



# Sacred Heart Catholic Church

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\* 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time | 20 October 2024 \*

IN OCTOBER

Join us to

Pray the  
**Rosary**

25 minutes before each



*Fr. Shijo's Homilies*

Now available on  
our Parish Website

<https://sacredheartvictoria.com/sacred-heart-homilies.html>



We are back again with skandalon, a stumbling block sourced in rivalry. James and John were angling for the status of sitting at Jesus's right and left hand in his glory. No doubt, the glory they envisioned was the defeat of the Romans and the freedom from heavy taxes and Roman cruelty. Since Jesus had recently told them that corrupt wealth was not part of

the Kingdom, they may have been envisioning a redistribution of that wealth – and who would be first in line but those in Jesus's exclusive inner circle?

The other disciples were naturally indignant when they heard about the request. Here was this rag tag, motley group, a million lightyears away from what they thought would be an uprising and a political victory and already there was jealousy, dissention and vying for position.

Jesus's words about the highest place being the place of the servant and slave must have been like listening to a foreign language to the disciples. "What is this? No glory? No power? No status? What the heck?" We might chuckle at their lack of true vision, except so often our vision is equally distorted. Don't tell me we're not hung up on success. We are often comparing ourselves or our groups with other individuals or groups and being a little envious if another group has more members or another person seems to have a personal friendship with the priest or the Bishop or someone has great success bringing in funds. It is so hard to let go of the world's idea of success when, from the moment we're born, standards of success are drilled into us. It's very difficult to go from the competitive arena of the marketplace or school and suddenly switch off all those standards when we're with the Christian community. We are often very confused disciples!

The next time you wake up, ask the Lord, "Where can I be a servant today?" It doesn't matter if you're going to school or work or church. "Where can I serve?" should be your first priority.

The rest will be added unto you.

Your gift to the *Sharing God's Gifts Appeal* will provide funding for seminary/clergy support, local missions, and grants for parish and school initiatives that help people throughout our diocese. We are hopeful that every household in our parish will be active role in this effort.

Our parish project is the installation of ventilation to our Confessional booth. Many of our families and individuals have been able to make a more substantial gift by making a pledge. Making a pledge is easy and manageable, spread out over twelve months. For more information on how to make a pledge go to [www.rcdvictoria.org/bishops-appeal](http://www.rcdvictoria.org/bishops-appeal)

**Bishop's Appeal**  
Sharing  
God's Gifts

Parish Goal: \$ 44,000.00 Actual: \$ 7,019.00 Number of Gifts: 21

## 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  
Polish (paused)  
Korean 3:00 pm  
Vietnamese (1st and 3rd Sunday) 5:30 pm

### RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:00 pm to 3:45 pm  
Sunday 8:15 am to 8:45 am

### Weekday Masses

#### English Masses

Tuesdays to Friday 11:00 am  
Friday: Adoration after Mass  
Benediction 1:30 pm

#### Korean Masses

Wednesdays 7:30 pm  
Thursdays 10:00 am

### Memorials and Feast Days coming up

When in Red: Major Feast with Gloria  
Stay tuned for November...



Celebrate the end of  
**the Month of the Rosary**  
**Wed. October 30**

**Mass, 6 pm**

with Bp. Gary & Fr. Shijo  
After Mass

Exposition | Rosary | Benediction

Then join us for a Potluck Dinner in the Parish Hall.  
The Sign-up Sheet is in the church foyer.

## 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](mailto:sacredheart@rcdvictoria.org)

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

Please contact:

E. [sacredheart@rcdvictoria.org](mailto:sacredheart@rcdvictoria.org)

P. 250-479-1611

Sacred Heart Parish Website >

For your convenience, QR codes are  
now located around the church.



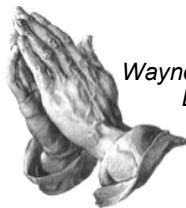
### **Please pray for:**

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

Jose Farias, Georgie Guterres,  
Wayne Fenwick, Sriwan Fernandes, Carolyn Ledohowski,  
Deceased members of the Mendez Campos Family,  
James Service, Josh Shewan, Mike Short

#### ***Those who are ill***

Skarlet, Jon A, Patricia C, Cora C, Maureen D,  
Lesley D, Gaspar S, Valerie S, Kathleen G, Gwen J,  
Derek L, Lisa L, Diane L, Rafael M-Duke, Edvige P,  
Davide R, Cathy T, Maria T, and Teresita W.



### **CWL's Community Garage Sale November 16, 9 am to 1 pm**



The CWL will host their  
annual community garage sale on  
November 16, from 9 am to 1 pm.

Only a few tables are left.  
To rent a table, please contact Denise at:  
250-580-0066 or deniseowen@shaw.ca



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

In the Gospel Jesus says: "Anyone among you who aspires to greatness must serve the rest; whoever wants to rank first among you must serve the needs of all." When you give the furniture, household items and clothing, you give hope to your neighbours who have nothing. Please drop these items at one of our Thrift Stores. 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 should be made to the "Society of St. Vincent de Paul".

To join the society, please email Georgina: [mgvshort@telus.net](mailto:mgvshort@telus.net)

### **Options to Donate**

#### **E-Transfer:**

The email to use is [sacredheart@rcdvictoria.org](mailto:sacredheart@rcdvictoria.org)

#### **Pre-Authorized Debit (PAD)**

Automatic Debit Form:

[http://sacredheartvictoria.com/docs/  
PAD%20form%202020.pdf](http://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 12 to October 13, 2024**

Envelopes \$ 1,792.00

Cash \$ 306.80

**Total \$ 2,098.80**

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

### ***Grateful Thanks!***

Grateful thanks to Mike Salazar, and Elias and Edgar Tan for kindly removing and disposing two old and tattered couches that were dumped outside the Parish Hall last week.

It is unfortunate that our church grounds and trash bin are being used as a dumping ground for old furniture and trash by persons unknown.



### **Consider volunteering to be a member of the Parish Maintenance Committee!**

If you are interested, please contact the  
Parish Office: [sacredheart@rcdvictoria.org](mailto:sacredheart@rcdvictoria.org).



### **Sacred Heart Faith Formation Classes** Classes for children 4 to 12, are now on after the 9 am Sunday Mass.

For more information, please contact Lidia Moodie:  
[sacredheartreled@rcdvictoria.org](mailto:sacredheartreled@rcdvictoria.org)



An arborist has discovered that the Garry Oak in front of the Rectory is suffering from decay within its trunk. For the safety of parishioners, the arborist has recommended that the tree be cut down.

As such, please be informed of its eventual removal.

### **St. Vincent de Paul Online Fundraising Auction**

Bidding opens on Friday, October 11 at 5 pm and closes on Sunday, October 20 at 5 pm. To participate and view the items available for sale please visit

<https://app.galabid.com/ssvpvancouverisland/register>



### **BEWARE ANOTHER SCAM IS CIRCULATING**



**USING THE NAME OF FR. SHIJO GEORGE,  
or the bishop or priests.  
Please ignore it. Discard it immediately!**

Do not click on it, or its attachment(s), and do not reply. None of the clergy would send a private email to you to request for money, gift cards, run an errand, or anything of the sort.



Rachel's Vineyard will be hosting a retreat on Vancouver Island from Oct 24 to 27. For information and to register, contact Nicola: [rachelsvineyardvancouverisland@gmail.com](mailto:rachelsvineyardvancouverisland@gmail.com) / 250-514-3973.





## From the Diocese

### The Kitchen Needs You!



For 42 years, *The Soup Kitchen* has been serving hot nourishing meals from the basement of St. Andrew's Cathedral to the downtown community. The Soup Kitchen is run and operated by committed volunteers. Operating without paid staff ensures almost all funds are dedicated to feeding those in need in our community.

We are currently looking for members for our Board of Directors. We operate as a working board providing management support and governance oversight to the organization. We are looking for skills/experience in any of the following areas: financial, fund raising, board experience, volunteer management, and operational management experience.

If you are interested in being part of a dynamic group of volunteers who provide an essential service to the local community please contact us at [info@thesoupkitchen.ca](mailto:info@thesoupkitchen.ca) to learn more.

The Soup Kitchen – Feeding Community

### Camp Homewood Youth Retreat

is looking for members to serve on the planning team.

Join the online meeting on Oct 29 at 7 p.m.

<https://meet.google.com/bqf-icdp-hxp>.

For details, please contact Jeremy Lenz at:  
[jeremylenz81@gmail.com](mailto:jeremylenz81@gmail.com)

### World Wide Marriage Encounter

Oct 25 to 27, 2024

Rekindle the romance, remind yourselves why you fell in love. Learn to make a good marriage even better! Registration closes October 14. Please visit:

<https://beholdvancouver.org/events/couple-retreat-by-worldwide-marriage-encounter>



### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Several volunteer positions available who are:

- free in the daytime
- interested in connecting with the residents, staff and volunteer team
- committed to making a difference in their community

If this sounds like you, please see us. Our volunteer coordinator will find the best possible volunteer placement for you.

Contact Tara Fedosoff – Volunteer Coordinator  
P: 250-480-4180 E: [tfedosoff@mountstmary.ca](mailto:tfedosoff@mountstmary.ca)

### Full-Time Senior Accountant

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Victoria is seeking a full-time Senior Accountant.

The candidate will bring extensive accounting experience along with their 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.

For more information and to apply, please visit:  
<https://www.rcdvictoria.org/employment>.

The posting will remain open until filled.



### AID FOR LEBANON

The Canadian branch of CNEWA, the Catholic Near East Welfare Association has launched a campaign to raise funds for families displaced by the escalating conflict in Lebanon. For information, and to donate, visit <https://cnewa.org/ca/>

Aid to the Church in Need Canada, the Catholic Near East Welfare Association Canada, and Development and Peace: Caritas Canada, with the support of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, are launching an appeal for prayers and generosity to support the most urgent needs of people in Lebanon.

To learn more, please visit <https://www.cccb.ca/media-release/urgent-appeal-for-support-in-lebanon-joint-call-for-help-and-prayers/>



### A Call to Witness

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops has released "Called to Witness and Proclaim: A Pastoral Letter on Evangelization and Catechesis in the Family". Framed around the story of Jesus healing the daughter of Jairus, the bishops hope that this letter will give families support and encouragement.

Read the letter here: <https://www.cccb.ca/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/Called-to-Witness-EN-2024-09-09-FINAL.pdf>

### Pray for Peace

During October dedicated to Mary, the President of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops invites all Catholics in Canada to pray and fast for peace.

<https://www.cccb.ca/media-release/statement-by-the-most-rev-william-t-mcgrattan-bishop-of-calgary-and-cccb-president-to-the-catholic-faithful-in-canada-inviting-them-to-pray-and-fast-for-peace/>.

### Garry Oak Ecosystem Restoration Project

Saturday, October 26, 1 pm to 4 pm.

This is the final work party for our diocesan Garry Oak ecosystem restoration project this year. Please meet in the parking lot at 4044 Nelthorpe. Bring your own gloves, safety glasses, and water. Other tools will be provided. If it rains heavily, it will be rescheduled to Sunday, October 27.

For more information, please visit

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/garry-oak-ecosystem-restoration-project-tickets-867898697367>



CISDV–AGM: The Annual General Meeting of the Catholic Independent Schools Diocese of Victoria Society will be on Wednesday, November 13.

At this meeting, a private ballot election will be held for two positions on the CISDV Board of Directors. Each position is a three-year term. Nomination forms may be requested from [schools@cisdv.bc.ca](mailto:schools@cisdv.bc.ca), completed, and sent to the Nomination Committee at [schools@cisdv.bc.ca](mailto:schools@cisdv.bc.ca) no later than Wednesday, November 6.

Potential Board Members must meet the following requirements:

- Be a practising Catholic and an active member of a Catholic Parish in the Diocese of Victoria.
- Not be an employee of the CISDV, an immediate relative of an employee of the CISDV, nor a student of a school under the jurisdiction of CISDV.
- Read and understand the constitution and bylaws, policies 200 and 201 and the method of election.
- Have a signed nomination form which includes two sponsors and Parish Priest.

For further information, contact the Island Catholic Schools office at 250-727-6893 ext. 240.

## Pastor, Fr. Shijo George

[sgeorge@rcdvictoria.org](mailto:sgeorge@rcdvictoria.org)

**Korean, TBD**

**TBD**

**Polish**

**TBD**

**Syro-Malabar, Fr. Shijo George**

[sgeorge@rcdvictoria.org](mailto:sgeorge@rcdvictoria.org)

**Vietnamese, Fr. Michael Tran**

[michaeltran@rcdvictoria.org](mailto:michaeltran@rcdvictoria.org)

**Hospital Chaplain, Fr. Sean Flynn**

250-889-3761

**Parish Administrative Assistant**

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**Children's Religious Ed. Coordinator**

Lidia Moodie: [sacredhearteled@rcdvictoria.org](mailto:sacredhearteled@rcdvictoria.org)

**Parish Liturgy Coordinator**

Rafael Oei: [sacredheart@rcdvictoria.org](mailto:sacredheart@rcdvictoria.org)

**RMSE Coordinator**

Sindhu Merwin: [sacredheartmse@gmail.com](mailto:sacredheartmse@gmail.com)

## PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL 2023 / 2024

Marilyn Bojko

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Jeremy Côté

Samantha Sherman

Edgar Tan Jr. (Chair)

Jim Haffey

Will Podmoroff

Andy Pak

(Korean Representative)

Sonny Huynh

(Vietnamese Representative)

Anjali Aniyan

(Syro-Malabar Representative)

## PARISH MINISTRIES & GROUPS

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### PARISH LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

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Lynda Tan

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### PARISH GROUPS

Christian Meditation

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Elizabeth Olcen

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Stan Dzbik

Georgina Short

## 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](https://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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