



ST. ANDREW'S CATHEDRAL

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

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Schedule:

Daily Mass:

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

Sunday Mass:

Saturday: 9:30 am; 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
Sep 12 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

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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 Aug 31

11:30 am Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

Tue Sept 1 **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE CARE OF CREATION**

11:30 am Sacrament of Reconciliation

12:10 pm **MASS** for Pedro Kwan & Family +

5:00 pm Legion of Mary (DCR)

7:30 pm Prayer Group (Zoom)

Wed Sept 2 **Parish Office Opens at 9:30 am**

11:30 am Sacrament of Reconciliation

12:10 pm **MASS** for Rene R Morrell +

Thu Sept 3 **ST. GREGORY THE GREAT**

11:30 am Sacrament of Reconciliation

12:10 pm **MASS** for Inge Schliewinsky +

Fri Sept 4

10:30 am Sacrament of Reconciliation

10:45 am Lectio Divina (Library)

12:10 pm **MASS** for Alan Whitehead +

2:00 pm **WEDDING:** Martin & Muboyayi

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

Sat Sept 5

8:50 am Eucharistic Adoration

9:30 am **MASS** for Yolanda McKimmie +

2:00 pm Handmaids of the Lord (DCR)

3:00 pm **WEDDING:** Austin & MacDougall

3:45 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

5:00 pm **MASS** for those interred in the Columbarium +

6:00 pm Young Adults Fellowship (Parish Centre)

Cathedral Children's Choir

Calling all Young Voices!

Fr. Dean invites children in Grades 1-7 to join a new Cathedral children's choir! This is a wonderful opportunity to grow in faith and community through music.

Practices will be held on select Sundays between the 9:00 and 11:00 am Masses, starting this fall.

Parents: If your child is interested, please contact the Parish Office, attention to the Music Director.

Sun Sept 6 **23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

9:00 am **MASS** for Diane Picken +

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

5:00 pm **MASS** for Lydia Cuizon +

Celebrating Vocations at the Cathedral

*"Whoever wishes to come after Me
must deny himself, take up his
cross, and follow Me."*

(Matthew 16:24)

Following Jesus often means surrendering our own plans for something greater. Each vocation calls us to trust that God's path, even when difficult, leads to true joy.

What are some ways you've experienced God's blessings after taking a leap of faith?

Pray for those discerning their vocation, that they may have the courage to follow wherever Christ leads.

Jesus, the cornerstone, calls us to build His Church. In holy matrimony, couples become cornerstones of love and faith for a family. Have you talked to your children about their vocation? Pray with them and walk alongside them as they discern how God may be calling them to build up God's Church.

✠ 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, Saturday October 3rd. Meet at Mile 0 in Beacon Hill Park at 10:30 am. Potluck at St. Andrew's Cathedral to follow.

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

From the Rector's Desk

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

As I was enjoying an extraordinary holiday in Europe this past summer, I found myself occasionally strangely sentimental and sad at the passage of time. God has been so good and faithful in relation to marriage and family life, as well as sustaining me in ministry for about 45 years; with profound gratitude, I grieved the passage of time in anticipation of letting go of loved ones. I don't doubt the reality of heaven and look forward to embracing the joy of eternal life, but eternal life in the love of Jesus is infused in this earthly existence too. Embracing the next life requires a preparatory detachment from this one and I don't find it particularly emotionally simple. Similarly, but less profoundly, I think of the Church/chronological year in 3 seasons, and we're just departing the peaceful and serene liturgical summer months that follow Easter. Now we hit the ground running with the September wind up of varied programs during a second season that will take us to Advent and Christmas. Liturgically speaking the third season between Christmas through Lent and Easter is spiritually the most intense and richest, and requires immense grace inspired human effort. Allow me just a bit of sentiment as I let this summer of celebration, rest and miraculous healing intervention, go!

So here are a few things that resume and commence in September:

1. Young Adult fellowships – Adoration following first Saturday Vigil Mass (September 5th) and third Saturday Scripture Study following Saturday 5 p.m. Mass (September 19th)
2. Men's Scripture Study resumes in the Parish Centre library 7:00 a.m. Wednesday the 16th. Come and enjoy an hour of fellowship pondering the Scriptures for the following Sunday Mass.
3. All catechism children's classes commence after an introductory meeting with parents in the Segher's Hall following the 11 a.m. Mass on September 20th.
4. Something new we're calling a ministry fair follows Masses the weekend of September 12 & 13. It's an occasion to celebrate and promote a wide variety of fellowships and service opportunities that advance the mission of Christ at St. Andrew's.
5. RCIA officially begins at St. Joseph's on September 24th with other parishes of the city, but St. Andrew's sponsors and candidates will gather the evenings of September 10th and 17th prior to that

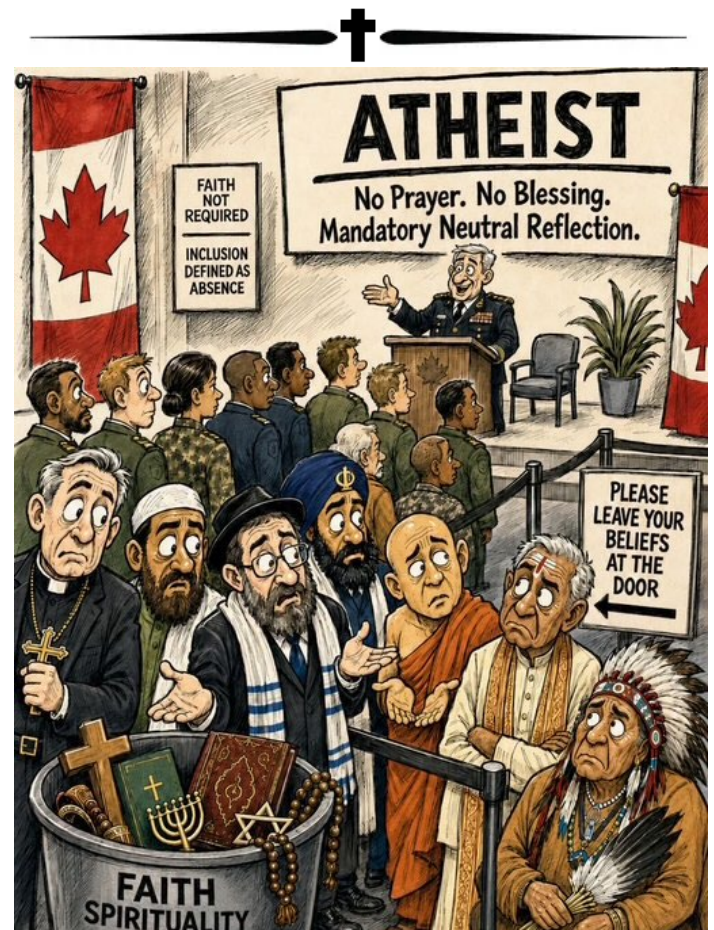
to commence the good work of getting to know one another in Christ.

6. We're in a bit of uncharted waters as we attempt to start up a children's choir. Stay tuned.

These are just a few of the many ministries that enrich our Catholic lives at the Cathedral. Your weekly bulletin (yes, we resume regular publication) and weekend Mass announcements should keep you in the know.

God bless you all in whatever season of life you find yourself in, as we transition to the next season in the Church year.

Fr. Dean



The Most Rev. Scott McCaig, C.C., Bishop of the Military Ordinariate of Canada, has publicly objected to a new Canadian Armed Forces' (CAF) policy (issued July 29, 2026) requiring military chaplain and personnel to deliver spiritual reflections without faith-specific words, actions, or symbols.

See full statement here:
<https://files.ecatholic.com/24851/documents/2026/8/Bishops%20Statement%2010%20Aug%202026.pdf?t=1786976708000>

News from the Chancery

Season of Creation 2026

September 1 marks the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation and marks the beginning of the Season of Creation, a special season of ecumenical solidarity where Christians come together in prayer and action to protect our common home. Learn more about this season, read the Holy Father's message, and see how you can get involved at:

<https://www.rcdvictoria.org/diocesanblog/season-of-creation-2026-living-waterDiocesan>

New Zoom Marriage Preparation Course Schedule

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Victoria Marriage Office is pleased to announce the following dates in 2026-2027 for the Zoom Synchronous Marriage Preparation Courses:

- October 2 & 3, 2026 Friday, 7-10pm PT and Saturday, 9am-4pm PT
- January 8 & 9, 2027 Friday, 7-10pm PT and Saturday, 9am-4pm PT
- April 9 & 10, 2027 Friday, 7-10pm PT and Saturday, 9am-4pm PT

(Couples must attend both Friday and Saturday sessions in order to receive a certificate of completion.)

Registration is now open for the October 2/3, 2026 course. For details or to register please check our website: <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/marriage-prep>

Columbia Earthquake Relief Efforts - Caritas Canada

A devastating 7.4 magnitude earthquake has impacted countless families displaced across western Colombia. Many in our community have loved ones directly affected by this tragedy. In response, we are encouraging our community to support relief efforts through Development and Peace – Caritas Canada, which has launched an emergency collection to assist those affected by the earthquake. To learn more about they are doing on the ground and to donate visit: <https://devp.org/en/colombia-earthquake-how-to-help/>

Mark Your Calendar: Prayer in the Style of Taizé

Join us for Prayer in the Style of Taizé at 6:00 pm on September 18, October 16, and November 20, 2026. Taizé is a meditative candle-lit service that centers around music, prayer, simple chants, and periods of silence, to quiet the mind, open the heart and feed the soul.

St Elizabeth Catholic Church – Sidney BC

Your presence is requested and desired!

Stella Maris



We had our Mass for seafarers on August 14th, the Eve of our Lady's Assumption. 30 seafarers came, the largest group we ever had. The Rosaries were gone as well as the Bibles, which Ray got from the Diocesan archives. There was food and of course, fellowship. Special thanks to Fr Joseph and of course, my brother Knights of Columbus.

Ray's wife, Ani, brought some Indonesian bibles to be given to some Indonesian crew who requested them.

Please pray a Hail Mary for:

1. Thanksgiving for the Mass, for those who helped and donated the rosaries and food.
2. Wisdom to plan for the rest of the season.
3. Protection of all seafarers who visit the island and also those who ply dangerous routes.

Ut in Omnibus, Glorificetur Deus

Deacon Philip Yuson



Group photo at the Mass for seafarers on August 14th

Interested in Becoming Catholic?

(RCIA — Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)



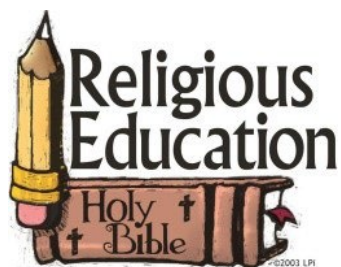
Are you interested in becoming Catholic? Parishes in the Victoria area are collaborating to offer an opportunity to come together to learn more about our faith through the RCIA program. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to

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



Sacramental Preparation 2026-27 Registration Open!



Registration is now open for the 2026-27 year of Sacramental Preparation! Children at least 7 years old and teens will receive weekly catechesis to help nurture them in the faith and grow as a community

while preparing to receive the grace of the sacraments of Reconciliation (Confession), Eucharist (1st Communion), and Confirmation.

Our sacramental preparation program is designed as a two-year program running from fall into the spring. Children in Year 1 will prepare for the sacrament of Reconciliation, then in Year 2 they will prepare for the reception of their First Communion as well as Confirmation. Teens will prepare for any sacraments they may have missed in a separate one-year program.

Registration forms can be found in the church narthex, at the parish office, or requested via email at standrewscathedral@gmail.com

Beginning Apologetics

A Catholic Perspective of Steadfast Hope expressed with Gentleness and Respect

Sept 23 to Nov 25 – 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 - 2PM in-person at Parish Centre or 6:30PM on zoom video meeting. Facilitator is Bernadette O'Connor. Registration required at Parish Office. Cost is \$25 for course handouts.

Good works recently performed by the Society



A senior woman preparing to return home from the hospital needed essential supplies for the transition. A St Andrew's Conference member delivered

a food hamper from our Social Concern Office and the Conference purchased much-needed adult protective underwear. We also gifted her a rosary as she mentioned she was thinking of reconnecting with the Church.

An elderly man requiring day surgery at the hospital needed assistance. Conference volunteers were able to provide him assurances of our support both before, and on the day. The volunteers provided much needed and appreciated transportation, physical and emotional support.

In addition to good works performed by Conference members, the Society provides emergency assistance, household items, affordable housing for seniors and vulnerable individuals, daycare for children and programs for adults with diverse abilities. We are dedicated to helping people in need on Vancouver Island.

To join the Society, please contact Brian Mann: brian.mann7@gmail.com or call 250-812-5690. To provide financial assistance go to https://give-can.keela.co/ssvp_donation_form and select Donate To "St Andrew's Conference" or make your cheque payable to: "Society of St. Vincent de Paul"

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