



Sacred Heart Catholic Church

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60
Years at
Nelthorpe

* 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time | 26 October 2025 *



In October join us to
Pray the Rosary
25 minutes before each Mass

Then celebrate the
Rosary Mass

6 pm, Friday, October 31

Followed by Exposition | Rosary | Benediction
(No 11 am Mass on this Friday)

Enjoy a Potluck Dinner in the Parish Hall as a parish.

The Sign-up Sheet is in the church foyer.

Come dressed as your favourite saint or prophet;
introduce them and include a quote from them!



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Saturday:

English Mass (Anticipated Sunday Mass) 4:00 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 (28 Oct: St. Simon & St. Jude) 11:00 am
Wednesday 11:00 am
Thursday 11:00 am
Friday (No 11 am Mass, 31st Oct) 6:00 pm
Adoration, Rosary, and Benediction 6:30 pm

Korean Masses

Wednesdays 7:30 pm
Thursdays 10:00 am

Parish Office Hours

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

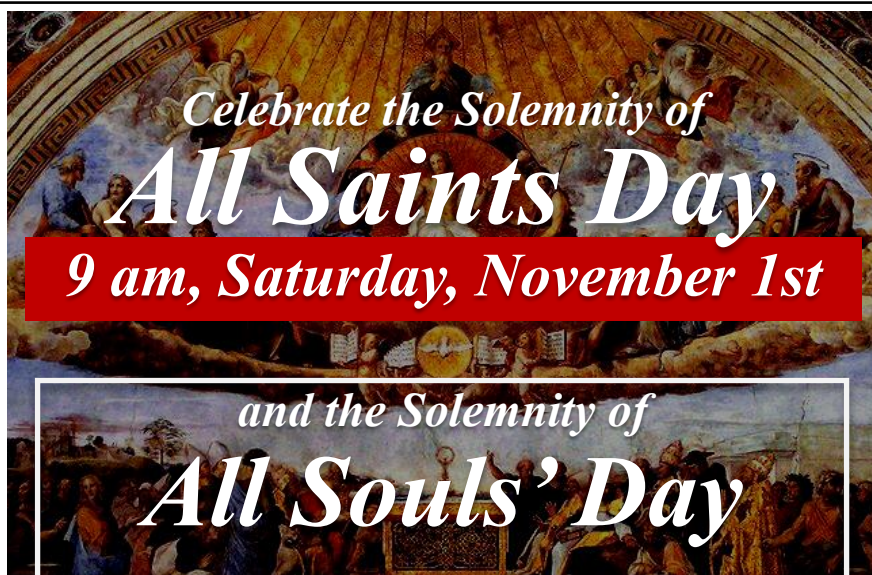
Close: Saturdays, Sundays, and Mondays

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

Sacred Heart Parish Website >



Celebrate the Solemnity of
All Saints Day
9 am, Saturday, November 1st

and the Solemnity of
All Souls' Day

Saturday, November 1st
4 pm, All Souls' Day Mass

Sunday, November 2nd
9 am, All Souls' Day Mass

*The names of all parishioners who have passed away
this past year will be read and tea light candles will be lit
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.*



Saturday, 29 November, 9 am to 12 pm
SAVE THE DATE!

Garden Restoration

1 pm, Sunday, 26 October

Last one for the season for the grounds
next to the Parish Hall!



Please bring gloves,
shovels, water and
safety glasses.
Hope to see you there!



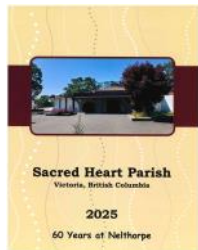
Please Pray For

Those who have died:

Georgie Guterres, Antonio Gutierrez,
Manuel Madrid, Helene Oei,
Joe & Ofreo Reda, and 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



Society of St. Vincent de Paul

In this Sunday's Gospel, the tax collector's prayer allows God to be God and so allows God to pour mercy into his heart. When we pray and give alms to the poor, we allow God's mercy to be poured into their hearts.

Please make a gift to help put food on the table of our neighbors in need !

To donate online, specify "Sacred Heart Parish"
https://give-can.keela.co/ssvp_donation_form

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

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



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 18 & October 19, 2025

Envelopes \$ 1,772.35

Cash \$ 392.70

Total \$ 2,165.05

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



St. Simon (the Zealot) & St. Jude (Thaddeus) 28 October

Sts. Simon and Jude were Apostles of the Lord Jesus Christ.

After many years of evangelizing after Jesus' Resurrection, these men are said to have suffered martyrdom together after having gone as missionaries to Suanis, a city of Persia. Because of this, they are honoured on the same day.

St. Simon is referred to in Scripture by Matthew and Mark as the "Cananaean" and by Luke as "the Zealot." Both titles mean the same, zealous for the Jewish Law, and distinguish him from the Simon whom the Lord renamed Peter, or Rock. It is unclear whether he belonged to the political party of that day, which was known as the Zealots, or was simply known for his religious zeal.

St. Jude is one of two Apostles with this name. The other, usually called Judas, is the infamous Judas Iscariot, known for his betrayal of Jesus. Here we refer to Jude Thaddeus, the saint increasingly popular as the patron of hopeless causes. He is also the author of the New Testament book the Epistle of Jude.

Not much is known about the lives of Simon and Jude from the Gospels. Even so, God chose these men, granted them holiness, worked through them in the lives of many in their own time, and continues to work through them today.

St. Simon the Zealot is the patron saint of saw workers and tanners. This derives from one account of his martyrdom in which his hands were sawed off.

St. Jude is popularly known for being the patron saint of impossible causes.

[Online accessed, 20 October 2025:

<https://missions.ewtn.com/seasonsandfeastdays/stssimonandjude/>]

Join the Knights of Columbus!

Our Sacred Heart Council is holding a membership drive this month. Rooted in Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism, we serve God, family, and community.

Learn more at www.kofc.org

and sign up after Mass on October 25/26.



Thank You for supporting the 4th Sacred Heart CWL Community Garage Sale

last Saturday, 18 October, and helping to make it a success!



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



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.

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

We are united not only within our own diocese, but also with the Diocese of Whitehorse. Your gift to the Bishop's Appeal supports pastoral care, sacraments, and outreach in remote and challenging northern communities. On this Commitment Weekend we want to emphasize this commitment. Your gift could keep their doors open this winter. That's what love and unity look like in action

Your gift will truly make a difference.

Our project this year:

installing a multimedia system in church
to screen lyrics, prayers, & video clips.

Our Parish goal is \$45,500.00

Actual to Date: \$6,426.00 Number of Gifts: 18



Redefining Justification by Jean Allen



Have you ever noticed how human self-justification is built on exclusion?

In the parable of the *Pharisee and the Publican*, the Pharisee compares himself to the Publican and expects that God will accept his righteousness over that of a person he deems outside the circle of righteousness. The publican is not considered part of the acceptable circle; therefore, he is excluded, not only from God's mercy but also from the Pharisee's respect.

The parable is one that we read and make little mental judgements of the Pharisee. We think, "What an arrogant so and so. How can anybody be like that?" But it never occurs to us that we may be exactly like that and that we have acceptable religious circles that others are outside of just because they act and believe differently from us.

"Two people went up to the church to pray, one a 'liberal' Catholic and the other a 'conservative' Catholic. Both said, "God, I thank you that I am not like this other person here." "I kneel and receive on the tongue." or "I receive on the hand, standing up." "I kneel in the pew after I receive." or "I stand after I receive." "I respect the Body of Christ with reverence and silence." or "I welcome the Body of Christ with hugs and conversation."

Nobody went away justified.

Justification here means being a person God is able to bless because the heart is not all wrapped up in self-justification. There's not much God is able to do with someone who thinks all the right actions makes them acceptable and fully believes that God is totally on their wavelength. We are all going to be so surprised when we finally meet God face to face and find out that we didn't have a clue about his love and that our circles of inclusion and exclusion were more like little prisons that didn't keep us holy but kept us self-centric.

There's a whole lot more to "Love your neighbor" than we thought.



From the Diocese

Mass for All Souls

Saturday, November 1st, Royal Oak Mausoleum
9:00 am - Rosary | 9:30 am - Mass
Celebrated by Fr. Eduardo da Silva Santos. All are welcome!

Family Catechesis video

"Called to Witness and Proclaim"

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops' (CCCC) new video series offers accessible and engaging content for parish formation, family ministry, or personal reflection.

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?app=desktop&list=PLKPM9ivAroOMLZw5PQYsBcXXDWbARAD4N>

The Kitchen Needs You!

Urgently Needed! A Treasurer to join the Board of Directors. For more information, email the Chair, Teri Hustins: info@thesoupkitchen.ca.

The Soup Kitchen – Feeding Community



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://carolsofhopecoastline.ca>
or call 250-885-8546.



Marriage Preparation Course

Nov 15 and Nov 22, 10 am to 4 pm
Holy Trinity Parish, Nanaimo

This is a two-day in-person marriage preparation course. Upon completion of both sessions, a joint Certificate of Completion will be issued. **Please register by October 26.**

<https://in-person-marriage-prep-nov-2025.eventbrite.ca>



Rachel's VINEYARD

Healing the pain of abortion - one weekend at a time

This ministry is a safe place for people to renew, rebuild and redeem hearts broken by abortion. The next Retreat: Nov 7 to 9.
rachelsvineyardvancouverisland@gmail.com / 250-514-3973



Serra Club Diocese of Victoria

Mass 6 pm, Tue, Oct 28, Our Lady of Fatima Church

The Serra Club meets on the last Tuesday of each month in different Parishes. Mass will be followed by a gathering and a talk by Fr. Eduardo Santos. All are welcome!
Please email: victoria@serrainternational.org



St. Andrew's Regional High School

BOTTLE DRIVE

Fundraising for the Grad Class of 2026
Saturday, November 1st, 10 am to 2 pm
At the School Drop-Off Zone



Pastor, Fr. Shijo George

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Korean, Fr. Marco Park

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Syro-Malabar, Fr. Shijo George

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PARISH GROUPS

Christian Meditation
C.W.L. / Prayer Line

Knights of Columbus
Led By The Spirit Group
Moms & Tots
Funeral Receptions
Social Justice/D & P
St. Vincent de Paul

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Margot McLaughlin
Miriam Podmoroff
Stan Dzbik
David MacIntyre
Genevieve Vuksic
Marilyn Turner
Stan Dzbik
Georgina Short

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To report sexual abuse by a clergy member,
religious, employee, or volunteer, visit
RCDVictoria.org/Responsible-Ministry
or call 1-800-968-3146

To report sexual abuse or cover-up
by a Catholic Bishop,
visit BishopReportingSystem.ca or
call 1-866-892-3737

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