



# Sacred Heart Catholic Church

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**\* 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time | 17 November 2024 \***



*Thank you*  

for supporting the  
**Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast**  
last Sunday, 10 November!



Why does the Church remind us of Jesus' apocalyptic prophesies every year? Perhaps Paul said it best in Hebrews 13: "For here we do not have a lasting city, but we are looking for the city that is to come." We are reminded that this is not our true home; our true home is yet to come.

We are especially called to remember this when there are major personal and social tribulations. No doubt, there were many who were wondering if the end was coming when the pandemic swept the globe. People would have wondered the same during World Wars I and II. They would have wondered during the Great Depression. They would have wondered during the Black Plague. They would definitely have wondered in 70 AD when, over a period of 8 months, the Temple (a construction that covered 450 acres!) was razed and there was a siege of Jerusalem. 1.1 million Jews died

My point is, we can't escape things like wars and rumors of wars and conspiracies or natural disasters. We can only try to evaluate whether we are trying to build ourselves an invulnerable kingdom here on earth by making sure we have what we personally need and building defenses against other people.

So, say some earth-shattering event occurs and we feel threatened and very insecure. What then? Hebrews continues: "Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise – the fruit of lips that openly profess his name. And do not forget to do good and to share with others for with such sacrifices God is pleased."

It doesn't seem like much. It doesn't sound like that will keep us safe. The issue isn't safety; the issue is focus. Will you focus on all that's wrong and frightening while striking out in anger and fear or will you focus on all that's right and light giving? Will you sacrifice your peace or will you offer a sacrifice of praise? Will you erect fences?

Or will you do good and share?



*The Best is Yet to Come*  
by Jean Allen



The Garry Oak and a number of other trees, will be cut down or pruned on **Tue, 19 Nov** from 7:15 am and may last the whole day.

**Please ensure that cars are not parked in the vicinity. Thank you.**

**Today, spare a thought for those in need ...**

VIII WORLD DAY OF THE POOR  
NOVEMBER 17, 2024



## 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  
Korean 3:00 pm  
Vietnamese (next Mass: Nov. 24) 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 to Friday 11:00 am  
Friday: Adoration after Mass  
Benediction 1:30 pm  
(No 11 am Mass on Friday, 22 November)

### Korean Masses

Wednesdays 7:30 pm  
Thursdays 10:00 am

## Memorials and Feast Days coming up

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

Thu. Nov 21, 11am : Presentation of BVM

## Parish Office Hours

Tuesdays to Thursdays  
9:30 am to 3:00 pm

**The Parish Office will be closed on Friday, 22nd November 2024**

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)

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

Please contact:  
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Sacred Heart Parish Website >

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SUNDAY MISSAL  
2024-2025



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### **Please pray for:**

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

*Paquito Aguila, Lois Marcoux, Francisco de Melo, Perfecta Palma, Ivor Roberts, Roberto Tinsay, Jozef Van Aert, and Kincaid White.*

#### **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, Edvige P, Davide R, Gaspar S, Valerie S, Cathy T, and Maria T.*



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

Today is the World Day of the Poor. Help the less fortunate brothers and sisters in this uncertain time. Please lend a hand, participate in our collection of food supplies. During this busy period, we need volunteers, and financial help is appreciated. You may donate to the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul team using the envelopes in the pews or directly to the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul.



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: "Society of St. Vincent de Paul".

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



## **Clean-up: Saturday**

**30 November: 9 am to 12 pm**

**SAVE THE DATE!**

The Sign-up Sheet is in the church foyer



## **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 9 to November 10, 2024**

Envelopes \$ 1,600.00

Cash \$ 414.50

**Total \$ 2,014.50**

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>



## **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.

### **The Memorare Prayer**

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession, was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

[Online accessed, 13 November 2024:

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/liturgical-holidays/presentation-of-the-blessed-virgin-mary-.html> ]



## **Delicious Specialty Fudges**

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

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or call Peggy at 250.478.5372.



**Parish Office pick-up: week of December 10 to 13.**

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



We thank parishioners who have already contributed to the **2024 Sharing God's Gifts Appeal**. Our goal can only be achieved through your generosity. If you have not made a contribution, brochures are available in the church foyer, or you may please visit [www.rcdvictoria.org/bishops-appeal](http://www.rcdvictoria.org/bishops-appeal) to contribute online.

Our parish project is the installation of ventilation to our Confessional.

**Parish Goal: \$ 44,000.00**

**Received: \$ 30,200.07**

**Number of Gifts: 92**



## Knights of Columbus: Coats for Kids

The Knights of Columbus, Sacred Heart Council plans to distribute new coats to children and youth in need. If you know a child in need of a winter coat, please notify the Parish Office and include the gender, age and size of the child.



**Thank you!**



## Canada Women's League

### Mass for Deceased CWL Members

**11 am, Wed, Nov 20** followed by a luncheon in the Pope John Hall (food donations gratefully received).

### Listening Circle

**1:30 pm to 3:30 pm, Sat, Nov 23**

CWL members are welcome to attend a Listening Circle in the Pope John Hall, facilitated by Danny Brock and Mary Kearsey.



## 60th Anniversary Celebrations

The first Mass for Sacred Heart Parish that was celebrated in this location on Nelthorpe Street was on September 5, 1965.

To commemorate that event, we will celebrate the 60th Anniversary of that Mass next year. As such, the Sacred Heart Parish Pastoral Council is looking for enthusiastic volunteers to organize events leading up to, and on the anniversary day. If you are, or know of someone who may be interested to volunteer and contribute to the celebrations, please contact the Parish Office.

Bring your ideas and let us work together to make this event a memorable one. We thank all those who have already come forward with their ideas, suggestions, and who have volunteered.

*Thank you!*



## From the Diocese

## Red Wednesday

Wednesday, November 20 is "Red Wednesday", an annual initiative dedicated to raising awareness about the persecution of Christians globally.

To learn more, please visit: <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/diocesanblog/red-wednesday-standing-in-solidarity-with-persecuted-christians-worldwide>



## 2024 Diocesan Faith Day

"A Conversation in the Spirit".

**Saturday, November 23**  
**9:30 am to 3 pm**

**St. Edward's Church, Duncan**

Our keynote speaker is Linda Staudt, one of the seven laypeople in North America chosen by Pope Francis to serve as a voting participant in Synod 2021–2024. She will share her reflections on the Synod and synodality, and lead us through a discernment method rooted in prayer, listening, and silence.

For more information and to register, please visit <https://diocesan-faith-day-2024.eventbrite.com>

## Building Together! Our Lady of the Rosary Silent Auction

Friday, Nov. 29, 6 pm to 9 pm | Royal Colwood Golf Course

This event will raise funds to build the new Our Lady of the Rosary Church.

Admission ticket: \$50.00 each, includes snacks and a drink. To purchase tickets, please contact Cynthia at 250 478 3482 or email her at [olorchurch@rcdvictoria.org](mailto:olorchurch@rcdvictoria.org).

You may also purchase tickets via e-transfer. Please contact Bob and Judy at 250-474-2119. Please e-transfer to: [bob.sicotte@gmail.com](mailto:bob.sicotte@gmail.com)

## Administrative Assistant Our Lady of the Rosary Parish

This is a full-time position to support the Pastor and the parish. Applicants must be well organized with exceptional time management skills, be proficient with computer skills and is able to work with Microsoft Publisher.

For more information and how to apply, please visit <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/employment>.  
**Application deadline: November 15.**

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## Full-Time Senior Accountant

A full-time position, the candidate will bring extensive accounting experience along with a professional approach to the Finance Department. This position would suit an individual who thrives in a fast-paced work environment and enjoys dealing with people of different ages, backgrounds and cultures.

Please visit: <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/employment>.  
**The posting will remain open until filled.**



## Indigenous Reconciliation Fund

The local Indigenous Reconciliation Fund is now accepting grant applications. Indigenous groups from Vancouver Island and the surrounding islands are encouraged to apply for funding for projects and initiatives that foster good medicine for people harmed by the legacy of residential schools.

For more information and the application package, please visit: <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/irf> or call 250-800-3167.

The application deadlines for this round of funding are November 15 2024, February 15 2025, and May 15 2025.

## Director of Musical Worship St. Andrew's Cathedral

St. Andrew's Cathedral is seeking a Director of Musical Worship (DOMW) to start in July 2025. The DOMW is responsible for the planning, coordinating and fulfillment of all liturgical music ministry at the Cathedral Parish. For more information, please visit:

<https://www.standrewscathedral.com/bulletin.html?job-posting-domw>.

Send applications and enquiries to Fr. Dean Henderson, Rector of the Cathedral: [dhenderson@rcdvictoria.org](mailto:dhenderson@rcdvictoria.org).

## Pastor, Fr. Shijo George

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## Syro-Malabar, Fr. Shijo George

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## Vietnamese, Fr. Michael Tran

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To report sexual abuse by a clergy member,  
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or call 1-800-968-3146

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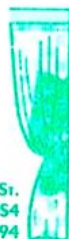
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