



ST. ANDREW'S CATHEDRAL

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

Website: www.standrewscathedral.com

Schedule:

Daily Mass:

Monday - Friday: 12:10 pm
Saturday: 9:30 am

Sunday Mass:

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

Eucharistic Adoration

Saturday: 8:50 am
Wednesday: Following Perpetual Help Devotion until 3:00pm

Reconciliation

Monday – Thursday: 11:30 am – 12:00 pm
Friday: 10:30 am – 11:30 am
Saturday: 3:45 pm – 4:45 pm
(See weekly schedule for any changes.)

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 —		— 2027 —	
Prep Class	Baptism	Prep Class	Baptism
Nov 7	Sep 27 (11 am) Nov 28 (5pm)	Jan 9 Mar 14	Jan 31 (9 am) Apr 4 (11 am)

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.

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. Registration forms are available in the Cathedral Narthex. Simply fill it out and place your completed form in the collection basket.

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 office at 250-388-5571 or by email standrewscathedral@gmail.com.

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

+ Hospital Chaplain (RJH, VGH)

Fr. Sean Flynn

250-889-3761

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Rosary: Mon - Fri at 11:40 am; Sat at 8:25 am; Sun at 4:30 pm

Perpetual Help Devotions: Wed following 12:10 pm Mass

Eucharistic Adoration: Wed at 1:00 pm; Sat at 8:50 am

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

Mon Sept 21 St. MATTHEW

11:30 am Sacrament of Reconciliation

12:10 pm **MASS** for Saint Vincent Ferrer +

Tue Sept 22

11:30 am Sacrament of Reconciliation

12:10 pm **MASS** for Maurice St Hilaire +

5:00 pm Legion of Mary (*DCR*)

6:30 pm Pastoral Council (*Library*)

7:30 pm Prayer Group (*Zoom*)

Wed Sept 23 *Parish Office Opens at 9:30 am*

11:30 am Sacrament of Reconciliation

12:10 pm **MASS** for Gerry L'Esperance +

2:00 pm Beginning Apologetics Bible Study (*CDR*)

7:00 pm Choir Practice (9 am) (*CDR*)

Thu Sept 24

11:30 am Sacrament of Reconciliation

12:10 pm **MASS** for Nicholas, Mercy, & Ranjith Akmimana +

7:00 pm Choir Practice (11 am) (*CDR*)

Fri Sept 25

10:30 am Sacrament of Reconciliation

10:45 am Lectio Divina (*Library*)

12:10 pm **MASS** for Leo Kanno +

Sat Sept 26 STS. JOHN DE BREBEUF & ISAAC JOGUES & COMPANIONS

8:50 am Eucharistic Adoration

9:30 am **MASS** for Lowela Recelestino +

2:30 pm **WEDDING:** Sturgill

3:45 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

5:00 pm **MASS** for Meg Rector +

Sun Sept 27 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 am **MASS** for Capt. A. F.X John +

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

12:30 pm Sacramental Preparation (*Parish Centre*)

5:00 pm **MASS** for Mimi Leung +

World Youth Day Registration Opens!

Official registration begins **Monday, September 14** for the RCD Victoria World Youth Day Pilgrimage to Seoul, South Korea in 2027. On September 14, you will be able to register your **non-refundable** \$500 deposit to secure your spot on the pilgrimage. Find info to register and put down your deposit at: <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/wyd-2027>

Celebrating Vocations at the Cathedral

"The last will be first, and the first will be last."

(Matthew 20:16)

God measures greatness by humility and service. Those who answer His call live not for recognition, but for love of Him and others.

Who in our parish quietly serves others with humility? How can you encourage them?

Pray for humility and for all who serve God's kingdom with hidden but faithful hearts.

God's kingdom values humility and self-giving. Those in consecrated life embrace poverty, offering their lives in service to others, just as Mother Teresa of Calcutta did. Pray about how God might be inviting you to live generously for His people and consider learning more about this vocation. Talk to Fr. Dean or the Director of Vocations for the Diocese: Fr. David Hogman: dhogman@rcdvictoria.org.

✠ Prayer for Vocations

Heavenly Father, bless your Church with an abundance of holy and zealous priests, deacons, brothers and sisters. Give those you have called to the married state, and those you have chosen to live as single persons in the world, the special graces that their lives require. Form us all in the likeness of your Son so that in him, with him and through him we may love you more deeply and serve you more faithfully always and everywhere. With Mary, we ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Rosary Walk



Join the Legion of Mary for a Rosary Walk in recognition of the month of the Holy Rosary. Meet at Mile 0 in Beacon Hill Park at 10:30 am, Saturday October 3rd. Potluck at St. Andrew's Cathedral to follow.

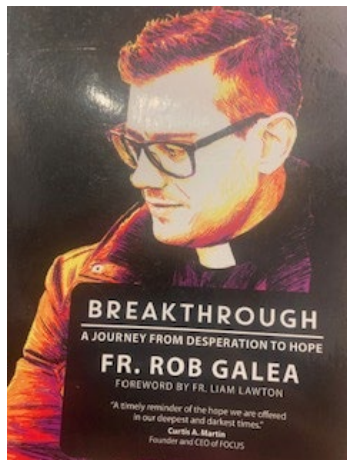
For more information, contact Faye Baligod at faye_baligod@hotmail.com

From the Rector's Desk

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

I've come across a great, easy and inspiring read. "Breakthrough – A Journey from Desperation to Hope" by a Maltese priest serving in Australia is an inspiring story of an unexpected vocation. Despite a horrendous young adulthood of moral chaos and psychosocial implosion, this young man began to turn his life around in Christ. It began with a simple phone call from a Catholic youth leader to invite his sister to a Church event. The sister wasn't home

so the leader instead invited Rob, who had answered the phone. Rob went and heard the gospel in a way that he needed to hear of the hope only Christ could offer him. Through a holy tumultuous conversion process, he eventually heeded the call to priesthood. One call, one invitation, one proclamation of the gospel and a life is changed and a vocation is born.



Makes me thank God for our youth and young adult ministry, as well as our catechism classes with about 65 children starting this weekend with a parent information meeting. Join me in praying for our children, their families and our catechists whom I hope to commission this weekend. Part of the Catholic spiritual life is forming the mind and heart with good reading. Have you got something on the go that fits the bill? Our parish library is an underutilized resource available for free to all parishioners. Check it out during our office hours in the Parish Centre.

Last Thursday was our inaugural meeting with the RCIA candidates and sponsors in a busy parish where our only option was to meet in the Church. The Parish Centre was occupied by the robust and rather large 11:00 a.m. choir rehearsal while the Segher's Hall was hosting the Knights of Columbus meeting. I called all the sponsors up to the step of the sanctuary to sit like the children do for the Sunday children's homily. They weren't quite as spry or cute as the kids, but close. All 25 or so shared briefly their joy at serving the Lord by serving our newcomers to the faith. Then I asked for those willing amongst our candidates to do the same. Understandably, there was a little bit of nervousness amongst some, but many shared beautiful testimonies about finding a sense of 'home', love and truth in the Catholic Church.

We continue to build friendship and knowledge of each other in preparation of joining the larger city-wide formation at St. Joseph's this next week. God bless all our sponsors and candidates.

Except for the 7:00 a.m. start time (and subsequent need to wake at 5:30 on Wednesdays), I look forward to resuming our Library men's Scripture study. We'll read through the lections from the Bible for the upcoming Sunday Mass and do our best with the Holy Spirit and mother Church's guidance to get our hearts and heads around them. Calling all early birds to join us.

Finally, thanks to Matthew, Iason and all who helped organize our Ministry Fair which has produced some great fruit already. We received over 75 cards filled out, with many expressions of willingness to serve the Lord. It was a successful sign of a Cathedral parish alive with great worship of God and increasing meaningful fellowship with each other.

God bless you and your families as we venture into fall and the recommencement of seasonal activities.

Fr. Dean



Parish Pastoral Council Update

St. Andrew's Cathedral is pleased to welcome three new members to Parish Pastoral Council: Terry Speller, Andrea Collins, and Rommel Esteban.

Andrea is the new counsel Secretary and existing member, Frank Falzon, has kindly agreed to assume the role of Vice Chair.

Collection Counting Ministry Volunteers Needed

Our Collection Counting Ministry is responsible for the timely, accurate and confidential counting of weekly and special collections for the parish and is looking for new volunteers to join the team. The team members meet on Monday mornings (unless a holiday weekend and then it is done on Tuesdays) to count the cash/cheques and prepare the bank deposit for the previous weekend's collections.

If you like numbers, are detail oriented and able to commit time and talents to this ministry, please contact Rita at the parish office: 250-388-5571 or by email at: saintandrewsoffice@gmail.com.

Prior experience handling money is helpful but not required.

News from the Chancery

CCCB The Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada

The Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada will take place next weekend. It helps support the mission of our diocese and joins the gifts of Catholics across the country in supporting the shared work of the Bishops of Canada - from providing catechetical resources for families, young people and parishes, to promoting respect for human life and the dignity of every human person, and accompanying migrants and refugees.

Your gift helps strengthen the Church here at home and supports its mission across Canada. Please give prayerfully and generously next weekend. To donate online visit cccb.ca/donate

CCCB Plenary Assembly

Next week the members of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) will gather for the annual meeting of the Plenary Assembly. This meeting is bringing together members of the CCCB from across Canada for discussion on a broad range of topics affecting the Catholic faithful in Canada. Please keep Bishop Gary Gordon and all the bishops of Canada in your prayers during this important gathering. May the Holy Spirit guide their discussions and decisions, granting them wisdom, unity, and courage as they seek to respond faithfully to the needs of the Church in Canada.

2026 National Gathering for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

The Diocese of Victoria is delighted to be hosting the 2026 National Gathering for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Oct. 23 and 24 at St. Patrick's parish in Victoria. This year's theme is Praying with Children with keynote speakers Fr. Kevin Belgrave and Anna Boyagoda from the Archdiocese of Toronto.

You are cordially invited to discover this beautiful method of faith formation for children based on Sacred Scripture and Liturgy with a Montessori foundation. Saturday, Oct. 24 is open to parishioners who are interested in learning about CGS as it continues to unfold throughout our Diocese. Registration link: <https://www.cgsac.ca/national-gathering>

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul Vancouver Island: Hearts for Homes Gala

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul Vancouver Island warmly invites you to the Hearts for Homes Gala — an evening of compassion, community, and impact in support of affordable housing on Vancouver Island. Join Bishop Gary and others on October 3 at the Union Club of Victoria (805 Gordon Street, Victoria, BC) for a memorable evening

of fundraising featuring a three-course dinner, musical entertainment, guest speakers, and silent and live auctions.

Limited tickets available at: <https://www.hibid.ca/events/hearts-for-homes>

Interested in Becoming Catholic?

(RCIA — Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)



Are you interested in becoming Catholic? Parishes in the Victoria area 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.

To find out more, please contact Matthew (Pastoral Assistant) at morlowski@rcdvictoria.org

Recollections for men and women

Join us for a recollection! Although we may spend time in prayer each day, at a recollection we go deeper into our relationship with God — in conversation with Him — guided by meditation and an examination of conscience. A priest of Opus Dei will be available for confession and/or spiritual direction.

An evening recollection for women will be held this **Monday, September 21st** from 6:15-8pm at **St. Joseph the Worker parish**, 753 Burnside Road West, Victoria. It will be preceded by Mass at 5:30pm.

An evening recollection for men will be held this **Tuesday, September 22nd** from 6-8pm at **Sacred Heart parish**, 4040 Nelthorpe Street, Victoria. It will be preceded by Mass at 5:15pm.

Calling all Teachers and Catechists! Commissioning Sunday

Join us **This Sunday, September 20** at **11:00 am** for our Commissioning Mass, as we bless and send forth all those serving in catechetical and teaching ministries this year.

Your presence is warmly requested.

Stella Maris



Last Friday, we celebrated the Liturgy of the Word with Communion at the Cathedral with four crew members. The two Catholics were surprised that their visit would result in receiving the Lord. This reminded me that ministry is for others' benefit, not my own, because the two crew members received the Lord and I did not. One crew

member's brother joined him on the same ship. Another crew member asked Ray for an Indonesian Bible. On Saturday, Conrad met with some crew, and two are leaving unexpectedly. We're planning to host another Mass or Liturgy of the Word with Communion for the Saturday crew in October, before the end of the season.

Thank you for your prayers—they fuel our ministry. Please pray a **Hail Mary** for those leaving their assignments, and for those whose ships are ending their visits this season. Pray also for wisdom to plan for the liturgy next month.

Ut in Omnibus, Glorificetur Deus

Deacon Philip Yuson



Beginning Apologetics

A Catholic Perspective of Steadfast Hope expressed with Gentleness and Respect

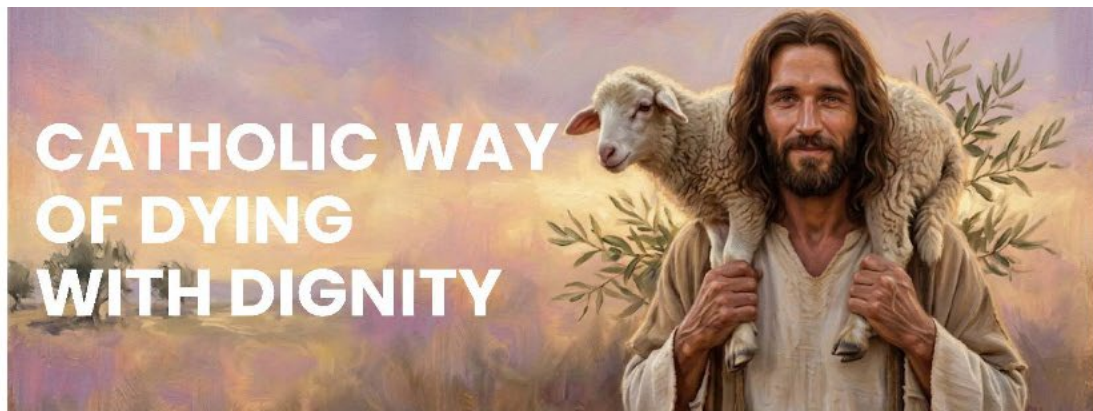
Sept 23 to Dec 9 – 10 weeks

St. Peter instructs believers to honor Christ as Lord and always be ready to explain their faith, stating: "Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect". 1 Peter 3:15

Have you ever felt you had an opportunity to say something about your faith or the God you serve or His Catholic and Apostolic Church here on earth, but you could not find the words and then the moment passed? Perhaps this course may be the beginning for your leap of faith to "be prepared to give answer" and calling on the Holy Spirit, to find your voice.

Course consists of 10 sessions. Classes will generally be 1.5 hr long, held on Wednesdays, beginning September 23rd and finishing November 25th.

Two options for attendance are offered: 2 pm in-person at Parish Centre or 6:30 pm on Zoom video meeting. Facilitator is Bernadette O'Connor. Registration required at Parish Office. Cost is \$25 for course handouts.



CATHOLIC WAY OF DYING WITH DIGNITY

SPEAKERS



Father Dean Henderson:
Sharing the Gospel and our very selves, Because you are very dear to us.



Annette Turgeon:
We need to talk about death and dying—not because life is ending, but because understanding the end can help us appreciate, prepare for, and live the life we have.



Bernadette O'Connor:
Exploring accompaniment within the spirit of Catholic response can take many forms. Identifying some of those responses.



Judith Neville:
Preparing for end-of-life care is less about predicting when someone will die and more about ensuring their wishes, practical needs, and loved ones are prepared before a crisis happens.



Matthew Orlowski:
Planning your funeral ahead of time can be an act of love. It doesn't mean dwelling on death; it can be a way of giving your family peace, clarity, and the freedom to grieve when the time comes.

AGENDA

- **Morning Session**
 - Registration and Welcome
 - Keynote speakers
- **Lunch**
- **Afternoon Session**
 - Personal testimonies from each speaker about accompanying someone through the dying process and at the time of death



Saturday October 3rd
10:00 am – 3:00 pm



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