

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PARISH

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

OUR LITURGICAL LIFE

**SATURDAY,
November 22**

**4PM MASS: Margaret
Gormley+**

**SUNDAY, November 23
9AM MASS: Steve Klak+**

**MONDAY, November 24
7PM MASS**

**TUESDAY, November 25
9AM LITURGY OF THE
WORD WITH
HOLY COMMUNION**

**WEDNESDAY,
November 26
7PM MASS**

**THURSDAY,
November 27
9AM LITURGY OF THE
WORD WITH
HOLY COMMUNION:
Margaret Gormley+**

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CHAPEL

**Open 9am-12pm
TUESDAY-FRIDAY**

**RECONCILIATION
No Scheduled Events**

**LIVESTREAMING
SATURDAY,
November 22, 4PM
[https://www.youtube.co
m/@StPatricksHolyCross
Church](https://www.youtube.com/@StPatricksHolyCrossChurch)**

November 23, 2025

This Sunday, November 23rd is the feast of Christ the King. In today's Gospel according to Luke, we hear one of the famous lines spoken during the passion of Jesus. *Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.* These words, from one of the criminals who was being crucified with Jesus, indicate that the criminal recognized something in Jesus that made him pause. He realized not only that Jesus did not deserve to be crucified but that Jesus was no ordinary man. This unfortunate and scared convict, about to die, had the mindfulness and trust to ask Jesus to remember him. And Jesus, suffering from His terrible ordeal, abandoned and exhausted, had the strength and compassion to reassure the criminal. *Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.* How unexpected! How promising! This exchange between the criminal and Jesus indicated that Jesus was more than holy, more than a saint, more than a man without sin. Jesus was a King with a kingdom. The criminal used the ultimate description he could think of and yet Jesus is even more than a King. According to Ron Rolheiser, OMI, "the mystery of Christ is wider, deeper, and more encompassing than what can be seen simply within the visible life of Jesus and the visible history of the Christian churches." Today we honour the divinity and mystery of Jesus Christ. We acknowledge that Jesus, though fully human was also fully divine, part of the Trinity that has always existed. *Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible... Christ is before all things, and in him all things hold together.*

In him all things in heaven and on earth were created! The implication of this scripture is profound. Every living being, human or animal, plant or bird, insect or fish, all created in Him. Every planet, moon, sun, asteroid, star or galaxy, created in Him. Like the criminal who hung next to Jesus, we do not have the words to express the greatness, the awesomeness of God. So, we call Him, Christ, King of the Universe, and know that that is still inadequate.

Paul's letter continues by describing how this miraculous Jesus Christ also redeemed us. *For in Christ all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his Cross.* On the cross, Jesus demonstrated the unconditional and unending love of God. On the cross, Jesus took away the sins of the world and revealed that nothing can separate us from the love of God. We can truly rejoice because we have been created in Christ, we have been redeemed by Christ, and we live and have our being within Christ. Therefore, *let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.* He is there with open arms.

Tanya Taft

We acknowledge and respect the Lekwungen peoples on whose traditional territory Holy Cross Parish stands, and the Songhees, Esquimalt and WSÁNEĆ peoples whose historical relationships with the land continue to this day.

Report Sexual Abuse

To report sexual abuse at
[RCDVictoria.org/Responsible-Ministry](https://www.rcdvictoria.org/Responsible-Ministry)
or call 1-800-968-3146.

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

Pastoral Admin Corner

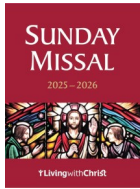
Dear Parishioners,

Our Liturgical year C is coming to an end. Next Sunday, November 30th is the first Sunday of Year A, the first of Advent. Every cycle, A, B or C moves through seven seasons: Advent, Christmas, Ordinary time, Lent, Triduum, Easter and a second season of Ordinary time. During Ordinary time, the church looks at the life and teachings of Jesus, His parables, His miracles and His ministry. We are reminded that Christ is present in our normal and everyday life.

During Advent we prepare our homes and hearts for the celebration of Christmas. We wait with hope and expectation for the remembrance of the great happening of the incarnation. Advent is derived from the Latin word *Adventus* which means *a coming*. Christmas, the celebration of the incarnation, is the greatest coming in the history of our world.

May your Advent season be full of peace and joy,
Tanya

Sunday Missals - 2025-2026



2025-2026 Sunday Missals will be available for Purchase in the Foyer before and after all weekend masses on November 22/23. Missals are available for \$5 cash. Youth Sunday Missals also available for purchase for \$5. Missals are sold in the foyer on a first-come first-serve basis.

Ukrainian Christmas Food Fair & Hot Lunch

Saturday, November 29, from 11 am - 2 pm, at St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Hall, 1110 Caledonia Ave, Victoria. Sale of perogies, cabbage rolls, borscht, Ukrainian ko-bassa, nalysnyky (crepes), sauerkraut & preserves, Christmas breads and pastries. Wheelchair accessible. To pre-order call 250-384-2255.



New Diocesan Health Care Resources - A Catholic Perspective: What Family Members Need to Know Before and After a Loved One Enters Eternal Life

This November, as we remember our beloved who have died and passed on to eternal life, the Diocese of Victoria Health Care Committee has created a new resource: *A Catholic Perspective: What Family Members Need to Know Before and After a Loved One Enters Eternal Life*.

This pastoral guide offers practical information, from a Catholic perspective, for families facing the death of a loved one. (There are also quick reference cards available.) We invite all to read and share it with those who may find comfort in its guidance and message of faith, hope, and eternal life.

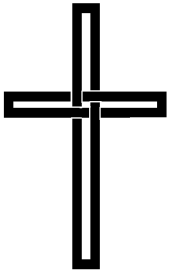
Download at: <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/care-of-the-dying>

Serra Club

Serra Club in formation, a Catholic lay organization dedicated to promoting and supporting vocations, will meet again on Wednesday, November 26th, at Our Lady of Fatima Parish. Mass for vocations will be at 6:00 pm, followed by an inspiring talk by Fr. David Hogman about his journey to the priesthood. His mother, Rev. Michelle Hogman, will also share the experience of being the mother of a Catholic priest. After the talk, we invite you to stay for treats and fellowship. For more information about Serra Club please email: victoria@serrainternational.org

Advent Mission

Fr. Joseph Yuson will be leading an Advent Mission at Sacred Heart Church from Sunday, Nov 30 to Tuesday, Dec 2. Mass on each day will be at 6:30 pm, and we will reflect on "The Humility of Jesus".



QUOTATIONS OF THE WEEK

"The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" — *John 1:29*

In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. — *John 1:4-5*

He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high. — *Hebrews 1:3*

The Bishop's Appeal!

Thank you to all the parishioners who have already made a donation or a pledge to the Bishop's Appeal. Every gift strengthens our parishes and reaches far beyond, bringing the love of Christ to our communities and the world. At this point we have reached 72% of our \$70,000 goal (\$50,450) and 45% of our participation goal of 250 families (113 families). Please, remember that every gift makes a difference. Thank you for your participation!

Pastoral Care Home Visits

Would you or someone you love benefit from a friendly visit? Our Pastoral Care Ministry offers in-person visits to those living at homes, in care facilities, or in hospitals. These visits provide the comfort of companionship, a listening ear, and the ministry of presence, bringing warmth and encouragement to those who may be feeling alone or disconnected. When requested, Holy Communion and time for prayer can be included as part of the visit. To arrange a visit, please call 250-477-5321 or email: office@holycrossvictoria.org.



South Island Harmony Concert, November 30th at 2 pm

You are invited to a free concert given by South Island Harmony, a male a cappella chorus. They are based in the Greater Victoria area and have been renting our church to rehearse Monday evening for several years. They will be performing a mixture of Christmas and barbershop style music. Please come join us!

Knights of Columbus: 64th Annual Charity Appeal for Council 7934

Purchase draw tickets before December 13th for the chance to win cash Prizes and a 2025 Ford Maverick XLT AWD vehicle! Proceeds go to several charities in BC and supports the Knights of Columbus. Tickets: 1 for \$5, 10 for \$25, 50 for \$50. Purchase here <https://kofccharity.ca/?olc=C07934>

Anawim's 34th Annual Christmas Tree Fundraiser begins November 24!

We warmly invite you to support this year's fundraiser by purchasing your Christmas tree from us. We will be selling them at our Men's house at 973 Caledonia Avenue. Your participation directly helps us continue providing essential care and community for those who need it most. Sales will be Monday to Friday from 2:00 pm - 8:00 pm and Saturday from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Carols of Hope

A Christmas Music Festival in support of building our new parish church at Our Lady of the Rosary, Langford. For details and tickets, visit carolsofhope.com.

- **Date:** Saturday, November 22, 2025
- **Time:** 1:00 PM – 3:30 PM
- **Venue:** Coastline Church, 845 Caledonia Ave, Victoria, BC V8W 1S9



NEWS FROM THE CHANCERY & ICS

1) In recognition of the World Day of the Poor on 16 November 2025, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops has issued a pastoral letter by the Episcopal Commission for Justice and Peace titled "Our Daily Bread: Food Security and the Call to Solidarity." Centred on the themes of solidarity, harmony, and harvest, the pastoral letter highlights the current challenges to food security, both globally and in Canada. Read the full pastoral letter here: https://www.cccb.ca/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/Our-Daily-Bread_EN.pdf

2) The Holy See and the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) released a joint statement on November 15, 2025, announcing that Pope Leo XIV has gifted 62 Indigenous artifacts to the CCCB. The CCCB will proceed, as soon as possible, to transfer these artifacts to the National Indigenous Organizations (NIOs). The NIOs will then ensure that the artifacts are reunited with their communities of origin. Read the full press release here: <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/indigenous/pope-leo-xivs-gift-of-indigenous-artifacts-to-the-cccb>

3) The Serra Club in formation, a Catholic lay organization dedicated to promoting and supporting vocations, meets the last week of every month in different parishes. Their November meeting will be on Wednesday, November 26th, at Our Lady of Fatima Parish (4635 Elk Lake Drive, Victoria). Mass for vocations will start at 6:00 pm, and will be followed by a talk by Fr. David Hogman about his journey to the priesthood. His mother, Rev. Michelle Hogman, will also be sharing the experience of being the mother of a Catholic priest. After the talk, all are invited to stay for treats and fellowship, a chance to connect, share, and learn more about how you can encourage and support vocations in the Church. For more information about Serra Club, please email: victoria@serrainternational.org

4) All are invited to attend a special celebration in honour of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Sunday, December 7, 2025. Bishop Gary Gordon will celebrate Mass alongside Fr. Eduardo de Silva at 12:30 pm at Our Lady of Fatima (4635 Elk Lake Drive, Victoria). Community festivities will follow the Mass.

COLLECTIONS

November 16, 2025

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS

Envelopes	\$5,435.00
Loose	\$ 494.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$1,581.04
Total	\$7,510.04

THANK YOU

We extend our heartfelt thanks to Barb McKrow for her many years of dedicated service as the communication lead for Development and Peace at Holy Cross. From organizing D&P campaigns to ShareLent and educational workshops, our parish has grown in awareness of global poverty. As she steps back to focus on local projects, we are grateful for her commitment and for keeping our community closely connected to D&P.

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Office Hours

Tuesday-Friday: 8:30 am – 3:30 pm

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WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday and Thursday: 9:00 am

Saturday: 4:00 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am

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