



# Sacred Heart Catholic Church

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\* 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time | 20 September 2026 \*



## Commissioning Sunday

The world operates on a certain sense of justice and this kind of justice is challenged in today's Gospel of the landowner who paid the workers who were hired last the same as the workers who were hired early in the day. The world's sense of justice is comparative and often competitive. "Hey! That's not fair. We worked harder and longer than them; therefore, we deserve more." This sense of justice resents anyone who seems to get more than their fair share and it engenders conflict and struggle.

The Kingdom's justice, on the other hand, is not based on fairness but rather on love imparting dignity to the one who is receiving the justice. The landowner told the workers hired later that he would pay them "whatever is right" So, who decides what is right? If it was left up to the early hires, they would get the most pay and to heck with those other guys. It is God's role to decide what is right because he knows that in the world's sense of justice, there is always someone who loses. In this Gospel, there were no losers, only guys who decided they lost.

The Kingdom does not operate on the basis of winners and losers. This is an important lesson for us all. Christianity is not a worthiness contest. This truly is beyond our fathoming because it goes against the grain of everything we've been taught from infancy. The whole world operates on the reward system; from families to schools to the workplace, we've been taught that personal success depends on our hard work. It's extremely gratifying for the person at the top of the ladder and demoralizing for those on the lower rungs. God does not demoralize anyone.

In the Kingdom, you have to go down to be up, you have to be less to be more, the smaller you are, the larger you become and failure is a pathway to God. There is only one requirement.

Just show up.



## LITURGICAL YEAR A

### Saturday:

English Mass (anticipated Mass) 4:00 pm

### Sunday:

English Mass 9:00 am  
Syro-Malabar 11:00 am  
Korean 3:00 pm  
Vietnamese (Please contact the Parish Office) 5:30 pm

## Weekday Masses English Masses

Tuesday (with St. Andrew's High Sch) 11:00 am  
Wednesday (St. Pius of Pietrelcina) 11:00 am  
Thursday 11:00 am  
Friday Exposition after Mass 11:00 am  
Benediction (new time) 12:30 pm

First Fridays of the month (No 11 am Mass) Exposition 5:30 pm  
Benediction 6:15 pm  
Holy Mass 6:30 pm

## Korean Masses

Wednesday 7:30 pm  
Thursday 10:00 am

## Syro-Malabar Mass

Thursday (Every 3rd Thurs of the month) 7:00 pm

## RECONCILIATION

Tuesday to Friday 10:30 am  
Saturday 3:15 am  
Sunday 8:15 am

## Parish Office Hours

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

Closed on Sundays, Mondays, and Saturdays

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

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E. [sacredheart@rcdvictoria.org](mailto:sacredheart@rcdvictoria.org)  
P. 250-479-1611

[Sacred Heart Parish Website >](http://SacredHeartParishWebsite.org)



## Nepal Flooding Relief Efforts

Development & Peace  
- Caritas Canada

The flash flood that devastated the Nepal-Tibet border, has taken the lives of thousands: with thousands more missing.

### To donate:

<https://devp.org/en/nepal-floods-necessitate-a-deluge-of-solidarity/>  
or call 1-888-234-8533

## SIGNS of GRACE

We wish grace and blessings on the students and teachers as

**Sacramental Preparation Classes commences today!**

**Year One: You Are Forgiven**  
Jeremy Côté & Mae Tan

**Year Two: You Are Sent**  
Isabelle Boutin & Teresa Salema

**Year Three: You Are Loved**  
Caroline Shires & Genevieve Vuksic

Secretary: Edgar Tan

## FORMED

Access FORMED through the parish to gain access to a vault of invaluable content that will deepen, strengthen, and inspire you in your path of discipleship.

Scroll and search for:

**"Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 4040 Nelthorpe Street, V8X 2A1"**

Select it, create a new account on [www.formed.org/](http://www.formed.org/) signup and enjoy hours of food for the soul.

## Please Pray For

### Those who have died:

*Kris Balanda, Antonio Costales, John Leahy, Titong Pongos, Manuel Madrid, Nancy Robb, Paul Spencer, and Bryan Tait.*

### Those who are ill:

*Irene Anna, Jon A, Jacobus B, Cora C, Theresa H, John Knapik, Joe & Sherry O, Alexandra Picard, Walt Ryan, Davide R, Marguerite Thomas, and Dan W.*



## Society of St. Vincent de Paul

In today's Gospel Jesus tells us a parable to teach us how great God is and how generous, and then he calls us to this same greatness and generosity. Know that your gift touches many lives and helps those living in poverty. You are putting your faith into action.

To join, please contact Georgina: [sacredheart@svdpvictoria.com](mailto:sacredheart@svdpvictoria.com) or call 250-727-2615

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](https://give-can.keela.co/ssvp_donation_form)

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



## Voices in Motion™

An intergenerational choir for adults with memory loss, their caregivers, friends and students.

No previous singing or choir experience required!

**Wednesdays, 2:15 pm:** Sacred Heart Church

**Fridays, 10:30 am:** UVic Multi-Faith Centre

Register at [voicesinmotionchoirs.org](http://voicesinmotionchoirs.org) or the QR code.

**All Are Welcome**



## 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!

### September 12 & 13, 2026

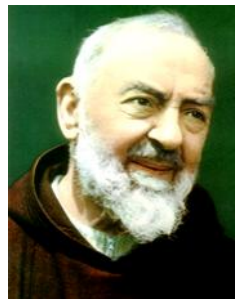
Envelopes \$ 2,110.00

Cash \$ 385.00

**Total \$ 2,495.00**

Building Fund \$ 395.00

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



## St. Pius of Pietrelcina

23 September 2026

Padre Pio was born on May 25, 1887 in Pietrelcina, Italy, and died on September 23rd, 1968 in San Giovanni Rotondo. He was canonized on June 16, 2002 by Pope St. John Paul II.

Padre Pio, an Italian priest and Capuchin friar, was known for his mysticism and healing abilities. In his own lifetime he drew many followers, and devotion to him increased after his death. He is venerated as the patron saint of adolescents, civil defense volunteers, and the town of Pietrelcina (his birthplace in Italy). He is also invoked for relief from stress.

Born Francesco Forgione to a devout Roman Catholic farming family, he consecrated himself to Jesus at age 5. At age 15, he joined the Capuchin order and took the name Pio in honor of St. Pius I. In 1910, the year in which he was ordained a priest, he received the stigmata (bodily marks corresponding to the wounds of the crucified Jesus) for the first time, though they eventually healed.

Pio was drafted into the Italian military in 1915 for medical service during World War I but was shortly discharged because of his poor health owing to tuberculosis. He was then assigned to the Capuchin friary in San Giovanni Rotondo, a village on the Promontorio (promontory) del Gargano in the Puglia region. There he received the stigmata again in 1918, and this time the wounds remained with him until his death. These and other signs of his holiness (such as his reported ability to be in two places at once and his gift of healing) drew growing numbers of pilgrims to him. Numerous prophecies about world events were falsely ascribed to him. Pio's stigmata also drew skeptics, however, including within the Vatican, which for a time forbade him to hear confessions or celebrate Mass publicly. Pio was noted for his charity and piety. He oversaw the construction of a new hospital (1956) in San Giovanni Rotondo. By the time of his death in 1968, he was a saint in all but name.

Padre Pio was canonized in 2002 by Pope St. John Paul II. Such was his popularity and renown, the ceremony drew more than 30,000 pilgrims, one of the largest recorded attendances at a canonization. His tomb is located in the Padre Pio Pilgrimage Church in San Giovanni Rotondo.

[Online accessed 15 September 2026:  
<https://www.britannica.com/biography/Padre-Pio>]

## Recollections for men and women

Spend some time in conversation with Christ guided by meditation and an examination of conscience. A priest of Opus Dei will be available for Confession and Spiritual Direction.

**For women:** 6:15 p.m. to 8 p.m., Monday, Sep. 21, St. Joseph the Worker Parish. Mass is at 5:30 p.m.

**For men:** 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Tuesday, Sep. 22 at Sacred Heart. Mass is at 5:15 p.m.



Consider being an **Altar Server!** Or be a **Proclaimer, Usher**, or join the Sunday Choir. Be an **Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion** or join the **Pastoral Outreach Homebound Ministry**. We will be happy to hear from you.

Please contact the Parish Office at 250-479-1611 or [sacredheart@rcdvictoria.org](mailto:sacredheart@rcdvictoria.org)



## Thank You

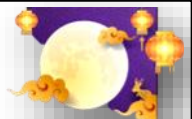
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## Mid-Autumn Festival

yesterday,

**Saturday, September 19 in the Parish Hall**

**All funds raised will go toward the Church Roof Project.**



## Please Note: Receiving the Body & Blood of Christ

From The General Instruction of  
the Roman Missal (Pages 44 & 61)



**160.** ... It is not permitted for the faithful to take the consecrated Bread or the sacred chalice by themselves and, still less, to hand them on from one to another among themselves. In the Dioceses of Canada, Holy Communion is to be received standing, though individual members of the faithful may choose to receive Communion while kneeling. When standing before the minister to receive Holy Communion, the faithful should make a simple bow of the head. **When receiving Holy Communion on the tongue, they reverently join their hands; when receiving Holy Communion in the hand, they reverently open their hands placing one beneath the other, and they consume the host immediately upon receiving it.**

### BODY OF CHRIST

**161.** If Communion is given only under the species of bread, the Priest raises the host slightly and shows it to each, saying, **The Body of Christ.** The communicant replies, **Amen,** and receives the Sacrament either on the tongue or, where this is allowed, in the hand, the choice lying with the communicant. **As soon as the communicant receives the host, he or she consumes the whole of it.**

### BLOOD OF CHRIST

**286.** If Communion of the Blood of Christ is carried out by communicants' drinking from the chalice, each communicant, after receiving the Body of Christ, moves to the minister of the chalice and stands facing him. The minister says, **The Blood of Christ,** the communicant replies, **Amen,** and the minister hands over the chalice, which the communicant raises to his or her mouth. **Each communicant drinks a little from the chalice, hands it back to the minister,** and then withdraws; the minister wipes the rim of the chalice with the purificator.

Thank you for supporting the  
Knights of Columbus Sacred Heart Council's  
*Welcome Back Pancake Breakfast*  
last Sunday!



## Moms & Tots

Monday, Sep. 21, 9:30 am - 11:30 am, Beckwith Park

This Monday, the Moms and Tots group  
will meet again at Beckwith Park.

Please check the Sacred Heart Moms and Tots  
Facebook group for monthly updates on our meetings.



## From the Diocese

### New Zoom Marriage Preparation Course Schedule 2026-2027

October 2 & 3, 2026: Fri, 7-10pm PT and Sat, 9am-4pm PT

January 8 & 9, 2027: Fri, 7-10pm PT and Sat, 9am-4pm PT

April 9 & 10, 2027: Fri, 7-10pm PT and Sat, 9am-4pm PT

Couples must attend both Friday and Saturday sessions in order to receive a certificate of completion.

Registration is now open for the October 2/3, 2026 course.

For details or to register please check our website:

<https://www.rcdvictoria.org/marriage-prep>

### Society of Saint Vincent de Paul Vancouver Island Hearts for Homes Gala

6 pm, October 3, Union Club of Victoria  
805 Gordon Street, Victoria, BC

Tickets, \$200 each - <https://www.hibid.ca/events/hearts-for-homes>

An evening of compassion and community in support of affordable housing on Vancouver Island. Enjoy a three-course dinner, musical entertainment, guest speakers, and silent and live auctions.



## Rosary Walk

10:30 am, Saturday, October 3  
Mile 0 at Beacon Hill Park

Join the Legion of Mary (St. Andrew's Cathedral) for a Rosary Walk, then enjoy a potluck at St. Andrew's Cathedral. For more information, contact Faye Baligod at [faye\\_baligod@hotmail.com](mailto:faye_baligod@hotmail.com)

### The Catholic Way of Dying With Dignity: A Day of Faith, Accompaniment, Preparation, and Love

10 am to 3 pm, Sat, Oct. 3, St. Andrew's Cathedral, Segher's Hall

You are invited for a day of reflection and conversation about approaching the end of life with faith, compassion, dignity, and hope. Hear personal testimonials and practical details about this important topic.

For more info and Registration

[standrewscathedral@gmail.com](mailto:standrewscathedral@gmail.com) 250-388-557

### 2026 National Gathering for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

October 23 & 24, St. Patrick's Parish in Victoria

The Diocese of Victoria is delighted to be hosting the 2026 National Gathering for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd at St. Patrick's Parish. This year's theme is "Praying with Children" with keynote speakers Fr. Kevin Belgrave and Anna Boyagoda, the Archdiocese of Toronto.

You are cordially invited to discover this beautiful method of faith formation for children based on Sacred Scripture and Liturgy with a Montessori foundation.

Saturday, October 24 is open to parishioners who are interested in learning about CGS as it continues to unfold in our Diocese.

Registration link: <https://www.cgsac.ca/national-gathering>

For more information, please contact  
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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](http://RCDVictoria.org/Responsible-Ministry) or call 1-800-968-3146

To report sexual abuse or cover-up by a Catholic Bishop, visit [BishopReportingSystem.ca](http://BishopReportingSystem.ca) or call 1-866-892-3737

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