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60
Years at
Nelthorpe

*** 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time | 28 September 2025 ***

Have a meaningful
**Fifth National Day for
Truth and Reconciliation**

Tuesday, September 30, 2025

IN OCTOBER

**Join us to
Pray the Rosary**

25 minutes before each Mass



The Created Chasm

by Jean Allen



Lazarus and the Rich Man was not told by Jesus as a warning about hell. It was a cautionary tale, based on commonly known Middle Eastern folktales of the time. No, it's not about hell; it's about how our attachments to wealth and status create a divide between us and God. It's not about God consigning the

rich man to everlasting torment; it's about how a certain mindset keeps us from grasping the truth about Kingdom living and keeps us from really understanding the heart of God. We create the divide or the chasm, and once we do, it is very difficult to see beyond our own needs and desires or beyond our own circle of 'acceptable people' – which in itself is a living hell.

Death did not change the rich man. After death he still had a class mentality and saw himself as having a higher status than Lazarus. He spoke to Father Abraham, not Lazarus. He requested that Lazarus be sent to him with water. He still sees Lazarus as less than him – a servant. Nothing in the Jewish scriptures has penetrated his mind and heart even after death. He was the one maintaining the chasm, not God.

This parable was directed at the Pharisees who should have been most aware of God's compassion and mercy. "I require mercy not sacrifice!" (Hosea 6:6) But humans decided sacrifice was more important and made the arrogant assumption that wealth meant one was blessed by God and poverty meant one was cursed as a sinner. Mercy became lost in the scramble to maintain wealthy status, even by the scripturally educated Pharisees. The poor and suffering were safely ignored because they were 'sinners'.

I'm sure there are people today who feel they are 'blessed' because they have money, status and possessions. They feel it is a sign of humility to give the glory to God instead of themselves. They aren't blessed; they are lucky or shrewd. Those who have very little are the blessed ones but they sure would love to have even some crumbs from tables of the rich.

Open the heart. Bridge the chasm.



SIGNS of GRACE Registration is now closed

We thank Lidia Moodie for her years of service to the parish and we thank all the new volunteer-catechists for coming forward to teach the new Sacramental Preparation Program.

For all enquiries, please contact the Parish Office.



Horizons of Hope: Tuesdays, Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm, Parish Hall

This program empowers and educates parishioners on palliative care, dying, death, suffering, and bereavement in a holistic manner.

- Oct 7, Mod 1: Understanding the Human Experience of Dying & Death.
- Oct 14, Mod 2: Discerning and Making Decisions at the End of Life.
- Oct 21, Mod 3: Accompanying those at the End of Life.
- Oct 28, Mod 4: Supporting & Integrating within the Wider Community.

Led by Dr. Felipe Edora and Angela Spencer.

Please sign-up on the Sign-Up Sheet in the church foyer.

LITURGICAL YEAR C

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 (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 (St. Jerome) 11:00 am
Wednesday (Oct 1) **No Mass**
Thursday (Holy Guardian Angels) 11:00 am
Friday 11:00 am

Adoration after Mass, with Benediction at 1:30 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 >](http://SacredHeartParishWebsite.com)



Grateful Thanks to:

Denton Grose, for serving in the Finance Committee.
Marisa Tinsay, for serving as Usher Coordinator as she takes up the new role of catechist.



We Welcome:

Miriam Podmoroff, our new **Usher Coordinator**.



**Welcome to our Catholic Family
Rebecca Lem Aguit**

Baptised, Saturday, 27 September 2025



Handcrafted Holy Land Wood Carvings!

This Saturday & Sunday

Handcrafted by Christians in the Holy Land. Help to preserve a cultural heritage.

Only CASH is accepted for now.





Please Pray For

Those who have died:

Dan Brown, David Baanstra, Margaret Gustafson,
Souls in Purgatory, and Eugene Webster.

Those who are ill:

Dan, Jon A, Jacobus B, Irene Copiozo, Patricia C, Cora C,
Maureen D, Lesley D, Kathleen G, Derek L,
Lisa L, Will P, Dino R, Davide R, Willy S, Gaspar S,
Valerie S, Cathy T, Maria T, Ornella T, and Louise Whitley.



Eternal Rest Grant Unto
David Baanstra (4 September 2025)
Funeral Mass: Thu, Oct 2 at 1 pm

&

Margaret Gustafson (23 September 2025)
Funeral Mass: Tue, Oct 7 at 1 pm

O Lord, and let Perpetual Light Shine Upon them.
May their souls rest in peace. Amen.

**Please be reminded to please inform the
Parish Office if you have moved
and have a new address, or if your email
or phone number have changed.**



This will enable to the Parish Office to ensure that the
information on our database is accurate and up to date.



We thank everyone who contributed to
the feast of ethnic foods for the 60th
Anniversary Potluck Dinner, and all the
talented parishioners who performed for
us as well. Enjoy the recording!
<https://youtu.be/UJzUSbRTf3U>

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!

September 20 & September 21, 2025

Envelopes \$ 1,892.00

Cash \$ 374.00

Total \$ 2,266.00

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

Fr. Shijo's Homilies

are available on our Parish Website

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



ST. JEROME 30 September



St. Jerome Writing by Caravaggio

Born c. 347 in Stridon, Dalmatia; died 419/420 in Bethlehem. He was a biblical translator and monastic leader, traditionally regarded as the most learned of the Latin Fathers. He lived for a time as a hermit, became a priest, served as secretary to Pope Damasus I, and in 389 established a monastery at Bethlehem. His numerous biblical, ascetical, monastic, and theological works profoundly influenced the early Middle Ages. He is known particularly for his Latin translation of the Bible, the Vulgate, and is a doctor of the church.

Jerome is remembered for his extensive erudition, understanding of the classics, the Bible, and Christian tradition. He was a learned scholar rather than a deep thinker, a sound traditionalist and not a speculative theologian, more competent as editor than as exegete. His life was a turbulent combination of scholarship and asceticism. His influence has been far-reaching and profound, because he transmitted much of Greek thought to the West.

[Online accessed, 23 Sep 2025:

<https://www.britannica.com/biography/Saint-Jerome>]

HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS 2 October

"For he hath given his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways." - Psalm 90:11



A feast in honour of the guardian angels was first observed in the 16th century. In 1615, Pope Paul V added it to the Roman calendar. That each and every human soul has a Guardian Angel has been shown throughout the Old Testament, and in the New. Jesus was strengthened by an angel in the Garden of Gethsemane, and that an angel delivered St. Peter from prison in the Acts of the Apostles. Jesus makes the existence and function of guardian angels explicit when he says: "See that you despise not one of these little ones: for I say to you, that their angels in heaven always see the face of my Father who is in heaven." (Matthew 18:10).

Prayer to the guardian angels is encouraged, and remembering their presence and support leads to friendship with them. Since the beginning of the 12th century the prayer in the Church has been:

"Angel of God, my Guardian dear, to whom God's love entrusts thee here. Ever this day be at my side, to light and guard, to rule and guide. Amen."

[Online accessed 25 Sep 2024:

<https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/saint/the-guardian-angels-612>]



2025 Annual Bishop's Appeal Love & Unity

The 2025 Bishop's Annual Appeal will be launched next weekend, October 4 and 5. Please support the annual Bishop's Appeal as it supports our parish projects and events such as our annual Sacred Heart Feast Day and 60th Anniversary celebrations, the Holy Doors Pilgrimage, and general buildings, landscaping, and maintenance projects.

For every dollar raised up to the goal, **20%** will return to the parish for parish projects.

For every dollar raised above the goal, **80%** will be returned.

Every dollar raised beyond 200% of the goal, **100%** will return to the parish for parish projects.

Annually the Bishop's Appeal supports vocations, our Clergy, and the Religious who serve our Diocese. It also supports the formation and spiritual growth of current and future priests and other pastoral leaders, which includes care for retired priests.

Contributions sustain our remote Mission churches on the island, as our Holy Doors Pilgrims would have visited; covering operating costs, maintenance, pastoral leadership, and religious support.

Funds from the Bishop's Appeal also support our Catholic Schools, outreach programs, and faith formation programs such as our new Sacramental Preparation Program.

Support the Annual Bishop's Appeal as a parish and together let us grow in Love and Unity as a Diocesan Family on Vancouver Island.

Our goal for 2025 is \$45,500.00



Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Celebrating the Feast of St. Vincent de Paul (Saturday, 27 September) the grocery bags that were handed out last weekend will be collected at the Masses this weekend (Sep. 27 & 28).

You can also contribute by reserving a seat or two for the Sacred Heart Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul's Pasta Dinner in the Parish Hall on Saturday, October 4 at 5 pm to support the Downtown Food Pantry. Entrance is by donation at the door – reservation required. Reserve your spot after Mass or at the Parish Office. Contact: isme.svdpvictoria@gmail.com

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



4th CWL Community Garage Sale

Saturday, October 18
9 am - 1 pm

Secure a table for \$30.

Contact Miriam at
mirpod@yahoo.com or 250-888-8797



We need Altar Servers, Ushers for our Saturday anticipated Masses, and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion / Pastoral Outreach Homebound volunteers.

Please contact the Parish Office:
250-479-1611 or sacredheart@rcdvictoria.org
We will be happy to hear from you.



From the Diocese



Serra Club in Formation Diocese of Victoria

6 pm, Tue, Sep 30, St. Joseph the Worker

Serra Club in formation meets every last Tuesday of the month in different Parishes. Mass for Vocations is at 6 pm. This is followed by a talk by Fr. Alfredo Monacelli. All are welcome!

For more information, please email:
victoria@serrainternational.org.

Fifth National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Tuesday, September 30

On this day, we reaffirm our commitment to walk with indigenous peoples on the journey of healing and reconciliation, listening with open hearts, honouring the stories shared, and embracing the path of truth and hope for the future. To learn more about residential school experiences: <https://nctr.ca/>

The 4th Annual South Island Powwow is at Royal Athletic Park (1014 Caledonia Ave, Victoria). All are welcome, and admission is free. <https://www.songheesnation.ca/south-island-powwow>



24 September to 2 November

Every year more than 10,000 unborn babies are killed in the womb in BC, and over 100,000 in Canada. Join 40 Days for Life at Helmcken Road Overpass Park & Ride, from 7 am to 7 pm daily.

<https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/victoriabc>

Jubilee 2025 Eucharistic Celebration

12:10 pm, Thu, Oct 9 at St. Patrick's Church

Celebrated by Bishop Gary Gordon. Consecrated men and women from across the island will be delighted to have you join them for this celebration, which is part of their day-long gathering on the theme: "Pilgrims of Hope on the Path to Peace." All are welcome.

Christian Life Program

St. Andrews' Cathedral Segher's Hall

8 Saturdays from October 4 at 6:30 pm

Please contact: Buddy or Chris Gaspar: 250-661-9682 / 250-661-8429
Email: Chris24gaspar@yahoo.com

World Wide Marriage Encounter

Oct 24 to 26, 2025, Fraser Valley

Rekindle your romance, deepen your connection, and strengthen your relationship. Deadline: Oct 11.

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



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: November 7 to 9, 2025.

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St. Vincent de Paul

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To report sexual abuse by a clergy member,
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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,
visit BishopReportingSystem.ca or
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