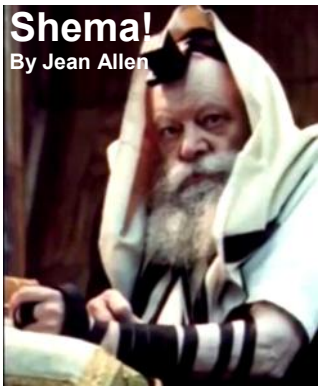
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⁎ 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time | 25 October 2026 ⁎



Shema!
By Jean Allen

So, Jesus just finished shutting up the Sadducees about life after death and along comes some Pharisees to test him some more. They ask him what the greatest commandment is and we all know his answer. His answer was in no way inflammatory; in fact, it was pretty mainstream in the Jewish religion having been given to them in Deuteronomy, which modern scholars believe was written 600 - 700 years before Jesus's time. The commandments were preceded by the Shema: Hear, O Israel: the Lord, our God, the Lord is one. 'Shema' means to hear.

The difference between Jesus and many of the Pharisees and Chief Priests regarding the two greatest commandments was that Jesus actually followed them and it was his following the commandments wholeheartedly that really irked the Jewish authorities. He loved God with his whole heart above everything and everyone else and he loved his neighbors to such a degree that there was huge disapproval of who he loved. To the Jews, 'neighbor' meant other upright Jews; to Jesus it meant everybody bar none. Tax collectors, prostitutes, Samaritans, Canaanites, prodigal sons and daughters, thieves… there wasn't a soul who was not a neighbor to Jesus. My God! He was polluting the Jewish religion with his undiscerning love of his neighbour.

'Shema', or 'Hear,' doesn't just mean to register sounds; it means to listen deeply and consistently act upon what is heard. It means meditating on and pondering the words and their meaning and then doing it! Many Jews wore tefillin, small black leather boxes containing a piece of parchment on which was written Torah verses. These boxes were bound to the forehead and to the arm. For many Jews, these phylacteries were probably more habit than anything and for some they were a proud sign that they were pretty spiritual. You can imagine their consternation when Jesus came along and actually acted upon what he had heard.

You can hear the words of the Gospel this Sunday and they may just fly over your head because you've heard them so often, or you can be like Jesus:

Shema the words.

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	Fr. Shijo	No Mass
Wednesday	is away for the	No Mass
Thursday	Annual Diocesan	No Mass
Friday	Clergy Study Days	No Mass
		No Exposition
		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

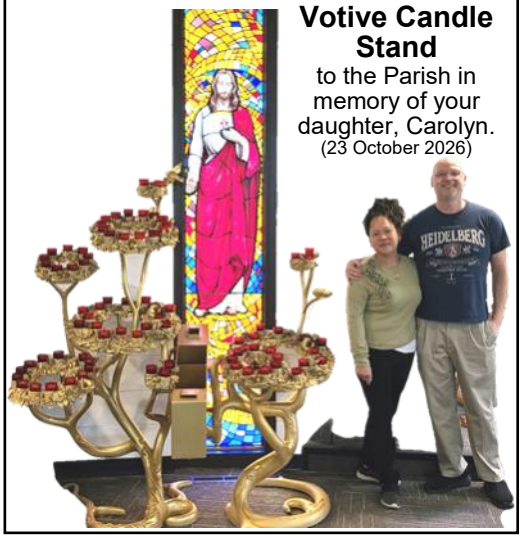
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Sacred Heart Parish Website >

A grateful and heartfelt Thank You

Susan & Mark Ledohowski
for donating a

Votive Candle Stand
to the Parish in memory of your daughter, Carolyn.
(23 October 2026)



Congratulations Soi & Khue Nguyen on your 50th Wedding Anniversary!
Thank you for the cupcakes served after Mass.

All Souls' Day
Mass Schedule
Monday, November 2nd
In English, 12:00 p.m.
In Korean, 6:30 p.m.
Syro-Malabar Rite 7:30 p.m.

At the All Souls' Day Mass (English), the names of parishioners who passed away this past year will be read and candles will be lit in their honour.

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:

John Baanstra, Kris Balanda, Rodolfo Gaspar, Georgie Guterres, Carolyn Ledohowski, John & Helene Oei, Titong Pongos, Souls in Purgatory, Joe & Luigi Reda, 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

John Baanstra

(26 September 2026)

Funeral Mass, 11:00 am, Friday, 6 November 2026

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

Cherished Belonging: A Diocesan Survey

This short survey is an opportunity for you to express how parishes may support their faith needs.

Online link: Cherished Belonging Survey

To download, please select "Duplicate" at the top of the screen.

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 17 & 18, 2026

Envelopes	$ 1,559.00
Cash	$ 333.70
Total	**$ 1,892.70**

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



2026 Annual Bishop's Appeal

We are united not only within our own Diocese, but also with our brothers and sisters in the Diocese of Whitehorse. Your gift to the Bishop's Appeal supports pastoral care, sacraments, and outreach in remote and challenging northern communities. On this Commitment Weekend we want to emphasize this commitment. What if your gift could keep their doors open this winter? That's what sharing the light of Christ looks like in action. Your gift will truly make a difference.

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: $8,596.00 Number of Pledges: 44

Join the Knights of Columbus Sacred Heart Council

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

All men 18 and above are invited to join the fraternity of Knights to forge a more enhanced, active, and dynamic Christian life for yourself and your family. Come speak with us in the church foyer and ask all the questions you want during our annual membership drive.

Put your faith into action and enroll on the spot, or join online at www.kofc.org

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

In this Sunday's Gospel, we find that loving God isn't merely a matter of fervor in our hearts; it must be expressed in doing good for the sake of others. Through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to show that we indeed love our neighbours assisting over 3276 families, including 800 children providing food, and assistance for utility and rent bills Thank You!

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".

Birthright Victoria — Specialty Fudges



Please order by December 1

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

Birthright is taking Orders for their delicious Specialty Fudges* again this year. The packets make great stocking stuffers or gifts for the holiday table and freeze well. Your purchase supports the pro-life pregnancy support work of Birthright Victoria. Please see Birthright's Fudge poster for ordering details.

Sacred Heart Parish Office pick-up: the week of December 8 to 11.

*Please note Macadamia Madness Fudge is in extremely short supply and only available by pre-order this year due to the ongoing Tariff War. We suggest you order ASAP to ensure this variety.



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

Due to a lack of response, the

ALL HALLOW'S EVE

Potluck on Saturday, October 31st has been cancelled.



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From the Diocese

2026 Diocese Faith Day

Saturday, November 21, 2026

All are invited to attend the Diocese of Victoria's annual Faith Day that will begin with Mass celebrated at 9 am at Sacred Heart Parish. This is followed by keynote speaker, Dr. Donna M. Beegle, at St. Andrew's Regional High School, who will speak on "Who Is My Neighbour? Relationship and Belonging with the Poor", recognizing Christ in the face of the needy and the suffering.

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



Draw Date: December 31, 2026

Ticket Packages: Package A: 1 Ticket for $10 (Limit 250)
Package B: 5 Tickets for $20 (Limit 250)
Package C: 20 Tickets for $50 (Limit 250)
Package D: 100 Tickets for $100 (Limit 250)

Every ticket purchased supports the needs and ministries of Our Lady of the Rosary Parish. Thank you for your generosity, prayers, and commitment to our parish community.

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

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

23 Sep to 1 Nov

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

Employment Opportunities

Caretaker position at White Eagle Hall Victoria

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

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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/

Canadian Jesuits International
Free Public Talks: Brex Arevalo

Oct 30, 2026 at 3 pm at UVic Multifaith Centre
Nov. 1, 2026, 10:15 am, Holy Cross Church

Brex Arevalo, from the Philippines, is an environmental planner and climate justice advocate and in his free talk entitled: "Margins at the Centre: navigating a just transition in the Wild Wild Waste". He will speak on the destructive impact of waste-burning facilities and on supporting safe and just energy transition in the Global South.

Seminary of Christ the King
Vocation Live-In

November 14 & 15, Mission, BC

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



All Souls Mass
9 a.m. Royal Oak Mausoleum



On Saturday, November 7th, Our Lady of Fatima Parish will hold a Mass in honour of All Souls in the Mausoleum at the Royal Oak Burial Park.

Rosary will be at 9:00 am, followed by Holy Mass. The celebrant will be Father Eduardo da Silva Santos from Our Lady of Fatima.

Everyone is welcome

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



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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Sonny Huynh (Vietnamese Representative)
Jithin James (Syro-Malabar Representative)

PARISH MINISTRIES & GROUPS

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES & POSITIONS

Liturgy Coordinator:	**Rafael Oei**
Altar Servers:	Karla Montano
Extraordinary Ministers:	Marilyn Turner, Mae Tan
Floral Ministry	Karla Montano
Proclaimers	Stan Dzbik
Music Director	Rafael Oei
Pastoral Care Ministry	Lynda Tan
Ushers	Lynda Tan Miriam Podmoroff
Audio Visual Ministry	Peter Liem
Sacristan	Sylvain Leclerc

PARISH GROUPS

Christian Meditation	Margie Noonan
C.W.L.	
Prayer Line	Miriam Podmoroff
Knights of Columbus	Dr. Felipe Edora
Led By The Spirit Group	David MacIntyre
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Funeral Receptions	Marilyn Turner
Social Justice/D & P	Stan Dzbik
St. Vincent de Paul	Georgina Short

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Victoria BC, 2026



