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* 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time | 11 October 2026 *



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

*Have a most meaningful,
and blessed
Thanksgiving!*



Say What?

By Jean Allen

It has been customary to assume the king in the parable of the wedding banquet is God but many scholars question this assumption. While the king does demonstrate some lovely Godlike actions (inviting the poor and down-trodden after the rude rejection by the well-to-do), the parable also demonstrates some actions that are definitely not God-like. Enraged, he orders that the citizens who murdered his servants be killed and their city burned. He orders an improperly clothed guest to be bound hand and foot and thrown out helpless into the outer darkness. The whole parable reeks of retaliation and violence. Is this Jesus's God? I think not.

Context here is important. Jesus has been challenged by the temple authorities to say where he gets his authority. Jesus then tells three parables: the two sons asked to work in the vineyard, the tenants who killed the landowner's son and then this parable, the wedding banquet. After one parable, it even says that the Pharisees realized he was talking about them.

"The Kingdom of Heaven may be compared to a king..." Sure sounds like he's saying the king is God until you realize that comparing something to something else doesn't always find that the two things are exactly the same. Quite often a comparison shows up radical differences. The king in this parable practices anger, violence, retaliation and exclusion, the way the world does – and the way the temple authorities will do very soon when they will bind the 'improperly clothed' Jesus, hand and foot, and attempt to cast him into the outer darkness. Jesus is not equating the king with God; he is exposing how humanity, particularly the temple authorities, have deviated from the true heart of God and have been swept along into the despicable practice of scapegoating the innocent who have no voice.

Believe it or not, God is NOT a violent tyrant.

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. 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 hardships driven by the regional conflict, the collapse of tourism, rising settler violence in the West Bank, increased harassment and anti-Christian acts by extremists in Jerusalem.

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

Help to preserve a cultural heritage.
Thank you for your support and God Bless.



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 11:00 am
Wednesday 11:00 am
Thursday (St. Teresa of Avila) 11:00 am
Friday (St. Marie-Marguerite d'Youville) 11:00 am
Exposition 11:30 am
Benediction 12:30 pm

Mass in Korean

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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P. 250-479-1611

Sacred Heart Parish Website >



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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:

Wayne Fenwick, Sriwan Fernandes, James Floyd, Rodolfo Gaspar, Betty Guterres, Ethel Lagman, Max Sequeira, Titong Pongos, John Vu, and Peter Zacourt.

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.



Consider being an **Altar Server**, a **Proclaimer**, **Usher**, join the Sunday Choir, 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

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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!

October 3 & 4, 2026

Envelopes \$ 2,317.00

Cash \$ 467.70

Total \$ 2,784.70

Building Fund \$ 20.00

Mid-Autumn Roof Fund (Korean/Vietnamese): \$2,255.00

Mary Awor Memorial, Roof Donation: \$1,366.60

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



ST. TERESA OF ÁVILA 15 October

St. Teresa, born March 28, 1515 in Ávila, Spain, died October 4, 1582, in Alba de Tormes, was canonized in 1622. Teresa was a Spanish nun: one of the great mystics of the Roman Catholic Church, and author of a number of spiritual classics. She initiated the Carmelite Reform that restored and emphasized the austerity and contemplative character of Carmelite life. John Baptist Rossi, the Carmelite prior general from Rome, went to Ávila in 1567 and approved the reform, directing Teresa to found more convents and to establish monasteries. That year, while at Medina del Campo, Spain, she met a Carmelite priest, Juan de Yepes (later St. John of the Cross, the poet and mystic), who she realized could initiate the Carmelite Reform for men. A year later Juan opened the first monastery of the Primitive Rule at Duruelo, Spain.

St. Teresa was elevated to doctor of the church in 1970 by Pope Paul VI, the first woman to be so honoured.

[Online accessed, 10 Oct 2024:

<https://www.britannica.com/biography/Saint-Teresa-of-Avila>

ST. MARIE-MARGUERITE D'YOUVILLE

16 October



St. Marie-Marguerite d'Youville was the first Canadian-born saint. Born October 15, 1701 at Varennes, Quebec, through the influence of her great grandfather, Pierre Boucher, she studied at the Ursulines in Quebec. Upon her return, she became an invaluable support to her mother and undertook the education of her brothers and sisters.

In 1722, she married François d'Youville. However, four of her six children died in infancy, and François, too, was seriously ill. She faithfully cared for him until his death in 1730. In all this suffering, Marguerite recognized God's presence and his love, undertaking many charitable works with complete trust in God. Marguerite was soon joined by three young women who shared her love for the poor. On December 31, 1737, they consecrated themselves to God and promised to serve him in the poor. Marguerite had become the foundress of the Sisters of Charity of Montreal, the "Grey Nuns".

In 1747, now known as "mother of the poor", she became director of the Charon Brothers Hospital in Montreal which was falling into ruin. She and her sisters rebuilt the hospital and cared for those in most desperate human misery. In 1765, when a fire destroyed the hospital, she asked her sisters and the poor who lived at the hospital to recognize the hand of God in the disaster and to offer him praise. At age 64, she took on the reconstruction of the shelter for those in need. Exhausted from a lifetime of self-giving, Marguerite died on December 23, 1771: remembered as a loving mother who served Christ in the poor. Pope John XXIII beatified Marguerite on May 3, 1959, calling her "Mother of Universal Charity".

[Online accessed, 10 Oct 2024: https://www.vatican.va/news_services/liturgy/saints/ns_lit_doc_19901209_youville_en.html]



Society of St. Vincent de Paul

In today's Gospel we hear Jesus say: "Many are invited, but few are chosen." To give thanks for all that God has given to you, have you considered answering the call to help serve the poor by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul?

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".



Grateful Thanks to William Goldiet & family

for the delicious skewer and hummus treat last Sunday
and their generous donation to the church roof fund
in honour of his wife, Mary Awor.



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

COR Meeting

7:30 pm, Tuesday, October 13

Pope John Hall, next to the Rectory

Topic "Finding Meaning and Hope in the Midst of Suffering"

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



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, Victoria, invite 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.



Vocation Live-In

**Seminary of Christ the King, Mission, BC
November 14 & 15**

Young men, grades 7-11, interested in experiencing what seminary life is like or who want to learn how to discern God's call to the priesthood, are invited to join the live-in.

For more information, or to register, please call Fr. Anthony:
604.826.8975 or email at rector.minors@sck.ca

Zoom Marriage Preparation Course Schedule 2026-2027

January 8 & 9, 2027:

Fri, 7-10pm PT and Sat, 9am-4pm PT



Couples must attend both Friday and Saturday sessions in order to receive a certificate of completion.

Registration deadline: December 31.

For details or to register please check our website:
<https://www.rcdvictoria.org/marriage-prep>

Employment Opportunities

Caretaker position at White Eagle Hall Victoria

The Board of Directors of the White Eagle Polish Association seek to hire a Caretaker/Building Manager who is responsible, reliable, honest, and well-organized. If you are interested, please contact the Board of Directors: victoriapolishhall@gmail.com / 250-589-4507

Financial Administrator

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Nelson seek a full-time Financial Administrator, based at the Catholic Pastoral Centre in Kelowna.

For full details and application information, please visit
<https://www.nelsondiocese.org/apps/jobs/>



2026 Annual Bishop's Appeal

The 2026 Appeal Be the Light is now in full swing. Your support of the Bishop's Appeal helps foster vocations and sustain clergy and religious life; supporting future priests and pastoral leaders, while also caring for retired priests who have served faithfully. Please consider giving to this Appeal that has a real impact on our people and parishes. All gifts, no matter what the size, matter.

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: \$2,360.00

Number of Pledges: 23

Cherished Belonging A Diocesan Survey

This survey was created by the Diocesan Development Office to provide an opportunity for you to express how parishes may support their faith needs. The survey link: [Cherished Belonging Survey Form](#)

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



**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>

Glorious Mysteries Art Auction Fundraiser 7 pm to 9 pm, October 23, St. Joseph's the Worker Parish Hall

Catholic artists in the Diocese have created original works inspired by the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary that will be available through a silent auction. Proceeds will support the artists and Our Lady of the Rosary Parish.

For more info: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-glorious-mysteries-art-auction-tickets-2001036794920>

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**65th ANNUAL
CHARITY APPEAL**

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1 st Prize	2026 Toyota RAV4 LE AWD
2 nd Prize	\$25,000
3 rd Prize	\$10,000
4 th Prize	\$5,000 EB
5 th to 14 th	\$1,000 each! --> Early Bird Draws

TICKETS

1 for \$5
10 for \$25
50 for \$50
150 for \$100

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..

Pastor, Fr. Shijo George

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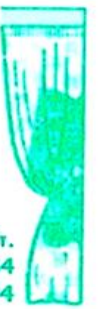
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