



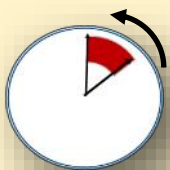
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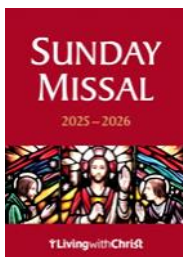
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Years at
Nelthorpe

* All Souls' Day | 2 November 2025 *

Remember
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Sunday.



The 2025-2026
**Sunday
Missal**
are now available
at
\$6 each



LITURGICAL YEAR C

Saturday:

English Mass (All Saints' Day: Nov 1st)	9:00 am
English Mass (Anticipated Sunday Mass)	4:00 pm
Syro-Malabar Rite (Nov 1st)	7:00 pm

Sunday:

English Mass	9:00 am
Syro-Malabar Rite	11:00 am
Korean	3:00 pm
Vietnamese (No Mass: Nov 2) [Mass: Nov 9, 16, 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	Fr. Shijo will be attending	No 11:00 am
Wednesday	the Diocesan Clergy Study	No 11:00 am
Thursday	Days, from Nov. 3 to Nov 6.	No 11:00 am
Friday		11:00 am
Followed by Adoration. Benediction is at		1:30 pm

Korean Masses

Wednesdays	7:30 pm
Thursdays	10:00 am

The Solemnity of All Souls' Day

*The names of all parishioners who have passed away
this past year will be read and an Altar Server will light candles
to remember our deceased parishioners, family, and friends
at the beginning of the All Souls' Day Mass.*

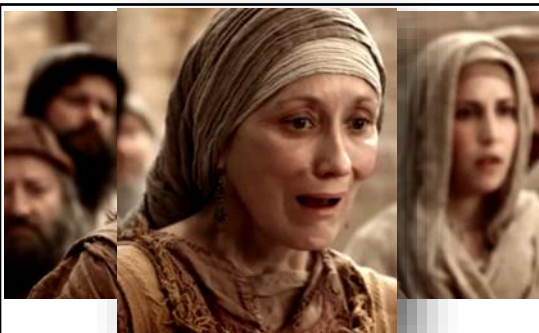
The Book of Remembrance

is at the entrance of the church.

*Please write the names of your family and friends into the Book of
Remembrance to be offered during Masses throughout November.*

The Depth of God's Compassion

by Jean Allen



The Gospel says that when he saw her, Jesus had compassion for the widow of Nain. The Greek verb used for 'compassion' (splagchnizomai) is a rare and powerful verb and comes from a word that means 'inner organs'. Jesus's compassion was gut level and visceral. Luke only used that word three times in his Gospel and it describes the compassion of God revealed in action – deeply felt and gratuitous.

Jesus's compassion was not asked for by the widow; it rose up in Jesus spontaneously. This is significant for us, especially because it happened in the face of a death that had already taken place. It is a sign for us that death is not a deterrent to Jesus's compassion and power nor is it a state which Jesus has no control over. Jesus wasn't concerned about the ritual impurity of the dead or the seeming permanence of death but what he was concerned about was...the widow! As a widow who had lost her son, she had lost all means of support and would likely end up destitute and shunned. Jesus displayed his power over death out of huge compassion for her. It was restorative compassion, unasked for and maybe undeserved but given freely with huge love.

Death is not the end and we all know that. We pray with great love for those who have died but do we completely grasp that, when God met our loved ones at the gate, he was filled with gut level, visceral compassion, not only for the ones who died but also for the ones left behind?

Be not afraid!

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

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

Please contact:
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P. 250-479-1611

Sacred Heart Parish Website >



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.

We Need Help

**on Monday, November 3rd
10am to 12pm, lunch will be provided!**

To clear the blackberry branches and remnants
for Saanich to pick up and discard. Thanks!
Please meet outside the Parish Hall.



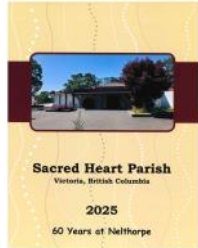
Please Pray For

Those who have died:

*Alice De Lima,
Cissy Sequeira, and All the Souls in Purgatory.*

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,
Will P, Dino R, Davide R, Willy S, Gaspar S, Valerie S,
Cathy T, Maria T, Ornella T, and Louise Whitley.*



If you have not received your 2025 Parish Photo Directory

Please arrange a pickup
with Marilyn Bojko
250-361-4393



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In the Gospel today, Jesus promises not to reject anyone who comes to Him, for this is the will of His Father.

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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!

October 25 & October 26, 2025

Envelopes \$ 2,327.00

Cash \$ 423.45

Total \$ 2,850.45

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

All Hallow's Eve

31 October, by Fr. Shijo George

What comes to your mind for 'Halloween': A celebration for children to go out in costumes to collect candy, or a day spent with friends 'trick-or-treating'? In its present form, it is a celebration of darkness; of scary things in grotesque and gory costumes.

"Halloween" is a word derived from what the evening is: the eve of All Saints' Day; All Hallow's Eve, or the Holy Eve of All Saints. As the Roman Catholic Church celebrates the Feast of All Saints on November 1st, so, the evening of October 31st is the evening of All Saints' Day. From a celebration of an Holy Evening, it transformed into a celebration of all things evil through worldly influences. The common and accepted social perception of Halloween is that it is just a celebration of harmless fun for a couple of hours or for a day! What is being overlooked through its normalcy is that Halloween celebrates something dreadful and evil.

What we have to celebrate is Life, not Death: certainly not violent death. We have to celebrate Light, not Darkness; Jesus, not Satan. If evil is celebrated, its influence will slowly seep into and permeate our psyche and life, unnoticed. This will eventually lead a Christian losing a sense of sin, repentance, Holiness, and the sensitivity to recognize temptation.

The Idea of 'Trick or Treat'

We know from the news that children, instead of receiving candy, have unwittingly received items wrapped with harmful objects. To trick someone is not divine, and cannot truly be called fun. We should teach our children not to celebrate Halloween to get the byproducts of the celebration like candies or other gifts.

The essence of the Christian faith is we are Children of the Light, Jesus Christ (John 1:5, 3:18-21). If we are children of the Light, why do we celebrate Darkness? Through Christian prudence, let us refrain from these sorts of celebrations. "You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons. You cannot partake of the table of the Lord and the table of demons." (1 Cor 10:21)

What Church Teaches

CCC §2116: All forms of divination are to be rejected: recourse to Satan or demons, conjuring up the dead or other practices falsely supposed to "unveil" the future. Consulting horoscopes, astrology, palm reading, interpretation of omens and lots, the phenomena of clairvoyance, and recourse to mediums all conceal a desire for power over time, history, and, in the last analysis, other human beings, as well as a wish to conciliate hidden powers. They contradict the honor, respect, and loving fear that we owe to God alone." CCC §2117 is also worth reading.

St. John Paul II said: "Fascination with evil will take you away from Holiness." In one of his homilies delivered in 2014, Pope Francis said, "The Devil is not a myth, he is clever and he seduces."

As a Christian we should:

- Refrain from these celebrations.
- Never wear those costumes that deliberately glorify evil.
- Dress up as Saints.
- Tell the stories of saints to younger ones in your family.
- Make a counter-culture like 'Holy-ween' and decorate your house and courtyard with pictures, images, and statues of saints.
- Participate in celebrating the Eucharist.
- Make a decision that you and your family won't celebrate it.
- Do something charitable to others instead of trick and treat.
- Recite the Litany of All Saints with your family and sprinkle Holy Water.
- Tell your friends why, to abstain from celebrating Halloween!

Please understand, Christianity is not against fun but against the celebration of evil. We are not called for this kind of celebration.

Our Lord defeated evil. We are not supposed to celebrate what Jesus defeated through His salvific plan. We pray in the Our Lord's Prayer: "Our Father, ... deliver us from evil". As Christians, how can we then celebrate evil and darkness? Our faith and prayer become contradictory when we celebrate the darkness.

"For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light - for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them" (Eph. 5:8-11).

We are children of Light.

Let us celebrate the Light not the Darkness.

~ Fr. Shijo George

Thank you to the team of Dr. Felipe, Angela, Dominique, & Anamaria, and participants, for another successful run of

Horizons of Hope!

Tuesday, October 7 to 28, 2025



Delicious Specialty Fudges

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

Please order by December 2.

To order, email: info@birthrightvictoria.org or call Peggy at 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 pregnancy work of Birthright Victoria.



2025 Annual Bishop's Appeal Love & Unity

Please support the Bishop's Appeal as it supports parish projects, events, our buildings, landscaping, and maintenance projects.

While our parish has identified updates to our multimedia system as a priority, in recognition of the increasing costs of maintaining the property, remaining funds from the Appeal will go to our Parish Building Fund. We need everyone's help to reach our parish target, and to prepare for the future. Please consider your impact our immediate priorities and to the 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

Helping our parish to make a difference. When we give, we invest in the faith and future of the next generation. Your gift will truly make a difference.

Our Parish goal is \$45,500.00

Actual to Date: \$14,046.00

Number of Gifts: 39



Family Catechesis video

"Called to Witness and Proclaim"

[https://www.youtube.com/playlist?](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?app=desktop&list=PLKPM9ivAroOMLZw5PQYsBcXXDWbARAD4N)

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From the Diocese



Seminary of Christ the King

November 15 & 16, Mission, BC
Vocation Live-In

You are invited to a Vocation Live-In on the weekend Nov 15 at the Seminary of Christ the King, Mission, BC. If you are contemplating a vocation, and wish to enter the Seminary in the next few years, you are welcome to the Live-In weekend.

For more information phone 604-826-8975 or email rector.minors@sck.ca

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Saturdays, November 8 to the end of May, 1 pm to 3 pm
Queen of Angels School (2085 Maple Bay Road, Duncan)

Registration is now open. Children aged 3 to 6 from St. Ann's, St. Edward the Confessor, and the greater Cowichan Valley are invited to attend. Registration closes: November 2.

Yearly fee of \$50 per child. Spaces are limited to 10 children per session. **Register here:** <https://forms.gle/BNiqGiFSgqHhFh7V6>

Christmas Concert

Carols of Hope

Saturday, Nov 22, 1:30 pm



for Our Lady of the Rosary Parish

Coastline Church
845 Caledonia Avenue

For more information and to buy tickets please go to:
<https://carolsofhopecom/>
or call 250-885-8546.

Diocesan Annual Faith Day

Saturday, November 22, 2025; Sacred Heart Parish

The day will begin with Mass at 9 am 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>

Fall & Winter Used Clothing Sale

Fri, Nov 14 & Sat, Nov 15, 9:30 am to 2:30 pm
St. Patrick's Church, Haultain Street

Come to St. Patrick's Catholic Women's League's Fall & Winter Good Used Clothing Sale. Three special kiosks will also be selling jewelry, Christmas decorations, and household linens.

All proceeds will support CWL charities.



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

To report sexual abuse or cover-up
by a Catholic Bishop,
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