



Sacred Heart Catholic Church

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* 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time | 4 October 2026 *

In October

Join us to
Pray the Rosary

25 minutes
before each Mass



Crowdthink at its Finest

By Jean Allen

In this parable where the tenants, who refuse to give the landowner his produce, beat and kill the landowner's representatives and end up murdering his son, it's easy to assume the landowner represents God. Not so.

In Jesus's day, heavy taxation, debts and crop failures forced many peasant farmers to lose their land, which was then bought up by absentee landowners. Tenants lived on the edge of economic disaster all the time but they still had to pay the landowner no matter what. It is also historical fact that land could possibly be claimed by tenants if there were no owner and no heir, sort of similar to homesteading today. So, the tenants in this story may have been striving for that outcome.



This story was politically and economically charged to the listeners, who would have been sympathetic to the tenants at first. It was not simply a parable about giving God his rightful dues. What might Jesus have been trying to point out? The tenants begin as objects of sympathy; they end by becoming a united mob, convinced that killing one person will secure their future. What Jesus was revealing was how easily victims can become victimizers when rivalry and fear take over.

It is important to note that Jesus didn't say that the landowner should "put those wretches to a miserable death..." The Chief Priests and Elders said it. Remember, this was not a parable about God; it was a statement about victims and victimizers. The people listening to Jesus, who could be seen as victims, became victimizers themselves just before Jesus was crucified. Any group of people can turn against one victim and believe all their problems will be solved by expelling or killing the victim.

Nowadays we don't resort to actual murder but a person can be 'killed' by rumors, unkind words and exclusion stemming from fear and anger. I've seen it happen in too many groups and churches to believe it's a rare occurrence.

It's a mob mentality and it's dangerous.

Handcrafted Holy Land Wood Carvings!

Saturday, 17 October & Sunday, 18 October



Religious olive wood carvings will be displayed outside the church, hand crafted by the Christians of the Holy land who seek your support to assist them to stay in the land of Christ. 70 years ago, the Christian population was 20 % of the whole population, now they are only 1.0%. The Christians of the Holy Land face severe and escalating hardships driven by the regional conflict, economic devastation from the collapse of tourism, rising settler

violence in the West Bank, and increased harassment and anti-Christian acts by extremists in Jerusalem. Help to preserve a cultural heritage.

Please note: ONLY CASH and E-TRANSFER are accepted at this time.

Thank you for your support and God Bless.



LITURGICAL YEAR A

Saturday:

English Mass (anticipated Mass) 4:00 pm

Sunday:

English Mass 9:00 am
Syro-Malabar 11:00 am
Korean 3:00 pm
Vietnamese (Please contact the Parish Office) 5:30 pm

Weekday Masses

English Masses

Tuesday (with St. Andrew's High Sch) 11:00 am
Wednesday (Our Lady of the Rosary) 11:00 am
Thursday 11:00 am
Friday 11:00 am
Exposition 11:30 am
Benediction 12:30 pm

Korean Masses

Wednesday No Mass this week
Thursday No Mass this week

Syro-Malabar Mass

Thursday (Every 3rd Thurs of the month) 7:00 pm

RECONCILIATION

Tuesday to Friday 10:30 am
Saturday 3:15 am
Sunday 8:15 am

Parish Office Hours

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

Closed on Sundays, Mondays, and Saturdays

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:
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[Sacred Heart Parish Website >](http://SacredHeartParishWebsite.com)



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Please Pray For

Those who have died:

Kris Balanda, Wayne Fenwick, James Floyd,
Alice, Joe Sr. & Joe Jr. De Lima, Domingo de Lara,
Rodolfo Gaspar, Marion, Bill & Bruce Van Munster,
Max Sequeira, Titong Pongos, and John Vu.

Those who are ill:

Irene Anna, Jon A, Jacobus B, Cora C, Theresa H, John Knapik,
Joe & Sherry O, Walt R, Davide R, Marguerite Thomas, & Dan W.



Eternal Rest Grant Unto Frank Armstrong Ewer

(24 September 2026)

Funeral Mass, 1:00 pm, Friday, 2 October 2026

*O Lord, and let Perpetual Light Shine Upon him.
May his soul rest in peace. Amen.*

Catholic Legacy Giving

Support our parish into the future! When you name Sacred Heart Catholic Church in your Will, life insurance policy, or retirement accounts as a beneficiary, you leave a lasting legacy of faith. If you already have a will, a simple legal amendment (a codicil) is often all it takes to include your parish. Please consult with your notary or lawyer to ensure your wishes are carried out accurately.

A bequest in your Will helps to ensure that future generations can continue to encounter Christ here in our parish. Thank you.

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 26 & 27, 2026

Envelopes \$ 1,239.00

Cash \$ 513.00

Total \$ 1,752.00

Building Fund \$ 2,600.00

September 2026

E-transfers \$ 780.00

PAD \$ 6,365.00

Canada Helps \$ 965.00

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



OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

7 October

Many religions use beads to keep track of prayers. Our Rosary, a circle of beads, is like a garland offered to Mary because we pray a prayer on each bead. This well-loved prayer has its roots in the 150 psalms. People who couldn't read began praying 150 Hail Marys instead, the equivalent of three of our modern rosaries covering the original three sets of mysteries.

The story of the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary began in the 16th century when Pope Pius V was having trouble with the Ottoman Turks, who were a real danger to Christianity. After months of disagreements and bickering, he was able to unite Spain, Venice, and the States of the Church in a naval expedition to fight the Turks. The two navies met in the Gulf of Lepanto in Greece on October 7, 1571. On the same day, the Rosary Confraternity of Rome was meeting at the Dominican headquarters there. The group recited the Rosary for the special intention of the Christians at battle. The Christians defeated the Turks in a spectacular victory and believed it was the intercessory power of the Blessed Virgin that won the victory. Pope Pius V dedicated the day as one of thanksgiving to Our Lady of Victory. Pope Gregory XIII later changed the name to the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary.

The story of the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary focuses on the intercessory power of Mary. Mary encouraged praying the Rosary in her apparitions, as at Lourdes, to St. Bernadette; Mary had a Rosary. As Bernadette prayed it, Mary joined in on the 'Glory Be' prayers. At Fatima Mary exhorted the three children who saw her to pray the Rosary for peace. The Rosary is a deep prayer; as we recite the Our Fathers, Hail Marys, and Glory Bes, we meditate on the mysteries in the lives of Jesus and Mary.

[Online accessed, 2 Oct 2024:
<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/saints/saints-stories-for-all-ages/our-lady-of-the-rosary/>]

Cherished Belonging A Diocesan Survey

This five-question survey was created by the Development Office, and with Bishop Gary Gordon and the Priest's Council. It provides an opportunity for you to express how parishes may support their faith needs. This survey is not mandatory. The online survey link: [Cherished Belonging Survey – Copy form](#)

To download, please select "Duplicate" at the top of the screen; the survey will be saved to your Microsoft Forms Account.



Society of St. Vincent de Paul

The good news of the Gospel today is all we need to do is let God tend us, to produce good fruit. All we need do is be faithful; God will take care of the rest. Bring the love and mercy of Jesus to those who feel abandoned; and peace to those overwhelmed with life's burdens.

To join, please contact Georgina: sacredheart@svdpvictoria.com or call 250-727-2615

For assistance, please call our Social Concern Office: 250-727-0007 ext 1.

To donate online, specify "Sacred Heart Parish"

https://give-can.keela.co/ssvp_donation_form

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



Consider being an **Altar Server!** Or be a **Proclaimer, Usher**, or join the Sunday Choir. Be an **Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion** or join the **Pastoral Outreach Homebound Ministry**. We will be happy to hear from you.

Please contact the Parish Office at 250-479-1611
or sacredheart@rcdvictoria.org



2026 Annual Bishop's Appeal Kickoff Weekend

The Bishop's Appeal
begins today!

This year the theme is, **Be the Light**. This Appeal is inspired by the words of Jesus who said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life" (John 8:12). Funds from this Appeal will help share the light of Christ both within our faith community and beyond our borders to support those displaced by war in Lebanon, and in our twinned Diocese of Whitehorse, where the environment is remote and often challenging.

Every gift strengthens our parishes and reaches far beyond, bringing light and love to our communities and the world.

Watch Bishop Gary's video and learn more about the 2026 Appeal here: www.rcdvictoria.org/bishops-appeal

**This year our parish project is
to replace the church roof.**

Our Parish goal for 2026 is \$46,000.00

We welcome our new Parish Pastoral Council Chair



Lorraine Van Dyk

All the very best of blessings in
your new role, Lorraine!

**Heartfelt gratitude
and thanks to**

Edgar Tan Jr.

for your tireless and dedicated
service to the parish as

**Parish Pastoral Council Chair
2024 to 2026.**



From the Diocese

Katesismong Pilipino (KP) 3rd Quarter Filipino Mass

7 pm, Saturday, October 17 at St. Joseph the Worker Parish

The Filipino Catechism of the Catholic Church here in Victoria are inviting you to their 3rd Quarter Filipino Mass at St. Joseph the Worker Parish.

In loving devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary and celebrating the month of the Holy Rosary, the Living Rosary at 6:00 pm, followed by the Holy Mass at 7:00 pm celebrated by Fr. Dino Villadiego.

Indigenous Reconciliation Fund Committee Accepting Grant Applications

The Indigenous Reconciliation Fund Committee of the Diocese of Victoria is accepting grant applications for projects for people harmed by the legacy of residential schools. Since 2022, the Committee has supported 24 local Indigenous-led projects and initiatives, granting over \$810,000 for the work of reconciliation. Indigenous people and groups anywhere on Vancouver Island and the surrounding Islands are encouraged to apply.

For more information, please visit www.rcdvictoria.org/irf.

Life Chain 2026 Sunday, October 4 from 2 pm -3 pm

Life Chain is a peaceful pro-life demonstration in its 35th year in Canada. Participants pray for an end to abortion and for those wounded by it, while holding non-graphic signs with messages like "Abortion Kills Children" and "Jesus Forgives & Heals."

This year Life Chain will be held at Blanshard Street and Finlayson.

For more information and resources go to:
<https://lifechain.ca/resources/>

St. Francis of Assisi Dinner and Presentation

4 pm, October 4, St. Patrick's Church, Haultain

All are invited to a special Mass in commemoration of the 800th anniversary of the death of St. Francis. Bishop Gary will preside. Dinner and a presentation on St. Francis of Assisi will follow.

Space is limited for this part of the evening.

Please register in advance at
<http://www.rcdvictoria.org/StFrancis800>

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

23 September to 1 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>

The Soup Kitchen

The Soup Kitchen, in the basement of St. Andrew's Cathedral need volunteers for its dine in service, Monday to Friday from 7:30 am to 10:30 am. Please consider volunteering just one morning a week. You can help by making sandwiches, serving soup, coffee and tea, or dishwashing.

To learn more, please contact Marilyn Simmons:

info@thesoupkitchen.ca

or sign up online: thesoupkitchen.ca/volunteer






65th ANNUAL CHARITY APPEAL

Click here For Council 15445

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2 nd Prize	\$25,000	4 th Prize \$ 5,000 EB
3 rd Prize	\$10,000	5 th to 14 th \$ 1,000 each! --> Early Bird Draws

TICKETS

1 for \$5

10 for \$25

50 for \$50

150 for \$100

**Please support the Knights of Columbus Charity Appeal Raffle
October 1st to December 19th**

Beneficiaries are Hospital Foundations, School PACs, Community Food Banks, Scholarships/Bursaries, Special Olympics, Dioceses in BC for outreach programs, and many others..

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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL 2026 / 2027

Lorraine Van Dyk (Chair)	Rey Hermoso	Peter Martin
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To report sexual abuse or cover-up by a Catholic Bishop, visit BishopReportingSystem.ca or call 1-866-892-3737

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