



# Sacred Heart Catholic Church

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Years at  
Nelthorpe

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\* 6th Sunday of Easter | 25 May 2025 \*



## The Quid Pro Quo Fallacy

By Jean Allen

*“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.  
I do not give to you as the world gives.”*

The most common understanding of “I do not give to you as the world gives,” is that Jesus is talking about his peace because that’s the context of the passage and that’s probably the right understanding. However, scripture scholars agree that the way Jesus gives peace applies to all his gifts.

So, how does the world give as opposed to how Jesus gives? The world’s gifts are conditional and transactional – not really gifts at all. That means that in order to receive from the world, you have to fulfill certain requirements. It’s a *quid pro quo*: If you do this or that, then you will get this or that. As one religious writer calls it: it’s a meritocracy. You have to accomplish in order to receive. Never mind that the world often reneges on its promised gifts; we just assume that if we work hard and fulfill the requirements, we will receive our just rewards like success, status, and material goods.

Jesus said he does not give as the world gives, so that must mean that his gifts are never conditional, transactional, or limited. They are not dependent on merit or obligation. They are freely and lovingly given. We are the ones who have attached conditions because we are embroiled in worldly attitudes and perceptions and we don’t realize when we are projecting those worldly expectations onto our Lord. We can hardly fathom a God who does not operate on a quid pro quo system. We hardly dare to believe that his peace, love, and forgiveness could be ours for the asking, not from accomplishing. In the world, we never receive what we want or need unconditionally. Even just approval from parents, teachers, and employers is tied to our behaviour, our work habits, and our output. We ask: “Why should God be any different?”

Before we even accomplish anything or look him in the eyes, he loves us with an everlasting love.

Unmerited love. Wow.



## Mass for Vocations

6 pm, Tuesday, May 27

(no 11 am weekday Mass on this Tuesday)



Serra Club in formation invites all parishioners, family, and friends to celebrate a *Mass for Vocations*. After Mass, gather in the Parish Hall for refreshments, an information session, and listen to Fr. Shijo who will share the beauty of the priestly vocation along with his personal experiences.

**All are Welcome!**



## Rosary Mass

6 pm, Friday, May 30

After Mass: Exposition | Rosary | Benediction  
Followed by a Potluck Dinner in the Parish Hall.

The Sign-up Sheet for the potluck is in the church foyer.

## LITURGICAL YEAR C

### Saturday:

English Mass (Anticipated Sunday Mass) 4:00 pm  
Syro-Malabar Rite (except 1st Sat) 7:00 pm

### Sunday:

English Mass 9:00 am  
Syro-Malabar Rite 11:00 am  
Korean 3:00 pm  
Vietnamese (1st and 3rd Sundays) 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 (May 27, no 11 am Mass) 6:00 pm  
Wednesday 11:00 am  
Thursday 11:00 am  
Friday (May 30, no 11 am Mass) 6:00 pm

**(Please Note: No English Masses June 3 to June 6)**

#### Korean Masses

Wednesdays 7:30 pm  
Thursdays 10:00 am

**(Please Note: No Korean Masses June 4 to June 14)**

### Parish Office Hours

Tuesdays to Fridays

9:30 am to 3:00 pm

Closed: Saturdays, Sundays, and Mondays.

**Closed Thursday, June 5**

**for the Diocesan Parish Support Staff Retreat**

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

Sacred Heart Parish Website >

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



### Diocese of Victoria Annual Priests' Retreat

Monday, June 2 to Friday, June 6

The Diocese of Victoria's annual priests' retreat will be on from Monday, June 2 to Friday, June 6.

**Please Note:**

during this week, there will be no weekday Masses scheduled for the parish.



**Please pray for:**

**Those who have died**

*Helga Ahlers, Louis Casilima, Jan Michalewicz,  
Irene Taratuta, and Coby Wolfindeem.*

**Those who are ill**

*Skarlet, Jon A, Patricia C, Cora C, Lesley D,  
Kathleen G, Derek L, Lisa L, Diane L, Will P, Dino R,  
Davide R, Willy Santiago, Gaspar S,  
Valerie S, Cathy T, Maria T, and Ornella T.*

**Society of St. Vincent de Paul**



In the Gospel, Jesus says to us: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you." In the month of May, through your gifts, the Society brought the love and care of Jesus to the poor by assisting many families and children, providing food, and assistance for utility and rent bills, etc. Thank You!

Donate online: specify "Sacred Heart Parish"  
[https://give-can.keela.co/ssvp\\_donation\\_form](https://give-can.keela.co/ssvp_donation_form)

All cheques: "Society of St. Vincent de Paul".

To join the Society, please contact Georgina:  
[mgvshort@telus.net](mailto:mgvshort@telus.net) or call 250-727-2615



**CHRISTIAN MEDITATION**

**Thursdays, 11:45 am | Parish Hall**

We welcome newcomers.

From the teachings of Fr. John Main (1926-1982), a Benedictine monk, each week, the group listens to talks by Frs. John Main, Laurence Freeman and others followed by a 20-30 minute period of silent meditation.



For more information, please contact Margie Noonan  
250-589-6313 or [margielnoonan@gmail.com](mailto:margielnoonan@gmail.com).

**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!**

**May 17 & May 18, 2025**

Envelopes \$ 1,829.00

Cash \$ 328.25

**Total \$ 2,157.25**

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

**Heartfelt Thanks!**

On behalf of the Parish Pastoral Council members, we thank the outgoing PPC members who have served this parish in so many ways: Marilyn Bojko, Jim Haffey, Peter Martin, and Will Podmoroff.

Now, please welcome the new members of the Sacred Heart Parish Pastoral Council, effective September 2025:

**Welcome New PPC Members:**

Matthew Moodie      Mary Moreau      Denise Owen  
Margaret Sasges      Merwin Thengil

**Thank you for agreeing to serve the parish!**

~ Fr. Shijo George (Pastor) & Edgar Tan (PPC Chair)

**Fr. Shijo's Homilies**  
are available on our Parish Website  
<https://sacredheartvictoria.com/sacred-heart-homilies.html>



**PLEASE NOTE**  
**Distribution of the**  
**Precious Blood of Christ**

Bishop Gary Gordon has approved the reintroduction of the distribution of the Precious Blood from the chalice from the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ, June 22, 2025.



**Diocesan**  
Permanent Pastoral Synod

For a synodal Church

Bishop Gary and the Diocesan Permanent Pastoral Synod (DPPS) Committee invites you to form or join a Listening Circle.

Watch the video

*Spiritual Conversations*, at: <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/dpps>

The Listening Circle Guiding Questions are:

Optional Opening Question: What is one story from your faith and life that you would like to share?

Q1. What is your experience or connection with Christ, The Anointed One, in your faith journey?

Q2. How have you experienced blessings and hope in your life, in your parish, in your school, in your church, or in your family?

To form or join a Listening Circle contact Danny Brock at: [dcbrock617@gmail.com](mailto:dcbrock617@gmail.com)

**All able-bodied parishioners!**

We still need help to continue pulling out the roots of the invasive bushes and cleaning our parish grounds this Saturday from 9 am.

If you are available and would like to help, please come ready to dig up the roots.

Thank you.

**Donations of flowers!**

We will accept flower donations by 1:45 pm each Friday. A bucket for flower donations will be placed by the entrance of the church. Bouquets of arranged flowers will also be accepted on Saturdays by 3 pm, before the 4 pm anticipated Mass.





Please pray for the candidates  
of the sacraments of

## Confirmation & First Holy Communion

9 am Mass, Sunday, 8 June 2025

We thank Bishop Gary Gordon,  
for administering the Sacraments for the Parish.

*Ariana, Athena, Beatrice, Danielle,  
Kaycee, Linden, Mikayla, Myiesha, Rhea,  
Sarah, Shaine, Sid, Stella, Victoria.*

### Vietnamese Community

*Anthony, Tai, Emily, Joseph*



**Jubilee 2025**  
Friday, June 20, 5pm to 8 pm  
Sacred Heart Parish Hall

Development & Peace - Caritas Canada invites you to come and celebrate Jubilee 2025 and the 10th Anniversary of Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si*.

The evening will begin at 5 pm with an opportunity for fellowship, followed by a potluck dinner. Our two after dinner speakers are Bishop Gary Gordon and D&P animator Raphael Freston.

Please bring a potluck dish to share. Beverages will be provided.

Kindly RSVP to Nancy Stuart: nancystuart7@gmail.com

**All are welcome!**

## Parish Finance Committee Chair & Committee Members

An active, well-formed finance committee is key to the health of the parish. If you have a background in accounting, finance, or management and are looking for an opportunity to use your skills to contribute to the parish, Sacred Heart is seeking a Chair and members for the Finance Committee. As a member of the Parish Finance Committee, you will help to manage the parish's finances, establish budgets, and provide guidance on financial matters; supporting the parish and long term vision for the parish's longevity.

Term for Chair and Committee Members: 3 years (renewable).

As Chair, you will:

- work with the parish's accountant and the Pastor.
- hold at least four Finance Committee meetings each year.
- prepare meeting agendas, capture minutes, and track action items.
- produce an annual report.
- engage with Parish Council and others as needed to provide (financial) input on financial questions, options for solutions, and budget alignment
- liaise with the Diocese's Financial Officer(s) as needed

As a Committee Member, you will

- contribute expertise from your experience in finance, accounting or management sectors.
- assist in establishing budgets, contribute to all agenda items, review potential project costs and options for financial feasibility

Time commitment: approximately 2-6 hours each quarter.

Please consider applying for a role as Chair or committee member.

Send a brief summary of your experience and ability to contribute to [sacredheart@rcdvtoria.org](mailto:sacredheart@rcdvtoria.org)



## From the Diocese

### Annual Spring Fling Concert

St. Andrew's Regional High School Music Department  
Wednesday, May 28 at 7:00 pm at Holy Cross Church  
Tickets: \$10 for adults, \$5 for students, purchased at the door.

This fantastic evening of music will feature performances by the award-winning St. Andrew's Singers, Concert Band, and Jazz Band.

A reception with food will follow in the Sacred Heart Parish Hall.

**All are welcome!**

Watch Fr. Alfie's tribute to Pope Leo XIV in his latest edition of *Fr. Alfie's Table*.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PyC5G6AUXv4>

**11th Annual Diocesan  
Family Camp & Conference**  
August 22 to 24, 2025, Nanoose Bay Camp  
<https://www.rcdvtoria.org/family-camp>

## Diocesan Bursaries

**Deadline: July 15.**

Information and forms through the links:

[The Jawl Bundon LLP Bursary](https://www.rcdvtoria.org/jawl-bundon-bursary) (\$2500): for a grade 12 Catholic student who has been accepted to a post-secondary institution. Preference will be given to Indigenous students, and to students who live outside of Greater Victoria and Nanaimo.

[The Blessed Marie Anne Blondin Bursary](https://www.rcdvtoria.org/blondin-bursary) (\$1000): for a lay woman who is accepted or enrolled in a program or course for ministry in the Church, such as religious education, social justice, liturgy, social action, care of the sick, etc.

[The Char Deslippe Memorial Award](https://www.rcdvtoria.org/char-deslippe-award) (\$500): for a teacher working in Catholic Island Schools or a parish catechist serving in children, youth or adult ministry.

## Dessert Auction Fundraiser

**Friday, May 30 7:00pm**

"Beloved Catholic Women's Ministries" invites you to a delicious, fun way to raise funds for women in our Diocese to attend our annual Women's Retreat at Camp Homewood but are unable to due to financial reasons. Bid on delicious desserts that you can eat there with tea and coffee, or bring home to share with the family.

Get free tickets at: [https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/dessert-auction-fundraiser-tickets-1343131946809?utm\\_experiment=test\\_share\\_listing&aff=ebdsshios](https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/dessert-auction-fundraiser-tickets-1343131946809?utm_experiment=test_share_listing&aff=ebdsshios)

To donate a dessert, or a financial donation, please email: [vicatholicwomensretreat@gmail.com](mailto:vicatholicwomensretreat@gmail.com)

## Pastor, Fr. Shijo George

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## Hospital Chaplain, Fr. Sean Flynn

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Sindhu Merwin: sacredheartmse@gmail.com

## PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL 2024 / 2025

Marilyn Bojko

Jeremy Côté

Jim Haffey

Peter Martin

Samantha Sherman

Will Podmoroff

Rick Perez de Tagle

Edgar Tan Jr. (Chair)

Andy Pak

(Korean Representative)

Sonny Huynh

(Vietnamese Representative)

Anjali Aniyan

(Syro-Malabar Representative)

## PARISH MINISTRIES & GROUPS



Parish Office: sacredheart@rcdvictoria.org

## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES & POSITIONS

### Parish Liturgy Coordinator

Rafael Oei

Altar Servers

Karla Montano

Extraordinary Ministers

Marilyn Turner,  
Mae Tan

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Eduardo Bautista

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Stan Dzbik

Music Director

Rafael Oei

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Lynda Tan

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Marisa Tinsay

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Lynda Tan

Sacristan

Peter Liem

Sylvain Leclerc

Denise Owen (Asst.)

## PARISH GROUPS

Christian Meditation

Margie Noonan

C.W.L. / Prayer Line

Denise Owen

Knights of Columbus

Stan Dzbik

Led By The Spirit Group

David MacIntyre

Moms & Tots

Genevieve Vuksic

Funeral Receptions

Marilyn Turner

Social Justice/D & P

Stan Dzbik

St. Vincent de Paul

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, visit [BishopReportingSystem.ca](https://BishopReportingSystem.ca) or call 1-866-892-3737

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