



ST. ANDREW'S CATHEDRAL

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

Phone: 250-388-5571

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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).

St. Andrew's Cathedral Pastoral Council Members

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

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; Sat at 8:25 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 Dec 15

- 11:30 am Sacrament of Reconciliation
- 12:10 pm **MASS** for Brian Bings +
- 7:00 pm **SIMBANG GABI MASS**

Tue Dec 16

- 11:30 am Sacrament of Reconciliation
- 12:10 pm **MASS** for the Corsi and Fantillo Families
- 6:00 pm Legion of Mary (DCR)
- 7:00 pm **SIMBANG GABI MASS**
- 7:30 pm Prayer Group (Zoom)

Wed Dec 17

- 7:00 am Men's Scripture Study (Library)
- 11:30 am Sacrament of Reconciliation
- 12:10 pm **MASS** for Lina & Vince Fantillo and Gordon Pringle+
- 4:30 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
- 5:00 pm **MASS** for Trevor Rector +
- 7:00 pm **SIMBANG GABI MASS**
- 7:00 pm Break Free (MTL)
- 7:00 pm Choir Practice (CDR)

Thu Dec 18

- 11:30 am Sacrament of Reconciliation
- 12:10 pm **MASS** for Modesto Benitez Corono +
- 4:30 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
- 5:00 pm **MASS** for the intention of Janet Rose
- 7:00 pm **SIMBANG GABI MASS**

Fri Dec 19

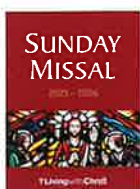
- 10:30 am Sacrament of Reconciliation
- 10:45 am Lectio Divina (Library)
- 12:10 pm **MASS** for Joseph Plunkett +
- 7:00 pm **SIMBANG GABI MASS**

Sat Dec 20

- 9:00 am Eucharistic Adoration
- 9:30 am **MASS** for Ilona Pikner +
- 10:00 am Choir Practice (CDR & Cathedral)
- 2:00 pm **SUTACIO/ALITO VALIDATION/BAPTISM**
- 3:45 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
- 5:00 pm **MASS** for Vidovic Family +
- 7:00 pm **SIMBANG GABI MASS**

Sun Dec 21 4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- 9:00 am **MASS** for Vicky Kipot +
- 11:00 am **MASS** for St. Andrew's Cathedral Parishioners
- 5:00 pm **MASS** for Duncan Cameron +
- 7:00 pm **SIMBANG GABI MASS**



2026 Sunday Missals

Sunday Missals for the 2025-2026 liturgical year are available for purchase (\$5) from the parish office while supplies last.

A New Order

Marilynn Quigley

In today's Gospel John is in prison - sent there by Herod because he had condemned Herod's unlawful marriage to Herodias. This was John who had proclaimed that he was the messenger, the one who, as Isaiah had foretold, would make way for the Lord. By this time John had already preached to multitudes, baptizing them and calling on everyone to repent because the kingdom of Heaven was at hand. This was John who had seen the Holy Spirit descend on Jesus like a dove, and recognized Him as the Son of God. This time he is in a dark cell. He cannot see how Jesus' ministry is progressing. And so he asks his disciples to confirm that Jesus is indeed He "who is to come."

Jesus tells the disciples to go back to John and tell John what they have seen - strange healings, miraculous events. The reports are not about victories in battle, kingdoms overthrown, rulers vanquished. They are quiet events: a blind man suddenly able to see, lepers healed, the lame suddenly able to walk.

If you had the job of explaining to someone why Jesus is Lord, what would you say? Because our Lord is not a wildly impressive figure who has the trappings of power and glory. In fact, we see Him every day, hanging on a Cross. Where is the glory in that?

John did not live long enough to be there for the Crucifixion, but if his disciples had gone back to him and reported that Jesus had died on a Cross, would John have been satisfied that indeed, this was the Son of God?

The answer may be in the last lines of today's Gospel. Jesus gives this strange message that John is great, but "even the least in the kingdom is greater than he." There is a new order, Jesus is saying. Your old ideas of power and glory are no more; His is the Kingdom of love, sacrifice, emptiness, strength in weakness. John likely would have smiled.



From the Rector's Desk
3rd Gaudete (Rejoice) Sunday of Advent
December 14th 2025

Unbeknownst to most, we have a fairly steady ministry of nuptial Masses and sacramental validations of civil unions that take place outside of our primary Sunday Mass assembly. There's one coming up this weekend, and there was another joyful occasion last Friday. The bride and groom from last weekend's celebration are members of the Cathedral but hail from another province, where their parents landed as immigrants and refugees years ago; hence the 100 or so friends and family were mostly from out of province. It gave me great joy in particular to see the bride's family from Rwanda, who would have experienced something of unspeakable loss and suffering in their home country's genocide, rejoice at such an occasion for a new beginning in the love of Christ. God bless them all. Another cause for joy this week is we've been able to offer some practical help to our Ahousaht First Nation friends who live in Victoria. A friend who is a band council member needs an easy access location to be able to distribute Christmas assistance to his people and they'll be able to use our Parish Centre library on Saturday. It's all part of 'truth, reconciliation and friendship building'.... Rejoice!

At the time of writing, we've been able to distribute 5 \$300 Hillside Gift cards to families of the parish who could use a little Christmas help, as well as a \$100 card for a senior who's asked for one. This is simply our attempt this year to distribute the accumulated funds intended for those in need and offer assistance to our 'household of faith'. There are lots of cards still to offer... the only criteria are that you be a registered member of the parish and have need of one. That's it! What a joy to be part of a loving parish family. Speaking of which, one 'small group' that we're trying to cultivate in the large parish family, is that of the staff who gather each week for an information sharing and support meeting. Last Sunday, Linda and I hosted in our home some 14 members of the staff with their spouses, including Bishop Gary, for an Advent social. Besides the blessing of good food, drink and conversation, we teamed up for a competitive game of Christmas trivia. My team came third of three teams. But I rejoice anyway! I hope you've been enjoying the Advent 'witness' talks from those in our RCIA formation program who have answered the question 'What draws you to Christ and the Catholic Church?'. Each has such an impressive and inspiring story of the powerful reality of Christ's presence and love in the Church. Alleluia.

As mentioned previously on numerous occasions, the signs of social distress amidst homelessness, drug trafficking/addictions, and mental health episodes are getting more pronounced and disruptively stressful for soup kitchen and Cathedral staff and volunteers. We've also received two letters from neighbor businesses complaining about the effect of social disorder on their personal wellbeing and business viability. This is serious. This week we've booked two meetings for consultations on our varied security needs; both inside and outside our property, as well as day and night time stressors. One meeting is with the Commissionaires and another with the Victoria Police Department. We are endeavouring to stay open to meet the spiritual needs of all, including the most vulnerable, while keeping everyone safe and happy. Needless to say, it's not easy. I'll keep you posted.

Fr. Dean

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 **\$ 140,722.80** in pledges from **279** registered households.

Chalice Christmas Gift Catalog



Everyone loves goats! Gifting a goat is funny, heartwarming, and, most importantly, life-changing for a family in need. This year at Chalice, we decided that the world — and our catalogue — needed more goats.

Introducing our 13 new GOATs—Greatest of All Time gifts—each representing a top priority need in one of the 13 countries we serve. These fun and collectible goat-themed bundles combine the charm of a goat with the power to meet real, not-so-goaty needs like education, nutrition, or medical care.

Catalogues are available in the Cathedral Narthex or go to <https://chalice.ca/gift-catalogue>

WINTER 2026 PASTORAL CARE TRAINING SESSION

Diocese of Victoria Pastoral Care Training Winter 2026

"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 winter.

The training is open to spouse caregivers, family members who care for their loved ones, clergy and religious, care aides and others in the health industry, and anyone who is personally drawn to learn basic tools necessary to accompany those who are in need of the healing ministry of Christ.

Nine sessions will be held via Zoom on Saturday mornings from 9:30 – noon, starting on January 24 and running until March 28, 2026 (with no session on March 7). 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 January 13, 2026. For further information, please email moiraking@shaw.ca

SARHS Advent Carol Concert



St. Andrew's Regional High School's Advent Carol Concert, featuring readings & music by St. Andrew's Singers,

Concert Band, and Jazz Band, will take place in the school gym on Wed, Dec.17th at 7pm. The Advent Raffle will also be a highlight of the evening, featuring prize basket themes of chocolate, 'a cozy night in', and 'baking fun!' There is no charge for admission, everyone is welcome.

The Canadian Bishops Speak out on BILL C-9 An Act to amend the Criminal Code

The Canadian Government is debating an amendment to the Criminal Code to eliminate the religious exemption clause from Canada's hate speech legislation in Section 319 (3) (b) of the Criminal Code. The current provision in the Criminal Code slated for removal states: *(3) No person shall be convicted of an offence under subsection (2) [...] (b) if, in good faith, the person expressed or attempted to establish by an argument an opinion on a religious subject or an opinion based on a belief in a religious text.*" While the Church clearly condemns hatred and violence, as does our founder, the Bishops state: "the proposed elimination of the 'good faith' religious-text defence risks that clergy, educators, and others may fear that the expression of traditional moral or doctrinal teachings could be misinterpreted as hate speech and could subject the speaker to proceedings that threaten imprisonment of up to two years..."

What can you do? Take a few moments to read the letter from the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops expressing their deep concern regarding Bill C-9 which is found in the bulletin. I share the Bishop's grave concern with the amendment and its interference with our religious freedom and freedom of expression and therefore urge you to write to our Federal Member of Parliament for Victoria, The Hon. Will Greaves (will.greaves@parl.gc.ca) as well as to the Members of Parliament copied from the Canadian Bishop's letter:

- Hon. Sean Fraser, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada (mcu@justice.gc.ca / sean.fraser@parl.gc.ca)
- Patricia Lattanzio, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Justice (Patricia.Lattanzio@parl.gc.ca)
- Larry Brock, Conservative Shadow Minister for Justice (larry.brock@parl.gc.ca)
- Lori Idlout, NDP Critic for Justice (lori.idlout@parl.gc.ca)
- Rhéal Éloi Fortin, Bloc critic for Justice (rheal.fortin@parl.gc.ca)
- Elizabeth May, Green Party leader (elizabeth.may@parl.gc.ca)
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- Don Davies, interim NDP leader (don.davies@parl.gc.ca)
- Yves-François Blanchet, Bloc leader (Yves-Francois.Blanchet@parl.gc.ca)

Thank you for your consideration
Fr. Dean N. Henderson



4 December 2025

The Right Honourable Mark Carney, P.C., M.P.
Prime Minister of Canada
Office of the Prime Minister
Ottawa, ON
mark.carney@parl.gc.ca

Re: Proposed Restrictions on Religious Freedom – Bill C-9

Dear Prime Minister Carney,

On behalf of the Permanent Council of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCBC), we write to you today to express deep concern regarding recent reports that your government, in co-operation with the Bloc Québécois, plans to remove the long-standing religious exemption in Section 319(3)(b) of the *Criminal Code* as part of Bill C-9 amendments.¹

We recognize and unequivocally affirm the importance of condemning hatred, protecting vulnerable people and communities, and fostering a society in which every Canadian can live free from discrimination, intimidation, and violence. The Church has consistently supported appropriate measures to confront extremism and the promotion of hatred. We also understand the serious challenges that have emerged in recent years, including the increase in antisemitism and other forms of hateful speech and behaviours, many of which have targeted the Christian community. These actions leave a deep wound on the fabric of our country.

At the same time, the proposed elimination of the “good faith” religious-text defence raises significant concerns. This narrowly framed exemption has served for many years as an essential safeguard to ensure that Canadians are not criminally prosecuted for their sincere, truth-seeking expression of beliefs made without animus and grounded in long-standing religious traditions. Courts have made clear that only the most extreme forms of speech fall within the scope of hate-propaganda offences.

However, the removal of this provision risks creating uncertainty for faith communities, clergy, educators, and others who may fear that the expression of traditional moral or doctrinal teachings could be misinterpreted as hate speech and could subject the speaker to proceedings that threaten imprisonment of up to two years. As legal experts have noted, the public’s understanding of hate-speech and its legal implications are often far broader than what the *Criminal Code* actually captures. Eliminating a clear statutory safeguard will likely therefore have a chilling effect on religious expression, even if prosecutions remain unlikely in practice.

¹ *Criminal Code*, RSC 1985, c C-46, s 319(3)(b): “No person shall be convicted of an offence under subsection (2) [...] (b) if, in good faith, the person expressed or attempted to establish by an argument an opinion on a religious subject or an opinion based on a belief in a religious text”.

We are also mindful that the existing defence has been supported not only by Christian organizations, but also by civil liberties advocates who view it as an important component of Canada's constitutional commitment to freedom of religion, freedom of expression, and pluralism. Respect for these freedoms is not only a constitutional requirement but a foundational element of our national identity. The *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms* declares Canada to be "a free and democratic society".

For these reasons, we respectfully urge the Government of Canada:

- To ensure Bill C-9 does not remove the religious-text defence from the *Criminal Code*.

Or alternatively:

- To provide clear assurance through a public statement – including in any legislative record or parliamentary debate – that good-faith religious expression, teaching, and preaching will not be subject to criminal prosecution under the hate-propaganda provisions; and
- To commit to broad consultation with religious leaders, legal experts, and civil-liberties organizations before any amendments are made to Bill C-9 that would affect religious freedom.

We believe it is possible to achieve the shared objective of promoting a society free from genuine hatred while also upholding the constitutional rights of millions of Canadians who draw moral and spiritual guidance from their faith traditions.

We share these concerns in a spirit of dialogue and mutual respect, and we remain committed to working constructively with the government to ensure that legislation aimed at reducing hate does not inadvertently undermine the freedoms that sustain a healthy, diverse, and democratic Canada.

Sincerely,



The Most Rev. Pierre Goudreault
Bishop of Sainte-Anne-de-la-Pocatière and
President of the Canadian Conference
of Catholic Bishops

- cc. - Hon. Sean Fraser, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada (mcu@justice.gc.ca / sean.fraser@parl.gc.ca)
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News from the Diocese

- Mass times for Christmas and the Solemnity of Mary are now available on the diocesan website. The schedule includes times and locations provided by parishes across the Diocese of Victoria. Please find this list of Mass times here (more Mass times will be added as they become available):

<https://www.rcdvictoria.org/events/2025-christmas-mass-times>

- All are warmly invited to join Katesismong Pilipino (KP), the Filipino Catechism community of the Catholic Church in Victoria, for Simbang Gabi 2025, held December 15–23 at 7:00 pm at St. Andrew's Cathedral. Simbang Gabi, meaning "Night Mass," is a cherished nine-day devotional tradition celebrated by Filipino Catholics as a joyful preparation for Christmas. Everyone is welcome to come and share in this prayerful and festive season of faith.

- On Sunday, December 28, the Diocese of Victoria will join the worldwide Church in celebrating the Rite of Closing of the Jubilee Year. The Rite of Closing will happen at the 11 am Mass at St. Andrew's Cathedral in Victoria, with Bishop Gary Gordon presiding. All are invited to participate in person or via the livestream at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8BBaull-9vo>

- In celebration of the Jubilee of Hope declared by Pope Francis, Pope Leo XIV gifted 62 cultural artifacts from the Vatican Museums' Anima Mundi collection to the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, for immediate transfer to Indigenous communities in Canada. Learn more about the return of these artifacts: <https://www.cccb.ca/media-release/vatican-artifacts-return-to-canada/>

- The Diocese of Victoria is an Assistant to the Director of Faith Formation and Evangelization. The Assistant will help to carry out the primary mission of the Diocesan Ministry of Faith Formation and Evangelization: as agents of the Bishop of Victoria, serve the People of God to know, celebrate, contemplate, and live the Christian faith in the One Triune God. For more information and how to apply, please visit <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/employment>. Applications must be received by January 5, 2026

- Providence Living at The Views is seeking a part-time Spiritual Care Coordinator for 30 hours bi-weekly. The Spiritual Health Coordinator leads and develops spiritual care and mission effectiveness programs, and also works closely with managers and caregivers in the support and counselling of residents, their loved ones, and staff members. Find the job posting here: <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/employment>

Anawim Winter Clothing Drive



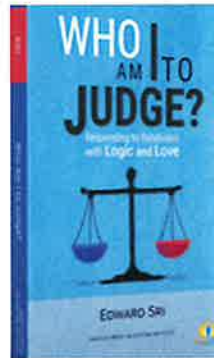
Anawim is holding their annual NEW winter clothing drive (including socks, underwear, gloves, toques, parkas, pants). Clothing may be placed in the wrapped box in the Narthex.

If you would like to make a donation but are unable to come to the Cathedral in person, contact Anawim House at info@anawimhouse.com or call 250-382-0283.

For financial contributions, please donate at www.anawimhouse.com or by mail at: Anawim House, 973 Caledonia Avenue, Victoria, BC V8T 1E7.

Your continued generosity in support of Anawim Companions Society is greatly appreciated!

Who Am I to Judge? Faith Study by Dr. Edward Sri.



Want something to boost you in living your faith afresh in the New Year? Join our next Faith Study course. This 8-part study program by Dr. Edward Sri gives us a vital key to how we can hold onto our morality and share our Catholic moral worldview even in a world that no longer believes in truth. Using engaging stories and personal experience, Edward Sri helps us understand the classical view of morality and equips us to engage relativism, appealing to both the head and the heart. Learn how Catholic morality is all about love, how making a judgment is not judging a person's soul, and how, in the words of Pope Francis, "relativism wounds people" and is "the spiritual poverty of our times."

Classes will be facilitated by Bernadette O'Connor and held on Wednesdays commencing January 14th, 2026 (for 8 weeks). Two classes will be offered each Wednesday, one in person at the Cathedral Office at 2pm and another on zoom at 6:30pm.

Please contact the Cathedral Office to register. Course books cost \$35 (subsidy can be provided if needed).



2025 Christmas Schedule

*Join us as we celebrate the birth of our Saviour, Jesus Christ
and the beginning of a new and holy year.*

Wednesday, Dec 24 Mass at 12:10 pm (*not a Christmas Vigil Mass*) (*Parish Office closed @ 1 pm;
Cathedral doors locked after Mass*)

Wednesday, Dec 24 CHRISTMAS EVE: (*Cathedral doors unlocked at 3:45 pm*)

- **5:00 pm Mass of Christmas Night** (*4:30 pm Pageant & Carol Singing*)
- **7:30 pm Mass of Christmas Night** (*7:00 pm Carol Singing*)
- **10:00 pm Mass of Christmas Night w/incense** (*9:30 pm Carol Singing*)

NOTE: *The first Mass of Christmas Eve is especially suited to young children as there is a pageant and family choir. Christmas Masses are crowded so please come early to secure seating. When the Cathedral has reached maximum seating capacity, standing-room-only options in the Narthex or outside on the plaza will be able to participate by hearing the Mass on external speakers.*

Thursday, Dec 25 CHRISTMAS DAY (*Parish Office closed*):

- **9:00 am Mass of Christmas Dawn** (*Cathedral doors unlocked at 8:00 am*)
- **11:00 am Mass of Christmas Day w/incense;** (*Cathedral doors locked after Mass*)

Friday, Dec 26 FEAST OF ST. STEPHEN (*Parish Office closed*):

- **11:30 am Confessions** (*Cathedral doors unlocked at 10:00 am*)
- **12:10 pm Mass** (*Cathedral doors locked after Mass*)

Monday, Dec 29 - Wednesday, December 31 (*7th day of Octave*) (*Parish Office closed @ 1 pm*):

- **11:30 am Confessions** (*Cathedral doors unlocked at 10:00 am*)
- **12:10 pm Mass** (*Cathedral doors locked after Mass*)

Wednesday, Dec 31 HOLY MARY, MOTHER OF GOD (*Parish Office closed @ 1 pm*):

- **5:00 pm Anticipated Mass**

Thursday, Jan 1 HOLY MARY, MOTHER OF GOD (*Parish Office closed*):

- **10:00 am Mass** (*Cathedral doors locked after Mass*)

Friday, January 2 (*Parish Office closed*):

- **11:30 am Confessions** (*Cathedral doors unlocked at 10:00 am*)
- **12:10 pm Mass** (*Cathedral doors locked after Mass*)

Regular Schedule resumes on Saturday, January 3rd

This Christmas join us to celebrate
SIMBANG GABI as we come together to
honor the birth of our Saviour, **JESUS CHRIST**.

These Masses are a beautiful Filipino
tradition, reminding us of the true meaning
of Christmas - Faith, Hope, and the joy of HIS
Coming.

Let's gather in prayer and celebration. See
you at:

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December 15th to 23rd 2025 at 7PM



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volunteer, visit RCDVictoria.org/Responsible-Ministry or call:
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<p>PRIEST</p> <p>1 - Dec 15 2 - Dec 16 3 - Dec 17 4 - Dec 18 5 - Dec 19 6 - Dec 20 7 - Dec 21 8 - Dec 22 9 - Dec 23</p>	<p>Rev. Fr. Dean Henderson Rev. Fr. Eduardo Santos Rev. Fr. Shijo George Rev. Fr. Scott Whittemore Rev. Fr. Alfredo Monacelli Rev. Fr. Dean Henderson Rev. Fr. Sean Flynn Rev. Fr. William Hann Bishop Gary Gordon Assisted by: Rev. Phillip Yuson</p>
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CO- CELEBRANT:
Filipino Priest: Rev. Fr. Vince Borre

PANUNULUYAN- DECEMBER 23, 2025 (RIGHT AFTER THE
HOLY MASS) "FILIPINO CHRISTMAS REENACTMENT OF MARY
AND JOSEPH'S SEARCH FOR A PLACE TO STAY IN
BETHLEHEM"

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