

'Legacies'

Legacies are a way of providing assurance that the parish has income or savings in the event of unforeseen emergencies.

The monthly 'Building Fund and Collection' pays for maintenance/replacement items.

Report Sexual Abuse to an Independent Agency

To report sexual abuse by a clergy member, religious, employee, or volunteer visit:

<https://www.rcdvictoria.org/responsible-ministry>

or call: 1-800-968-3146

To report abuse or cover-up by a Catholic Bishop, visit:

<https://bishopreportingsystem.ca/>

or call: 1-866-892-3737

A National Indian Residential School Crisis Line

A National Indian Residential School Crisis Line has been set up by the Indian Residential School Survivors Society (IRSSS) to provide support for former students and those affected. People can access emotional and crisis referral services by calling the 24-hour line at 1-866-925-4419.

Vancouver Island Crisis-Line

The Vancouver Island Crisis Society is contracted by **Island Health**. We are a registered non-profit agency whose services include: **24-hour crisis lines: 1-888-494-3888**

Crisis Text Services: 250-800-3806

(from your mobile) 6pm - 10pm - 7 days a week

Crisis Chat Services: 6pm - 10pm - 7 days a week

We work in partnership with Island Health to provide public access to Mental Health & Substance Use services in the communities administered by Island Health.

Sacramental Information

Baptism: Call the office at least 3 months in advance to arrange an appointment with the Pastor. It is assumed that the family has Our Lady Queen of Peace parish connection and practices the faith by attending Sunday Mass on a weekly basis. You may meet with the Pastor and take the course even if your child has not yet been born. **Parents are expected to participate in the Baptismal preparation.** At least one Godparent or both must be baptized and confirmed and are practicing Catholics. **Non-parishioners are required to have a Letter of Recommendation from your Pastor to have your child Baptized in our parish.**

Marriage: at Our Lady Queen of Peace 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: at Our Lady Queen of Peace individual arrangements with a priest. Begin by calling the parish office.

'MASS INTENTIONS & Easter Schedule'

Apr 1	WEDNESDAY	†Mary Morandin Mom & Dad
Apr 2	THURSDAY	Holy Thursday Mass 6 pm Latin Mass 8 pm
Apr 3	FRIDAY	Stations of the Cross 2 pm Good Friday Mass 3 pm
Apr 4	SATURDAY	Easter Vigil Mass 8 pm
Apr 5	SUNDAY	Easter Mass 10 am Latin Mass 12 pm Hungarian Mass 2 pm
Apr 7	TUESDAY	Easter Octave No Mass
Apr 8	WEDNESDAY	Easter Octave No Mass
Apr 9	THURSDAY	Easter Octave No Mass
Apr 10	FRIDAY	Easter Octave No Mass
Apr 11	SATURDAY	†Harry Fernandez Alex Fernandez
Apr 14	TUESDAY	†Elizabeth Fernandez Alex Fernandez
Apr 15	WEDNESDAY	Tony Van Noordt Ann Van Noordt
Apr 16	THURSDAY	Holy Souls in Purgatory Shirley Deidrick
Apr 17	FRIDAY	†Aniceto de Vera Lydia de Vera
Apr 18	SATURDAY	Donna Colangelo Irene Helie

Please remember the following persons who are ill in your prayers: Ann VanNoordt, Tony VanNoordt, Regina Brown, Martha Fox, Connie Lerner and Ron Turner.

Please Note: If you suffer from Celiac disease, we are able to offer a low-gluten Host. Please inform the priest in the sacristy before Mass.


Donations

Our parish offers the following options for your financial contributions to the parish:

- pre-numbered boxed collection envelopes or
- pre-authorized debit (PAD - weekly or monthly)

If you are a new parishioner, please print clearly on the "Parish Registration" form found on the table in the vestibule in order to receive an income tax receipt at the end of the year. If you've recently moved/changed your telephone number or email address, please contact the parish at 250-384-3884 or email office@gqp.ca ASAP. Your personal contact information is held in strict confidence.

Catholic Women's League

 An assortment of religious articles are for sale in the CWL display case located on the side-landing near the parish office door. All proceeds go to the three Missions in B.C.

- **Esk-Omi** - to help the Inuit in Northern Canada
- **Morictown** - Mission near New Hazelton, B.C.
- **North Island Catholic Communities** - on Vancouver Island

2026 Collection at Our Lady Queen of Peace

Mar 14/15, 2026 \$4,158.30
Mar 21/22, 2026 \$2,807.75

Diocesan Livestream Mass

<https://www.rcdvictoria.org/events/dailymasslivestreamed>
<https://www.youtube.com/c/RCDVictoriaLiveOne/about>

The Diocese of Victoria is now accepting applications for the position of Assistant Director of Faith Formation and Evangelization. The Assistant will help to carry out the primary mission of the Diocesan Ministry of Faith Formation and Evangelization: as agents of the Bishop of Victoria, serve the People of God to know, celebrate, contemplate, and live the Christian faith in the One Triune God.

A job posting may be viewed at <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/employment>. Interested applicants are invited to submit a resume and cover letter.

St. Andrew's Cathedral is seeking a full-time Office Assistant to provide comprehensive administrative and clerical support to the parish. 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: standrewscathedral.com or by email: saintandrewsoffice@gmail.com

Marriage Preparation Course

The Diocese of Victoria is offering a two-day marriage preparation course over Zoom on April 17 from 7 pm–10 pm and April 18 from 9 am–4 pm. Open to all, this course provides essential guidance for couples preparing for marriage. A joint Certificate of Completion will be issued upon completion of both sessions. Please register by April 2 here: <https://zoom-spring-2026-marriage-prep.eventbrite.ca>

Lenten Series

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops continues to offer their *Journey through Lent* video series. It is hoped that this video series will provide the faithful with additional opportunity to prepare for the Church's celebration of the Resurrection of the Lord on Easter Sunday. To view the videos, please visit: <https://www.cccb.ca/evangelization-catechesis-catholic-education/video-resources/journey-through-lent/>

Stations of the Cross on Mt. Tolmie

Good Friday, April 3, 2026 Saanich 11 am
Fr. William Hann will accompany us this year!
Please see posters for more information.

Bishop Thomas J. Lobsinger, OMI, Memorial Bursaries

The Knights of Columbus (BC) Charity Foundation offers the 2026 Bishop Lobsinger Memorial Bursaries. A total of 14 bursaries, valued at \$1000 each, are available. Applicants must be Catholic, under 25 years of age, and attending a post-secondary institution in BC this fall. Please request an application package before June 1, 2026, from: Jim Williams, State Bursary Chairman, 2195 Neptune Road, North Saanich, BC, V8L 5J4, or e-mail: jimw.kofc@gmail.com

The Provincial Employees Community Services Fund

A special thank you goes to the Provincial Employees Community Services Fund for their donation to Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish in the amount of \$137.50.

Rachel's Vineyard

Rachel's Vineyard on Vancouver Island is offering a safe and confidential retreat from September 11-13, 2026, for women and men seeking healing and peace after abortion. To learn more or register, please email rachelsvineyardvancouverisland@gmail.com

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 on the graphic or visit <https://forms.gle/ZpSAmF15tNHeyqR86>

HAPPY EASTER

Easter is the highest feast in the Church calendar, celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ three days after his crucifixion. It marks the end of Lent and the 50-day Easter season, starting with the Easter Vigil at night, characterized by the Paschal candle, joy, and the theme of light over darkness.

ADVERTISE: Call the parish office at 250-384-3884 for more info. or email: office@gop.ca We appreciate the support of these sponsors. Please support them.



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RCIA - (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

Are you interested in becoming Catholic? Or perhaps were you baptized Catholic as a child, but have not yet celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist? Parishes in the city of Victoria are collaborating to offer an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. 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. First you must contact the parish office – 250-384-3884



Online Marriage Preparation Course

The Diocese of Victoria is now offering our Marriage Preparation Course fully online. The cost is \$80 per couple. The course consists of several modules on relevant subjects, individual and couple activities, and assessments as well as a liturgy planning guide. Couples will be able to work through the program at their own pace. At the end of the course, you will receive a Certificate of Completion, which will be recognized by any parish within our Diocese. For more information, go to the Diocese website:

<https://www.redvictoria.org/marriage-prep> or find the course on Eventbrite. Questions? Contact Moira Gill at mgill@redvictoria.org or 250-470-1331 ext. 237

Did you know ...?

That the Cathedral has a Columbarium and that a location near the church for the deceased has been a powerful symbol of our faith since the early church. It is a statement of our ultimate goal to live this life in Christ so that one day, through death, we can share in eternal life with God. For information on purchasing a niche in the Cathedral Columbarium call 250-388-5571 and leave a message for Chris Ryzuk to contact you or email: niche@standrewscathedral.com



In 2024 **The Soup Kitchen**, operating in the basement of St. Andrew's Cathedral in Victoria, served over 40,000 nutritious meals to seniors, low-income workers, those unhoused and anyone else living at risk in our community. As a volunteer-run organization, we rely upon donations from generous parishioners to fund our operation.

Thank you for your compassion to those in need in Victoria. With gratitude and blessings during this most holy season.

Corinthians 9:11 You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us.

The Soup Kitchen is looking for volunteers to join the Tuesday, Thursday or Friday morning dine-in service teams.

Plus, we need someone to pick up fresh eggs every Friday morning at Galey Morning Fresh Eggs located at 4400 Blenkinsop Road in Saanich.

Lots of opportunities to help out front serving diners or in the back-end kitchen preparing sandwiches, treats or dish washing. You can be a regular or just on the spares list for when extra help is needed.

To learn more, contact our **Volunteer Director**, Marilyn Simmons at info@thesoupkitchen.ca.