



Home to the Infant Jesus of Prague Shrine



"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you."

JOHN 14:27



BULLETIN | 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | OCTOBER 3-4, 2026

PARISH OFFICE

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OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday-Friday, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Mondays: office closed

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MASS, CONFESSION and DEVOTION SCHEDULE

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Rosary	—	—	11:30 a.m.	11:30 a.m.	11:30 a.m.	11:30 a.m.	—
Confession	—	—	11:30-11:55 a.m.	11:30-11:55 a.m.	11:30-11:55 a.m.	11:30-11:55 a.m.	4:15-4:45 p.m.
Holy Mass	10 a.m.	—	12:10 p.m.	12:10 p.m.	12:10 p.m.	12:10 p.m.	5 p.m.
Latin Mass	12 p.m.	—	—	—	—	9 a.m.	—
Hungarian Mass	2 p.m. 1st Sunday of Month	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ordinate Mass	2:30 p.m. 3:30 1st Sunday of Month	9:30 a.m.	9:30 a.m.	9:30 a.m.	9:30 a.m.	10:00 a.m.	9:30 a.m.
Devotions to Infant Jesus of Prague	—	—	12:45-2 p.m.	—	—	—	—
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	—	—	—	—	—	12:45-2 p.m.	—

NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE – SIGN UP ON OUR WEBSITE TO RECEIVE THE PARISH BULLETIN BY EMAIL.

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Call or text 9-8-8
24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

RESPONSIBLE MINISTRY
Report sexual abuse involving clergy, religious, employees or volunteers:
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VANCOUVER ISLAND CRISIS LINE
24-hour emotional support and connection to local services:
1-888-494-3888.

EMERGENCY PRIEST VISITS
If you or a family member is hospitalized and would like a visit from your parish priest, please call the parish office at 250-384-3884.
Hospital emergency only—250-889-3761



DONATIONS

Our parish offers traditional pre-numbered collection envelopes, monthly pre-authorized debit (PAD), and online donations through Canada Helps. Parishioners are asked to keep their contact information current in the parish office. To register, request collection envelopes, or volunteer, contact the parish office at 250-384-3884 or office@qop.ca.

MASS COLLECTIONS
September 26/27
\$3447.90
September 19/20
\$2677.00
September 12/13
\$2592.30



SACRAMENTAL INFO

Baptism: Call the office at least 3 months in advance to arrange an appointment with the Pastor. Parents are expected to participate in Baptismal preparation.

Marriage: Couples are asked to give a minimum of six months' notice before the intended wedding date.

Funeral: Individual arrangements begin by calling the parish office.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Please remember in your prayers those who are ill or in need of healing, especially Peter David Clifton Clark, Eileen Sikkens, Martha Fox, Rob McBride, and Ron Turner.



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 3
Holy Souls in Purgatory
by Shirley Deidrick

Tuesday, October 6
Alex & Ronald Fernandez
by Ann Marie

Thursday, October 8
Donna Colangelo † R.I.P.
by Irene Helie

Friday, October 9
Carl Gerard † R.I.P.
by Carol Ball

Saturday, October 10
Nick † R.I.P.
and Eileen Sikkens
by Alex Fernandez

Tuesday, October 13
Milagros de Vera
by Lydia de Vera

Thursday, October 15
Riley Kelly † R.I.P.
by Irene Helie

Friday, October 16
Angela Gerard † R.I.P.
by Carol Ball



INFANT JESUS OF PRAGUE SHRINE

Our Lady Queen of Peace is home to a shrine dedicated to the Infant Jesus of Prague, a centuries-old Catholic devotion honouring Christ as both child and king. Our statue was brought from Prague by Father Hanley in 2003 and has become a cherished part of our church's identity. In the traditional image, the Infant Jesus raises his right hand in a gesture of blessing while holding an orb and cross in his left, symbols of Christ's kingship over the world. For generations, Catholics have turned to the Infant Jesus in prayer for healing, protection and help in times of need, with many attributing answered prayers and special graces to the devotion. All are warmly invited to spend a few quiet moments in prayer before the shrine.

PARISH GROUPS & LEADERSHIP

Our parish is strengthened by the many groups, volunteers and parish leaders who help keep Our Lady Queen of Peace active, welcoming and connected. From the Social Committee and Catholic Women's League, to those who care for the church's flower arrangements and members of the Parish Council who lend their experience and guidance, each contributes in a different way to the life of our parish. We are deeply grateful for the time, care and generosity they give in helping our church and parish community flourish.

OUR PARISH WEBSITE & SOCIAL MEDIA

Our parish website and social media have been built through the time, care and hard work of volunteers who share a love for Our Lady Queen of Peace. They are intended to be an extension of our parish community — a place to stay connected, informed and gathered in spirit when time or circumstances do not allow us to be together in person. Visit qop.ca or queenofpeace.church for parish news, events, Mass schedules and updates, and follow us on Facebook. You may also sign up to receive the bulletin by email or make an online donation through our Giving page.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Our Social Committee helps bring parishioners together through gatherings and special events throughout the year. This past summer, the committee successfully applied for and received a grant from the bishop to help support a parish picnic, giving our community an opportunity to enjoy fellowship beyond the usual rhythm of parish life. We are grateful for the time, planning and enthusiasm of these volunteers, whose efforts help strengthen the friendships and sense of community that make Our Lady Queen of Peace feel like home.

PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council supports Fr. John in the life and direction of Our Lady Queen of Peace, offering advice, experience and practical assistance in matters affecting the parish. Its members help identify needs, consider new initiatives and support the continued growth of our parish community. We welcome parishioners willing to share their experience and expertise in service to the church.

FLOWERS & BEAUTIFICATION

Our church is lovingly cared for throughout the year by parishioners who tend its flowers, seasonal arrangements and other decorative touches. Their quiet work helps make Our Lady Queen of Peace a welcoming and beautiful place for worship. We are grateful for the care they give to our church.



DID YOU KNOW...

Our monthly Building Fund allows parishioners to direct their gifts specifically toward the maintenance, repair and replacement needs of Our Lady Queen of Peace Church.



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The Catholic Women's League has been part of the life of Our Lady Queen of Peace since its earliest years. Long before the church was completed, the women of the parish devoted countless meetings, teas and fundraising efforts to helping make its construction possible. It is fitting that the CWL has remained such an important part of our parish ever since. Today, its members continue that tradition of service through charitable fundraising and seasonal arrangements, parish gatherings and the many small acts that help keep our community connected. The CWL also maintains a sales cupboard in the foyer beside the parish office, regularly stocked with Catholic gifts, devotional items and other treasures. We are blessed to have such a dedicated group among us, continuing a tradition of service that has helped shape Our Lady Queen of Peace from its earliest days.

CWL meets monthly on the 4th Saturday at 9:15 a.m.

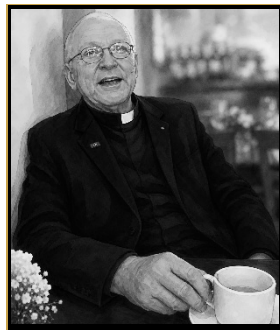
Religious articles are available in the CWL sales cupboard near the parish office. Please check back often as new items are introduced. Proceeds support three missions in B.C.: Esk-Omi, Moricetown, and North Island Catholic Communities.

NEWEST CWL ITEMS:



LEGACIES

Our Lady Queen of Peace gratefully remembers those who have included the parish in their wills and estates. These gifts can provide long-term support for the ministry and future care of our historic church.

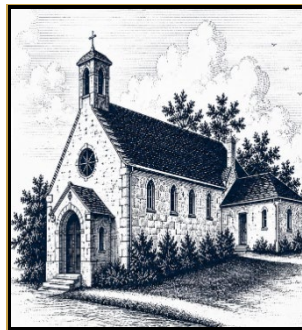


Our Pastor

Rev. Fr. John Domotor has served Our Lady Queen of Peace for many years, bringing to our parish a lifetime of priestly ministry shaped by faith, service and a remarkable personal history. Born in Hungary, Fr. John's ministry has included service as a military chaplain and Senior Fleet Chaplain of the Canadian Fleet Pacific. Today, he continues to serve our parish community through the celebration of Mass, the sacraments and the daily life of our historic church.

Our Church

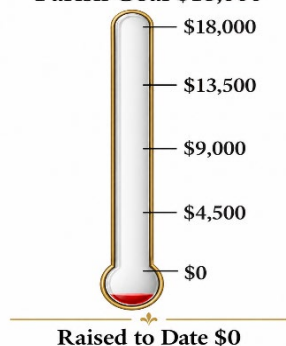
Our Lady Queen of Peace was built during the Great Depression as a Canadian war memorial dedicated to the nurses, airmen, sailors and soldiers who lost their lives in the First World War. The church was informally opened for divine worship on 24 May 1931, while work on the building was still being completed. Nearly a century later, the church continues to serve as both a place of worship and a lasting memorial to those it was built to honour.



AROUND THE DIOCESE

BISHOP'S APPEAL

Parish Goal \$18,000



2026 Bishop's Appeal — Be the Light

The Bishop's Appeal is the **Diocese of Victoria's annual fundraising campaign**, supporting ministries and needs throughout the Diocese while also directly supporting our own parish. This year's active campaign runs throughout **October**, with donations continuing to be accepted through **December 31**.

Our Lady Queen of Peace's 2026 goal is **\$18,000**. Our parish portion of the Appeal will be used to **replenish our contingency fund**. Of every dollar raised up to our goal, **20% will return to our parish**, and if we exceed our goal, **80% of every additional dollar raised will return to our parish**. Brochures and return envelopes are available at the church entrance.

Watch Bishop Gary's video and learn more about the 2026 Bishop's Appeal:

<https://www.rcdvictoria.org/bishops-appeal>

Katesismong Pilipino (KP) – 3rd Quarter Filipino Mass

Filipino Catechism of the Catholic Church here in Victoria are inviting the Diocese community to their 3rd Quarter Filipino Mass on Saturday, October 17, 2026, at 7:00 PM, at St. Joseph the Worker Parish, Victoria. In loving devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary and in celebration of the month of the Holy Rosary, there will be a gathering for a Living Rosary at 6:00 PM, followed by the Holy Mass at 7:00 PM, to be celebrated by Fr. Dino Villadiego.

Beloved Catholic Women's Retreat 2026

Women are invited to the 8th Annual Beloved Catholic Women's Retreat, taking place November 13 to 15 at beautiful Camp Homewood on Quadra Island. This year's theme, *Mysterium: Behold the Lamb of God*, welcomes guest speaker Sr. Damien Marie of the Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist. Enjoy a weekend of teaching, prayer, worship, and joyful fellowship. Registration is now open. <https://www.belovedvi.com/>

Fall 2026 Prayer in the style of Taizé

This fall, the St. Elizabeth Catholic Church ([10030 Third Street, Sidney BC](#)) will host ecumenical prayer sessions in The Way of Taizé. Third Friday of the month - October 16, November 20, 2026 – at 6:00 pm. All are invited to join in this evening of prayer and song.

Gloria Christmas Market

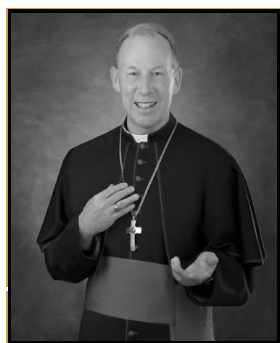
St. Joseph the Worker Parish is holding its inaugural market on December 5 and is currently seeking vendors. Vendor tables are \$50; enquiries go to awalkercollins@gmail.com.

Cathedral Columbarium

St. Andrew's Cathedral currently has niches available for purchase in its Columbarium. For information, contact the Cathedral at 250-388-5571 or standrewscathedral@gmail.com.

Sunday Mass LIVEstream

The 9:00 a.m. Sunday Mass from St. Andrew's Cathedral is livestreamed by the Diocese of Victoria. Watch on YouTube at **@RCDVictoriaLiveOne**.



Most Rev. Gary M. Gordon has served as the 17th Bishop of Victoria since 2014. Born in Vancouver and ordained to the priesthood in 1982, he served for many years in parish ministry before becoming Bishop of Whitehorse in 2006. His ministry has included a longstanding relationship with First Nations communities, particularly the Stó:lō Nation, who gave him the name Xyolhmetoxw — "taking care of the people." He was appointed Bishop of Victoria by Pope Francis and installed at St. Andrew's Cathedral on August 28, 2014.

Our Bishop

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Victoria traces its beginnings to July 24, 1846, when the Diocese of Vancouver Island was established with its bishop residing in Victoria. Its original territory was vast, extending beyond Vancouver Island to the British Columbia mainland and Alaska. The See was renamed Victoria in 1904. Today, the Diocese encompasses Vancouver Island, the Gulf Islands and islands off the west coast, serving approximately 94,000 Catholics through its parishes, missions, schools and ministries.

Our Diocese





VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE

	BEAUTIFICATION Help care for the flowers, seasonal décor and appearance of our church.	PARISH NEEDS	
	MAINTENANCE We are looking for someone to help with repairing our worn Catholic Books of Worship.		We are looking for someone with woodworking skills that might be interested in building a welcome sign for our church.
	PARISH EVENTS Help with planning, set-up, clean-up and other needs at parish gatherings and special events.		Ideas and special project needs as we begin to consider plans for our centenary in 2031.
	PARISH COUNCIL We welcome parishioners willing to share their experience and expertise in support of parish life by joining the Parish Council.	Diocese	
	OUTREACH Help us stay connected with seniors and homebound parishioners, including bringing the Holy Eucharist to those unable to attend Mass.		Employment Opportunity - Financial Administrator The Roman Catholic Diocese of Nelson is seeking a full-time Financial Administrator to provide strategic financial leadership and oversight for the Diocese, its parishes, and the Catholic Independent Schools of the Nelson Diocese (CISND). Based at the Catholic Pastoral Centre in Kelowna, this senior leadership position is responsible for financial planning, budgeting, reporting, compliance, property management, and administrative operations. For full details and application information, please visit https://www.nelsondiocese.org/apps/jobs/
	CHOIR Share your voice and help lead our parish in song. New singers are welcome.		
	ALTAR SERVICE We are looking for volunteers to assist at Mass and support special liturgies throughout the year.		
*		Some volunteer ministries may require additional training, screening or authorization. All volunteers must complete the applicable Responsible Ministry and Safe Environment process before serving.	

WHAT IS...

A MARIAN MONOGRAM



The intertwined **A** and **M** form a traditional Marian monogram, commonly understood as *Ave Maria* — “Hail Mary.” Similar monograms have appeared for centuries in Catholic churches, devotional art, medals and sacred objects as signs of devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. The crown recalls Mary’s queenship, while the fleur-de-lis, long associated with Mary in Christian art, represents purity. For Our Lady Queen of Peace, the crowned monogram has particular significance. During the First World War, Pope Benedict XV called Catholics throughout the world to pray to Mary for peace and, in 1917, directed that the invocation “**Queen of Peace, pray for us**” — *Regina Pacis, ora pro nobis* — be added to the Litany of Loreto, a traditional prayer invoking Mary by many of her titles. More than a century later, that title remains at the heart of our parish and is especially fitting for a church built as a memorial to those who lost their lives in the First World War.

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