

## The Victoria Filipino-Canadian SDA Church

December 27, 2025

9:15 AM **Circle of Prayer**.....Jane Garzon, Lead  
Theme Song....."Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus".....290

### THE CHURCH AT STUDY

9:30 AM – 10:50 AM

Singspiration....."O Brother, Be Faithful".....602  
Shanley Reyes, Lead Chorister  
Opening Hymn....."I Will Follow Thee".....623  
Opening Prayer.....Florent Dusenge  
Mission Spotlight..."How Isadora Found Her Voice"...Adventist Mission  
Adult Study....."Choose This Day!".....Florent Dusenge  
Youth....."Calling Change Agents".....Pr. Benjamin Arias  
Children....."New Beginnings / New Year's Blessing".....Ruth Beltre  
Special Music....."Away in a Manger".....Alliana Quinones  
Closing Prayer.....Florent Dusenge

### Welcome/Announcements:

Dec 27<sup>th</sup>, Holy Communion | FilCan Family Yearend Fellowship at 5pm  
Dec 31<sup>st</sup>, Last day to submit Tithes & Offering for 2025 tax receipt  
Jan 3<sup>rd</sup>, Strategic Planning & Leadership Retreat

Praise Time .....FilCan Young Adults

### THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

Communion Service

11:00 AM – 12:30 PM

Introit....."Near to the Heart of God".....495  
Invocation.....Pastor Benjamin Arias  
Opening Hymn....."The Old Rugged Cross".....159  
Offertory Service....."Local Conference Advance".....Arden Reyes  
Doxology....."Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow".....694  
Foot Washing & Communion Ceremony.....

Garden of Prayer.....Malyn Fortes

"As We Come to You in Prayer" 671

"Hear Our Prayer, O Lord" 684

Message in Music....."I'd Rather Have Jesus".....FilCan Choir

Scripture Reading....."**Psalm 145: 1-13**".....Cristian Pion

Closing Song....."Jesus Paid It All".....184

Benediction.....Pastor Benjamin Arias

Recessional....."We Have This Hope | Jesus Is Coming Again".....



Prayer of Grace

Dismiss Us, Lord, With Blessing

Pianist – Jerry Johnson | Chorister – Shanley Reyes  
SS Coordinator – Jerry Johnson | DS Coordinator – Jezreel Garzon  
Deacons – Ruel Tecson & Domingo Bagaporo  
Greeters – FilCan Teens | Elder on Duty – Gregorio Herrera

### Choose This Day, *Resisting the gods of our age* | *Adventist Review*



The word for “truth” is also translated “faithfulness” and is certainly fitting for both Noah and Abraham. But the ultimate exemplar of faithfulness isn’t Abraham, Paul, or Luther—note the Pentateuch first uses the word “faithfulness” to describe God Himself (Gen. 24:27). Our faithfulness to God is always a response to His faithfulness to us! As Ellen White observed, God “takes no pleasure in a slavish obedience. He desires that the creatures of His hands shall love Him because He is worthy of love.” Before issuing the call to serve God, Joshua 24 rehearses the many ways God has been faithful to Israel. The gospel story gives ultimate expression to God’s faithfulness in Christ. If we want to promote faithfulness among God’s people today, we should focus on telling and retelling the story of God’s faithfulness.

### WELCOME to the Victoria Filipino-Canadian Seventh-day Adventist Church!

We wish everyone a special Sabbath with abundant blessings! Turn your eyes upon Jesus, open your heart and you will be lifted heavenward toward love and peace and unity with all! The Lord's mercies are new every morning, his grace is sufficient, and his compassion never fails! God is love! He loves endlessly and unconditionally! **You are welcome here!**

**Drop Box for the Response Form is at the door.**  
**Prayer Book** for prayer requests is available by the door.



Welcome Visitors!

**We'd like to remember you.**  
**Kindly sign the guest book.**

Sunset today – 4:25 PM  
Sunset Jan 2 – 4:30 PM

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Fellowship Lunch**, all are invited. HEALTH SAFETY practices are everyone's responsibility. **No fellowship potluck on January 3, 2026**

**Prayer Ministry.** Every Sabbath at 9:15 AM - Circle of Prayer at the Sanctuary. At 1:23 PM, "prayer warriors" will be gathering at the Prayer Room. Approach the prayer team for your petitions or if you want to join the prayer ministry. **SPECIAL PRAYER FOR LCS.**

**"If life gets too hard to stand, KNEEL"**

**Prayer Blanket** – if you wish to have one, please connect with Jane Garzon or Pr. Benjie.

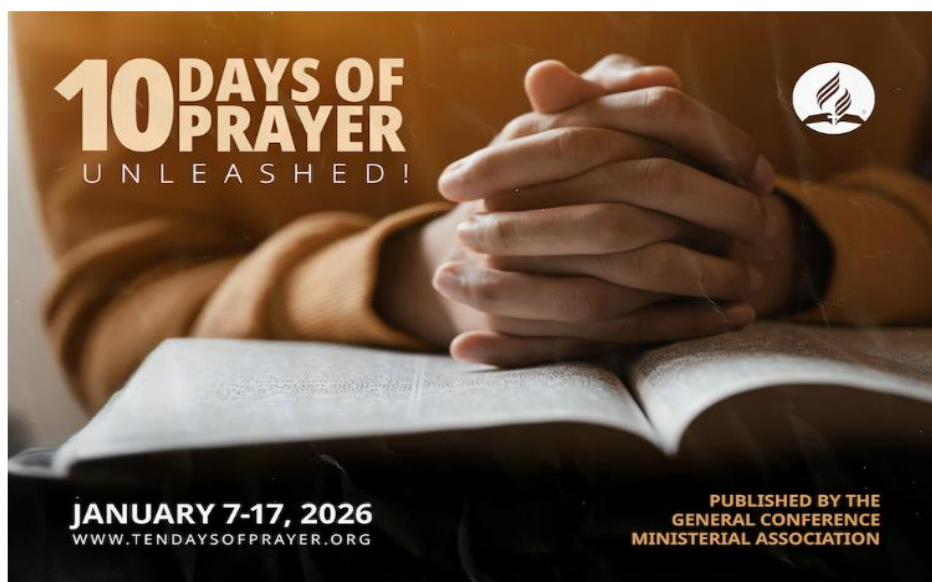
**Bible Study & Prayer Meetings** – Church Prayer Meeting is every Thursday at 7 PM | every 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at Church, 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday at a member's house, last Thursday via Zoom. If you'd like to join or be a host, please see Pr. Benjie or Elders. Scan the zoom QR code at the bottom of this page.

**Health Ministry** - Join us for a healthy breakfast at church, served from 9:00 to 9:30 AM on the 4th Sabbath. **No Sabbath breakfast on December 27, 2025**

**Free Last Will & Planned Giving at the BC Conference.** Call Sheila Macaraig at 604 853-5451 Ext 106. Consultation available at the BC Camp Meeting.

### Important Dates:

- ❖ **BC Conference Office** will be closed for the Christmas break from Thur, Dec 18 through to Sunday, Jan 4. Regular office hours will resume on Mon, Jan 5
- ❖ **ABC Christian Store** will be closed from Wed, Dec 24 through to Sun, Jan 4. Regular store hours will resume on Mon, Jan 5
- ❖ **December 27 - 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Holy Communion**
- ❖ **December 27** - last day to order devotional books and sharing materials for discount pricing.
- ❖ **December 27** - Victoria FilCan Family Yearend Fellowship, Venue: Victoria Scout's house
- ❖ **December 31** - last day to submit/etrans donations for tax receipt 2025
- ❖ **January 3, 2026** - Strategic Planning & Leadership Retreat, Venue: Victoria Scout's House



*Thanks to the First Baptist Church/*



**Victoria Filipino Canadian Seventh-day  
Adventist Church**

**Meets every Sabbath at**

**877 North Park Street, Victoria, BC**

Seventh-day Adventists accept the Bible as the only source of our beliefs. We consider our movement to be the result of the Protestant conviction Sola Scriptura—the Bible as the only standard of faith and practice for Christians. Jesus left His followers with an epic mission: tell the world of His love and His promise to return. We love people the way He loves them.

Victoria FilCan SDA Church  
Prayer Request & Response Form

**CONFIDENTIAL**

- ☐ I request to be visited ☐ online ☐ by phone ☐ in-person
- ☐ I am interested in a bible study
  - ☐ English ☐ Pilipino ☐ Other Language/Dialect
- ☐ I request membership transfer from \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ I request membership transfer to \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ I want to be ☐ baptized ☐ re-baptized ☐ POF
- ☐ I want to Volunteer\* as \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ I want to join the ☐ Ukulele Ensemble ☐ Choir ☐ Prayer Meeting  
(☐ virtual ☐ in-Person) My email address/messenger name is provided below.
- ☐ I want to receive a bulletin in advance. My email address is provided below.
- ☐ I would like to join the ☐ Family Camping ☐ Mission Trip to the Philippines ☐ Camp Meeting
- ☐ I have a question eg. child dedication, wedding/renewal of vows, memorial service, POF.....

☐ **PRAYER REQUEST**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_



SCAN ME

Church Prayer Meeting is every Thursday at 7PM  
← Please scan the QR code to join.

**Pastor Benjie Arias Contact:**  
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barias@bcadventist.ca

Any great suggestions for church? Talk to Pastor Benjie or Elders Grego, Jerry or Cris

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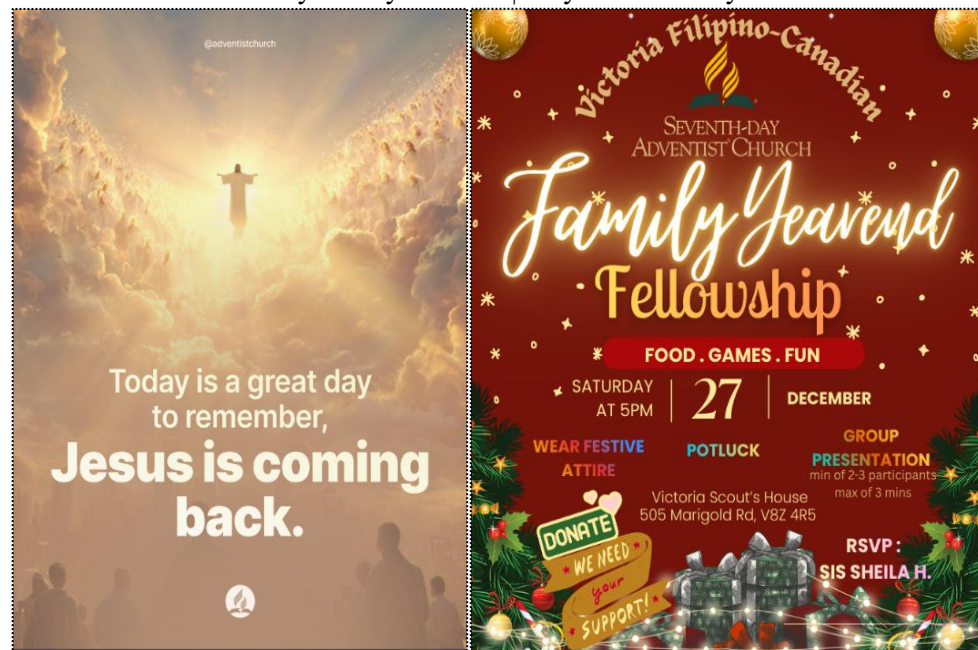
Bulletin Contact: [vicfilcansda@outlook.com](mailto:vicfilcansda@outlook.com)



If you would like to donate or submit your tithe & offerings online you may choose from the two:  
Scan the ← **Adventist Giving** QR code to start.  
E-transfer option – [etransfer@victoriafilipino.ca](mailto:etransfer@victoriafilipino.ca)

**January 3, 2026**

Divine Service Speaker – Pastor Benjamin Arias  
SS Facilitator – Jane Garzon | DS Coordinator – Mercy Arias  
Chorister – Shanley Reyes | Pianist – John Donasco  
Praise Time – Music Ministry | Greeters – TBA  
Elder on Duty – Jerry Johnson | Prayer 123 – Jerry Johnson



No Parking at the Manor's Parking lot **effective immediately!** Please use street parking or pay parking at the Coastline Church's parking lot.

We are excited to announce that our all Sabbath potluck fellowship lunches are back! Please note that every 4th Sabbath is plant-based menu. "Sharing is Caring."

In addition, we are seeking donations for our Year-End Fellowship. If you can contribute, please contact Sis Sheila. Thank you for your cheerful support.

Currently, we have an urgent need to replace and upgrade our IT equipment to better serve our treasury and media ministry. If you are interested in assisting with this initiative, please reach out to our Board leadership for more details.