

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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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).

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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: 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

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:

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 Jan 5

11:30 am Sacrament of Reconciliation 12:10 pm Mass for Anna Cheung +

Tue Jan 6

11:30 am Sacrament of Reconciliation 12:10 pm Mass for Lilia Nicolas + Legion of Mary (DCR) 6:00 pm 7:30 pm Prayer Group (Zoom)

Wed Jan 7 St. ANDRE BESSETTE

7:00 am Men's Scripture Study 11:30 am Sacrament of Reconciliation 12:10 pm Mass for the intention of Diane Picken 5:00 pm Mass for the intention of the John Family

Thu Jan 8

11:30 am Sacrament of Reconciliation 12:10 pm Mass for Emmanuel Valencia + 5:00 pm Mass for Brian Bings + 7:00 pm K of C General Meeting

Fri Jan 9

10:30 am Sacrament of Reconciliation 10:45 am Lectio Divina (Library)

12:10 pm Mass for the intention of Fr. Joseph Yuson

Sat Jan 10

8:50 am Eucharistic Adoration 9:30 am Mass for Rosa Martins + 3:45 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation 5:00 pm

Mass for those interred in the Columbarium +

Sun Jan 11 BAPTISM OF THE LORD

9:00 am Mass for Giuseppe Loiacono +

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

1:00 pm El Shaddai (Seahers' Hall) 5:00 pm Mass for Ramona Doucette +

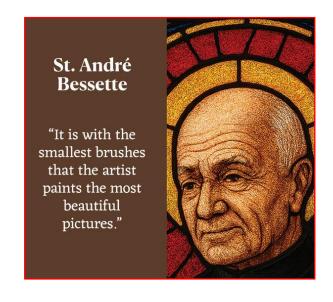


Cathedral Creating a culture of Vocation

Through the life of Saint André Bessette, You teach us that true vocation is born in humility, faith, and loving service. He reminds us that Holiness is not found in greatness or strength, but in trusting Your providence and offering our ordinary tasks with a willing heart. Help us to surrender to Your will as he did, to serve others with compassion, and to recognize that even the smallest acts, when done in love, become holy in Your sight. Amen.

Here are reflective, meditative, and vocational questions inspired by the life of Saint André Bessette. Intended to be prayed with slowly, allowing space for silence and listening:

- Where is God quietly at work in my life, especially in the ordinary and unnoticed moments?
- What gifts or limitations do I struggle to accept, and how might God be calling me through them?
- In what ways can I respond more generously to God's call, even when I feel unprepared or small?
- ₱ How do I serve others with love and humility in my daily responsibilities?
- How can I make space for prayer and listening so that I may better discern God's call in my life?
 - What simple act today can I offer to God as a response of love?
 - How is God shaping my vocation through patience, perseverance, and faithfulness rather than success or recognition?



From the Rector's Desk

Epiphany Sunday - January 4, 2026

I'm writing on the cusp on another new year and basking in the joy of our festive celebrations of Christmas with both my parish and Henderson family. My heart is full of gratitude for gifts given as expressions of our faith, hope and love. That includes the gift of our volunteers' service who welcomed some 3,500 worshippers over our 5 Christmas Masses. The Bishop had a whopping 960 at the Christmas Day 11 am Mass. Significantly, Simbang Gabi's nine evening Masses from December 15th - 23rd were amazingly well attended and filled our Cathedral with Advent holy anticipation of Christmas. The glitches were few in comparison to the graces received in Word, Sacrament and loving community.

A significant 'thank you' I wish to offer is to bulletin contributors Marilyn and Liz. They stepped up to the plate when asked to assist and have faithfully provided faith-filled commentary on the Scriptures and liturgical celebrations. With my weekly missive and the addition of a bulletin focus this year on the ministry of vocational awareness, both contributors will be able to move into bulletin editorial retirement. From all of us in the St. Andrew's bulletin reading community – THANK YOU!

Upon the necessary foundations of heavenly liturgies, loving community, zealous evangelizing, deepening discipleship and joyful service embracing our Catholic social doctrines; I'd like to focus in 2026 on increasing our culture of vocation and expand our sense of grateful stewardship. God is answering so many of our prayers as we follow the Holy Spirit's influence through increased small group ministry, consistent children's catechesis, doubling up our young adult ministry, continuing our service to the homebound and seniors.... and the list goes on. In consultation with the Bishop, Parish Council and Finance Committee, our pastoral staff has increased with the addition of Matthew my lay assistant, Fr. Claude my priest assistant while we wait both for lason our Director of Music Worship and a hoped-for part time high school youth ministry coordinator. In addition to our administrative, custodial and RLM positions, none of these positions are extraneous and are necessary to serve well our growing parish family of some 1,600 families and 2.000 weekend Mass worshippers. There's unquestionably a greater need to increase parish revenue through joyful giving and commitment to Christian stewardship. This will receive some focussed parish

catechesis throughout the year, but especially as we launch into Lent mid-February.

With the Gentile Wise of the East whom Epiphany commemorates, let us all keep seeking Him! But how are people of our religiously ignorant culture to seek Christ if they know nothing of him? My foundational vocation was rooted in God calling me through Romans 10:8-15:

"Everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord will be saved. But how are people to call upon him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without a preacher? And how can men preach unless they are sent? How beautiful are the feet of those who preach good news".

May we all be beautiful footed folk for the sake of souls, who are restless until they find their rest in Christ.

Fr. Dean



Thanks to all who offered a variety of cards and gifts to me and the staff of the Cathedral family during this joyous season of Christ's birth. One of the more eccentric gifts is a pair of St Andrew's socks. "Pray for us" from the bottom of my sole??

Memories from Christmas week

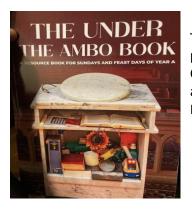
Christmas Eve Children's Pageant



Celebrating Christmas Eve Mass

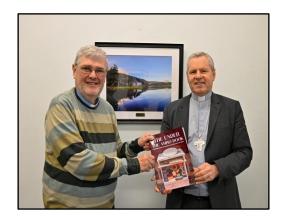


Other updates



This liturgical book was just published by Fr Bernard Cotter our sabbatical priest arriving from County Cork Ireland in January 17th.

Fr. Bernard Cotter (on the left) with his Irish Bishop will be arriving for a sabbatical stay in the Rectory January 17th. Father is presenting his latest book "The Under the Ambo Book".



NEW YEAR 2026 NEW GRACE, NEW PLACE, NEW PRAISE

Parish Finances: October 2025

STEWARDSHIP

"Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys." (Luke 12:33).

OPERATIONS	OCT YTD 2025	OCT YTD 2024
Donations	\$ 588,410	\$ 535,792
Expenses	\$ 668,930	\$ 660,443
Deficit	(\$ 80,520)	(\$ 125,651)

2026 Collection Envelopes



The 2026 numbered collection envelopes are now available at the back of the Cathedral for pickup for those currently using these donation envelopes.

If you're new to the parish and/or would like a boxed set of envelopes assigned to you, please contact the parish office at 250-388-5571 or email standrewscathedral@gmail.com

PLEASE DO NOT USE numbered envelopes from previous years as that number may no longer belong to you and you might not get credited for the donation.

For your convenience, we also offer the following additional options for your financial contributions to the parish:

- 1. **Pre-Authorized Debit** (automatically out of your bank account on a monthly basis)
- Credit Card (VISA or M/C) transactions (automatically billed to your credit card on a monthly basis)
- 3. Gifts of Publicly Traded Securities and Mutual Funds
- 4. **E-transfer** (direct it to: saintandrewsoffice@gmail.com and be sure to include your full name in the "Message" box)
- 5. **Online Giving** (via our Canada Helps page: https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/16980. Not only is it the fastest and easiest way to give a one-time donation to the parish, you get a tax receipt right away!)

Please contact the parish office for more information if you'd like to proceed with options 1 - 3.

Prayer in the Style of Taizé

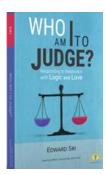


Please join us on Friday, January 16th at 5:45 pm at Holy Cross Catholic Church (4049 Gordon Head Road) All are welcome.

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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).

PASTORAL CARE TRAINING SESSION 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

ST. ANDREW'S REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL BOTTLE DRIVE



We kindly ask for your support of our senior students' March Break trip to **France and Spain** by donating your empty bottles.

Bottle Drive Details

Thank you for helping make this educational and faith opportunity possible! Some highlights will include attending Mass at La Sagrada Familia in Barcelona, visiting Notre Dame Cathedral and touring the holy sites of Monserrat and Manrasa.



Groups to Join at St. Andrew's

BIBLE STUDY

Seasonal guided weekly bible studies. Registration required.

Contact: Bernadette O'Connor

bernadette.oconnor@wsp.com 250-896-4136

LECTIO DIVINA

Weekly prayerful reflection and sharing on a scripture passage

Contact: Rod Crutcher rodcrutcher@me.com

MEN'S SCRIPTURE STUDY (Wed @ 7 am - Parish Library)

Focusing on specific Bible passages for Sunday's Mass

Led by Father Dean Contact the Parish office to register

SMALL-GROUP FAITH STUDY

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YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

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Contact: Alastair Mascarenhas alastairmascar@hotmail.com

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1st Sunday monthly potluck gathering for families with children

Contact: Andrea & Stephen Collins

awalkercollins@gmail.com 778-966-4623

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Catholic men's organization for fellowship, service, and charity

Contact: Joe Cavin

joseph.cavin@gmail.com 778-533-0405

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Contact: Faye Baligod

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Evangelistic community of families empowered by the Holy Spirit

Contact: Alvin & Michelle Almonte

mfcvictoriabc@gmail.com 778-350-5922

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Charismatic prayer group that meets weekly online (Zoom)

Contact: Lynn Weedmark

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florleopardas@yahoo.com.hk 250-415-7720

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Contact: Betty Boechler bettyboechler@outlook.com

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GARDENING

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pyuson@rcdvictoria.org 250-881-0049

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Contact: Parish Office

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LECTORS

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REFUGEE COMMITTEE

Contact: Annette Turgeon 250-812-0087

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

Contact: Annette Turgeon 250-812-0087

News from the Chancery

- This is the final week to apply for the role of Assistant to the Director of Faith Formation and Evangelization in the Diocese of Victoria. For more information and how to apply, please visit https://www.rcdvictoria.org/employment. Applications must be received by January 5, 2026.
- Registration is still open until January 9 for the annual Diocese of Victoria Camp Homewood Retreat, which takes place from January 30 to February 1, 2026, at Camp Homewood on Quadra Island. Youth in grades 7–12 are invited to register for this weekend retreat. This year's theme is "Blessed Are You." The cost is \$195 per participant, which includes all food, accommodation, and activities. Please register at: https://camphomewood-2025.eventbrite.ca. For more information, please contact: stpatrickhw@gmail.com

- The Diocesan Health Care Committee is offering its next series of free online Pastoral Care Outreach Training sessions via Zoom on Saturday mornings, 9:30-noon, from January 24 to March 28 (no session March 7). Participants will learn about active and compassionate listening, and visiting the lonely, sick, elderly, and dving—in care facilities or at home—and for those who wish to learn how to accompany and care for their family and friends. Please register through your parish by January 15, 2025. For more information, contact Moira King at moiraking@shaw.ca.
- Bishop Gary Gordon and the Diocesan Health Care Committee are pleased to announce that Amanda Achtman will visit our Diocese from February 26-March 8, 2026, for a speaking tour titled "Dying to Meet You: Preventing Euthanasia, Encouraging Hope." Amanda is the Ethics Education & Cultural Engagement Lead for Canadian Physicians for Life and founder of Dying to Meet You, where she addresses questions around death and dying through storytelling, beauty, and a deeply hopeful vision grounded in the dignity of the human person. A schedule of events and further details will be shared in the new year.

REPORT SEXUAL ABUSE TO AN INDEPENDENT AGENCY

To report sexual abuse by a clergy member, religious, employee, or volunteer, visit RCDVictoria.org/Responsible-Ministry or call: 1-800-968-3146

To report sexual abuse or cover-up by a Catholic Bishop, visit BishopReportingSystem.ca or call: 1-866-892-3737

NEW YEAR'S PRAYER

As we stand on the threshold of a new year, we come before You with hearts full of gratitude for the blessings of the past and hope for the future. We lift our voices in prayer, seeking Your divine presence and guidance in the days that lie ahead.

Lord Jesus, we thank You for the gift of life and the countless blessings You have bestowed upon us. As we enter into this new year, we humbly ask for Your abundant grace to be upon us. Grant us the wisdom to make righteous choices, the strength to face challenges, and the courage to follow Your path.

Heavenly Father, we pray for the precious gift of peace in our lives and in the world around us. May Your peace, which surpasses all understanding, guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Let Your calming presence be felt in our homes, communities, and nations. Bring reconciliation where there is discord, understanding where there is confusion, and unity where there is division.

Lord, we also lift up our physical and mental well-being to You. In the name of Jesus, we ask for Your healing touch to rest upon those who are facing illnesses or challenges to their health. Strengthen their bodies, comfort their spirits, and grant them the assurance of Your love and care. May the year ahead be marked by a renewed sense of vitality and health.

We entrust our plans, dreams, and aspirations for the coming year into Your hands. O Lord. May everything we do be guided by Your will and directed towards Your glory. Help us to be a source of love, compassion, and encouragement to those around us. Amen.

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