OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE

Home to the Infant Jesus of Prague Shrine



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

JOHN 14:27

BULLETIN | 1st SUNDAY IN ADVENT | NOVEMBER 28 to DECEMBER 11, 2026

PARISH OFFICE	OFFICE HOURS	CONTACT
849 Old Esquimalt Road Victoria, BC V9A 4W9	Tuesday–Friday, 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. Mondays: office closed	250-384-3884 | office@qop.ca queenofpeace.church | qop.ca

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	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ordinariate 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.

SUICIDE CRISIS HELPLINE

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:
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

November 21/22
$2,593.00

November 14/15
$2,233.95

November 7/8
$2,974.60

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 Alex Berns, John Simpson, Stan Dzbik, Destin Murphy, Peter David Clifton Clark, Eileen Sikkens, Martha Fox, Rob McBride, and Ron Turner.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 28
The Turnbull Family
by Mary Turnbull

Tuesday, December 1
Al and Tina Morandin
by Tina Morandin

Wednesday, December 2
Derrick Deidrick
by Shirley Deidrick

Thursday, December 3
NO MASS TODAY
by ----------

Friday, December 4
The Gaffney Family
by Mary Turnbull

Saturday, December 5
Ron Fernandez
by Shirley Deidrick

Tuesday, December 8
Holy Souls in Purgatory
by Shirley Deidrick

Wednesday, December 9
John Peter
by Tuyen Vu

Thursday, December 10
Greg Hilman
by Shirley Deidrick

Friday, December 11
Victoria Agnes Somouvie
by Elvis Somouvie



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

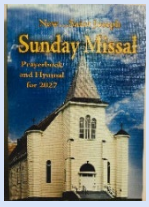
Our parish is strengthened by the many groups, volunteers and parish leaders who help keep Our Lady Queen of Peace active, welcoming and connected. From the Social Committee and Catholic Women's League, to those who care for the church's flower arrangements and members of the Parish Council who lend 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. 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 still 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.**

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

CWL Bake Sale

Time to get those cookbooks out and prepare a list of your favourite traditional Christmas baking. As you are preparing your favourite scrumptious goodies, we ask maybe you could make a little extra for the CWL Bake Sale after the 10am Mass on Dec. 6th. Anyone who wishes to donate baked goods, please bring them in around ***4pm on Sat, Dec 5th or 9am on Sun Dec 6th.***

The Catholic Women's League supports and contributes to the life and vitality of the Catholic Church, family and community at home and abroad. The CWL of parish appreciates your support in their endeavours. Thank you!!!

Please note: CWL DOES NOT MEET IN DECEMBER

Our next meeting will be in the New Year. Time will be announced in January. A special invitation goes out to all the ladies of our parish to join!

Catholic Gifts for Christmas

Looking for a meaningful Christmas gift? The CWL invites you to consider a gift of faith for someone you love. The CWL cupboard is open during office hours and after weekend Masses.

CHECK OUT THE NEWEST CWL CUPBOARD ITEMS:



FLOWERS & BEAUTIFICATION

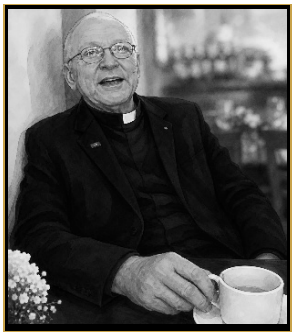
Our church is lovingly cared for throughout the year by parishioners who tend its flowers, seasonal arrangements and other decorative touches. Their quiet work helps make Our Lady Queen of Peace a welcoming and beautiful place for worship. We are grateful for the care they give to our church.

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



2026 Bishop's Appeal — Be the Light

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. Donations for this year's active campaign will be accepted through **December 31**.

Our Lady Queen of Peace has **raised $14,865.00 so far!** 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 envelopes are available at the church entrance.



2026 PARISH CHRISTMAS POTLUCK

Our Social Committee invites you to celebrate the birth of Christ with your parish family on **Saturday, December 12, from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m.** in the Parish Hall following the 5:00 p.m. Mass. Join us for a potluck supper, games, and goodie bags for the children! Please sign up **once per household**, online or on the sheet in the church vestibule. Let us know how many adults and children are coming and what dish, if any, you plan to share. Food may be dropped off at the hall from **4:00 to 5:00 p.m.** All are welcome!

GLORIA Christmas Market

Join St. Joseph the Worker Parish on **Saturday, December 5, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.** at the parish hall, 753 Burnside Road West. Browse gifts and enjoy live Christmas music, refreshments and activities. Admission is by donation.

ADVENT THROUGH THE AGES

Join the students of St. Patrick's Elementary School for an evening of Advent music as we prepare our hearts for Christmas. The concert takes place **Wednesday, December 9, at 6 p.m.** at St. Andrew's Cathedral, 740 View Street, Victoria.



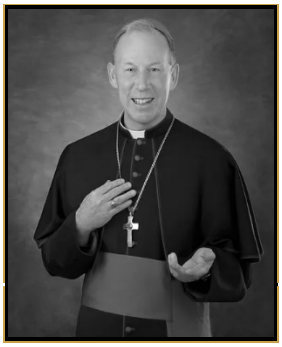
PRAY THE ROSARY WITH US

During Advent and the Christmas season, join us to pray the Rosary Tuesday through Friday at 11:30 a.m. Whether you pray the Rosary often or are learning the prayers for the first time, you are warmly welcome. A guide is available in the front vestibule of the church to help you follow along. We hope to see you soon!

Our Lady of the Rosary Update and Support

The construction of the new Our Lady of the Rosary Church and Parish Centre continue! A Grand Opening will soon be announced. 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/



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.

MAINTENANCE
Help repair our worn copies of the Catholic Book of Worship.

PARISH EVENTS
Help with planning, set-up, clean-up and other needs at parish gatherings and special events.

PARISH COUNCIL
We welcome parishioners willing to share their experience and expertise in support of parish life by joining the Parish Council.

OUTREACH
Help us stay connected with seniors and homebound parishioners, including bringing the Holy Eucharist to those unable to attend Mass.

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.

PARISH NEEDS

We are looking for someone with woodworking skills who might be interested in building a welcome sign for our church.

We welcome ideas and help with special projects as we plan for our centenary in 2031.

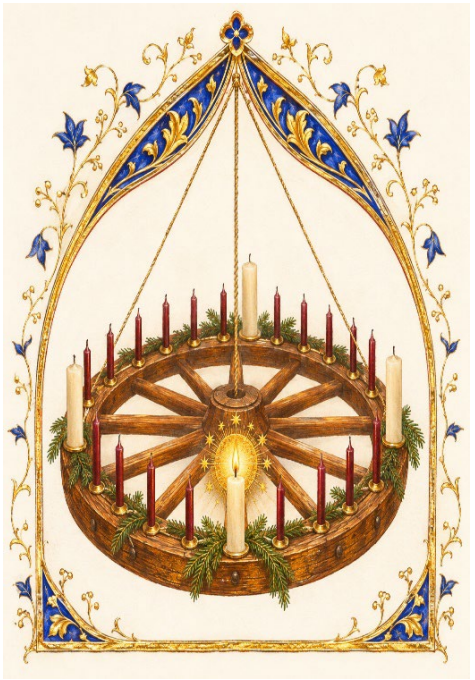
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Employment Opportunities
Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Edmonton
- Corporate Accountant
The Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Edmonton is searching for an Eparchial accountant to join their finance team.

For full listings:
https://www.rcdvictoria.org/employment

WHAT IS...

The Roots of the Advent Wreath



"How many more days until Christmas?" In 1839, Johann Hinrich Wichern, a pastor in Hamburg, answered that familiar question with a wagon wheel. He hung it in the prayer room of the children's home he had founded and fitted it with twenty small red candles for the weekdays and four large white ones for the Sundays. Each day another wick was lit so that even a child too young to read a calendar could look up and see how close Christmas was getting. By the 1920s, Catholics throughout Germany had begun to adopt the custom. Around the time our own church was built here in Esquimalt in 1930, the tradition of the Advent wreath was finding a home on this side of the Atlantic, too. Today, our parish wreath still counts the Sundays. For a child who watches the lighting of the candles, Christmas can still feel a long way off. For many of us, four candles seem hardly enough time to get everything done. But Advent gives us a little time each Sunday to stand beside that child again, look up at the candles, and remember whom we are waiting for. *Come, Lord Jesus!*

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