



Home to the Infant Jesus of Prague Shrine



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

JOHN 14:27



BULLETIN | ALL SAINTS | OCTOBER 31–NOVEMBER 13, 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 PARISH BULLETIN NOTIFICATIONS BY EMAIL.

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Call or text 9-8-8
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RESPONSIBLE MINISTRY
Report sexual abuse involving clergy, religious, employees or volunteers:
1-800-968-3146

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 CanadaHelps. Parishioners are asked to keep their contact information current with the parish office. To register, request collection envelopes, or volunteer, contact the parish office at 250-384-3884 or office@qop.ca.

MASS COLLECTIONS

October 24/25
\$2,550.50
October 17/18
\$3,077.75
October 10/11
\$2,977.30



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 31
Noel Soff

by Louisa & Joseph Soff

Tuesday, November 3
John Mark Dimaano † R.I.P.

by Lydia de Vera

Wednesday, November 4

Michael Burns † R.I.P.

by Ann Marie

Thursday, November 5

Denise Rondeau † R.I.P.

by Alex Fernandez

Friday, November 6

Connie Lerner

by -----

Saturday, November 7

Lorraine McDermid † R.I.P.

by Wendy McClean

Tuesday, November 10

Holy Souls in Purgatory

by Shirley Deidrick

Wednesday, November 11

Remembrance Day

by -----

Thursday, November 12

Harry & Elizabeth Fernandez † R.I.P.

by Alex Fernandez

Friday, November 13

John Lerner † R.I.P.

by -----



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 testifying to answered prayers and special graces received through this 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.

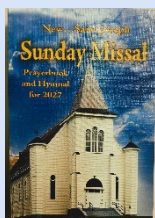


OUR PARISH WEBSITE & SOCIAL MEDIA

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.



2027 ST. JOSEPH SUNDAY MISSALS

The new 2027 St. Joseph Sunday Missal, Prayerbook and Hymnal is now available for **\$5 per copy** in the parish office. Missals may be purchased during regular office hours, or after hours in the parish office **on the honour system** by placing **\$5 in the jar** provided.



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, parish gatherings and the many small acts that help keep our community connected.

CWL meets on the 4th Saturday of each month at 9:15 a.m. Contact the Parish Office if you are interested in joining.

The CWL also maintains a sales cupboard in the foyer beside the parish office, regularly stocked with Catholic gifts, devotional items and other treasures. 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:



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.



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.

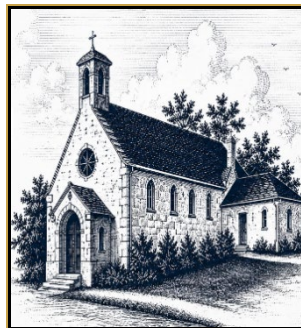


Our Pastor

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.

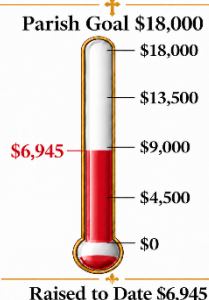
Our Church

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



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 **November**, 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>

Our Lady of the Rosary Update and Support

The construction of the new Our Lady of the Rosary Church and Parish Centre is progressing! They look forward to welcoming parishioners from other parishes to visit the new church soon, and will send out a notice when a Grand Opening is announced. In the meantime, if you would like to help support the ongoing construction and development costs, you are invited to support their 50/50 Draw. **Purchase your tickets today at: <https://rafflebox.ca/raffle/oltrp/>**

Seminar: Dying with Christ, A Christian Response to MAID

St. Andrew's Cathedral is hosting a seminar with Deacon Larry Worthen from Halifax, NS on Saturday, November 14, 2026. The day will start with Mass at 8:30 am, followed by the seminar from 9:30 am - 3:00 pm which will be held in the Cathedral. Registration is \$25 and will include a lunch. **Please contact the parish office at 250-388-5571 or by email at standrewscathedral@gmail.com for more information or to register.**

Italy Pilgrimage Opportunity with Fr. Joseph Yuson

Fr. Joseph Yuson and Fr. Dean N. Henderson are organizing an additional pilgrimage to Italy in April 2027 and invite anyone in the Diocese to join them. Contact the parish office if you are interested.

Gloria Christmas Market

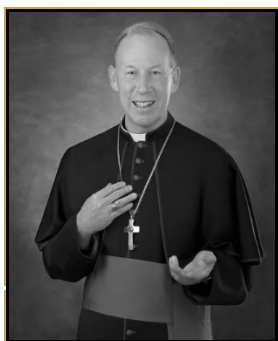
St. Joseph the Worker Parish is holding its inaugural market on December 5 and is currently seeking vendors. Vendor tables are \$50; enquiries go to awalkercollins@gmail.com.

2026 Diocesan Faith Day

All are invited to attend the Diocese of Victoria's annual Faith Day on Saturday, November 21, 2026. The day will begin with Mass at 9:00 am at Sacred Heart Parish (4040 Nelthorpe St, Victoria), followed by a presentation at St. Andrew's Regional High School (880 McKenzie Ave, Victoria). Learn more about the 2026 Diocesan **Faith Day** here: <https://diocesan-faith-day-2026.eventbrite.ca>

Beloved Catholic Women's Retreat 2026

Women are invited to the 8th Annual Catholic Women's Retreat, November 13 to 15 at beautiful Camp Homewood on Quadra Island with 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/>



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 Help repair our worn copies of the Catholic Book of Worship.		We are looking for someone with woodworking skills who 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.		We welcome ideas and help with special projects as we plan 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 - Coordinator of Marriage Services The Archdiocese of Saint Boniface is looking for a Coordinator of Marriage Services that supports and implements Marriage Formation Ministry across the Archdiocese of Saint Boniface. The role develops and promotes formation resources, equips parish leaders, coordinates programs and events, responds to inquiries, and more. Email a resume and cover letter to James Kautz, Director of Pastoral Services: jkautz@archsaintboniface.ca . The deadline for applications is November 16, 2026.	
	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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