

## 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

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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:

<b>— 2025 —</b>		<b>— 2026 —</b>	
Prep Class	Baptism	Prep Class	Baptism
Nov 8	Nov 22/23	Jan 10 Mar 7 May 9 July 4 Sep 12	Jan 24/25 Mar 21/22 May 30/31 July 25/26 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).

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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:

<ul> <li>□ New parishioner</li> <li>□ Current parishioner (change of address)</li> </ul>			
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 Oct 20

11:30 am	Sacrament of Reconciliation		
12:10 pm	Mass for the Int. of Marie Yuson		

#### Tue Oct 21

11:30 am	Sacrament of Reconciliation		
12:10 pm	Mass for the Int. of Philip & Marie Yuson		

5:00 pm	Legion of Mary (DCR)
7:30 pm	Prayer Group (Zoom)

#### Wed Oct 22

11:30 am	Sacrament of Reconciliation
12:10 pm	Mass for Maurice St. Hilaire +
2:00 pm	Bible Study (CDR) – NO CLASS TODAY
6:30 pm	Bible Study (Zoom) – NO CLASS TODAY
7:00 pm	Break Free (MTL)

## Thu Oct 23

11:30 am	Sacrament of Reconciliation
12:10 pm	Mass for Maria Nhung Pham +

#### Fri Oct 24

10:30 am	Sacrament of Reconciliation
12:10 pm	Mass for Rosalina Ponferrada +
7.30 pm	C4C – Prayer Assembly (Seghers Hall)

### Sat Oct 25

9:00 am	Eucharistic Adoration
2:30 pm	Wedding/Baptism – Matadling/Alberto
3:45 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:00 pm	Mass for Rosario Charito Loyola +
6:00 pm	Young Adults Night (Cathedral)
6:00 pm	C4C – Christian Life Seminar (Seghers Hall)

### Sun Oct 26 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 am	Mass for Olga Vollmeier +		
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12:30 pm	Children	's Religious	Ed	(Parish Centre)
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1:00 pm	El Shaddai (Seghers' Hall)
5:00 pm	Mass for Emmanuel Valencia +

# **2026 Missals Now Available**



Sunday Missals for the 2025–2026 liturgical year are now available for purchase (\$5) from the parish office.

Please contact the office at 250-388-5571 or email <a href="mailto:saintandrewsoffice@gmail.com">saintandrewsoffice@gmail.com</a> if you can volunteer to sell these Missals before and after

Mass one weekend in November.

## We Are All Missionaries

Marilynn Quigley

Today the Church observes Mission Sunday. Many of us think of mission as going to non-Christian parts of the world to bring the word of God. Indeed, the Christian faith spread because of the courage and sacrifice of missionaries.

While mission has brought many good fruits, it has also, in various times and places, contributed to the loss of local cultures and languages and the suffering of local populations.

Dominance and forcible conversion are not what mission is about, Pope Francis reminded us. For Pope Francis, mission is a "a tireless going out to invite others to the Lord's banquet." He stressed the word "invitation." It is a "(calling people) to the happiness of God's kingdom, even in the face of their indifference or refusal." In January this year, he further defined mission as "(making) Christ's hope shine forth in every corner of the earth."

Some do the difficult work of going among the very poor and disenfranchised and where there is deepest suffering to bring hope. Think of Mother Teresa for example caring for the "poorest of the poor."

Even we, however, can be "bearers and builders of hope" without ever leaving home.

When we acknowledge the blessings we have received, and tell others of how God has loved us, we are being missionaries. When we cheer or comfort a friend by assuring him or her of God's love and mercy, that is mission. When we pray for peace initiatives, disaster relief, or health care workers, that is mission.

May God guide us and help us, wherever we are, in spreading hope and love, that is the heart of mission.

# **Clergy Appointment**

Please join us in welcoming Fr. Claude Makulu O. Praem. a Norbertine priest originally from the Congo. The Norbertine Order, also known as the Canons Regular of Prémontré or White Canons, is a Roman Catholic religious community of priests, brothers, and sisters founded in 1120 by St. Norbert of Xanten. Fr. Claude came to Canada in 2011 and was working with the French community of Maillardville in Coquitlam, in the Archdiocese of Vancouver before being assigned to St. Andrew's Cathedral as Assistant Priest, where he'll be working closely with Fr. Dean Henderson.

Welcome, Fr. Claude!

# From the Rector's Desk 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time October 19, 2025

I arrived home on Tuesday after a three flight, overnight cruise chaplaincy holiday. The red eye special hurt, but I've tried to convince myself of: "no pain, no gain!" However, the lazy days at sea afforded me both personal renewal and fruitful opportunity for pastoral and sacramental ministry. I had anywhere from 50 to 70 at my daily Mass in the "Music Hall" at 8:30 am, and on the two Sundays about 130 to 150 came to grow in the Lord through Word and Sacrament. Included in my responsibilities were the two Sunday Ecumenical Services of the Word and Worship for non-Catholics which were also well attended. The Lord seemed to bless these efforts and many expressed gratitude that their cruise experience was such an occasion of grace and inspiration. Many new friendships were established, even if for a short time. Personally, I enjoyed reading through two books helpful to my personal and priestly life. One called "Be Transformed: The Healing Power of the Sacraments" by the insightful Catholic marriage and family therapist Bob Schuchts, offered some terrific pastoral perspective. In fact, prior to the holiday, I had been at the annual Assembly of the Canadian Federation of Presbyteral Councils in Manitoba and Schuchts' book seemed an extension of the conference. We had substantial presentations on significantly complicated contemporary pastoral challenges in the Church that even Archbishop Murray Chatlin attempted to address at an opening presentation. Abp. Chatlin spoke of the phenomena of "Emotional Deprivation Disorder" and the necessity of 'affirmation' as part of a healing process. "This disorder stems from the experience of not receiving the love and attention needed, especially in the first two years of life. In its most severe forms, it leaves a person with undeveloped emotional abilities, constant fears and little confidence." While Bishop Murray quoted the work of Psychiatrist Dr. Conrad Baars, I found the work of Bob Schuchts addressed this directly in his chapter on Baptism. "In baptism we receive the Father's blessing through Word and Spirit. This grace heals the wounds of rejection as we share in Jesus' identity as the Father's beloved, and enables us to embody the Father's love in a world hungering for it'. There is much here for prayerful meditation for me.

While I have only just met Fr. Claude for the first time this week, I'm sure you will all join me in warmly welcoming him to St. Andrew's as our Assistant Priest. Bishop Gary was able to catalyze the process required to help him come serve in our Diocese and therefore we didn't have any lead preparation time. Starting this week, I'll begin to

dialogue with him, pray, and begin to a fruitful plan to integrate his priestly ministry amongst us. At the very least, I praise God that after over a year of praying for another priest, we now have one. Alleluia.

Around the corner is All Saints and All Souls, and interestingly they fall on Saturday and Sunday. So, our regular weekend Masses will be assumed by these feasts. With Fr. Claude, we might be able to offer a Saturday morning All Saints Mass, and Sunday I'd like to plan prayers at Ross Bay Cemetery for All Souls. Stay tuned to the bulletin!

It's good to be back to assist you in your Catholic discipleship and mission. God bless St. Andrew's Parish.

Fr. Dean

# Bishop's Appeal

New this year, the Bishop's Appeal will also extend support beyond our diocese through Aid to the Church in Need. Together we will help fund projects like supporting religious sisters in Ukraine, who bring humanitarian aid, hope, and the love of Christ to those suffering conflict, poverty, and persecution. Through your gift, our Love and Unity reaches the global Church. Learn more about the these sisters at www.rcdvictoria.org/bishops-appeal

This year our parish project will be for a new, permanent baptistry for the Cathedral. Our Parish Goal is \$ 107,000.

Thank you for your support and dedication to this year's Bishop's Appeal. We know that the postal strike presented some unexpected challenges right at the start of the campaign, and as a result, things began a little slower than usual. However, St. Andrew's has currently received \$6,030.04 in pledges from 14 registered households.

Due to the current postal strike, the Bishop's Appeal brochure was not mailed out, but is available for pickup in the Narthex. Completed pledges/donations should be placed in an envelope clearly marked for the Bishop's Appeal and placed in the collection basket. Staff will ensure that these envelopes are then delivered to the Diocesan Appeal office.

# **Young Adults Night**

We invite all young adults 18-30 to join us for a night of Adoration and Worship with fellowship to follow on **Saturday, October 25** after the 5:00 pm Mass. We look forward to seeing you all there!



## From the Desk of Respect Life Ministry

A crucial piece of legislation, Bill C-218, the Right to Recover, is before Parliament to stop this dangerous expansion of MAiD.

Do you know Andrew Lawton's story, a Canadian who knows exactly what's at stake if our government expands euthanasia?

Roughly ten years ago, he was in a battle with such severe depression that he attempted to take his own life. He had convinced himself that death was the only escape. He says that if our country's euthanasia (medical murder) law had been in place back then, "I'd be dead." But because he was given time, professional care, and support, not a lethal injection, Andrew survived what he calls his "happiest failure."

Today, he has a fulfilling life. His story is a glimpse of the horrifying future our government is creating. Right now, we are on the verge of allowing Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) for individuals suffering solely from mental illness.

You have the power to be part of the solution. A crucial piece of legislation, Bill C-218, the Right to Recover, is before Parliament to stop this dangerous expansion. Learn more and sign the petition: https://andrewlawtonmp.ca/c218/

## The Art of Authentic Listening

Do you want to learn how to listen authentically to another person? Do you want to experience being listened to authentically? We are looking for participants.

The Diocese of Victoria has asked all parishes to facilitate listening circles as part of a program for Diocesan Permanent Pastoral Synods (DPPS). The purpose is to get people used to the process and the concept of listening to each other through answers to questions that the Diocesan Team have formatted. The answers will help us shape action plans for the Diocese in the future. Participation involves 2 hours to meet in small groups to receive instruction, pray, listen, and share.

"While the ancient practice of synodality can be found throughout Church history, where leaders of the Church gathered in a way to listen and discern together, what is different here is this invitation into the practice of synodality is for the people of God. We are all invited to integrate this ancient practice at all levels of the Church including local, diocesan, national and global - changing how we gather, how we listen, how we include, how we plan, how we discern, and how we move forward

together as a people of God. When we build on this style of encounter, when we include different voices and open the space to all, to discern and dream together, we can we strengthen the bonds of love and enrich all aspects of Church life".

To register your interest in participating (or to find out more), please register your name & contact details with the parish office: 250-388-5571 or standrewscathedral@gmail.com

### Gone to Dwell in Our Father's Home

Please remember in your prayers:



**Tim Wynne-Williams** who died on Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>
His funeral Mass will be held on **Saturday, Oct 30<sup>th</sup> at 1:15pm** 

**Fr. Arduino Antonello**, who died on August 25, 2025 in Brazil at the age of 101. Fr. Antonello served in the Diocese of Victoria as Pastor of the Portuguese community in Victoria for many years before his retirement in 1992.

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

# **Discovery Faith Study**

**Discovery** is a 6-week, small-group faith study that focuses on the person of Jesus. It gives a foundational understanding to the Catholic faith and explores what it might mean to have a personal relationship with Jesus, while at the same time challenging our perspectives towards God. Do you feel that God is distant, impersonal and wish you could grow closer to Jesus in your spiritual life?

If you're new to the Catholic faith, or a long time Catholic, but your faith has mostly become a matter of routine... Consider taking Discovery, and bring your questions, thoughts, and an openness to encountering Jesus Christ. To register, please contact the parish office at 250-388-5571 or email <a href="mailto:standrewscathedral@gmail.com">standrewscathedral@gmail.com</a> (we are still taking in registrations)

We will meet on Monday evenings from 7:00 – 9:00pm, beginning October 20 in the Parish Centre. Questions: Contact Matthew at <a href="mailto:morlowski@rcdvictoria.org">morlowski@rcdvictoria.org</a>

# 11 Carols of Hope – Together We Build 11

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

Join us for an afternoon of joyful Christmas music and community celebration, with all proceeds going directly toward the construction of our new church. By purchasing tickets, inviting friends, or helping spread the word, you are making a lasting contribution to the future of our parish family.

The recommended donation for a ticket is \$100. For those who may not be able to contribute at that level, we also have \$75 and \$50 ticket options available. Each ticket includes a \$25 admission portion, and you'll receive a tax receipt for any amount above that. Kids under 12 are free, but still need a free ticket. For details and tickets, visit carolsofhope.com.

#### Roommates Wanted – Catholic Women's House

A Catholic Women's House in the Gordon Head area (close to UVic) is seeking two new roommates to move in December or January. Rent: \$775/month + hydro and utilities. Women aged 18–35 are welcome to apply. The house accommodates five women (individual rooms) and fosters a supportive, faith-centered environment, with active involvement in the Catholic community of Victoria. If you're interested in joining, please contact the Holy Cross Parish Office at office@holycrossvictoria.org.

# **Evening Masses w/Bp. Gary**

Currently Bishop Gary celebrates mass at 7:00 pm on many weeknights in the chapel at Holy Cross Parish (4049 Gordon Head Road, Victoria). Everyone is very welcome to join us! Since Bishop Gary's schedule can change at any time, please check the Holy Cross website for up-to-date information at <a href="https://holycrossvictoria.org/">https://holycrossvictoria.org/</a>. Next week, Bishop Gary is scheduled to celebrate mass at 7:00 pm from Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> to the 24<sup>th</sup>.



"We never give more honour to Jesus than when we honour his Mother, and we honour her simply and solely to honour him all the more perfectly. We

go to her only as a way leading to the goal we seek – Jesus, her son."

St. Louis Marie de Montfort

# **Ministry to Seafarers' News**



I think we have developed quite a good relationship with some of those we regularly meet. One of the excursion crew we often meet on Friday commented that he gets a sense of joy when they arrive in Victoria.

Perhaps it is the goodies we give them when we meet them every week. We were also invited by one of the Saturday crew to a birthday celebration in one of the downtown restaurants after she and her two crewmates visited the Cathedral. These occasions show we have made connections, even friendships, with the crew we meet. The difficult part is most of them will move to other ships next year. Which means we will need to establish new relationships again. In any case, the Lord will open more doors for us. Please say a Hail Mary for the following intentions:

- 1. Thanksgiving for a wonderful season
- 2. The Lord will send more volunteers to the Ministry (some of our volunteers have other priorities so we need more to help us)
- 3. Wisdom to plan for the next season

UIOGD (That in all things, God may be glorified)

Philip L Yuson



Looking for a Treasurer to join our Board! The Soup Kitchen, operating in the basement of St. Andrew's Cathedral, is looking for a Treasurer to join its Board of Directors. Working with the organization's bookkeeper, the

Treasurer oversees financial operations and provides monthly reports to the Board. Keen to learn more? Email the Chair Teri Hustins at info@thesoupkitchen.ca. For over 44 years, as the city's oldest volunteer-run food resource, The Soup Kitchen has been a comfort and a lifeline for the downtown community. Please consider joining our dedicated team of volunteers - you will find it personally rewarding.

## **Vocation Live-In Weekend**

There will be a Vocation Live-In on the weekend of Nov. 15 -16 at the Seminary of Christ the King in Mission, BC. Anyone wishing to enter the Seminary in the next couple of years is welcome. For more information phone 604-826-8975 or email <a href="mailto:rector.minors@sck.ca">rector.minors@sck.ca</a>

## Groups to Join at St. Andrew's

#### **BIBLE STUDY**

Seasonal guided weekly bible studies. Registration required.

Contact: Bernadette O'Connor

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#### **BREAK FREE MEN'S MINISTRY**

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#### **COUPLES FOR CHRIST**

Charismatic community journeying together as families toward holiness

Contact: Alfred & Rona Biona

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#### **SMALL-GROUP FAITH STUDY**

Small-group faith study that focuses on the person of Jesus
Contact: Matthew Orlowski morlowski@rcdvictoria.org

#### **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: Fave 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)**

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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

#### YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

Monthly Eucharistic adoration followed by fellowship
Contact: Alastair Mascarenhas alastairmascar@hotmail.com

## **Pastoral Ministries**

**ALTAR SERVERS** 

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#### **EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

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## **News from the Diocese**

• The Diocese of Victoria is proud to host this year's inperson meeting of the Anglican-Roman Catholic Theological Dialogue/Anglican-Roman Catholic Bishop's Dialogue (ARC/ARC-B). As part of the meeting, all are invited to the launch of ARC/ARC-B's "Theology of Apology" resource on Thursday, October 30 at Our Lady of Fatima Parish in Victoria (4635 Elk Lake Drive). The evening will start at 7:00 pm with prayer, followed by a panel discussion on the resource. A wine and cheese reception will follow.

 Religious and public leaders will gather on October 21 at the Pontifical Patristic Institute Augustinianum in Rome for the global presentation of the Religious Freedom Report 2025, prepared by the Catholic charity Aid to the Church in Need (ACN). Cardinal Pietro Parolin, Vatican Secretary of State, will deliver the inaugural address, and the day will conclude with a celebration of Mass. The full event, beginning at 12:30 am PST (9:30 am in Rome) and ending at 8:00 am PST (5:00 pm in Rome), will be livestreamed on the Vatican YouTube New channel: https://www.youtube.com/@VaticanNews. Find more details about the Religious Freedom Report Conference

https://acninternational.org/religiousfreedomreportlaunchconference/

• On 9 October 2025, Pope Leo XIV released his first Apostolic Exhortation, Dilexi te ("I have loved you"), a reflection on the Church's call to care for the poor. In this document, Pope Leo XIV invites the faithful to recognize the love of Christ made visible through love for the poor—by caring for the sick, opposing slavery, defending women who face exclusion and violence, ensuring access to education, accompanying migrants, practicing generous charity, and working for equality in its forms. Read the full Dilexi te here: https://www.vatican.va/content/leoxiv/en/apost exhortations/documents/20251004dilexi-te.html. Read Pope Leo XIV's accompanying letter the Bishops of the world here: to

https://press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/en/bollett

ino/pubblico/2025/10/09/251009i.html

- All are welcome to attend a Mass for All Souls on November 1, 2025, at the Royal Oak Mausoleum (Royal Oak Burial Park, 4673 Falaise Drive, Victoria). Fr. Eduardo da Silva Santos will celebrate Mass at 9:30 am, preceded by the rosary at 9:00 am.
- The Diocese of Victoria is offering a two-day, in-person marriage preparation course on November 15 and 22, from 10:00 am-4:00 pm at Holy Trinity Parish in Nanaimo. Open to all, this course provides essential guidance for couples preparing for marriage. A joint Certificate of Completion will be issued upon completion of both sessions.

Please register by October 26 here: https://in-personmarriage-prep-nov-2025.eventbrite.ca

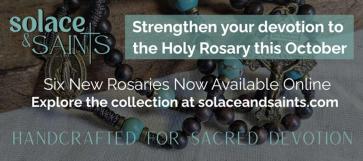
• The 2025/2026 seminary prayer calendar is now available. This year features 41 seminarians from nine Western Canadian dioceses—including two from the Diocese of Victoria—whom we invite you to keep in your prayers as they discern the Lord's call. A printable copy of the calendar is available here: https://stjosephseminary.com/2023-24-seminarian-prayer-calendar/

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