



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 | 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | SEPTEMBER 12-13, 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. 1 st Sunday of Month	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ordinariate Mass	2:30 p.m. 3:30 1 st 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.

SUICIDE CRISIS HELPLINE

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

NATIONAL RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL CRISIS LINE

24-hour support for Survivors and
their families: 1-866-925-4419

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.

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.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

Carol Molloy
by Lidia de Vera

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

Gliceria de Vera † R.I.P.
by Lidia de Vera

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

Michal Nilsson † R.I.P.
by Sonja Cloutier

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

Agnes Roberge † R.I.P.
by Irene Helie

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—after
hours, weekends,
holidays, or during
the night: 250-889-
3761.**



MASS COLLECTIONS

September 5/6, 2026
\$3265.65
August 29/30, 2026
\$3564.55
August 22/23, 2026
\$2093.60



DID YOU KNOW...

If you suffer from Celiac disease, we
can offer a low-gluten Host. Please
inform the priest in the sacristy
before Mass.



PLEASE PRAY FOR

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





INFANT JESUS OF PRAGUE SHRINE

Our Lady Queen of Peace is home to a shrine of the Infant Jesus of Prague, a centuries-old Catholic devotion honouring Christ as both child and king. Our statue was brought from Prague by a parishioner 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.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Our Social Committee helps bring parishioners together through gatherings and special events throughout the year. This 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.

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.

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 2nd Wednesday after Noon Mass.

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.

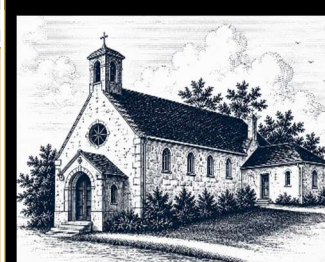


Meet Our Pastor

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.

Meet Our Church

Our Lady Queen of Peace was built during the Great Depression as a Canadian War Memorial dedicated to the nurses, pilots, sailors and soldiers who lost their lives in the First World War. The first Mass is believed to have been celebrated on May 26, 1931, while work on the church was still being completed. Nearly a century later, the building continues to serve as both a place of worship and a lasting memorial to those it was built to honour.



AROUND THE DIOCESE

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2027

diocesan registration for the Seoul pilgrimage opens **September 14**, with a \$500 deposit. Questions can go to wyd2027.rcd.victoria@gmail.com.

DEVELOPMENT & PEACE FALL WORKSHOP

Saturday, September 19, 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. at Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish Hall. Bring a brown-bag lunch. Contact: Nancy Stuart, 250-580-4444.

PRAYER IN THE STYLE OF TAIZE

Friday, September 18 at 6:00 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Catholic Church, with further gatherings October 16 and November 20. All are welcome.

PASTORAL CARE OUTREACH TRAINING

The Diocese's free online fall series runs September 26–November 28 and is open not only to existing pastoral-care visitors, but also caregivers and anyone interested in learning how to accompany people who are ill or in need. September 17 registration deadline.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

The Diocese of Victoria will offer its next Marriage Preparation Course by Zoom on October 2–3, 2026. Cost is \$75 per couple, and both sessions must be attended. Registration closes September 17. Visit rcdvictoria.org/marriage-prep or contact marriageprep@rcdvictoria.org.

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](https://www.youtube.com/@RCDVictoriaLiveOne).

VOICES IN MOTION CHOIR

Voices in Motion is an intergenerational community choir welcoming people living with memory loss, their caregivers and other singers. No previous choir experience is required. Rehearsals are offered Wednesdays at Sacred Heart Parish Hall and Fridays at the UVic MultiFaith Centre. For information or registration, visit voicesinmotionchoirs.org or email info@voicesinmotionchoirs.org.

HEARTS FOR HOMES GALA

(Society of Saint Vincent de Paul Vancouver Island)

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul Vancouver Island warmly invites you to the Hearts for Homes Gala — an evening of compassion, community, and impact in support of affordable housing on Vancouver Island. Join Bishop Gary and others on **October 3** at the Union Club of Victoria (805 Gordon Street, Victoria, BC) for a memorable evening of fundraising featuring a three-course dinner, musical entertainment, guest speakers, and silent and live auctions.

For tickets: <https://www.hibid.ca/events/hearts-for-homes>

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S RETREAT 2026

Mysterium: Behold the Lamb of God. Save the date: November 13–15, 2026 at Camp Homewood, Quadra Island. Registration opens Saturday, September 12, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.

More information: belovedvi.com or 250-731-0567.

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.

RCIA — RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Interested in becoming Catholic? Or were you baptized Catholic as a child but have not yet celebrated Confirmation or Eucharist? RCIA offers adults an opportunity to learn about the Catholic faith and prepare for the Sacraments of Initiation. Please contact the Parish Office at 250-384-3884 for information about current arrangements.



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.

Meet 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.

Meet Our Diocese





HELP WANTED

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LIVESTREAMING ASSISTANCE AND RESTORATION

The Diocese is currently seeking volunteers to assist with Sunday Mass livestreaming at St. Andrew's Cathedral and with ongoing Garry Oak restoration projects. Training is available and no livestream experience is required.



ST. ANDREW'S SOUP KITCHEN VOLUNTEERS

The Soup Kitchen at St. Andrew's Cathedral welcomes volunteers to help prepare and serve weekday meals, including early-morning soup makers. Visit thesoupkitchen.ca/volunteer for current opportunities.

OUR VOLUNTEERS



BEAUTIFICATION

Help care for the flowers, seasonal décor and appearance of our church. If you're interested in lending a hand, please contact the Parish Office.



MAINTENANCE

Our light maintenance, grounds care and parish projects are currently well covered thanks to Chuck.



PARISH EVENTS

Help with planning, set-up, clean-up and other needs at parish gatherings and special events. Please contact the Parish Office if you're interested.



PARISH COUNCIL

We welcome parishioners willing to share their experience and expertise in support of parish life by joining the Parish Council. Please contact the Parish Office if you're interested.



OUTREACH

Help us stay connected with seniors and homebound parishioners, including bringing the Holy Eucharist to those unable to attend Mass. Please contact the Parish Office if you're interested.



CHOIR

Share your voice and help lead our parish in song. New singers are welcome. Contact the Parish Office if you're interested.



ALTAR SERVICE

We are looking for volunteers to assist at Mass and support special liturgies throughout the year. Please contact the Parish Office if you're interested.

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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.

OUR SPONSORS

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CARE FUNERAL SERVICES

Funeral services

Victoria: 250-391-9696

Sidney: 250-655-9669

Sooke: 250-642-2444

carefuneral.com

HATLEY MEMORIAL GARDENS & CREMATORIUM

2050 Sooke Road
Victoria, BC V9B 1W3

250-478-1754

MCCALL GARDENS FUNERAL AND CREMATION SERVICE

4665 Falaise Drive
Victoria, BC V8Y 1B4

250-385-4465

info@mccallgardens.com
mccallgardens.com

SANDS FUNERAL CHAPEL

Victoria: 1803 Quadra Street • 250-388-5155
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