Sacred Heart Catholic Church

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⁎ 33rd Ordinary Sunday | 15 November 2026 ⁎

10th World Day of the Poor

November 15

The Lord is the refuge of the poor

(cf. Ps 14,6)

Naming the Game

By Jean Allen



Another alternative POV for you. Many scripture scholars don't believe Jesus told the parable of the talents as a representation of God or the Kingdom of Heaven but as a representation of worldly power and values. Rather than being a derogatory description of the slave who buried his talent (the equivalent of 20 years wages for an ordinary worker) because his master was a harsh man who reaped where he did not sow and gathered where he did not scatter seed, the slave was actually one who refused to participate in his master's unsavory practices. In those days, when wealth was accumulated it was gained at the expense of the poor. Even putting money in a bank to gain interest (as the master said the slave should have done) was against Jewish law because it was usury.

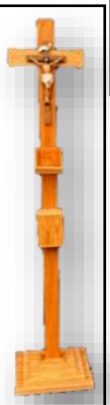
The slave exposed the master and refused to play along with his master's games of worldly power and morals. Even today, when someone makes a stand like that, the consequences are usually harsh. The slave had his portion confiscated and given to someone who was willing to play the master's game and then the brave slave was cast out into the outer darkness, much like Jesus would be.

It certainly is a worldly principle that those who have much generally get more, while those who have little often have even that taken away. But Jesus is not a socialist, nor is he a capitalist. He doesn't engage in worldly power on any level. He never encouraged his followers to revolt and agitate for a better life. He did encourage the rich to let go of their riches but not so that he and his followers could get more. He did it to lead the rich to freedom from the world of wanting and needing more and more so they could put their focus on God. There was no encouragement for the poor to be envious of the rich. There are echoes of the beatitudes in this week's scripture: "Blessed are the poor in spirit…"

We are not called to play worldly games.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

The Gospel reminds us to be faithful in "small matters." In his message for the 10th World Day of the Poor, Pope Leo reflects on God as "the refuge of the poor" urging us to rediscover the poor and examine our commitment to justice, solidarity, and human dignity. Please make a gift using the Blue Envelopes or the Begging Poles (especially on the third week of each month. Thank you, Dave & Marie Robertson, for creating the Begging Poles).



For assistance, 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"

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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	Nov 17: St. Elizabeth of Hungary	11:00 am
Wednesday		11:00 am
Thursday	Nov 19: Diocesan Faith Day	9:00 am
Friday		11:00 am
	Exposition: Blessed Sacrament	11:30 am
	Benediction	12:30 pm
Saturday	Nov 21: Diocesan Faith Day	9:00 am

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:
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P. 250-479-1611

Sacred Heart Parish Website >

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, Adelfa Pangan Camilon, Valerie Forshaw, Maria Angela Huyen, John & Dolores Mastel, Suzanne Pimentel, Roberto Tinsay, Helena Van Aert, 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

Edward Azouri (4 November 2026)

Funeral Service, 12:30 am, Tuesday, 17 November 2026

Suzanne Pimentel (25 October 2026)

Funeral Mass, 11:00 am, Friday, 4 December 2026

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

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.

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 for your contributions!

November 7 and 8, 2026

Envelopes	$ 1,539.00
Cash	$ 370.00
Total	**$ 1,909.00**

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

St. Elizabeth of Hungary

November 17



St. Elizabeth was a princess of Hungary whose devotion to the poor (for whom she relinquished her wealth) made her an enduring symbol of Christian charity of which she is now a patron saint. Elizabeth was born in 1207 in Pressburg, Hungary (Bratislava, Slovakia) and died on November 17, 1231 in Marburg, Thuringia (Hesse, Germany). She was canonized in 1235.

The daughter of King Andrew II of Hungary, Elizabeth was betrothed in infancy to Louis IV, son of Hermann I, landgrave of Thuringia, at whose court she was brought up. The marriage, which occurred when Louis succeeded his father in 1221, proved to be ideal but brief. Louis died in 1227 of plague at Otranto (Italy) en route to the Sixth Crusade. When his brother Henry assumed the regency, Elizabeth left and took refuge with her uncle, Bishop Eckbert of Bamberg. No longer caring for position or wealth, she joined the Third Order of St. Francis, a lay Franciscan group. At Marburg she built a hospice for the poor and sick, to whose service she devoted the rest of her life. She put herself under the spiritual direction of Konrad von Marburg, an ascetic of incredible harshness and severity, who belonged to no specific religious order. She died before her 24th birthday in 1231 and was canonized just four years later.

Among the legends about Elizabeth is one often depicted in art that shows her meeting her husband unexpectedly on one of her charitable errands. In this legend, the loaves of bread she was carrying miraculously changed into roses. This transformation convinced him of the worthiness of her kind endeavors, about which he had been chiding her.

[Online accessed, 10 November 2026: https://www.britannica.com/biography/Saint-Elizabeth-of-Hungary]

Recollections

for men and women

Go deeper into your relationship with God. Spend some time in conversation with Christ guided by meditation and an examination of conscience. A priest of Opus Dei will be available for Confession and Spiritual Direction.

For women: 6:15 p.m. to 8 p.m., Monday, November 16, at St. Joseph the Worker Parish. Mass is at 5:30 p.m.

For men: 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Tuesday, November 17 at Sacred Heart. Mass is at 5:15 p.m.

Catholic Women's League Meeting

10 a.m. Saturday, November 21
Pope John Paul Hall

Ladies, you are invited to attend the Catholic Women's League meeting along with its members. Gather in friendship to live our call of Faith, Service and Social Justice.

See you there.

Thank you

for making the

Knights of Columbus' Movie Night

on Saturday, 7 November such a success!





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 / Narthex.

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Access FORMED for valuable content to deepen, strengthen, and inspire your path of discipleship.

Please search for: "**Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 4040 Nelthorpe Street, V8X 2A1**

Select it, and create a new account on www.formed.org/signup



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: $37,785.41 Number of Pledges: 95

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 families 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



OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY, LANGFORD, BC

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/

Employment Opportunities

Coordinator of Marriage Services
Archdiocese of Saint-Boniface

The role develops and promotes formation resources, equips parish leaders, coordinates programs and events, responds to inquiries, and more. For full listing: https://www.rcdvictoria.org/employment

Corporate Accountant
Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Edmonton

For full listing: https://www.rcdvictoria.org/employment

World Day of the Poor
November 15

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

In his message, Pope Leo XIV reflects on God as "the refuge of the poor," urging Christians to rediscover the central place of the poor and examine our commitment to justice, solidarity, and human dignity. To connect to this theme, we invite you register for the Diocesan Faith Day on Saturday, November 21 to listen to our keynote speaker, Dr. Donna M. Beegle, who will speak on: "Who Is My Neighbour? Relationship and Belonging with the Poor"

Please register at https://diocesan-faith-day-2026.eventbrite.ca

Deadline: Sunday, November 15

To ensure there is enough lunch for everyone and that all dietary needs can be accommodated.

Aid to the Church in Need (ACN)
Red Wednesday, November 18

Aid to the Church in Need is a Catholic Pontifical organization that supports poor, oppressed, and persecuted communities. Each year, ACN hosts "Red Wednesday," to raise awareness about the persecution and injustice suffered by Christians, while promoting respect, tolerance, and religious freedom for people of all faiths.

This year's event will take place on Wednesday, November 18. Further information and resources are available online at: https://acn-canada.org/red-wednesday/

Our Lady of Fatima - Craft Market
November 21 and 22 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Join Our Lady of Fatima parish for their Holiday Craft Market at the Our Lady of Fatima Hall,

Enjoy crafts by local vendors, perfect for gifts.
Admission is free.

Anawim's 39th Annual Christmas Tree Fundraiser: Nov. 24 to Dec. 12
Anawim House, 973 Caledonia Avenue.

Hours: Tuesday to Friday: 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. Saturdays: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sundays: Closed

Support Anawim's most important fundraiser by purchasing your Christmas tree from us at Anawim House. We look forward to helping you find the perfect tree!

We also need new and gently used warm winter clothing. A decorated donation box will be in the church foyer to collect your donations; from socks and underwear to parkas and pants. You can also contact Anawim House directly at info@anawimsociety.ca or phone 250-382-0283 to arrange a donation, or at www.anawimsociety.ca or by mail at: 973 Caledonia Ave. Victoria, B.C. V8T 1E7.

May the Peace, love and joy of the Christmas season be with each of you.
Thank you for caring for the Anawim.



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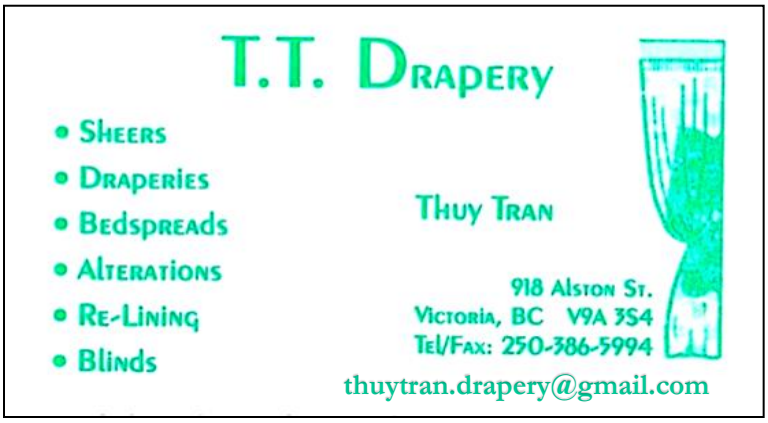
PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL 2026 / 2027

Lorraine Van Dyk (Chair) — Rey Hermoso — Peter Martin
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Jithin James (Syro-Malabar Representative)

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2026 Bishop's Appeal: Be the Light



Building Community

The Bishop's Appeal supports those in need outside of our diocese, but also has a huge impact in our local parishes. One of its key local initiatives is providing Community and Relationship Building Grants to parishes and schools. These grants help create opportunities for people to gather, build friendships, and foster a deeper sense of belonging within their communities.

One parish that benefited from this grant was St. Edward's in Duncan, which hosted a lively parish BBQ and line-dancing picnic.



This joyful gathering featured activities for all ages, including a bouncy castle, delicious food, and a variety of field games that brought young and old together in friendly competition.

Parishioners eagerly participated in classic events such as the three-legged race, potato sack race, egg-and-spoon relay, and tug-of-war. The afternoon concluded with a crowd-favourite treat: locally made artisanal gelato, which delighted parishioners of all ages.

One of the highlights of the day was the line dancing in the parish hall, where many parishioners joined in the fun, including an enthusiastic two-step with Fr. Roger!



Events like this, made possible through the Bishop's Appeal, bring multiple generations together beyond Sunday Mass, to laugh, play, and strengthen the bonds that make parish life vibrant.

