



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 – 9.:20am

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

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
May 9	May 30 (5 pm)	July 4 Sep 12	July 26 (9 am) Sep 27 (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

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 Apr 6

Parish Office Closed, Cathedral Closes After Mass

11:30 am Sacrament of Reconciliation

12:10 pm **MASS** for Diane Picken +

Tue Apr 7

11:30 am Sacrament of Reconciliation

12:10 pm **MASS** for Ferd Keay +

6:00 pm Legion of Mary (*DCR*)

7:30 pm Prayer Group (*Zoom*)

Wed Apr 8

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

Parish Office Opens at 9:30 am

11:30 am Sacrament of Reconciliation

12:00 pm MASS for Int. of Annette Turgeon

7:00 pm Break Free (*MTL*)

Thu Apr 9

11:30 am Sacrament of Reconciliation

12:10 pm **MASS** for Douglas Ian Campbell +

Fri Apr 10

10:30 am Sacrament of Reconciliation

10:45 am Lectio Divina (*Library*)

12:10 pm **MASS** for Kazimierz Sapijaszko +

7:00 pm Couples for Christ Prayer Assembly (*Seghers Hall*)

Sat Apr 11

8:50 am Eucharistic Adoration

9:30 am **MASS** for Betty Van Der Vlugh +

3:45 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

5:00 pm **MASS** for Int. of David Anthony Say

6:00 pm Young Adult Scripture Study (*MTL*)

6:00 pm Couples for Christ CLP (*Seghers Hall*)

Sun Apr 12 DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

9:00 am **MASS** for Joji Fortin +

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

12:30 pm Sacramental Preparation (Teen class only)

1:00 pm El Shaddai (*Seghers Hall*)

2:30 pm **Divine Mercy Prayer Service** (*Cathedral*)

5:00 pm **MASS** for Ron Boechler +

6:00 pm Knights of Columbus Exemplification (*Cathedral*)

6:00 pm KP Core (*Library*)



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"He is not here; for he has risen!"

Matthew 28:6

The Resurrection fills the world with new life and hope. When we follow God's call, we share in that new life and help bring hope to others.

How does the joy of Easter renew your faith and sense of purpose?

Pray for those discerning vocations to experience the joy of the Risen Christ and to bring that joy into the world.

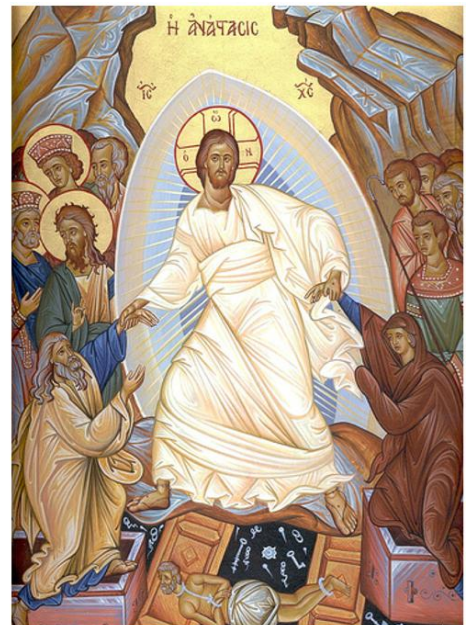
Christ's resurrection opens the way to new life and hope for all who follow Him. Through priesthood and consecrated life, men and women share in this victory over sin and death, bringing the joy of the Risen Lord to others through prayer and service.

Could God be calling you to serve? 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.

He Is Risen! Alleluia!



From the Rector's Desk

Easter Sunday

Alleluia

Even with the happy anticipation of Bishop Gary presiding at the Triduum celebration this week, I'm still poring over the rubrics (liturgical directions) and the Scriptures (and commentaries) in anticipation of celebrating Easter Sunday Masses and proclaiming afresh the central truth of the cosmos and our Catholic faith. I want to affirm the Cathedral clergy, staff and volunteers who make our Cathedral worship so holy and wholly participatory. This was on full display at the Chrism Mass last week with 'A+' effort by musicians and choir, servers, sacristan, readers and Eucharistic ministers, ushers and Couples for Christ oil dispensers, liturgy booklet producers, and the list goes on. Mind you we can sure encounter challenges along the liturgical way! Murphy, of 'Murphy's ecclesial law', joined us just prior to the dramatic eventful Palm/Passion Mass on Sunday when incense coals were ignited in the sacristy right below the sensitive smoke detector. With alarms blaring, Victoria fire department personnel arriving, along with the 870 parishioners awaiting Mass, we had a steep learning curve to remedy the false alarm. With new insight as to the location and accessibility to the alarm control panel, I'm a better Rector for it, but sure hope we don't ever have a recurrence, or God forbid, an actual fire.

Our holiest of liturgies all year will be this Easter Vigil and all the aforementioned effort will be pressed into God's service. But there will be significant addition as we celebrate Christ's triumphal resurrection from death: the entrance into baptismal life of our 'elect' adults and the reception into full communion through Confirmation and Holy Communion of our 'candidates'. This is the culmination and climax of a long evangelistic, pastoral, and catechetical formation through Christian conversion for 18 elect and 15 candidates. I'd like to acknowledge the RCIA team of formators which includes our Cathedral coordinator Betty Boechler, along with city coordinators the Whiteley's and all our crucial sponsors who have accompanied these wonderful new Catholics. We have seen a tripling of our numbers and next year's formation is already filling up with participants as God calls more people 'home' to the Church. If you're a happy Catholic in good standing with Church teaching, we'd like to hear from you as we'll need more sponsors next year. I'd like to specifically welcome all our new Catholics and congratulate them on the commencement of a wild and wonderful adventure of faith in Christ in communion with the 'One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church'. There's no life like it. It's not easy to be faithful but it's so beautiful to

be in close intimate communion with Jesus and his bride, the Church. God bless you all and welcome!

Divine Mercy Sunday will once again be a busy one, with all three regularly scheduled Masses, and in addition we'll have a 1:00 p.m. Mass with baptisms and confirmations for those unable to make the Vigil, or for whom the Vigil wasn't the appropriate liturgy for their sacraments (e.g. Catholic adults who are later to receive Confirmation). There will also be a Divine Mercy liturgy at 2:30 p.m. that Deacon Philip will lead. Saturday the 11th, once again I invite young adults to join me in Scripture Study after the Saturday 5:00 p.m. Mass. To all of you, the family of St. Andrew's Cathedral, with Bishop Gary, I wish you a hope-filled and happy Easter. God bless you all.

Fr. Dean



Bishop Gary blessing the holy oils at the Chrism Mass

Divine Mercy Sunday



Come and receive the incredible graces that Jesus wants to pour out on those who venerate and invoke his Mercy. In union with churches throughout the world, we will celebrate the Feast of Divine Mercy on **Sunday, April 12th**, with a special prayer time beginning at **2:30 pm**. To fittingly observe the Feast of Mercy, we should:

- Sincerely repent of all our sins
- Place our complete trust in Jesus
- Go to Confession, preferably before the Feast
- Receive Holy Communion on the day of the Feast (or its Vigil)
- Venerate the Image of The Divine Mercy
- Be merciful to others, through our actions, words, and prayers on their behalf

Source Faith Study

A follow-up to the *Discovery* faith study frequently offered at St. Andrew's Cathedral, *Source* invites participants to encounter the third person of the Trinity, the Holy Spirit, and to unpack his vital role in our lives: to direct us to be holy, and empower us to overcome our sinfulness.



Whether or not you've already participated in *Discovery*, you're invited! The *Source* faith study will run for 6 weeks, and will be held on Monday evenings from 7 – 8:30 pm beginning April 13th. Please contact Matthew at morlowski@rcdvictoria.org to sign up!

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. We're looking for someone with a welcoming attitude and eye for detail, who can comfortably prioritize duties and work well 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.

St. Patrick's CWL – Spring Clothing Sale

Spring has arrived and with that comes the anticipation of the St. Patrick's Catholic Women's League' Annual Spring (Gently Used) Clothing Sale that is being held this year on Friday, April 17th, and Saturday 18th from 9:30am -2pm in Our Lady of Lourdes Hall. The 2026 Spring Clothing Sale includes Jewellery, Book Sale, and Great Accessories. Lots of items for everyone at bargain prices! The CWL are now gratefully accepting donations of men's, women's and children's clothing and shoes along with household linens, Jewellery, books, and jigsaw puzzles. Items can be left on the marked carts in the hall closet area at St. Patrick's Parish. Please note they are NOT accepting any other items at this time. Thank you for your support.

Anawim Board Recruitment

Are you passionate about giving back to your local community? Are you interested in making a difference in the lives of people who need healing, support, love, dignity and respect? The Anawim Companions Society is more than a charity; it's a living community where compassion ignites transformation and dignity is restored through countless moments of kindness and care.

The Anawim Companions Society is seeking passionate, strategic, creative leaders with strong business acumen to join our Board of Directors. As a volunteer member, you will play a key role in supporting the strategic direction, ensuring compliance and financial sustainability, and enhancing the community profile of Anawim House and Susan's Place as they continue to grow and evolve. Check out the website for more information: www.anawimsociety.ca.

We are currently looking for individuals with varied experience to fill three roles:

1. Financial Governance & Treasurer
2. Chair
3. Fund Development and Major Gifts Director

If you are interested in learning more about the positions or to apply, please email: president@anawimsociety.ca

Mount Joy Men's Formation Program:

May 3-10

This week-long residential program is an opportunity for men 19+ to grow in competencies and confidence through human formation. Participants can expect:

- Daily prayer and physical exercise
- 3 sessions each day focused on practical, human, and intellectual formation.
- 9+ faculty members, all well-established Catholic men actively working in their professions.
- Diverse topics such as how to change your car oil and tire, basic carpentry skills, cultivating etiquette and personal discipline, St. Thomas Aquinas' teachings on virtuous living, and more.

For full information package and registration details use the QR code or visit <https://forms.gle/ZpSAmF15tNHeyqR86>

Prayer in the Style of Taizé



Join us for Prayer in the Style of Taizé at St. Joseph the Worker (753 Burnside Road West) at 6:00 pm on Friday:

- April 17
- May 15
- Jun 19



Everyone welcome. 'A way of searching for God in silence and prayer in the midst of daily life.'
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News from the Chancery

- Would you like to help restore an important Garry Oak ecosystem? On April 12 and running every 2nd and 4th Sunday from 1–4 pm, all are invited to come rain or shine to build community and help remove invasive species from our property on the slopes of Christmas Hill. Please meet in the Sacred Heart parking lot (4044 Nelthorpe Street, Victoria). For more information and to sign up, email jseale1234@gmail.com or visit: <https://garry-oak-ecosystem-restoration-2026.eventbrite.ca>
- Island Catholic Schools warmly invite you to their annual Joy of Music Concert at the UVic Farquhar Auditorium on Tuesday, April 14, 2026, at 6 pm. This special evening showcases the musical talents of students from St. Patrick's, St. Joseph's, and St. Andrew's, bringing our communities together in celebration through choir, band, and musical theatre performances. Join us for an inspiring night as our young musicians share their dedication, creativity, and passion for music while honouring the spirit of our Island Catholic Schools community. Purchase tickets by calling the UVic Box Office at (250) 721-8480 or online at: <https://purchase.tickets.uvic.ca/EventAvailability?EventId=12601>

St. Andrew's High School Dry Grad Fundraiser

The 2026 graduating class of St. Andrew's High School is raising funds to support a "dry grad" (alcohol- and drug-free) graduation celebration following the formal graduation ceremony.

They will be hosting a bottle drive, car wash, and barbecue on Saturday, April 25 at the high school (880 McKenzie Ave). Drop off your refundable bottles and cans, get your vehicle washed by donation, and grab some lunch!

Businesses and individuals may also make tax-deductible financial donations (tax receipt available upon request) or donations of products, services, or gift cards that can be used in an online auction. Contact the Grad Committee at sarhsgrad26@gmail.com to make a donation or to inquire no later than May 8.

Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day) Commemoration

"Remembrance of the Shoah : Our Family Stories"

The Victoria Shoah Project invites you to attend Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day) service on Sunday, April 12th, 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM at the Victoria Jewish Cemetery on Cedar Hill Road (south from Hillside Ave.).

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Join us for an exciting one-day youth retreat!

- Grades 4 - 7
- Saturday, May 2, 2026
- St. Joseph's Elementary School
757 Burnside Rd. West, Victoria, BC
- Presented by NET Ministries
- Cost: \$75
- Register by April 17

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DARE TO Hope

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Join us for a weekend of faith, fun and friendship!

- Grades 7 - 12
- May 8 - 10, 2026
- Camp Imadene
9175 S Shore Rd, Mesachie Lake, BC
- Presented by NET Ministries
- Cost: \$199

Youth must provide their own adult chaperones, through an RCDV Youth Group or otherwise.

REGISTER ON EVENTBRITE by April 17

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Easter 2026

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Eastertime comes to us all with the glorious announcement of the women who are first to witness to the empty tomb, early in the morning. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary are the first to be sent by the Risen Jesus: “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.” (Matthew 28:10).

Yes, He is Risen! The Prince of Peace, with the Cross’ painful effects still visible on his body, and his last words echoing for all time from the cross: “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” (Matthew 27:46). This desperate cry, which is the prayer of millions of people today in the wars and conflicts of our times, is heard by our God.

Pain and death do not have the final word. But rather, the final word is the love and mercy that is alive in the person of Jesus, who greets us at each encounter: “Peace be with you” (John 20:21). This encounter with the Risen Jesus is the inspirational hope of the newly baptized this Easter, and the hope of all the faithful around the world who bear Christ’s peace with persevering confidence.

Happy Easter,

Most Reverend Gary Gordon
Bishop of Victoria

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