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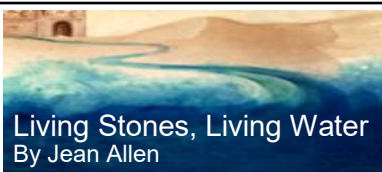
* Dedication of the Lateran Basilica | 9 November 2025 *

Thank You

Bishop Gary Gordon & Bishop Mar Jose Kalluvellil
Fr. Shijo, and everyone who turned up and dressed up to make the
Rosary Mass & Potluck
on Friday, 31 October 2025
such an excellent All Hallow's Eve success!



Thank you, also, to everyone who contributed to the potluck
and to Thom Tran for such beautiful and sumptuous Rosary Cheese Cake!



was saying, "This building isn't holy simply because it's called a temple. It's holy because of the people who pray to the Father and you are making it difficult with all your sacrificial requirements for people to come freely and pray without price. The stones of this temple can, and will be, cast down and rendered useless. But I will become the cornerstone of a new living building of prayer."

If you pay attention to the other readings for this week, you'll see that the Church is still saying that. The first reading is an angel showing Ezekial how a river of living water flows into and through the temple and brings life and fruit to everything it touches. The psalm also talks about the living water that makes glad the City of God. Of course, God is the Living Water but we, too, are called to be living water bringing life to everyone we touch. Paul, in the second reading, asks, "Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells within you?"

The Church is reminding us that we are called to be a living and vibrant Church, not lifeless inhabitants of dead buildings. We don't just come to church; we are church. Note that in Ezekial, the Living Water didn't just flow into a building and sit there stagnating. It flowed through the temple; it enlivened the temple and then it had such wonderful life that it was even able to make stagnant water into living water just by flowing into it.

As Church we are called to be flowing vigorously, with life and dynamism – into the church and out of it. We are supposed to be infectious with life.

I'll let you discern if this is true for you. And if not, why not?

So, there's nothing special about a spiritual building in itself, whether it's a basilica, a cathedral or a parish church. Dedicating a building means little; it's what it's dedicated to that's significant. Jesus, in casting out the moneychangers and the sellers of sacrificial animals, was making that statement. He

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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 [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 (Remembrance Day: Nov. 11) 9:00 am
Wednesday (St. Josaphat) 11:00 am
Thursday 11:00 am
Friday 11:00 am
Followed by Adoration. Benediction is 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 >



We remember those who gave
their lives in service,
and their families and friends
who continue to pray
and honour them.

Remembrance Day

9 am Mass, Tue, Nov. 11

The 2025-2026
Sunday Missal
are now available at
\$6 each.



Join us for a Pancake Breakfast
after the 9 am Mass on Sunday, 9 November.
Donations gratefully accepted at the door.





Please Pray For

Those who have died:

Alice, Joe Sr., & Joe Jr. De Lima, Sixto Pongos,
Cecilio Sandoval, Cissy Sequeira,
and All the 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.



Moms & Tots

9:30 am, Mon, 17 Nov, Parish Hall

Come for the company and faith-sharing.
Parents and caregivers are welcome.

Please contact Genevieve Vuksic: momstots.shvic@gmail.com



Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Today, Jesus promises that if the temple is destroyed, He will raise it up again in three days. This is the true hope He offers. When you give furniture, household items and clothing you no longer use to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, you give a sign of hope to your neighbours who have nothing. Please drop donations at 735 Cloverdale Avenue, Victoria or call (250) 590-8390.

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

Make 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 2025

PAD \$ 5,975.00

E-Transfer \$ 2,365.00

Canada Helps \$ 754.90

November 1 & November 2, 2025

Envelopes \$ 2,583.55

Cash \$ 499.40

Total \$ 3,082.95

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



Clean-up

Saturday, 29 November, 9 am to 12 pm

**Come with your gloves, rakes,
blowers, buckets & cheerful spirit ...**

The sign-up sheet is in the foyer.



Dedication of the Lateran Basilica November 9

The Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica is a liturgical celebration that pays homage to the first official monument of Christianity, consecrated for the first time on November 9, 318 or 324 by Pope Sylvester I (314-

335) ending the period of Christian persecutions in Rome. In the same period, documented in the *Liber Pontificalis*, (a collection of the biographies of the popes from the beginning of the 6th century) there were numerous gifts that the emperor made in favour of the Lateran Church: a series of precious liturgical furnishings, including seven silver altars.

This historical turning point, in the guise of "royal power" traced by the famous Edict of Milan in 313, passes through the construction works of the imposing Basilica of Saint John Lateran that began immediately after Constantine's victory in the battle of the Milvian Bridge in 312. It is a construction, that of the Cathedral of Rome, which represents an ex-voto of gratitude for the triumph obtained against his rival Maxentius. In the famous story by Eusebius of Caesarea reported in the *Vita Costantini*, on the eve of the battle the future emperor saw "the trophy of a cross of light" appear in the sky with an inscription next to it: "In hoc signo vinces" (By this sign, you will conquer); a sign that Constantine had fixed on a labarum, a golden rod in the shape of a cross surmounted by a crown with the Christogram (XP).

To make the Christian religion the "banner" under which to unite the empire, Constantine decided to return to the Church not only the property confiscated during the period of Christian persecutions, but also to make available to Christian communities various lands on the fringes of the walls of the City, what would become Rome's "Christian pole." This included the large area of the Lateran. In the Constantinian building process, a work of importance within the Lateran complex is the baptistery that the emperor himself had built near the basilica, the oldest sacred building intended for the Rite of the Sacrament of Baptism, making the Lateran basilica the "prototype of Christian churches."

The Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica recalls these historical and archaeological memories that for French historian and archaeologist, Paul Veyne, represented the beginning of a "Christian Europe." It was only in 1724, under the pontificate of Benedict XIII, that this feast extended to all the churches of the Roman Rite to pay homage to the "mother church of the churches of Rome and the world."



[Online accessed 4 November 2025:

<https://ewtnvatican.com/articles/dedication-of-the-lateran-basilica-a-constantinian-turning-point-1812>]

Begin the new Liturgical Year
and the Advent Season by joining us for an

Advent Mission 2025 The Humility of Jesus

Mass at 6:30 pm each evening

Sunday, 30 November

Monday, 1 December

Tuesday, 2 December

Fr. Joseph Yuson

All Are Welcome!



You are invited to the next Knights of Columbus COR Meeting

7:30 pm, Tuesday, November 11

Pope John Hall, next to the Rectory

The topic: "The Kerygma - The Power of the Gospel".

All Knights, male parishioners and friends are welcome to attend.



Delicious Specialty Fudges

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Parish Office pick-up: week of Dec 9 to 12.

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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.

While our parish has identified updates to our multimedia system as a priority, in recognition of the increasing costs of maintaining the property, remaining funds from the Appeal will go to our Parish Building Fund. We need everyone's help to reach our parish target, and to prepare for the future. Please consider your impact our immediate priorities and to the longer term upkeep of our beautiful property.

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

Helping our parish to make a difference. When we give, we invest in the faith and future of the next generation. Your gift will truly make a difference.

Our Parish goal is \$45,500.00

Actual to Date: \$24,441.00

Number of Gifts: 72



From the Diocese



Seminary of Christ the King

November 15 & 16, Mission, BC

Vocation Live-In

You are invited to a Vocation Live-In on the weekend Nov 15 at the Seminary of Christ the King, Mission, BC. If you are contemplating a vocation, and wish to enter the Seminary in the next few years, you are welcome to the Live-In weekend.

For more information phone 604-826-8975
or email rector.minors@sck.ca



Mass of Remembrance for Clergy & Religious

12 pm, Wednesday, November 19

St. Andrew's Cathedral, View Street

Bishop Gary will celebrate a Mass of Remembrance for the clergy and religious who served in our Diocese and who have died in the past year. All are invited.

Diocesan livestream:

<https://youtube.com/live/2CT0a1AGN1g?feature=share>



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:
<https://carolsofhope.com/>
or call 250-885-8546.

See Rafael also, for tickets.

Diocesan Annual Faith Day

Saturday, November 22, 2025; Sacred Heart Parish

The day will begin with Mass at 9 am followed by sessions at St. Andrew's Regional High School. Keynote speaker, Dr. Erin Barisano, will speak on "The Active Silence". A panel discussion will follow with Kathryn Lacerte and Bishop Gary Gordon, along with a Listening Circle reflection.

For more about the Diocesan Faith Day:

<https://www.rcdvictoria.org/events/nov-22-diocesan-faith-day-2025>

Fall & Winter Used Clothing Sale

Fri, Nov 14 & Sat, Nov 15, 9:30 am to 2:30 pm

St. Patrick's Church, Haultain Street

Come to St. Patrick's Catholic Women's League's Fall & Winter Good Used Clothing Sale. Three special kiosks will also be selling jewelry, Christmas decorations, and household linens.

All proceeds will support CWL charities.



Annual Poinsettia Fundraiser!

St. Andrew's Regional High School's library

Brighten up your home with beautiful red, white, or pink poinsettias: 4", 6.5", and 10" pots.

Orders are due by Monday, November 17!

Forms are in the church foyer.

Thank you for supporting our Catholic high school!





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Moms & Tots
Funeral Receptions
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To report sexual abuse by a clergy member,
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or call 1-800-968-3146

To report sexual abuse or cover-up
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