 29 November, 9 am to 12 pm

**Come with your gloves, rakes,
blowers, buckets & cheerful spirit ...**

The sign-up sheet is in the foyer.



Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary November 21

The Memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the Temple recalls, according to the apocryphal gospels, the day on which Mary, while still a child, was brought to the temple in Jerusalem to be offered to God. The Church wants to emphasize not so much the historical event in itself, of which there is no trace in the Gospels, but the total gift

that Mary made of herself, by listening: "Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and observe it" (Lk. 11:28). This experience prepared the young girl from Nazareth to become the "temple of the Son of God".

The celebration of this feast dates back to the 6th century in the East with the dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary the New built by the Emperor Justinian I near the ruins of the temple in Jerusalem. There is evidence that various monasteries in Italy celebrated the feast in the 9th century. It was not until the 15th century that it was included in the Roman Missal.

This is also the day on which the Church celebrates the World Day of Cloistered Life, established by Pope Pius XII in 1953.

In Scripture, Mary is the woman who knows how to listen, who knows how to contemplate, who knows how to refer everything to her Son: "Do whatever He tells you" (Jn. 2:5). Mary is the One who never abandoned her Son Jesus, not even along the way of the Cross. She "stood" under the Cross. She is a disciple who never abandons the Lord Jesus, who always "stands behind" Him. All of this can help us imitate the Virgin Mary. Every Christian is called to look at Mary, to learn from her, to entrust themselves to her intercession and to guard the "purity of the faith" against any idols that surround us.

[Online accessed, 13 November 2024:
<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/liturgical-holidays/presentation-of-the-blessed-virgin-mary-.html>]



Care of the Dying

Diocese of Victoria Health Care Committee has created a new resource: *A Catholic Perspective: What Family Members Need to Know Before and After a Loved One Enters Eternal Life.*

This pastoral guide offers practical information, from a Catholic perspective, for families facing the death of a loved one. There are also quick reference cards available. Please read and share its guidance and message of faith, hope, and eternal life.

Download at: <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/care-of-the-dying>

Begin the new Liturgical Year
and the Advent Season by joining us for an

Advent Mission 2025 The Humility of Jesus

Mass at 6:30 pm each evening

Sunday, 30 November

Monday, 1 December

Tuesday, 2 December

Fr. Joseph Yuson

All Are Welcome!



Delicious Specialty Fudges

The packets make great stocking stuffers or gifts for the holiday.



Please order by December 2. To order, email: info@birthrightvictoria.org or call Peggy: 250.478.5372.

Parish Office pick-up: week of Dec 9 to 12.

Please see Birthright's Fudge poster for ordering details. Your purchase supports the pro-life work of Birthright Victoria.



2025 Annual Bishop's Appeal Love & Unity

Please support the Bishop's Appeal. The funds will go to updating the multimedia system and into our Parish Building Fund. We need everyone's help to prepare for the future. Please consider your impact our immediate priorities and longer term upkeep of our beautiful property.

Every dollar raised up to the goal, **20%** will return to the parish. For every dollar raised above the goal, **80%** will be returned. If what is raised is beyond 200%, **100%** will return to the parish.

Online Donation Options:

Diocesan website: www.rcdvictoria.org/bishops-appeal

E-transfer: appealoffice@rcdvictoria.org

Phone the Pastoral Centre directly to make a one-time or monthly donation by credit card 1-250-479-1331

Our Parish goal is \$45,500.00

Actual to Date: \$26,682.00

Number of Gifts: 79



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>

Christmas Concert

Carols of Hope

Saturday, Nov 22, 1:00 pm



for Our Lady of the Rosary Parish

Coastline Church
845 Caledonia Avenue

For more information:
<https://carolsofhope.com/>
or call 250-885-8546.

Mass of Remembrance for Clergy & Religious

12 pm, Wednesday, November 19
St. Andrew's Cathedral, View Street

Bishop Gary will celebrate this Mass for clergy and religious who served in our Diocese and who died in the past year. All are invited.

Diocesan livestream: <https://youtube.com/live/2CT0a1AGN1g?feature=share>



Serra Club Victoria (in formation)

Mass 6 pm followed by a gathering & sharing by

Fr. David Hogman

& Rev. Michelle Hogman

(United Church of Canada)

Wed. 26 Nov, Our Lady of Fatima Parish

Serra International is a Catholic lay organization for the promotion of vocations. Join us for Mass, refreshments, and be a promoter of vocations!

For enquiries: victoria@serrainternational.org

Young Catholic Women

express your joy and love of God through art!

Deadline: January 15, 2026

Open to all Catholic women using watercolour, charcoal, acrylics, oil, and pencil crayon only. A spiritual theme: nature, animals, and portraits. First place awards for ages: 10-17, 18-25, 26-35. Winners will be announced in June 2026 at the BC/Yukon convention.

Email the original art with your name, address, phone number, age and email address to pastpresident@bcyukoncw.com



Annual Poinsettia Fundraiser! St. Andrew's Regional High School's library

Brighten up your home with beautiful red, white, or pink poinsettias: 4", 6.5", and 10" pots.

Orders are due by Monday, November 17!

Forms are in the church foyer.

Thank you for supporting our Catholic high school!



Diocesan Annual Faith Day

The Active Silence

Saturday, November 22, 2025; Sacred Heart Parish

The day will begin with 9 am Mass at Sacred Heart Church followed by sessions at St. Andrew's Regional High School.

Keynote speaker, Dr. Erin Barisano, will speak on "The Active Silence". A panel discussion will follow with Kathryn Lacerte and Bishop Gary Gordon, along with a Listening Circle reflection.

For more about the Diocesan Faith Day:
<https://www.rcdvictoria.org/events/nov-22-diocesan-faith-day-2025>

64th ANNUAL CHARITY APPEAL

Click here For Council 15445

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PRIZES

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2 nd Prize	\$25,000
3 rd Prize	\$10,000
4 th Prize	\$5,000
5 th to 14 th	\$1,000 each! → Early Bird Draws

TICKETS

1 for \$5
10 for \$25
50 for \$50

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Vietnamese, Fr. Michael Tran

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Christian Meditation
C.W.L. / Prayer Line

Knights of Columbus
Led By The Spirit Group
Moms & Tots
Funeral Receptions
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St. Vincent de Paul

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Margot McLaughlin
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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
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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