



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:

— 2025 —		— 2026 —	
Prep Class	Baptism	Prep Class	Baptism
Aug 9	Aug 23/24	Jan 10	Jan 24/25
Sep 13	Sep 27/28	Mar 7	Mar 21/22
Nov 8	Nov 22/23	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).

St. Andrew's Cathedral Pastoral Council Members

Jonathan Eades (Chairperson)	John Mellis (Vice-Chair)
Maria Arsenault	Faye Baligod
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Jim O'Reilly	Chris Ryzuk

Pastoral Staff & Ministries

Bishop of Victoria	Bishop Gary Gordon
Cathedral Rector	Fr. Dean Henderson
Hospital Chaplain / Priest in Residence	Fr. Sean Flynn
Deacon assigned to Parish	Deacon Philip Yuson
Office Manager & Parish Responsible Min. Coordinator	Rita Fichtner
Office Assistant	Matthew Orlowski
Custodian	Steve Thompson
Music Director	Vacant
Sacristan	Sandi Riddett
Respect Life Ministry	Annette Turgeon (250-812-0087)
Finance Committee Chairperson	Dan Hickey

Hospital Chaplain (RJH/VGH) 250-889-3761

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 4th 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 Aug 18

11:30 am Sacrament of Reconciliation
12:10 pm **MASS** for Int. of Alfredito Jr. & Jennifer Valeros

Tue Aug 19

11:30 am Sacrament of Reconciliation
12:00 pm FUNERAL: Norman Isherwood +
6:00 pm Legion of Mary (DCR)
7:00 pm Prayer Group (Zoom)

Wed Aug 20 St. BERNARD

Parish Office will open at 9:30 am today

11:30 am Sacrament of Reconciliation
12:10 pm **MASS** for Int. of Line Douglas & Family

Thu Aug 21 St. PIUS X

11:30 am Sacrament of Reconciliation
12:10 pm **MASS** for Raymond Switzer +
7:00 pm Discovery Faith Study (Parish Centre)

Fri Aug 22 QUEENSHIP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

10:30 am Sacrament of Reconciliation
12:10 pm **MASS** for Int. of Pauline Yuson
6:30 pm Couples for Christ (Seghers Hall)

Sat Aug 23

9:00 am Eucharistic Adoration
2:00 pm Handmaids of the Lord (DCR)
3:45 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:00 pm **MASS** for Int. of Judith Neville

Sun Aug 24 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 am **MASS** for Indrani Benjamin +
11:00 am **MASS** for St. Andrew's Cathedral Parishioners
12:30 pm Knights of Columbus Installation (Cathedral)
1:00 pm Knights of Columbus DD Meeting (CDR)
1:00 pm El Shaddai (Seghers Hall)
5:00 pm **MASS** for Rosita Ofiaza +

Mon Aug 25 No Confessions Today (4th Monday of the month)

12:10 pm **MASS** for Gema T. Clemente +

Tue Aug 26

11:30 am Sacrament of Reconciliation
12:10 pm **MASS** for Ceferino Valencia +
6:00 pm Legion of Mary (DCR)
7:00 pm Prayer Group (Zoom)

Wed Aug 27 St. MONICA

11:30 am Sacrament of Reconciliation
12:10 pm **MASS** for Maurice St. Hilaire +
2:00 pm Bible Study (CDR)

Thu Aug 28 St. AUGUSTINE

11:30 am Sacrament of Reconciliation
12:10 pm **MASS** for Ponciano Casile +

Fri Aug 29 PASSION OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Confessions cancelled today due to funeral.

10:00 am **FUNERAL:** Claudette Kelly +
12:10 pm **MASS** for Richard Summers +

Sat Aug 30

9:00 am Eucharistic Adoration
3:45 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:00 pm **MASS** for Int. of Douglas Harvey

Sun Aug 31 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 am **MASS** for Margaret Springer +
11:00 am **MASS** for St. Andrew's Cathedral Parishioners
1:00 pm El Shaddai (Seghers Hall)
5:00 pm **MASS** for Int. of Melissa Hogg

I Came to Bring Fire

Liz Summers

I love my daughters-in-law. I love my son-in-law. I love my family, so today's Gospel has always been hard for me to hear. However, could it be that Jesus lists the people who are closest to us, to make us pay attention? He does not say we are to stop loving, He merely acknowledges that if we choose to follow Jesus, there will be tension.

Jesus says, "I came to bring fire to the earth [...] and what stress I am under until it is completed."

This is such a powerful description of Jesus' mission.

Our great co-mission is to bring the Word, Christ Jesus, to the world. Perhaps bringing Christ's fire seems much harder than bringing His peace but the Gospel is certainly reminding us to do this today.

Fr. Ron Rolheiser wrote an article in 2021, *'Taking Tension out of the Community'*, in which he relates this tension to the sins that Jesus took away on the Cross. He quotes Richard Rohr, saying, 'What we don't transform, we transmit.'

Can we take the tensions we feel and absorb them with love, so they may lose their form? Perhaps this could give space for God to work His miracles.

It might not make us popular, but as Hebrews reminds us, "Jesus endured the Cross, disregarding its shame." Dear Lord, please give us the courage not to shy away from conflict, and not taking on the form of the conflict, let us transform it with Your everlasting love.

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

From the Rector's Desk
20th & 21st Sundays in Ordinary Time
August 17 & 24, 2025

I'm on a 6 day 'staycation', enjoying extraordinary summer weather, relishing in our new home and neighbourhood, and planning with gratitude to redeem gift cards for coffee shops, Il Terrazzo and even some whale watching. My domestic Church family will get a little more of my time and I'll enjoy more of theirs. This Saturday Linda and I plan to attend the wedding of one of our godchildren who is marrying one of the children of old friends. I'll joyfully concelebrate with Fr. Harrison at St. Peter's, Nanaimo. So if on holiday, why am I writing for the bulletin? I just can't forfeit this week's bi-weekly occasion to communicate with you, my ecclesial family! I am however taking a week off homily preparation as Fr. Frank Franz will take Mass this Saturday and Deacon Philip will preach both my Sunday Masses. I love praying and studying the Holy Scriptures and then preaching the Word, but it's good that you hear from another preacher of the Gospel occasionally (maybe some would say frequently ☺).

The Diocesan Family Camp is coming up the weekend of the 22nd to 24th at Nanoose Bay Pentecostal Camp. It's the largest Diocesan event of the year with some 300 people in attendance and a great opportunity for Catholic inspiration and social cohesion. Let's pray the gathering will build up the faith of our families. God willing, that same weekend we'll welcome an applicant for the Director of Musical Worship for interviews and auditions. The committee continues to work hard at ensuring the position is well advertised, all queries are considered, many out of town Zoom interviews take place. By faith, we really hope the Lord will lead us to the right person that will assist our mission at St. Andrew's. Please pray.

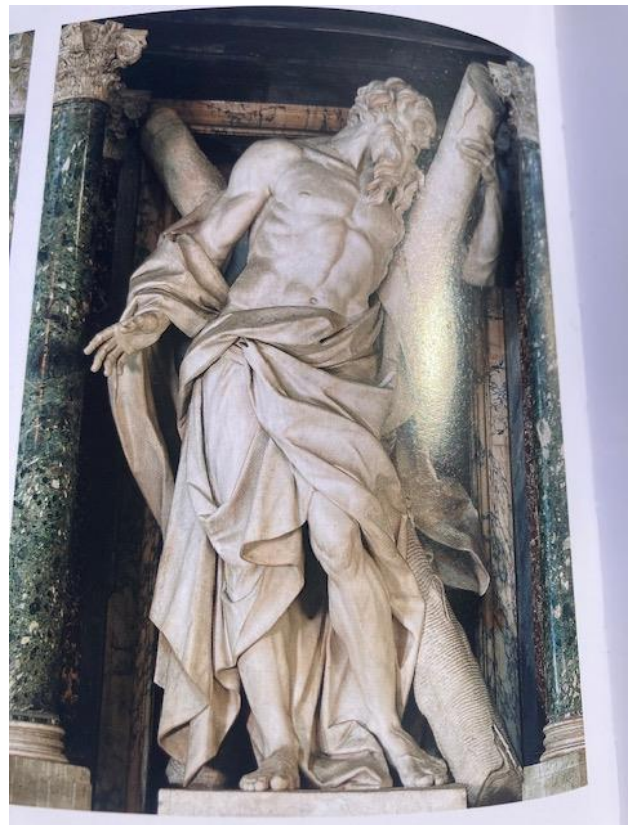
Varied Diocesan and Parish groups are banding together and planning pilgrim visits to the holy doors of St. Andrew's as one of four Jubilee Year of Hope destinations within the Diocese. One of those groups is Catholic Young Adults who are planning to walk from the Westshore on August 30th to arrive in time for the 5 p.m. Saturday Mass. While plans are still fluid, we just might have a holy hour of adoration planned after the Mass. I'll keep you posted. In praying about new initiatives that would please the Lord, I hope to explore with our parish leadership the idea of emphasizing three aspects of ministry, particularly on Sundays after Masses: 1) The ministry of healing, 2) The ministry of hospitality and evangelization and 3) The ministry of teaching/catechising to foster the deepening of Catholic discipleship. We need to think and pray more specifically about how we might offer service and

outreach ministry. How should Cathedral members become more deliberate missionary disciples? We'll also have to increase our teaching of stewardship so that the expanding ministry demands will be met by the funding necessary for well-equipped staff and volunteer ministers.

Perhaps it's not necessary to express it, but we really have a wonderful parish that so many visitors tell me they find inspiring. Our worship is holy and focussed on the Blessed Trinity, the faith is taught in fidelity with the Holy Scriptures and Sacred Tradition promulgated by the Magisterium, and the sense of community, love and welcome for all is reaching so many people. We're a family of families in a culture that really needs the FAMILY of Christ.

Bless your summer with peace and joy,

Fr. Dean



The statue of St Andrew in the Pope's Cathedral of San Giovanni in Laterano, Rome. The Nave includes 12 enormous niches for all 12 Apostles. God willing I hope to lead a pilgrimage to Rome and Italy in the Spring of 2027. — Fr Dean

The parish office will be **closed for lunch** from **12:00 – 12:30 pm** from **August 11 – 27** due to staff holidays.

The parish office will be **closed all day** on **August 28 & 29** for staff holidays, and on **Monday, September 1** for Labour Day. Thank you!

Office Assistant Posting

St. Andrew's Cathedral is seeking a full-time Office Assistant to provide comprehensive administrative and clerical support to the parish in a professional, courteous and efficient manner. This will be for a 1-year contract, with the possibility of moving into a permanent position at the end of the contract. We're looking for someone with a welcoming attitude and eye for detail, who can comfortably prioritize duties and work diligently under pressure. A detailed position description is available on our website or by email: saintandrewsoffice@gmail.com.

Only those candidates who most closely match our requirements will be contacted. Please send your resume and covering letter to Rita Fichtner, Office Manager, at the parish office by August 31, 2025.

Pastoral Care Training – Fall 2025

"God calls us to touch the lives of our aging, lonely, ill, palliative and dying sisters and brothers with accompaniment, kindness and compassion as the hands and face of Christ. In these sessions, you learn basic tools necessary to accompany those who are in need of the healing ministry of Christ." – Most Reverend Gary Gordon, Bishop of Victoria

The valuable and free Pastoral Care Outreach Training series will be offered online this fall. Nine sessions will be held via Zoom on Saturday mornings from 9:30 – noon, **starting on September 27 and running until November 29, 2025** (with no session on October 11 for Thanksgiving). 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

Stewardship

"...give alms; provide yourselves with purses that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail." (Luke 12:33)

Operations	June YTD 2025	June YTD 2024
Donations, General	\$ 341,122	\$ 332,610
Expenses	\$ 402,763	\$ 363,361
Deficit	(\$ 61,641)	(\$ 30,751)

Building Community... Among "Venerables"



Okay, maybe not this high-steppin'!

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

At this time, attendance at these sessions is limited, as we calculate needs for space and other resources. 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 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! More details TBA.



Ministry to Seafarers' News

We were able to join three crew members for dinner at a restaurant by St Timothy's (James Bay Thirfty Foods). It was an interesting experience because we got to know more about them. We were also able to visit the Cable ship docked on Tuesday night and were treated to a simple dinner and tour of the ship.

We are now preparing for the Mass for the Saturday ships on August 23rd at 9 pm. I think we have all we need for that Mass but any additional food will be appreciated. We're hoping to have about 40 people, but we'll see how many the Lord sends.

I think we need more volunteers, so if you would like to know more about volunteering for our ministry, please contact me at 250-881-0049 or email at pyuson@rcdvictoria.org.

Please say a Hail Mary for the following intentions:

- Wisdom to prepare for the Mass on August 23rd.
- Wisdom to plan for next year.
- The Lord will send more volunteers to help us next year.

Ut in Omnibus Glorificetur Deus

— Dcn. Philip Yuson

Interested in Becoming Catholic?

(RCIA — Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)



Are you interested in becoming Catholic? Parishes in the city of Victoria are collaborating to offer an opportunity to come together to learn more about our faith through the RCIA program. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights and your faith story in a warm, accepting setting. Sessions will be held on Thursday evenings at St. Joseph the Worker Parish beginning in the fall.

For more information or to register for the 2025–2026 year, please contact the parish office at 250-388-5571 or by email at standrewscathedral@gmail.com.

Gone to Dwell in Our Father's Home

Please remember in your prayers:



Norman Isherwood who died on August 3, 2025.
His funeral will be held on **Tues, Aug 19 @ 12 pm**.

Claudette Kelly who died on August 5, 2025.
Her funeral will be held on **Fri, Aug 29 @ 10 am**.

Gerry Twomey who died on July 19, 2025.
Her funeral will be held on **Wed, Sep 24 @ 12 pm**.

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



Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
(Celebrated August 22)

Sacramental Preparation

2025–2026

Registration Deadline Approaching!



The deadline to register your child for the 2025–2026 year of Sacramental Preparation is fast approaching! **Registrations will close August 27.**

Children at least 7 years old and teens will receive weekly catechesis to help nurture them in the faith and grow as a community while preparing to receive the grace of the sacraments of Reconciliation (Confession), Eucharist (1st Communion), and Confirmation.

Our sacramental preparation program is designed as a two-year program running from fall into the spring. Children in Year 1 will prepare for the sacrament of Reconciliation, then in Year 2 they will prepare for the reception of their First Communion as well as Confirmation. Teens will prepare for any sacraments they may have missed in a separate one-year program.

Registration forms can be found in the church narthex, at the parish office, or requested via email at standrewscathedral@gmail.com.

News from the Diocese

- St. Andrew's Roman Catholic Cathedral is still seeking a dedicated Director of Musical Worship to uphold and enhance its legacy of musical excellence, inspiring and engaging the worship community through a vibrant and dynamic music ministry. A detailed job description can be viewed here:
<https://www.standrewscathedral.com/post/job-opportunity-director-of-musical-worship>
- WorldWide Marriage Encounter Vancouver is hosting a marriage retreat October 24–26, 2025, in the Fraser Valley to help couples rekindle romance, deepen connection, and strengthen their relationship. Register by September 10 for the early bird rate; final registration closes October 11—please find details at:
<https://beholdvancouver.org/events/couple-retreat-by-worldwide-marriage-encounter>

REPORT SEXUAL ABUSE TO AN INDEPENDENT AGENCY

To report sexual abuse by a clergy member, 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**

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 Arsenault** 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

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 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 you plan to give regularly using envelopes, please contact the parish office to arrange to pick up a pre-numbered box of envelopes!

YOU HAVE MADE US FOR YOURSELF, O LORD, AND OUR HEARTS ARE RESTLESS UNTIL THEY REST IN YOU.

- AUGUSTINE OF HIPPO -