Sacred Heart Catholic Church

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* 32nd Ordinary Sunday | 8 November 2026 *



Remembrance Day

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



The Gospel message this week is clear: stay awake, pay attention and be spiritually prepared. However, underscoring the whole message is the Wisdom Edge. There is more to this scripture than just being ready for any spiritual eventuality, be it the end times or otherwise. There is a call for wisdom. Not knowledge – wisdom.

Wisdom is the oil for the flame that lights our way, but very often people get confused between knowledge and wisdom. All the bridesmaids in the Gospel had knowledge, even the ones who ran out of oil. They knew that at some unknown point the bridegroom would come and that they always had to be ready to leave suddenly.

This knowledge of the traditions was what brought all the bridesmaids to the right place at the right time, engaged in all the right motions. But five waited with knowledge and wisdom while five waited with just knowledge. The ones with just knowledge of the tradition had no real inner attachment to the possibilities of what the future could bring so they didn't bother to have more than barely enough provisions. They waited because that was the ritual. It was the way it was always done.

Wisdom goes beyond the way things have always been done; it looks for the spirit behind them, seeks the depths, senses the promises, envisions the unforeseeable and listens for the unheard. Wisdom dwells in the spaces between the black and white of knowledge. Wisdom is a gift, one that we should all seek constantly because it is a light that will keep us ready. We can only receive it if we ask for it.

Anyone can seek wisdom and what is so wonderful is that the most illiterate peasant can be full of amazing spiritual wisdom. Conversely, the most knowledgeable person can be very much lacking in spiritual wisdom. Wisdom delights in the fact that God is always the same but always new. Wisdom teaches us how to wait: with the oil of patience, full of expectation and with joyful hope.

Seek Wisdom because she always seeks you.

LITURGICAL YEAR A

Saturday:

Mass in English (anticipated Mass)	4:00 pm

Sunday:

Mass in English	9:00 am
Syro-Malabar Rite Mass	11:00 am
Mass in Korean	3:00 pm
Mass in Vietnamese (1st & 3rd Sundays)	5:30 pm

Weekday Masses
Mass in English

Tuesday		**No Mass**
Wednesday		**No Mass**
Thursday	Nov 12: St. Josaphat	11:00 am
Friday		**No Mass**

No Exposition: Blessed Sacrament
No Benediction

Mass in Korean

Wednesday	7:30 pm
Thursday	10:00 am

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

Sacred Heart Parish Website >

Join the Knights of Columbus
Sacred Heart Council

Men 18 and above: join the fraternity of Knights for an active, and dynamic Christian life. Put faith into action!

Enroll with a member,
or join online: www.kofc.org

CWL Membership Drive
This weekend!

Join the Catholic Women's League and live in Faith, Service, and Social Justice for others. For more information, please contact Miriam at mirpod@yahoo.com

MASS for Deceased CWL Members
11 am, Thursday, November 12

All ladies are invited. CWL members, please put on your blue scarves.

TO REPORT SEXUAL ABUSE TO AN INDEPENDENT AGENCY

To report sexual abuse by a clergy, 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



Please Pray For

Those who have died:

Edward Azouri, Deceased CWL members, Alice, Joe Sr. & Joe Jr. De Lima, Valerie Forshaw, John & Dolores Mastel, Maureen Anne Mooers, Suzanne Pimentel, Members of Fernanda Rodrigues Family, Souls in Purgatory, 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.

Birthright Victoria Specialty Fudges



Please order by December 1

Email: info@birthrightvictoria.org or call Peggy: 250.478.5372.

Birthright packets make great stocking stuffers or holiday gifts; and they freeze well. Support the pro-life work of Birthright Victoria. Please see the Birthright's Fudge poster for details. Sacred Heart Parish Office pick-up: week of December 8 to 11.

*Please note Macadamia Madness Fudge is in extremely short supply and only available by pre-order this year.



Clean-up

Saturday, 28 November

9 am to 12 pm

Come with your gloves, rakes, blowers, buckets, and cheerful spirits …



The sign-up sheet is in the foyer / Nave.

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 31 & November 1, 2026	
Envelopes	$ 2,433.00
Cash	$ 434.00
Total	**$ 2,867.00**
Building Fund	$ 1,000.00
October 2026	
E-transfers	$ 3,000.00
PAD	$ 6,520.00
Canada Helps	$ 980.00

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

Pope St. Leo the Great

November 10



The pontificate of Pope Leo I spanned the middle of the fifth century (440-461), an era marked by disturbances in the world and in the Church. One of the most famous events in his papacy was in 452, when the whole of the Italian peninsula was trembling in the face of invasion by Attila the Hun. Already, large parts of northern Italy had fallen; the cities of Aquileia, Padua, and Milan were conquered, sacked, and razed to the ground. As Attila, camped near Mantua, on the Mincio River, he met Leo, the Bishop of Rome. According to a later legend, during the negotiations, Attila had a vision of the Apostles St. Peter and St. Paul, carrying drawn swords, and threatening Attila if he dared to attack the city of Rome. The story is portrayed in the Apostolic Palace, in frescoes by Raphael. Three years later, Pope Leo had to stand without human aid again, before a conquering army. Genseric, a Vandal king. Although Leo could not persuade him to spare the city, he convinced him to spare the Archbasilica of St John Lateran, and the Basilicas of Sts. Peter and Paul. The city was captured, but thousands of innocent people were saved when they took refuge in the Christian edifices.

Peter has spoken through Leo

Within the Church, Pope Leo was dedicated to the preservation of the teachings handed down from the Apostles. His greatest triumph was the Ecumenical Council held in Chalcedon (modern Kadiköy, Turkey). There the Council Fathers recognised and re-affirmed the truth of the union of two natures, divine and human, in the one Person of Jesus Christ. Leo himself had proclaimed this truth in a letter originally addressed to Flavian, Patriarch of Constantinople. When Leo's "Tome" was read at Chalcedon, the Council Fathers cried out "Peter has spoken through Leo!"

Theologian and pastor

St. Leo was an ardent supporter and promoter of the Primacy of the See of Peter. In almost 100 surviving sermons and letters, the "Great Pope" shows himself as both a theologian and a pastor: attentive to the importance of communion between the churches, but never forgetting the needs of the faithful. It was his care and concern for ordinary women and men that animated the works of charity he accomplished in an era marked by famine, poverty, injustice, and pagan superstition. In all his actions, he strove to "uphold justice with constancy," and to "offer clemency with love" – all in the name of Jesus, since "without Christ we can do nothing, but with Him, we can do all."

A Pope of firsts

Leo's pontificate was marked by a number of firsts: He was the first Pope named Leo; the first Pope to be remembered as "the Great" (later, Gregory I and Nicholas I would also be accorded the honour); the first Pope whose sermons have come down to us; and he is one of only two Popes (the other is Gregory) to be recognised as a Doctor of the Church. When he died in 461, he became the first Pope buried in the St Peter's Basilica. His relics are preserved in the new St Peter's, near the Altar of the Chair, in a chapel dedicated to the "Madonna of the Column."

St. Leo I is the patron saint of Roman Catholic doctrinal teaching; pastoral leadership; public administration; defending the faith against heresy; and the patron saint of popes and confessors.

[Online accessed, 3 November 2026: https://www.vaticannews.va/en/saints/11/10/st--leo-the-great--pope-and-doctor-of-the-church.html]

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St. Josaphat
November 12

Born 1580 in western Ukraine in Volhynia to Orthodox Christian parents, John Kuntsevych did not become "Josaphat" until later as a monk.

Although the Eastern churches began to separate from the Holy See in 1054, a union existed after the 15th century Ecumenical Council of Florence. By John's birth, Slavic Orthodox Christians had become strongly anti-Catholic.

Although trained as a merchant's apprentice, John felt drawn to traditional Byzantine monasticism. Taking the monastic name of Josaphat, he entered a Ukrainian monastery in 1604. The young monk then took on the ambitious task to re-incorporate the Eastern Orthodox tradition with the Catholic Church. Recognizing the urgent pastoral needs of the people, he produced catechisms and works of apologetics, while implementing overdue reforms of the clergy and attending to the needs of the poor. Josaphat's exemplary life and zeal for the care of souls won the trust of Orthodox Christians. However, his mission was controversial, and others were led to believe lurid stories and malicious suggestions made about him.

Tensions between supporters and opponents began to escalate, and on a Fall day in 1623, an Orthodox priest shouted insults outside the archbishop's residence. Josaphat had him removed, but the man assembled a mob in the town. They arrived and demanded the archbishop's life. Unable to escape, Josaphat died praying for the men who shot and then beheaded him before dumping his body in a river. Josaphat's body was discovered incorrupt, five years later. St. Josaphat was canonized in 1867.

[Online accessed, 6 November 2024: https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/saint/st-josaphat-653

2026 Diocese Faith Day
9 am, Mass, Saturday, November 21, 2026

… followed by the Talk at St. Andrew's Regional High School by Dr. Donna M. Beegle: "Who Is My Neighbour? Relationship and Belonging with the Poor" recognizing Christ in the needy and the suffering.

https://diocesan-faith-day-2026.eventbrite.ca



2026 Annual Bishop's Appeal

Invest in the faith and future of this and the next generation. To receive a tax receipt for 2026, please ensure your donation is dropped off at the Parish Office or Pastoral Centre with plenty of time for processing before the end of December.

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

This year our project is to replace the church roof.
Our Parish goal is $46,000.00

Actual to Date: $26,569.41 Number of Pledges: 81

Knights of Columbus Sacred Heart Council
invites all men to the next

COR Meeting

7:30 pm, Tuesday, November 10
Pope John Hall, next to the Rectory
Topic "The Power and Importance of Meditative Prayer"
All Knights, male parishioners, and friends are welcome to attend.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Today, Jesus challenges us to "stay awake" and to take time to seriously look at ourselves, the priorities of our lives, and how we are growing spiritually. Ask yourself "What would Jesus Christ do?"

For assistance, please contact the Social Concern Office: 250-727-0007 ext 1 / sacredheart@svdpvictoria.com.

To join, please contact Georgina Short: 250-727-2615

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

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

From the Diocese

Downsizing with Confidence
Free Community Seminar
1 pm to 3 pm, Tuesday, November 24
St. Joseph the Worker Parish Hall

An afternoon of friendly advice for seniors and their families who are considering their next home transition. Topics include working with a senior move manager to sort and declutter; preparing a home for sale with a realtor; and finding the right fit in a retirement community.

Hosts: Angela Grohovac & Michelle Hallschmid
(Lean On Us Senior Living Solutions)
Lucy Pheiffer (Coldwell Banker Oceanside Real Estate)
Norman Leong (The Victorian on Feltham)

For more information and to RSVP, please contact
Angela Grohovac: seniors@leanonus-sls.ca / 778-400-6898

Mass of Remembrance
12 pm, Friday, November 13, St. Andrew's Cathedral

On Friday, November 13, 2026, Bishop Gary will celebrate a Mass of Remembrance for the clergy and religious who served in our Diocese who have died in the past year. All are invited, either in person or via the Diocesan livestream at:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dTQixY-wYAw

Seminary of Christ the King Vocation Live-In
November 14 & 15, Mission, BC

Young men grades 7-11 interested in experiencing seminary life or how to discern God's call to priesthood.
For information or to register,
please contact Fr. Anthony: 604.826.8975 / rector.minors@sck.ca

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Draw Date: December 31, 2026

Packages (Limited to 250 each)
A: 1 Ticket at $10 | B: 5 Tickets at $20
C: 20 Tickets at $50 | D: 100 Tickets at $100

Purchase your tickets today at: https://rafflebox.ca/raffle/oltrp/

Seminar: Dying with Christ
Heading for Heaven: A Christian Response to MAID
9:30 am to 3 pm, Saturday, November 14, St. Andrew's Cathedral

Mass at 8:30 am followed by the seminar by Deacon Larry Worthen
Registration is $25 and will include a lunch.

For information or to register:
250-388-5571 / standrewscathedral@gmail.com

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