



## ST. ANDREW'S CATHEDRAL

740 View Street, Victoria, BC V8W 1J8

Office Hours: Monday to Friday, 8:30 am - 4:00 pm

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### Sacramental Information

**Baptism:** If you are seeking the Baptism of an infant, please contact the parish office at 250-388-5571. As Baptism is the first Sacrament of initiation into the Christian faith, we expect that the parents (or guardians) desire to raise the child in the Christian faith and will attend Mass regularly.

Upcoming dates available for baptisms will be the weekends of:

— 2025 —		— 2026 —	
Prep Class	Baptism	Prep Class	Baptism
Sep 13	Sep 27/28	Jan 10	Jan 24/25
Nov 8	Nov 22/23	Mar 7	Mar 21/22
		May 9	May 30/31
		July 4	July 25/26
		Sep 12	Sep 26/27

**Marriage:** Because the Church is deeply concerned about each marriage, couples are asked to give a minimum of six months' notice prior to the intended date of their wedding. Church policy requires that marriages be performed in your home parish – unless you are registered and attend elsewhere.

**Funeral:** Individual arrangements with a priest. Begin by calling the parish office.

### Ministry to the Homebound

If you know of anyone who cannot make it to Mass each week due to sickness or infirmity, and who would like to receive Communion in their home, care homes, or hospital, please contact the parish office by phone (250-388-5571) or by email ([standrewscathedral@gmail.com](mailto:standrewscathedral@gmail.com)).

### St. Andrew's Cathedral Pastoral Council Members

Jonathan Eades (Chairperson)	John Mellis (Vice-Chair)
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### Pastoral Staff & Ministries

Bishop of Victoria .....	Bishop Gary Gordon
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Finance Committee Chairperson .....	Dan Hickey

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### Weekday Eucharistic Liturgies

Monday - Friday: 12:10 pm

### Weekend Eucharistic Liturgies

Sunday: 9:00 am, 11:00 am, 5:00 pm

Saturday: 5:00 pm

### Eucharistic Adoration

Sat. at 9:00 am

### Reconciliation

Monday\* – Thursday: 11:30 am – 12:00 pm

Friday: 10:30 am – 11:30 am

Saturday: 3:45 pm – 4:45 pm

\*No confessions on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month.

**Welcome!** You enter this Church not as a stranger, but as a guest of God. As a baptized person, you enter it as a son or daughter of the Father in Christ. Come in then with humility of mind, joy of heart and thanks on your lips. Acknowledge the Lord's presence in the Tabernacle and adore him. Come in and pause in prayer in the midst of your busy life and its many worries. Be grateful to those who, for the glory of God and in honour of St. Andrew, built this place of worship with faith and sacrifice, and sanctified it with their songs and prayers.

Anyone who wishes to practice the Catholic faith by attending this Cathedral church may consider St. Andrew's as his/her own parish, no matter where one lives on the lower island. You simply need to register:

- ☐ New parishioner
- ☐ Current parishioner (change of address)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (H): \_\_\_\_\_ (Cell): \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

*If you find yourself pregnant and in need of accompaniment during your pregnancy, Respect Life Ministry is here for you. We have a broad means of support during and after the pregnancy. Call Annette at Respect Life Ministry to learn more: 250-812-0087*

# THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

**Rosary:** Mon - Fri at 11:40 am; Sun at 4:30 pm

**Perpetual Help Devotions:** Wed following 12:10 pm Mass

**Cathedral Hours:** Mon – Fri 10 am – 4 pm; Sat/Sun 8 am – 6 pm

## Mon Sep 15 OUR LADY OF SORROWS

11:30 am Sacrament of Reconciliation

12:00 pm **FUNERAL MASS** for Esther Armas

## Tue Sep 16 ST. CORNELIUS & ST. CYPRIAN

11:30 am Sacrament of Reconciliation

12:10 pm **MASS** for the Int. of Toni Pasay

6:00 pm Legion of Mary (DCR)

7:00 pm Prayer Group (Zoom)

7:00 pm Pastoral Council (Library)

## Wed Sep 17 ST. GREGORY THE GREAT

*Parish Office will open at 9:30 am today*

11:30 am Sacrament of Reconciliation

12:10 pm **MASS** for Roger Balansi +

2:00 pm Bible Study (CDR)

6:30 pm Bible Study (Zoom)

## Thu Sep 18

11:30 am Sacrament of Reconciliation

12:10 pm **MASS** for Douglas Ian Campbell +

## Fri Sep 19

10:30 am Sacrament of Reconciliation

12:10 pm **MASS** for the Int. of Ruben Benitez

## Sat Sep 20 ST. ANDREW KIM TAE-GÖN PRIEST, PAUL CHÔNG HA-SANG & COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

9:00 am Eucharistic Adoration

9:00 am MFC – Christian Life Seminar (Seghers Hall)

2:00 pm Handmaids of the Lord (DCR)

3:45 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

5:00 pm **MASS** for Frank Plunkett +

## Sun Sep 21 25<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 am **MASS** for Benjamin Casile +

11:00 am **MASS** for St. Andrew's Cathedral Parishioners

12:30 pm Children's Religious Ed (Parish Centre)

1:00 pm El Shaddai (Seghers Hall)

5:00 pm **MASS** for Renato Taruc +

## Prayer in the Style of Taizé



Join us for Prayer in the Style of Taizé on Friday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm at Esquimalt United Church (500 Admirals Road). All welcome.

Taizé is a meditative candle-lit service that centers around music, prayer, simple chants, and periods of silence,

to quiet the mind, open the heart and feed the soul.

*'It is in the inner life that believers can stay open to welcome what is new.'*

[www.taize.fr](http://www.taize.fr)

## God's Gifts are Greater than We Can Ever Imagine

*Liz Summers*

Today we celebrate the Exultation of the Cross and what a wonderful gift this is.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life."

Through Moses, God taught us that when we raise our eyes to Him, we will be saved. Through the Cross, we know that our Savior leads us to eternal life.

Today's celebration dates back to the 4th century when St Helen was taking down the Roman temple that had been built on the site of the Sepulcher where Jesus was laid. Her hope was to build churches on the Holy sites.

How often do we hope for a certain outcome, and then God surprises by giving us something better than we could ever imagine?

St Helen received such a surprise during the excavations for the churches. Three crosses were discovered. On the top of one was the engraving. A man was healed as soon as he touched it.

We come to the altar today to receive God's greatest gift, Jesus Christ, his incarnate Son. He was raised on the Cross for our salvation. Let us bring our hopes to Him. Let us be open to God, Our Father. Let us be filled with the Holy Spirit so we may pour out love and God's message of hope. Tell the world what we hoped for, then tell the world what God has given us!

<https://theeverydaydisciple.blogspot.com/>

## SVDP Urgent Appeal



We desperately need your help and support! The Saint Vincent de Paul Thrift Store on Cloverdale Avenue in Victoria was the victim of an arson attack that resulted in the loss of a significant amount of inventory.

Our thrift stores are an important source of revenue for the Social Concern Office - the food pantry in downtown Victoria. Our stores also provide household goods and clothing distributed for free to our neighbours in need.

We urgently need gently used household items and clothing to restock our inventory. Donations can be dropped off at the store:

Location: 735 Cloverdale Ave (Mon – Sat 9:30 am – 4 pm)

Call: 250.590.8390

Got a large truck load? The store may be able to offer a pickup service. Contact the Retail Manager, Al Cox, at 250.590.8390 for arrangements.

**From the Rector's Desk**  
**Exaltation of the Holy Cross**  
**September 14, 2025**

The 24th Sunday of Ordinary Time is replaced by the fixed date feast of the Holy Cross which lands on a Sunday this year. The celebration commemorates the dedication of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem in 335 AD and reminds us, as every Mass does, of Christ's triumph over death. Alleluia! It seems apropos with so many funerals and memorials we're offering at the Cathedral of late. I'm certainly grateful for the ministry of our staff and volunteers to assist in these corporal and spiritual acts of mercy for the souls of the departed; as well as offering the ministry of consolation for grieving family members.

Jackie and Harry Ray have parted for an extended post retirement overseas holiday and I'd like to welcome back the choirs and musicians this weekend to a slightly altered schedule of music ministry. Likely you won't notice much difference on Sunday, as the musicians and choirs will resume at 9:00 am and 11:00 am with the exception of omitting their mid-week rehearsals in the absence of a director. Kathleen Edge has happily agreed to volunteer as a coordinator as we pursue our candidate for the position, and hope to have the position filled by January 1st 2026. Meanwhile the Sunday 5 pm Mass with Fr. Sean and the El Shaddai choir won't skip a beat. And I'd like to welcome two couples to assist us musically at the 5:00 pm Saturday Mass: Steve and Michele formerly of St. Joseph's transferred here last year, and Fabian and Adrianna who hail from Columbia and offered my former parish their musical gifts at Our Lady of the Rosary. They'll be alternating weeks, with Steve and Michele starting this Saturday. Speaking of the Sunday afternoon Mass, I'll be attempting this year to join Fr. Sean monthly, in order to preach the homily and be a presence to the robust community as their Rector.

As with the rest of our culture, September is the commencement of a new season of education, and along with the rest of the Diocese this weekend, we'll plan a recommitment and commissioning of catechists and formators in the essential work of evangelization and disciple making. We are so blessed to have families and children in the parish and we entrust them to the Lord Jesus through the good work of our catechists. We're also seeing a flood of interest from adults seeking reception into the Catholic fold. It's wonderful and a time-consuming process. I contact each person expressing an interest to arrange a face-to-face visit and listen to the story of their faith journey. It is a privilege to hear how God has, and is working in the lives of so many who believe they've discovered something of the good news of Jesus in the

Catholic Church. Please pray for them and our selection of sponsors to mentor and accompany each one.

As mentioned at Mass announcements, there are numerous good works of ministry this month. Please consider registering for the "Not in My City" presentation on Saturday the 27th. This is our RLM/Cathedral initiative to curb the pernicious practice of child exploitation. All details are in the bulletin, the pews and Annette is available for questions. The same weekend is another St. Vincent de Paul/Knights of Columbus food drive to "Cram the Van" with non perishables for the poor. Our Seniors are encouraged to build community with a session on "Beating Winter Bugs and Blahs" on Thursday September 25th after the noon Mass. With Rita's return to the office, we'll be processing a number of applicants for the Office Assistant position and calling some for interviews. We're grateful for all who took time to make an application.

God bless all students who are renewing their education, as well as all educators renewing their vocation to teach.

Fr. Dean

**Building Community... Among "Venerables"**



**Okay, maybe not this high-steppin'!**

St. Andrew's Cathedral is looking to build up a supportive and social group for our community of seniors by hosting some lunchtime gatherings for learning, exchange and fun.

To help better plan space and resource requirements, please contact the Parish Office to get 'on the list': 250-388-5571

**First Session: Thursday, September 25**

Agenda: Mass @ 12:10 pm in Cathedral, LIGHT LUNCH provided in the Parish Centre, and PRESENTATION: *Beating Winter Bugs and Blahs* – Basic health information to keep on hand, and inform family and providers, should the 'bugs' catch up to you!

**Second Session: Thursday, November 20**

A rip-roarin' game of *Catholic Jeopardy!* Bring your own noise-maker, and let's see how good you really are!

What for more details on future sessions.



## "Break Free"

Break free from the addictive cycles of lust, pornography and sexual addiction.

This fall, St Andrews Cathedral is again offering a men's ministry called **Break Free** that is designed to help men find freedom from sins of lust and discover the beauty of God's plan for sexual intimacy.

From one of our participants last spring: *"If nothing else, joining Break Free gave me the life changing realization that I'm not alone in my struggles, nor am I crazy or solely irredeemable. I would urge any man who struggles with lust, habitual; masturbation or sex addiction to prioritize joining this group as it might be the most important thing you ever do".*

Chains are broken and lives can be restored. Discover how to renew your mind and break destructive patterns.

**Break Free** will meet at St. Andrew's Cathedral (Mother Theresa Lounge) in a small-group format to provide a safe, anonymous space for men to be accountable to each other. This is a place where single or married men over the age of 19 can come together for support and acceptance.

We will go through a 12 week curriculum that will cover:

- *Conquer Series: The Battle Plan for Purity* (trailer, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=--zNEGkXBwU>),
- *Forged: 33 Days Toward Freedom* (Jason Everett, <https://chastity.com/products/forged/> )
- *Theology of the Body* (St John Paul II) that provides proven principals and practical tools to help you to reform your mind and walk with sexual integrity.

**Start Date: Wednesday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 7-9pm**

To register or make inquiries, John & Rob can be reached at [break.free.victoria@gmail.com](mailto:break.free.victoria@gmail.com)



## Annual Rosary Walk

The Legion of Mary is leading a Rosary Walk from Mile-0 (Douglas/Dallas Road) starting at 11:00 pm on **Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup>**. We will pray the rosary together as we walk to the Cathedral where we'll enjoy a potluck lunch. Rides will be available for anyone needing to return to their car. Please

contact Faye at 250-885-8773, or any Legion of Mary member for more information.

## From the Desk of Respect Life Ministry

**Where there is truth, there is hope.  
And both are worth investing in.**

St. Andrew's Cathedral will be hosting the **"Not in My City!"** seminar, sponsored by Respect Life Ministry, on Saturday, September 27th in our Seghers Hall. What does "Not in My City" refer to? The fact that Canada is a child sex trafficking destination; and most Canadians and members of Churches cannot believe it. We have courageous speakers including **John MacCormack and Robert Deacon of St. Andrew's Cathedral's Break Free Ministry; Cathy Peters, our featured speaker and author of "Child Sex Trafficking in Canada and How to Stop it"; managing director Kathryn Lacerte of Moose Hide Campaign (Highway of Tears); and Brian Rae of Wilbur.** We want to create awareness and provide hopeful education. This seminar is for everyone—to increase protection and safety amongst vulnerable children. Doors open 8:15, seminar begins 9am. Lunch served. Seminar ends at 3 pm.

To attend, please register via the parish office. \$25 registration fee payable at the event (cash only).

## NOT IN MY CITY PROTECTING CHILDREN IN AN AGE OF INFLUENCERS AND EXPLOITATION

Hosted by St. Andrew's Cathedral and Sponsored by Respect Life Ministry

### KEYNOTE SPEAKER CATHY PETERS

Presented to four Federal Committees, two Global Summits, and presented at the first RCMP Human Trafficking webinar. Author of sought after book: *Child Sex Trafficking in Canada*. See more at [beamazingcampaign.org](http://beamazingcampaign.org)

#### Featured Guests

**Kathryn Lacerte:**  
Moose Hide Campaign

**Brian Rae:**  
Wilber - Eradicating the  
Demand with Technology  
One Buyer at a Time

**Robert Deacon:**  
Relationship Between  
Pornography  
and Sex Trafficking

**John MacCormack:**  
Healing Journeys ~  
A Reflection of Hope



**SEPTEMBER 27TH 9AM TO 3PM**  
**ST. ANDREW'S CATHEDRAL - SEGHERS HALL**

Register at St. Andrew's  
Cathedral 250-388-5571

**REGISTRATION IS \$25 PER  
PERSON. LUNCH PROVIDED**

## Stella Maris



We had the Mass as scheduled on August 23rd. Some of those who expressed interest were not able to come. The wives of the volunteers (including mine), cooked food for those who attended and the leftovers were taken back by the crew to those who were not able to attend. Thanks also to those who donated rosaries and money for the event.

One good thing about this mass is we were able to establish some contact with crew from another cruise ship who invited our ministry on board their ship. Since I was on vacation, the other volunteers were given a tour of the ship, from the bridge, to the theatre and the top deck. They were also treated to dinner on board.

Through your prayers, God has opened more doors for our ministry. Thank you. Please say a Hail Mary for the following intentions:

1. Thanksgiving for the mass as well as the tour of the ship.
2. Thanksgiving for those who helped and donated their time, money and rosaries for the mass and dinner.
3. Wisdom to plan for next season as I am thinking of adding more opportunities for mass for the seafarers.

*Ut In Omnibus Glorificetur Deus*

*Pictures of these two events are in the individual articles our website:*

<https://sites.google.com/view/stelamarisvictoria/home>

## Knights of Columbus Food Drive: "Cram the Van!"

The Knights of Columbus are again hosting a food drive for the St. Vincent of Paul Food Bank at all Masses on the weekend of **September 27 & 28**. A van will be parked on the plaza awaiting your generous donations. Cash and cheques also gratefully accepted. As in years past, cloth bags courtesy of Country Grocer will be distributed for your convenience on the prior weekend, September 20 & 21. Please contact Joe Cavin at [joseph.cavin@gmail.com](mailto:joseph.cavin@gmail.com) or 778-533-0405 for more information. Thank you!



## Gone to Dwell in Our Father's Home

*Please remember in your prayers:*



**Jerome Martin** who died on Aug 12<sup>th</sup>.  
His funeral was held on **Tue, Sep 9<sup>th</sup>**.

**Maria Furtado da Rosa Martins** who died on Sep 4<sup>th</sup>.  
Her funeral was held on **Wed, Sep 10<sup>th</sup>**.

**Penny Crowe** who died on Sep 4<sup>th</sup>.  
Her funeral was held on **Fri, Sep 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Esther Armas** who died Sep 10<sup>th</sup>. Her funeral will be held on **Mon, Sep 15<sup>th</sup> @ 12:00 pm**

*Eternal Rest Grant to Them, O Lord  
And Let Perpetual Light Shine upon Them*

## Pastoral Care Training – Fall 2025

The Diocesan Health Care Committee is offering its next series of free online Pastoral Care Outreach Training sessions via Zoom on Saturday mornings, 9:30–noon, from **September 27 to November 29** (no session October 11). Participants will learn about deep listening and visiting the lonely, sick, elderly, and dying—in care facilities or at home—and for those who wish to learn how to accompany and care for their family and friends. Missed session can be made-up, and a Certificate of Completion is provided to those who complete all nine sessions. Participants will require a phone number and email address, a computer, tablet or smart phone with speakers, microphone and webcam, a reliable Internet connection, and access to Zoom. **Please register through your parish by September 16, 2025.** For further information, please email [moiraking@shaw.ca](mailto:moiraking@shaw.ca)



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## Groups to Join at St. Andrew's

### BIBLE STUDY

*Seasonal guided weekly bible studies. Registration required.*

Contact: **Bernadette O'Connor**  
bernadette.oconnor@wsp.com 250-896-4136

### BREAK FREE MEN'S MINISTRY

*Helping men find freedom from impurity.*

break.free.victoria@gmail.com 778-587-6421

### COUPLES FOR CHRIST

*Charismatic community journeying together as families toward holiness*

Contact: **Alfred & Rona Biona**  
standrewschapter@gmail.com 250-888-8670

### SMALL-GROUP FAITH STUDY

*Small-group faith study that focuses on the person of Jesus*

Contact: **Maria Arsenaault** mariabarseno@gmail.com

### EL SHADDAI

*Charismatic prayer, formation, and fellowship*

Contact: **Florita Cadiz**  
florleopardas@yahoo.com.hk 250-415-7720

### FAMILY MINISTRY

*1st Sunday monthly potluck gathering for families with children*

Contact: **Andrea & Stephen Collins**  
awalkercollins@gmail.com 778-966-4623

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

*Catholic men's organization for fellowship, service, and charity*

Contact: **Joe Cavin**  
joseph.cavin@gmail.com 778-533-0405

### KP – FILIPINO CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

*Fellowship and discipleship, as well as organizing church events rooted in Filipino Catholic traditions.*

katesismongpilipino@yahoo.com

### LEGION OF MARY

*Devotional prayer and works of ministry and mercy*

Contact: **Faye Baligod**  
faye\_baligod@hotmail.com 250-885-8773

### MISSIONARY FAMILIES OF CHRIST

*Evangelistic community of families empowered by the Holy Spirit*

Contact: **Alvin & Michelle Almonte**  
mfcvictoriabc@gmail.com 778-350-5922

### PEOPLE OF HOPE PRAYER GROUP

*Charismatic prayer group that meets weekly online (Zoom)*

Contact: **Lynn Weedmark**  
hilynn@telus.net 250-477-4700

## Affiliated Organizations

### DEVELOPMENT & PEACE

*International humanitarian aid organization*

<https://devp.org/en/> 1-888-234-8533

### SOUP KITCHEN (9-10 CLUB)

*Serving soup to the hungry Monday to Friday mornings*

<https://www.thesoupkitchen.ca/> 778-440-7687

### ST. ANDREW'S REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

*Catholic high school for grades 8-12*

<https://standrewshigh.ca/> 250-479-1414

### SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

*Catholic lay organization dedicated to helping people in need*

brian.mann7@gmail.com 250-812-5690

## Pastoral Ministries

### ALTAR SERVERS

Contact: **Ben Ocampo** 250-896-4136

### CHURCH STEWARDS

Contact: **Betty Boechler** bettyboechler@outlook.com

### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Contact: **Betty Boechler** bettyboechler@outlook.com

### GARDENING

Contact: **Parish Office**  
standrewscathedral@gmail.com 250-388-5571

### HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

Contact: **Deacon Philip Yuson**  
pyuson@rcdvictoria.org 250-881-0049

### HOSPITALITY USHERS/GREETERS

Contact: **Parish Office**  
standrewscathedral@gmail.com 250-388-5571

### LECTORS

Contact: **Bernadette O'Connor** 778-350-5922

### REFUGEE COMMITTEE

Contact: **Annette Turgeon** 250-812-0087

### RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

Contact: **Annette Turgeon** 250-812-0087

## Filipino Mass

Quarterly Filipino Masses organized by Katesismong Pilipino (KP) under the direction of Bishop Gary will now be held at various parishes in the Diocese. The third quarterly Filipino Mass will be held at **St. Joseph the Worker Parish** on **September 27, 2025 at 7:00 pm.**

## Ways to Give

### 1. Pre-Authorized Debit or Credit

Please contact the parish office to request a form to sign up for automatic giving on a regular basis either by pre-authorized debit or by credit card.

### 2. Online Giving

For expedient giving via Canada Helps, please visit: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/16980>. Not only is it the fastest and easiest way to give a one-time donation to the parish, you get a tax receipt right away!

### 3. e-Transfer

Please direct to [saintandrewsoffice@gmail.com](mailto:saintandrewsoffice@gmail.com) and be sure to include your full name in the "Message" box.

### 4. Church Envelopes

Envelopes may be found in the pews as well as when you enter the cathedral, and can be dropped in the collection basket at any of the weekend Masses or placed in the secure box labelled "Donations" in the narthex. If giving regularly using envelopes, please contact the parish office to arrange to pick up a pre-numbered box of envelopes!



## News from the Diocese

- All women 19+ are welcome to join the Beloved Women's Retreat from November 14–16, 2025 at Camp Homewood on Quadra Island, a weekend of rest, prayer, and renewal. This year's theme, "Restore," invites women to experience God's healing, find joy, and reconnect with Christ through talks, Mass, adoration, and fellowship. Registration opens September 12 at 10:00 am—space is limited, so reserve your spot early: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/beloved-catholic-womens-retreat-2025-restore-registration-1559869895849https://www.standrewscathedral.com/post/job-opportunity-director-of-musical-worship>
- The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops and the Evangelical Fellowship of Canada have co-sponsored a new article from the Dialogue exploring how their communities have historically engaged with Indigenous believers—First Nations, Métis, and Inuit. Titled Roman Catholic–Evangelical Dialogue Proposes Path to Building Relationships Towards Indigenous Reconciliation, the article reflects three years of mutual learning and reflection. Read the full document here: <https://www.cccb.ca/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/Roman-Catholic-Evangelical-Dialogue-proposes-path-to-building-relationships-towards-Indigenous-reconciliation.pdf>
- The Star of the North Retreat House in St. Albert, Alberta, is seeking a Program Coordinator for its retreat ministry. This role is entrusted with nurturing the heart of the ministry—providing spiritual formation and retreat opportunities that deepen faith and foster

community. Please see the attached job posting for the full description.

- On September 30th (National Day for Truth and Reconciliation), the 4th annual South Island Powwow will take place at Royal Athletic Park (1014 Caledonia Ave, Victoria). This event offers a powerful opportunity to honour Residential School Survivors and their families in the spirit of truth and reconciliation. Through song and dance, this celebration uplifts the cultures, strength, and resiliency of Indigenous Peoples while remembering those who never made it home. All are welcome, and admission is free. Find out more here: <https://www.songheesnation.ca/south-island-powwow>

## St. Patrick's CWL Fall Bazaar

IT'S ALMOST HERE...CWL's Fantastic FALL BAZAAR being held on Saturday, October 4th, 2025, 9:30 am—2:30 pm at St. Patrick's Church, 2060 Haultain Street. Come and experience all the fun of a CWL Bazaar with this year's large variety of kiosks, Quality Silent Auction, Kids Zone, and Tombola Raffle and so much more! Something for every-one!

All proceeds will support CWL Charities

### REPORT SEXUAL ABUSE TO AN INDEPENDENT AGENCY

To report sexual abuse by a clergy member, religious, employee, or volunteer, visit [RCDVictoria.org/Responsible-Ministry](http://RCDVictoria.org/Responsible-Ministry) or call:

**1-800-968-3146**

To report sexual abuse or cover-up by a Catholic Bishop, visit [BishopReportingSystem.ca](http://BishopReportingSystem.ca) or call: **1-866-892-3737**

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