

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 —*	
Baptism	**Prep Class**	**Baptism**
Nov 28 (5pm)	Jan 9 Mar 13	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 Nov 30 ST. ANDREW
11:30 am Sacrament of Reconciliation
12:10 pm **MASS** for the Int. of the Jose Family
7:00 pm Discovery & Growth Faith Studies *(Parish Centre)*

Tue Dec 1
11:30 am Sacrament of Reconciliation
12:10 pm **MASS** for Pedro Kwan & Family +
6:00 pm Legion of Mary *(DCR)*
7:30 pm Prayer Group *(Zoom)*

Wed Dec 2
Parish Office Opens at 9:30 am
11:30 am Sacrament of Reconciliation
12:10 pm **MASS** for Eric Rios +
2:00 pm Beginning Apologetics Bible Study (*CDR*)
6:30 pm Beginning Apologetics Bible Study (*Zoom*)
7:00 pm Choir Practice (9 am) *(CDR)*
7:00 pm *Catholic in Recovery*: Men's Purity *(MTL)*

Thu Dec 3 ST. FRANCIS XAVIER
11:30 am Sacrament of Reconciliation
12:10 pm **MASS** for Monica Lu +
7:00 pm Choir Practice (11 am) *(CDR)*

Fri Dec 4 ST. JOHN DOMASCENE
10:30 am Sacrament of Reconciliation
10:45 am Lectio Divina *(Library)*
12:10 pm **MASS** for Gregory Zhang +
7:00 pm Couples for Christ Prayer Assembly *(Seghers Hall)*

Sat Dec 5
8:25 am Rosary for Vocations
8:50 am Eucharistic Adoration
9:30 am **MASS** for Lucy Zheng +
3:45 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:00 pm **MASS** for Diane Picken +
6:00 pm Youth Discipleship (*Parish Centre*)

Sun Dec 6 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
9:00 am **MASS** for the Int. of Maureen Patrick Hickey
11:00 am **MASS** for St. Andrew's Cathedral Parishioners
12:30 pm Sacramental Preparation *(Parish Centre)*
5:00 pm **MASS** for Mimi Leung +

✞ Rosary for Vocations

A parish rosary for vocations (and for our seminarians) is said at 8:25AM every Saturday morning before Adoration.

We are also looking for more volunteers to lead the Rosary. If you are interested, please text or email Bernadette on 250-896-4136 or bernadette.oconnor@wsp.com

Celebrating Vocations at the Cathedral

"Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come."

(Mark 13:33)

Advent begins with Christ's call to remain watchful and attentive.

God's call is first heard when we learn to recognize His voice amid the distractions of daily life.

Could the Lord be inviting you to consider priesthood or consecrated life, serving His people with a generous heart?

Stay awake to His call through prayer, Eucharistic Adoration, and time with Scripture. Talk to Fr. Dean or the Director of Vocations for the Diocese: Fr. Alfredo Monacelli: amonacelli@rcdvictoria.org

Bishop's Appeal 2026

Each year, through the annual Bishop's Appeal, we come together as a Diocesan family to share Christ's love and support those most in need. This year, our Appeal, *Be the Light*, extends our generosity beyond our borders through a partnership with Aid to the Church in Need, a global Catholic charity dedicated to supporting Christian communities facing persecution, oppression, and hardship through prayer, advocacy, and humanitarian assistance.

Through this partnership, funds raised by our Diocese will support Christians in need in Lebanon, where the Maronite Church is providing essential food and hope to 7,500 displaced people facing hardship and uncertainty. Your generosity will help them provide families with vital assistance, compassion, and hope for a brighter tomorrow.

Parish Goal: $ 107,000; **Actual to Date:** $ 103,017.53; **Number of Gifts:** 286; **% of Goal Pledged:** 96.28%

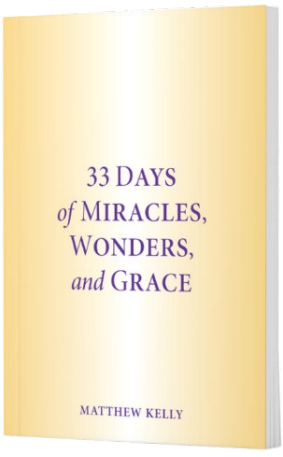
Thank you to those who have already donated. Copies of the Bishop's Appeal brochure are available in the Cathedral Narthex for those who did not receive it by mail.

From the Rector's Desk

1st Sunday of Advent **November 29, 2026**

I'm writing mid-week, in close physical proximity to the powerful winds and huge surging waves pummeling the Island, with gratitude that I'm warm and dry. Jesus' referral to Peter the Rock on which he'd build his Church comes to mind. In spite of the varied potentially destructive elements that besiege our faith and the Church built upon the apostle Peter's faith, the gates of hades will not prevail. Surely that inspired St. Andrew Dung-Lac and 116 other Vietnamese martyrs who gave up their lives 'with', 'for', and 'in' Jesus in the mid 1800's (feast day November 24). As they were decapitated, hung, burned and whipped to death, or died during their imprisonment, the storm of persecution must have been fearsome, but the Rock of Christ and his Church's love proved more powerful. Whatever challenge we might be facing: Vietnamese martyrs…. pray for us!

In two more weeks, on December 12 and 13, we're going to offer a different format for your spiritual growth in Advent. Previous 'missions' extended from weekend Masses through the mid-week have proven to be poorly attended for various and sundry reasons. Rather than throwing in the towel, we want to extend an invitation for you to build upon your Sunday holy obligation just a bit. With an excellent preacher/teacher in Archbishop (Winnipeg - retired) Richard Gagnon, plan to hear at least one of his post Mass 'conferences' which will all be different and not require you hear the previous teaching. There will be three occasions; Saturday morning, Saturday evening and Sunday early afternoon. But don't just plan to fill your head with the inspiring proclamation of the Word of God (he gave our talks at the Abbey retreat last June and they were wonderful), plan to fill your heart with the love of Christ's very presence in two occasions for quiet exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Adoration on Saturday morning and evening. And if prompted by the Holy Spirit, you'll have four occasions to seek Advent peace in the sacrament of reconciliation with a number of priests available. I encourage you to take advantage of any or all of this Advent retreat. Come Lord Jesus!



I'm working through Matthew Kelly's "33 Days of Miracles, Wonders and Grace" (pictured) which you will all receive as a Christmas gift at Masses. The stories of God's goodness are truly inspiring and we hope that not only faithful, weekly worshippers will be blessed by it, but importantly for the mission of the Church, we hope the many 'irregulars' who come at Christmas will be blessed by it. Pray and prepare to invite those lapsed and curious people to our Christmas Masses!! During Advent, I plan on drawing on some content for my homilies and then encourage you to start the 33 days on December 29 with a consecration to God the Trinity on January 31st.

A last word of gratitude for our Finance Committee that met this week to compile and approve the Cathedral budget for 2027. You may be surprised to know that my education began at U.B.C.'s Faculty of Commerce until God make it clear that he wanted me to focus on souls more than spreadsheets. However, in the priestly ministry of pastoring a Church I still need to manage personnel, budgets and buildings, as well as souls. Hence, I'm personally grateful for the expertise of Doug Smibert who for years has offered guidance to our sometimes complex financial systems, and the oversight of the Finance Committee which offers more scrutiny than I have time for. Be assured that I attempt to manage the Cathedral as I have my family: with faith in God, honesty, generosity, frugality, and lots of love.

Peace to you all this brand-new liturgical season in Christ.

Fr. Dean

Stella Maris Ministry 2026

To learn more about status of the Stella Maris Catholic Ministry to Seafarers, use the following QR Code

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!

News from the Chancery

CCCB urges Parliament to split Bill C-41 and reject advance requests for euthanasia

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) is urging Parliament to reconsider proposed changes to federal euthanasia legislation, particularly provisions that would permit advance requests for euthanasia. The bishops are calling for the continued exclusion of euthanasia and assisted suicide when mental illness is the sole underlying medical condition, and the removal of provisions allowing advance requests for euthanasia. To learn more and see how you can support this effort visit: https://www.rcdvictoria.org/news/cccb-urges-parliament-to-split-bill-c-41-and-reject-advance-requests-for-euthanasia

Our Lady of the Rosary 50/50 Draw

The construction of the new Our Lady of the Rosary Church and Parish Centre is progressing! If you would like to help support the ongoing construction and development costs, you are invited to support their 50/50 Draw. Every ticket purchased contributes directly to completing the new church, where it will serve parishioners and the wider community for generations to come. Purchase your tickets today at: https://rafflebox.ca/raffle/oltrp/





Did You Know?

Did you know that one of the best ways to donate to the Cathedral and support its mission is also one of the most tax beneficial for you?

We are talking about choosing to donate to the Cathedral by gifting some publicly traded shares you own. Once you decide on the amount, the rest is easy, with all of the necessary paperwork handled by your broker or financial institution working with the Cathedral office. When you gift your shares, no capital gains is payable by you so the Cathedral gets the full market value of the shares, making it a great way to donate. Plus, you get a tax receipt for the corresponding full value. It's a true win-win way to support the Cathedral, as some parishioners have been doing for years.

If you are thinking about ways that you can provide greater support to the mission and ministries of our Cathedral, please take a minute to consider whether this way of donating might be a good option for you. You may also wish to talk with your financial advisor who will be familiar the advantages of this form of giving!

Contact the Cathedral office at 250-388-5571 or email saintandrewsoffice@gmail.com for more information!

2027 Sunday Missal Sale

Sunday Missals for the 2026–2027 liturgical year are available for purchase ($5) from the parish office while supplies last.

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A Story of Hope: Boris' Story
A Care Aid's Experience.

For privacy concerns, I have changed this gentleman's name and I submitted this testimony anonymously.

I have worked in Long Term Care for a number of years, and this was my first experience with a senior who had arranged for medical assistance in dying. When Boris was transferred from the hospital to the Home, the date for MAiD had already been finalized. He was only staying with us until the lethal injection could be administered. I want to share this story because it clearly shows how a little bit of loving attention goes a long way to provide a person with hope and, ultimately, save a life.

Boris had immigrated to Canada from Europe a year ago. During his retirement years in his home country, he had suffered a tragic accident which unfortunately left him a paraplegic. Hoping to reunite with his daughter and grandson living in Canada, he moved in with them.
Although his family cared for him the best they could, they had demanding work schedules and they were unable to provide sufficient help because of his complex health needs. Due to the possibility of malnourishment and other co-occurring health issues, Boris ended up in local hospital.

It was there that certain circumstances led to long days of isolation for Boris and, eventually, his deep depression. He did not speak English, there was limited access to a translator, and family could not visit since they had no vehicle. So, numerous promptings and reminders from various doctors and nurses about the easy availability and logical option of euthanasia seemed to be the only way for Boris to end his pain and loneliness. Once his decision for MAiD was finalized, he was transferred to our Long-Term Care Home for his final two weeks of life.

I will never forget the day when my manager informed me of Boris's plan, adding "how good it is that in Canada people are allowed to make up their own minds about such things." I was so overcome with sadness and shocked by her opinion that I could only respond that "It was a shame for someone to lose all hope".

I was hesitant to enter Boris' room when he first arrived. The tragic situation made me feel uncomfortable, at a loss for words and even a bit fearful. How should I act? What could I say? I also had no idea how to use Google Translate. After a day, however, I thought that maybe I should just pop in to say hello. If he was hesitant to engage me in a conversation, I would still be polite and kind to him. Since my manager had instructed me as to how to use the translator, I felt confident that I could at least ask Boris some questions about his life experiences.

The man who greeted me was a gentleman full of surprises. With a little prompting, Boris was incredibly talkative, charming, humorous, and eager to share such interesting stories. He reminded me of my grandfather who had passed away five years ago, and I recall that even his cologne reminded me of him. When he found out that I was a Recreation/Activation aide, he asked if we could play a "word game." Google Translator worked "miracles" throughout our communications, and although it was slower than a normal conversation, it was literally a life saver. This was the beginning of a beautiful relationship and Boris was no longer the resident who had chosen MAiD. He was a gentleman who was becoming a very dear friend.

From the Desk of Respect Life Ministry

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Advent Retreat

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December 12th - 13th, 2026

Saturday December 12th

8:45 AM	Adoration
9:30 AM	Mass
10:15 AM	Conference By Abp. Richard Gagnon
11.00-12.00 PM	Confessions Confessors: Frs. Claude, Dean, Michael Tran, Abp. Gagnon
2:30-4:30 PM	Confessions Confessors: Frs. Sean, Silvan, Abp. Gagnon
5:00 PM	Mass
6:15-7:00 PM	Conference By Abp. Richard Gagnon
7:00 PM	Adoration & Confessions Confessors: Frs. Claude, Dean, Sean, Shijo

Sunday December 13th

9:00 AM	Mass
11:00 AM	Mass
12:30-1:15 PM	Conference By Abp. Richard Gagnon
2:30-4:30 PM	Confessions Confessors: Frs. Alfredo, Dean, Sean, Abp. Gagnon



Retreat Speaker

Abp. Emeritus Richard Gagnon

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