



Today’s Gospel reading is taken from a chapter of Matthew’s Gospel, which is sometimes called the “discourse on the Church” or the “church order” discourse. In this part of Matthew’s Gospel, Jesus speaks more directly about matters of Church discipline and order. In today’s reading we find one of only three instances in which Jesus uses the word *church* in Matthew’s Gospel. In Matthew’s record of

Jesus’ teaching, we can hear echoes of the kinds of issues faced by the early Christian community.

In the first part of the “discourse on the Church” (Matthew 18:1-14), Matthew addresses the Christian community’s concerns about rank. Jesus responds to the disciples’ question about who is greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Jesus indicates that those who wish to enter the kingdom of heaven must be like children, and he cautions those leaders who might lead these “little ones” astray. He also responds with the parable of the lost sheep, indicating how God will seek out and bring back those “little ones” who have strayed.

In today’s Gospel reading, Matthew 18:15-20, Jesus addresses a common occurrence in the Christian community: a dispute between two members of the Church. Jesus outlines a procedure for settling such matters fairly. The victim should privately address the offender and attempt to resolve the dispute without outside involvement. If that fails, then the victim should bring two or three witnesses and confront the offender again. If the dispute is still unresolved, the matter should be brought to the attention of the entire community. If the offender refuses to adhere to the reparations prescribed by the community, then Jesus suggests that the offender may be expelled from the Church.

Jesus does not discourage disagreement within the community of the Church; he acknowledges the reality of conflict and error and offers his disciples a means for addressing such matters. It is in the conclusion to this teaching that the message of hope is found: Jesus is present with the community and will guide the community in its relations. If decisions are taken in prayer, then the community can be assured of God’s assistance.

THOUGHTS FOR A MORE PEACEFUL LIFE

1. You don’t have to attend every argument you’re invited to;
2. God gives us faces, we create our own expressions;
3. It is easier to leave angry words unspoken than to mend a heart those words have broken

Notre Dame Parish

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September 6 – 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Office Hours

Mass Times

Reconciliation

Pastor

N.D. Principal

Tuesday – Friday – 9:00am – 12:00pm

Weekdays: 11:00 AM (Tuesdays – Fridays)

Saturday: 7:30 PM

Sunday: 10:00 AM

Saturday: 6:30 – 7:00 pm or by appointment

Fr. Venerando Sabacan

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Baptism of children: Contact the Parish Office (even prior to the birth of your child) about the process for Baptism for parents & godparents.

Marriage: Couples wishing to be married in the Catholic Church should contact the Parish Office at least 6 months prior to their wedding date.

OCIA: Any persons wishing to join the Catholic Faith, please contact the Parish Office.



Tuesday Sept 8 – Sunday, Sept 13

Tuesday	11:00am Mass <i>Randy McDermott + Kaitlyn Bissoondatt</i>
Wednesday	11:00am Mass <i>Clarence Kennedy +</i>
Thursday	11:00am Mass <i>Joe Figura +</i>
Friday	11:00am Mass <i>Iona Yorga +</i>
Saturday	7:30pm Mass <i>Deceased Priests & Religious of NDP Royce Peterson +</i>
Sunday	10:00am Mass <i>For all Notre Dame Parishioners</i>



2026/2027 Budget

Weekly Collection
Needed to cover
expenses **\$4,200.**

Envelopes: **\$2,345.** Loose: **\$552.**
Total Collection: **\$2,897.**

SWAN LAKE CAMPGROUND

*open to parishioners and
school staff to use. If you
wish to use the
campground, please
contact the office to complete a Use of Premise
Agreement and Waiver Form.*



Please pray for all the sick and suffering especially:
Fran Papp, Cheryl Shuman, Carol Dufour,
Clarrisa Aragon, Kevin Moeller, Mark Stanistreet,
Renard Salamanca, Bunny Figura, Rowell
Manalang, Hannah Wawreniuk

Contact the parish office if you would like to add
your name or the name of your loved one to the
list. Make sure that you have the person's
permission to put their name on the Parish Sick
List.

Prayer for Our Teachers and Students

Lord, we pray that you will empower our teachers,
with your wisdom, your patience, your
compassion. Keep them close to you and their
students, Lord as they walk into their classrooms
their students will see a living example of your
love and your peace; that our children may learn
to choose the path of mercy and faith instead of
violence and anger. Grant that our teachers may
see the needs of those tender souls they guide,
and be ready to meet each day with your strength
and inspiration. Bless them O Lord, in their
mission, so precious, to help us raise those lambs
we have brought into your fold.

Diocese of Victoria – Pastoral Care Fall Training Sessions

*"God calls us to touch the lives of our aging, lonely,
ill, palliative and dying sisters and brothers with
accompaniment, kindness and compassion as the
hands and face of Christ. In these sessions, you
learn basic tools necessary to accompany those
who are in need of the healing ministry of Christ."*
– Most Reverend Gary Gordon, Bishop of Victoria

The valuable and free Pastoral Care Outreach
Training series will be offered online this winter.
The training is open to spouse caregivers, family
members who care for their loved ones, clergy and
religious, care aides and others in the health
industry, and anyone who is personally drawn to
learn basic tools necessary to accompany those
who are in need of the healing ministry of Christ.

Nine sessions will be held via Zoom on Saturday
mornings from 9:30 – noon, **starting on
September 26 and running until November 28,
2026** (with no session on October 10). Missed
session can be made-up. Participants will require a
phone number and email address, a computer,
tablet or smart phone with speakers, microphone
and webcam, a reliable Internet connection, and
access to Zoom. **Please register through your
parish by September 17, 2026.** For further
information, please email moiraking@shaw.ca



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parishioners understand, live, and share our
Catholic faith.

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Young Adult Discernment Retreat September 25th to 27th – Registration Open!

A discernment retreat for young adults age 19-
35, hosted at Camp Morice on the shores of
Stuart Lake. The retreat includes a mix of
silence, prayer, fellowship, talks/discussion and
access to the Sacraments. This year we will be
joined once again by two members of the
Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist. Our theme is
"The Decision."

The retreat is an invitation to young people who
are seeking to grow deeper in their relationship
with God and to discover and respond to His
plan for their lives.

Online Giving



Notre Dame Parish is offering E-Transfers for
Parishioners to use for their weekly donations. If
this is an option that you are interested in,
please follow these instructions:

1. Add Recipient – Notre Dame Parish, DC
2. Email Address – nddcaccounting@shaw.ca
3. Message – example: donation, or special
collection, Corporal works, etc.
4. Parishioners are reminded that they DO NOT
NEED a security question because the donation
is automatically deposited into the designated
parish account.
PAD (Pre-authorized debit) is also an option –
forms can be picked up at the office.

First Day of School September 9th

Welcome back students and teachers!