



ST. ANDREW'S CATHEDRAL

740 View Street, Victoria, BC V8W 1J8

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

Phone: 250-388-5571

Email: standrewscathedral@gmail.com

Website: www.standrewscathedral.com

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:

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

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).

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Weekday Eucharistic Liturgies

Monday - Friday: 12:10 pm
Wednesday & Thursday: 5:00 pm

Weekend Eucharistic Liturgies

Saturday: 9:30 am and 5:00 pm (Anticipated Sunday)
Sunday: 9:00 am, 11:00 am, 5:00 pm

Eucharistic Adoration

Saturday: 9:00 am

Reconciliation

Monday – Thursday: 11:30 am – 12:00 pm
Friday: 10:30 am – 11:30 am
Saturday: after morning Mass (*upon request*)
3:45 pm – 4:45 pm

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 Nov 17 ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY

11:30 am Sacrament of Reconciliation

12:10 pm **MASS** for Rosario Pelacio +

7:00pm Discovery Faith Study

Tue Nov 18

11:30 am Sacrament of Reconciliation

12:10 pm **MASS** for Marylourdes Gray +

6:00 pm Legion of Mary (DCR)

7:30 pm Prayer Group (Zoom)

Wed Nov 19

7:00 am Men's Scripture Study (Library)

11:30 am Sacrament of Reconciliation

12:00 pm **MASS** for Deceased Diocesan Clergy/Religious
***There will be no Our Mother of Perpetual Help
 Novena after Mass***

5:00 pm **MASS** for Pierre, Marie, J. Pierre & Reginald Holley+

7:00 pm Break Free (MTL)

Thu Nov 20

Parish Office Closed Today

11:30 am Sacrament of Reconciliation

12:10 pm **MASS** for Remedios Mendoza +

5:00 pm **MASS** for Peter & Ann +

Fri Nov 21 PRESENTATION OF THE BVM

10:30 am Sacrament of Reconciliation

10:45 am Lectio Divina (Library)

12:10 pm **MASS** for the intention of Caroline Yuson

Sat Nov 22 ST. CECILIA

9:00 am Eucharistic Adoration

9:30 am **MASS** for Souls in Purgatory +

3:45 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

5:00 pm **MASS** for Gerry McAdam +

6:00 pm C4C – Christian Life Seminar (Seghers Hall)

Sun Nov 23 CHRIST THE KING

9:00 am **MASS** for Ben Legaspi +

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)

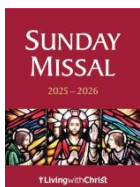
5:00 pm **MASS** for Chit Nicolas +

6:00 pm **KP GENERAL** (Library)

2026 Sunday Missal Sale

Sunday Missals for the 2025–2026 liturgical year will be sold before and after Mass next weekend (**Nov 22/23**). A big "Thank you" to our volunteers for making this happen.

They are also available for purchase (\$5) from the parish office while supplies last.



Keeping the Faith

Marilynn Quigley

We are very fortunate to live in a country where we can practice our faith without fear of persecution. Christians in many other countries are not so lucky, facing discrimination, church closures or destruction, desecration of Christian symbols of worship, torture and even execution.

For example, human rights organizations report that Christians in North Korea could be imprisoned for simply owning a Bible or gathering for worship. We do not think much about the suffering of Christians in other places because here in Canada we are safe.

And yet, in some ways, even while living here, truly living the faith can be an uphill struggle. While laws protect our practice of religion, many parts of our society today have no use for religion. We are bombarded every day with messaging that promotes ambition, self-development, achievement and success, about advancing in this world. Messaging about what are important in our faith: kindness, generosity, self-sacrifice, is drowned out by exhortations to be better and stronger and have more and more. The Cross is not a model many look to.

On a more personal level - although many of us live with friends or family who are also devoted to the faith, some of our loved ones do not share our beliefs. It can be lonely going to mass and/or praying alone. We can get disheartened and drop out of religious practice altogether, losing out on the community that is there for us at every mass.

It is good to remember Jesus' assurance: "...not a hair on your head will be destroyed. By your perseverance you will secure your lives." (Luke 21:18-19) Before these comforting words, Jesus reminds the crowd that the time will come when the temple where they are gathered will come down, with no stone left.

We may not succeed in this world. We can lose everything. We may be alone. We do not stop loving and believing because we know we are safe with Jesus.

Office Closed – Thursday, Nov 20

The parish office will be closed all day on Thursday, November 20th so staff can attend the "Diocesan Faith Day for Employees". The Cathedral will remain open for the day as usual, with Fr. Marc Parent covering Confessions and Mass that day.

From the Rector's Desk

November 16th 2025
33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Over five years ago, Fr. John, our former Rector commissioned Gerry Despina with the construction of a new altar for the then recently renovated Rectory Chapel. In the interim he arranged for a temporary altar to be loaned from his former parish of Christ the King in Courtenay. Gerry, with the help of Our Lady of the Rosary parishioner Wil Van der Pyl and a 'swamper' crew delivered and assembled the new altar on Saturday, after Bishop Gary transported the temporary altar back up Island to Christ the King parish. Pictured below is Fr. Sean with the beautiful solid Oak altar used both for the reservation of the Blessed Sacrament and the private Masses of our resident priests. We praise God for the woodwork skill offered to the Glory of God. Thank you, Gerry and Wil.



I'm so grateful for a wonderful birthday celebration, and many parishioner greetings on the feast of the dedication of the Basilica of St. John Lateran. After the joyful Sunday Masses some 25 members of my extended

family gathered for a take-out meal of Chinese food, cake, lots of laughter and family bonding. I'm rich in family love! Pictured are me and my 3 siblings who haven't been altogether since prior to the pandemic in spite of relatively close proximity; my youngest sisters Jodi from Comox, Tracy from Vancouver and my brother Scott currently living in Victoria. So far being a 65-year-old man isn't too bad! I'll call it a 'Discipleship Seminar'.

The invitation to remain after my 3 weekend Masses for questions and comments was enjoyed by more people than I expected. It seems to have served its purpose for going a bit deeper into the meaning of the Scriptures, creating community and welcoming in a few 'strangers' who were visiting the Cathedral. I loved it. This coming

Sunday after the 11 Mass we'll offer an encounter in Christ for intercessory prayer as an extension of the love of Jesus in the Mass. Four stations will be available with two wonderful intercessors each and I hope people come away knowing even more personally they're loved by God. For similar reasons, this Friday is a Mass with the specific intention of praying for the souls of parishioners who've died this past year. Matthew has contacted many family members and invited them to join us, after which I'll extend an invitation to remain after Mass to greet and share our stories of grief and mourning if people would find it cathartic.

This year our Patronal Festival of St. Andrew is trumped by the first Sunday of Advent on November 30th. That won't deter us however from acknowledging the first Apostle in a special way. I invite the WHOLE PARISH to join me in a novena to St. Andrew starting on Saturday the 22nd and concluding on the 30th at our Masses. This is a petition to conform in even greater measure to the missionary imperative of Christ. We'll invoke our patron's prayers using an inspiring new icon commissioned and given to the Cathedral.

My prayers for peace come with this epistle, Fr. Dean

Join the Intercessors of St. Andrew's

Do you have a heart for intercessory prayer and would like to see the renewal of our parish community? Unbeknownst to many, for over a year there has been a small group of individuals who pray every week for the mission at St. Andrew's Cathedral. Prayer always precedes and undergirds renewal in the Holy Spirit and missionary activity. Prayer leads to salvation, sanctification and service. I would like to invite anyone interested to join the Intercessors of St. Andrew's ministry and dedicate yourself to pray for St. Andrew's cathedral community and the fulfilment of its mission to lead all to salvation through Jesus Christ. In order to enrol as a member of this ministry, please contact fmfagan21@gmail.com to be added to our member's list and receive regular updates. **Your Commitment:**

1 hour per week (or more!) to pray for Fr. Dean, anyone involved in parish ministry, and the fulfillment of the mission at St. Andrew's Cathedral. This private time of prayer could be taken at any point throughout the week, as your schedule allows. This weekly one hour private prayer period includes:

- The Intercessors of St. Andrew's Prayer (included below)
- To pray for any special intentions sent out occasionally by the Rector or the Intercessor Coordinator.
- Additionally, whatever form of prayer you feel led to pray, such as the rosary, adoration, scripture, worship music, meditation, etc. offered for the cause.

Intercessor's of St Andrew's Prayer:

"Heavenly Father, You sent Jesus, Your Son, "to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord." Luke 4:18-19. We earnestly pray now for the renewal of St. Andrew's Cathedral; give our community missionary zeal, courage to share our faith with others, and create welcoming environments that are conducive for conversion to Your Son Jesus, who gave all of Himself to reach us. We offer all of His Acts, His Sacrifices and His Life in reparation for all the many ways that we, St. Andrew's Cathedral community, have not lived up to the mission entrusted to us by God. Give all those in leadership the grace to rely completely on the guidance of the Holy Spirit in all decisions and the willingness to make necessary changes even when difficult. Build in us a generous community of missionary disciples, bold in our efforts and ready to give of our time, talent and treasure. Give us a renewed vision for our parish, under Fr. Dean Henderson and Bishop Gary's shepherding, and hearts on fire for the proclamation of the gospel to all within our parish boundaries. Let all who enter through our church doors, through our invitation, experience a life changing encounter with Jesus our Saviour, and His body the church community. Mother Mary, star of the New Evangelization, intercede for us, help us fulfil your Son's mission and lead us always closer to Him, our Refuge and Strength. We ask this all in Jesus's Holy Name. Amen.

From the Desk of Respect Life Ministry and Father Claude

The genocide against Christians in Congo and Nigeria: the evidence that no one talks about | Zenit The World Seen from Rome.

On November 15th Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) focuses on the Global Cry for Religious Freedom. Currently, an estimated 327 million Christians worldwide live in countries where religious persecution is rampant. They are at risk of being attacked, arrested, imprisoned, tortured, and, in the worst cases, killed, solely on the basis of their beliefs. * It is also estimated that 75 percent of religiously motivated violence targets Christians, possibly making them the most persecuted religious group in the world. Diocese of Victoria.

Facts: According to the Catholic Bishops' Conference of Nigeria (CBCN), at least 145 priests have been kidnapped, 11 have been murdered, and four remain missing since 2015. However, Intersociety claims the reality is much worse. According to its counts, at least 250 Catholic clergy have been attacked in addition to another 350 clergy from other denominations. The Catholic World report 3 churches devastated every day in Nigeria.

Furthermore, the report estimates that from the Boko Haram uprising in July 2009 to September of this year, 19,100 Christian churches in Nigeria have been destroyed, looted, or violently closed, representing an average of 1,200 churches per year, 100 per month, or more than three per day. The Genocost in Africa especially in the DRC (Democratic Republic of Congo) is a genocide due to politico-economic massacre. The Multinational and other powerful countries around the world are using Rwanda and Uganda to destabilize the country especially at the east where they found all the mineral wanted to build electric cars, cellphones even military weapons.

Bishop's Appeal

To receive a tax receipt for 2025 please ensure your donation is dropped off at the parish office in plenty of time to get to the Diocese for processing.

Ways to give:

- Online at: www.rcdvictoria.org/bishops-appeal
- Etransfer: appealoffice@rcdvictoria.org
- Collection: drop off your envelope at Mass
- Gifted Securities: speak with your broker
- By mail

This year our parish project will be for a new, permanent baptistry for the Cathedral. Our Parish Goal is \$ 107,000. St. Andrew's has currently received **\$ 82,917.65** in pledges from **200** registered households.

Our 2024 Bishop's Appeal Gift

At last! Our new heat pump was fitted three weeks ago and is working fine. We got the final bill so we can close the books on this project – and we can close them in the nice, warm atmosphere of the priest's accommodation, aka the 'Old Lady Trailer'.

So very many thanks to the Cathedral for the financial assistance that you gave to us to help with the cost of this heat pump. Obviously, it is far too early to know exactly, but our hope is that we will make a substantial saving on our running costs as a result of this investment. So please know that your donation will be paying dividends for the North Island Pastoral Area for years to come.

With thanks,

Fr. David John
Pastor, North Island Parishes
and Thumper (*his canine companion*)

Advent Penitential Service

The Cathedral will be offering an Advent Penitential Service on **Tuesday, December 9th at 7:00 pm** with multiple priests available for confession. Please mark your calendars!

Knights of Columbus, Coats for Kids

Knights of Columbus Councils 1256 and 13356, in conjunction with the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, will once again be offering brand new coats for kids at NO CHARGE (no proof of hardship required). Various sizes available for toddler, child, youth and teen categories - boys and girls! Great selection of styles!

Date: Saturday Nov. 22 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Location: Vincentian Room at Rosalie's Village, 4353 West Saanich Road near Glanford Road.

For more info contact Joe Cavin @ 250-381-3969 (home) 778-533-0405 (cell) email: joseph.cavin@gmail.com

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If you wish to support the Knights of Columbus charities, you can do so by purchasing tickets for the prizes in the poster below. Just one click takes you to the site where you can place your order. Last year's top two prize winners were from Victoria. Who benefits: hospital foundations, school

PACs, community food banks, scholarships/bursaries, Dioceses in BC for outreach programs and many others.

Richard Grosset

Victoria Council 1256 Deputy Grand Knight

News from the Diocese

- Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) is a Catholic and Pontifical organization that supports poor, oppressed, and persecuted communities. Each year, ACN hosts "Red Wednesday," an event that raises 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 19, 2025. Further information and resources are available online at: <https://acn-canada.org/red-wednesday/>
- The Diocese of Victoria Health Care Committee has released two resources for families before and after a loved one dies and enters eternal life. A limited number of copies will soon be available at your parish offices upon request. Digital and downloadable copies of the A Catholic Perspective: What Family Members Need to Know Before and After a Loved One Enters Eternal Life resources are available on the Diocesan website here: <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/care-of-the-dying>

- On November 21, the Esquimalt United Church (500 Admirals Road) will host an ecumenical prayer session in The Way of Taizé at 6:00 pm. All are invited to join in this evening of prayer and song
- All are invited to attend the Diocese of Victoria's annual Faith Day on Saturday, November 22, 2025. The day will begin with Mass at 9:00 am at Sacred Heart Parish (4040 Nelthorpe St, Victoria), followed by sessions at St. Andrew's Regional High School (880 McKenzie Ave, Victoria). Our keynote speaker, Dr. Erin Barisano, will speak on "The Active Silence," followed by a panel discussion with Kathryn Lacerte and Bishop Gary Gordon, and a Listening Circle reflection. Learn more about the 2025 Diocesan Faith Day here: <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/events/nov-22-diocesan-faith-day-2025>
- Pope Leo XIV has released his message to young people for the 40th World Youth Day 2025. This year's celebration will take place on November 23, 2025, the Solemnity of Christ the King, with the theme: "You also are my witnesses, because you have been with me" (Jn 15:27). Read the Holy Father's full message here: <https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/messages/youth/documents/20251007-messaggio-xl-gmg.html>
- Registration is now open for the annual Diocese of Victoria Camp Homewood Retreat, taking place from January 30 to February 1, 2026, at Camp Homewood on Quadra Island. Youth in grades 7–12 are invited to register for this weekend retreat. This year's theme is "Blessed Are You." The cost is \$195 per participant, which includes all food, accommodation, and activities. Please register at: <https://camp-homewood-2025.eventbrite.ca>. For more information, please contact: stpatrickhw@gmail.com
- St. Andrew's Regional High School Music Department is hosting "Coffee House," a live performance featuring the St. Andrew's Singers, concert and jazz bands, and many talented solo artists. The event will take place on Wednesday, November 19, 2025, at 7:00 pm at St. Andrew's Regional High School (880 McKenzie Ave, Victoria). Tickets are \$10 at the door.
- Rachel's Vineyard on Vancouver Island offers safe and confidential retreats for women and men seeking healing and peace after abortion. To learn more, please email: rachelsvineyardvancouverisland@gmail.com or visit <https://www.rachelsvineyardvanisland.org/>
- Mount St. Mary Hospital will host its annual Christmas Market on Saturday, November 29th, from 10:00 am–2:30 pm at 861 Fairfield Road. Browse local vendors offering handmade gifts, baked goods, plants, Christmas décor, and more—plus enjoy live entertainment and a White Elephant Sale. Admission is free—everyone is welcome!

Groups to Join at St. Andrew's		
BIBLE STUDY <i>Seasonal guided weekly bible studies. Registration required.</i> Contact: Bernadette O'Connor bernadette.oconnor@wsp.com 250-896-4136		
LECTIO DIVINA <i>Weekly prayerful reflection and sharing on a scripture passage</i> Contact: Rod Crutcher rodcrutcher@me.com		
MEN'S SCRIPTURE STUDY (Wed @ 7 am - Parish Library) <i>Focusing on specific Bible passages for Sunday's Mass</i> <i>Led by Father Dean Contact the Parish office to register</i>		
SMALL-GROUP FAITH STUDY <i>Small-group faith study that focuses on the person of Jesus</i> Contact: Matthew Orlowski morlowski@rcdvictoria.org		
BREAK FREE MEN'S MINISTRY <i>Helping men find freedom from impurity.</i> break.free.victoria@gmail.com 778-587-6421		
COUPLES FOR CHRIST <i>Charismatic community journeying together as families toward holiness</i> Contact: Alfred & Rona Biona standrewschapter@gmail.com 250-888-8670		
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LEGION OF MARY <i>Devotional prayer and works of ministry and mercy</i> Contact: Faye Baligod faye_baligod@hotmail.com 250-885-8773		
MISSIONARY FAMILIES OF CHRIST <i>Evangelistic community of families empowered by the Holy Spirit</i> Contact: Alvin & Michelle Almonte mfcvictoriabc@gmail.com 778-350-5922		
PEOPLE OF HOPE PRAYER GROUP <i>Charismatic prayer group that meets weekly online (Zoom)</i> Contact: Lynn Weedmark hilynn@telus.net 250-477-4700		

Affiliated Organizations	
DEVELOPMENT & PEACE <i>International humanitarian aid organization</i> https://devp.org/en/ 1-888-234-8533	
SOUP KITCHEN (9-10 CLUB) <i>Serving soup to the hungry Monday to Friday mornings</i> thesoupkitchen.ca 778-440-7687	

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SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL <i>Catholic lay organization dedicated to helping people in need</i> brian.mann7@gmail.com 250-812-5690
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HOLODOMOR REMEMBRANCE DAY
Friday, November 23rd at 5-7 pm at the Ukrainian Cultural Center, 3277 Douglas Street

2025 marks the 92nd anniversary of the **Holodomor genocide** (death by starvation) of several million Ukrainians imposed by Russian president Joseph Stalin in 1932-33. History repeats itself as Russia, under Vladimir Putin, is again waging a brutal war against Ukraine considered by many to be a new genocide. The Ukrainian Canadian Congress (UCC) Victoria Branch, invites the general public to join with the local Ukrainian community to honor those who died in the Holodomor. The program includes a memorial service led by Father Yuriy Vyshnevskyy of St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church, songs, testimonials and a video presentation. Voluntary donations accepted for the Canada-Ukraine Foundation towards humanitarian aid in Ukraine, and to support UCC's local projects. General admission: FREE

Serra Club in formation, a Catholic lay organization dedicated to promoting and supporting vocations, will meet again on Wednesday, November 26th, at Our Lady of Fatima Parish. Mass for vocations will be at 6:00 pm, followed by an inspiring talk by Fr. David Hogman about his journey to the priesthood. His mother, Rev. Michelle Hogman, will also share the experience of being the mother of a Catholic priest. After the talk, we invite you to stay for treats and fellowship, a chance to connect, share, and learn more about how you can encourage and support vocations in the Church. For more information about Serra Club please email: victoria@serrainternational.org

🎵 **Carols of Hope – Together We Build** 🎵
This is the last weekend to purchase tickets for Carols of Hope – Together We Build.

A Christmas Music Festival in support of building the new parish church at Our Lady of the Rosary, Langford:

Date: Saturday, November 22, 2025

Time: 1:00 PM – 3:30 PM

Venue: Coastline Church, 845 Caledonia Avenue, Victoria

UKRAINIAN CHRISTMAS FOOD FAIR AND HOT LUNCH

Saturday, November 29, from 11 am - 2 pm, at St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Hall, 1110 Caledonia Ave, Victoria. Sale of perogies, cabbage rolls, borscht, Ukrainian kobassa, nalysnyky (crepes), sauerkraut & preserves, Christmas breads and pastries. Wheelchair accessible. To pre-order call 250-384-2255

CATHOLIC JEOPARDY

SENIORS: Join us on **Thursday, November 27th** after the 12:10 pm Mass for a rousing round of Catholic Jeopardy! Bring your own noise-maker and show us how talented you are!

Please call the Parish office to sign up.



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

1-800-968-3146

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