

St. Patrick's Parish

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Our Mission

To witness the presence of God by loving and caring
for each other and living the Gospel of Jesus Christ.



MAY 2, 2021 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Aren't we blessed that we get 7 weeks to really enter into the graces Easter offers? It is such a privileged time and place to reflect and engage with the Scripture stories. Over these past few weeks we have seen the Lord; we have heard about mission; we are called to be witnesses; we live into our relationship with the Good Shepherd; we abide in Jesus' indwelling presence.

We have met our Easter cast of characters and the various places Jesus has appeared to them: Mary, Peter, John, Thomas, and the other disciples at the tomb, in the garden, on the road to Emmaus, in the upper room, at the seashore. Each character tells a part of the Easter story: Mary's vigil, tears, recognition, and witness; Peter's fear and denial, and Jesus' forgiveness and commission to feed and defend His flock; John's belief at the empty tomb; Thomas' questioning, asking, touching, and statement of faith. Their actions reveal how Christ encounters us where we are as He journeys with us. God calls all of us to enter into the Easter story. What is our part in this great adventure?

We hear Jesus' words 'Peace be with you' numerous times as He appears to the disciples. Jesus is our consoler. We learn about the Good Shepherd, the One who lays down His life out of love for us - the one flock. His voice brings comfort, hope, safety and security. Today, we are called to abide in the one true vine, the constant guiding presence that abides with us always.

What does it mean to abide in Christ? It is a mutual dynamic relationship where we pitch our tents and rest in God's Word, plan, promise, kingdom, love and peace. It is an intimate, fruitful union, steadfast and everlasting - the final covenant. It is a desire for Jesus, a sense of dwelling and enduring with Jesus, and incorporating Him into our daily lives.

Jesus emphasized a *mutual* relationship. Abiding is something we must *choose*. It is impossible for the branch to bear grapes if it isn't connected to the vine. Only Jesus can produce fruit in our lives. We are invited to abide, to allow the Word of God to dwell in us, trusting in the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit to transform us.

Christ is the true vine who bears fruit by giving His life freely, shedding His blood, and becoming the blessing cup, the new wine of salvation. We are called to surrender freely, like St. Ignatius suggests in his *Suscipe* prayer: "Take Lord, and receive all my liberty, my memory, my understanding, and my entire will". Total surrender and self-giving allows the indwelling presence to spring forth in and through our God given gifts as we share them with the world. Like the Good Shepherd, the Vinedresser lovingly tends to the branches, lifts us up, prunes and burns away dis-ease so we can bear fruit abundantly.

How have we seen the risen Lord these past few weeks in our everyday lives? Have we connected with others, shared stories of how God continues to touch us? Have we given thanks to God for the miracles of spring, the warmth of the sun? Take this graced time to abide in Jesus, listen to His voice, and trim the wick of the Easter candle within to burn even brighter. God is calling. Ask and receive!

In In God's abundance and Easter Joy, Mona

COMMUNITY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday - 6:00 pm (cancelled)
Sunday - 11:00 am (cancelled)
Sunday - Vietnamese Mass Cancelled

CONFESSION

By appointment only Tuesday-Friday 1:00pm to 3:00pm

SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION: BAPTISM,

FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION:

Contact Barb Shenton: bshenton@rcdvictoria.org

HOSPITAL VISITS - RJH/VGH

Hospital Emergencies: 250-889-3761

Chaplain - Fr. Sean Flynn

After hours Parish Emergencies ONLY: 250-294-9615

Other health concerns, non-emergency: call 811

EURCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL

24/7 Adoration in our side Chapel

Call the office for an entry code

FUNERALS: Contact the Parish Office

PARISH STAFF

Pastor: Fr. William Hann

Administrative Assistants:

Deborah Mackay

Brian Zawacki

Office: 250-592-7391

Email: stpat190@telus.net

OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesday to Friday 11:am to 3:00 pm

Custodian: Dean Riches

PARISH CONTACTS:

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garmitchell77@shaw.ca

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Pat O'Neill
pat@currencywholesale.co
250-418-0387

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egcamilleri@shaw.ca
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Catholic Women's League:

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lorrie561@icloud.com
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FROM OUR PARISH:

Quotes to ponder:

If you wish to know the mind of a person, listen to their words. If you want to know their hearts, watch their actions.

Lisa Prozen

When we are crushed like grapes, we cannot think of the wine we will become.

-Henri Nouwen (Dutch Catholic priest, professor, writer and theologian)

You have heard, no doubt, of my earlier life . . . I was violently persecuting the church of God and was trying to destroy it.

-Galatians 1:13

Live Stream Masses for the 5th Sunday of Easter

Saturday May 1st - 4:00pm Father William Hann - Holy Cross Parish

Link: <http://www.youtube.com/c/StPatricksHolyCrossChurch>

5:00pm to 6:00pm Drive-In "Communion" after the Livestream Saturday Mass
Holy Cross Parish Parking Lot - 4049 Gordon Head Road

Sunday May 2nd - 10:00am - Bishop Gary Gordon - St. Andrews Cathedral

Link: <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/diocese-of-victoria-live-stream>

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

OFFERTORY AND A NOTE ON GIVING: As you know with all Masses cancelled indefinitely there is no means of Offertory at Mass. **You can mail or drop off your weekly church envelope offering to the Parish Office.**

To make it more convenient for those that are able to contribute there are:

Direct deposit, e-transfer, credit card and online options available.

Automatic Debit (PAD) : If you need to add, change or cancel your automatic debit payments, please contact the parish office at 250-592-7391 or email: stpat190@telus.net

E-transfers: Can be made to St. Patrick's Parish by this email: stpat190@telus.net

Credit Cards: Email: developmentoffice@rcdvictoria.org. This is the Diocese of Victoria email address and they will transfer your credit card offering to St. Patrick's Parish. Please include your Name and St. Patrick's Parish in the email for credit card offerings.

Online through Canada Helps: Can be made with your credit card. "100% tax receipt".

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/register/tier-two/>

Our NEW WEBSITE is up and running!

We are happy to announce that our site is now LIVE, just in time for Easter! In the new Saint Patrick's website you will find all the information pertaining to our parish and our parish community, such as sacraments, ministries, events, previous bulletins and much more! Please note that we also have a new URL or website address:

www.stpatsvictoria.com

The complete list of Parish Contacts is now on the website in the Ministries & Groups section

BIRTHRIGHT PLANT SALE

Birthright is taking orders now for tomato plants and other edibles, perennials and shrubs. Please see their website below for more details.



Pre-paid plant orders will be delivered to St. Patrick's parking lot in mid May for local pick-up. (Target date is May 15, subject to weather.) <https://birthrightvictoria.org/garden-babies-for-birthright-plant-sales/>

There is a scam going around using the Bishop of Victoria's name, BUT there has also been a resurgence of the scam involving Fr. William's name, which has gone around in the past. If you get a text message or an email from "Father William" asking for a "favor" which usually leads to gift cards and/or cash please IGNORE this message. Often the initial message is an invitation to call or email him back. IGNORE that also. Fr. William has never, will never and would never contact parishioners with this kind of request. If you get an email, look carefully at the email address, and report all suspicious emails and texts to the office. Stay vigilant!

MASS INTENTIONS

Our Spiritual Life

Sat May 1	+ Joseph Leung
Sun May 2	+ Romeo Stefanon
Tue May 4	+ Roger Sainsbury
Wed May 5	+ Fernando Botelho
Thur May 6	+ Cecilia & Steven Ho
Fri May 7	+ Roger Sainsbury
Sat May 8	+ Joseph Leung
Sun May 9	Int Michael Atkinson & Family

FINANCIAL NEWS

2021 COLLECTIONS RECEIVED

	April 25th	Year to Date
Received	\$1,876.00	\$68,085.22
Needed	\$4,000.00	\$68,000.00
Difference	-\$2,124.00	\$85.22

Capital Fund Contributions: \$25.00

"Knights of Columbus News"

- Thursday May 6th at 7:30 pm
Knights of Columbus monthly meeting by Zoom.
All Members are welcome to attend.
- If you are a member of St. Patrick's Council 7934 and have not been receiving E-mail's about meetings, please contact Grand Knight Edward Camilleri at: egcamilleri@shaw.ca



FROM OUR PARISH & DIOCESE

MESSAGE FROM THE CHANCERY

May is always a month dedicated to our Blessed Mother Mary. This year, Pope Francis is encouraging Catholics across the globe to mark the month in a special way, with a "marathon" of prayer for an end to the Covid-19 pandemic. Each day in May at 9:00 am Pacific Time, Vatican News will broadcast a recitation of the Rosary from various Marian Shrines around the world. The broadcasts can be viewed online at :

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en.html>

Bishop Gary hopes that Catholics in the Diocese of Victoria will participate. "This is a very worthy initiative," he says, "an amazing learning and praying experience at the beginning of the day to create an awareness of our global interconnectedness as brothers and sisters."

Hail Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness, and our hope. To you do we cry!

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES FROM THE Pontifical Council: They have issued more information about the month of prayer for an end to the pandemic. There is a short liturgical guide which includes an outline of the prayer service that will be used and a list of the shrines and special intentions which will be featured each day. Canada's national Marian shrine, Notre Dame du Cap, is scheduled for Sunday, May 23rd.

Liturgical guide: <http://www.pcpne.va/content/dam/pcpne/pdf/Eventi/rosario2021/Sussidio%20Rosario%202021%20Inglese.pdf>

Shrine list: <http://www.pcpne.va/content/dam/pcpne/pdf/Eventi/rosario2021/Shrine%20List%20Ing.pdf>

PASTORAL TRAINING OUTREACH MINISTRY

Diocesan Pastoral Training Outreach training will be offered through nine online sessions: The training series will be via Zoom on Saturdays from 9-12 noon, from April 17 - June 12 Participants will require a phone number and an email address and they should register through your local parish. Participants will require a computer, smartphone, or tablet with a strong internet connection, with access to speakers, a microphone and a camera. If you are fluent with the Zoom platform, using visuals, breakout rooms and can troubleshoot minor issues we need your volunteer support with one or more of the new nine Diocesan Pastoral Care sessions. *For inquiries or to volunteer to assist with one or more sessions, please contact:* moiraking@shaw.ca

NEXT WEEK IN OUR PARISH:

Monday May 3	Tuesday May 4	Wednesday May 5	Thursday May 6	Friday May 7	Saturday May 8	Sunday May 9
St. Patrick's Parish Church & Office is Closed every Monday	12:10pm Mass Cancelled 11am to 3pm Church Open for Prayer & Visitation & Office Open	12:10 pm Mass Cancelled 11am to 3pm Church Open for Prayer & Visitation & Office Open	12:00pm Mass Cancelled 11am to 3pm Church Open for Prayer & Visitation & Office Open	12:10pm Mass Cancelled 11am to 3:00pm Church Open for Prayer & Visitation & Office Open	4:00pm Sunday Weekend Mass "Live Streaming" Holy Cross Parish 5:00pm to 6:00pm Drive-In "Communion" After the Livestream Mass Holy Cross Parish Parking Lot 4049 Gordon Head Road	9:00am Sunday Mass - Holy Cross Parish Cancelled 10:00am Sunday Mass Bishop Gary Gordon "Live Streaming" 11:00am Sunday Mass St. Patrick's Parish Cancelled
7pm Mass Bishop Gary Gordon "Live Streaming"	7pm Mass Bishop Gary Gordon "Live Streaming"	7pm Mass Bishop Gary Gordon "Live Streaming"	7pm Mass Bishop Gary Gordon "Live Streaming"	7:00pm Mass Bishop Gary Gordon "Live Streaming"		
7pm AA Peace	7pm AA Clue	7pm AA Peace	7pm Peace			

April 30, 2021

Dear fellow parishioners of Holy Cross and St. Patrick's Parishes,

Holy Cross Parish and St. Patrick's are both members of Greater Victoria Acting Together (GVAT), a coalition of civil society organizations composed of faith groups, trade unions, non-profits and post-secondary students advocating for the greater good. One of our research groups is focused on Mental Health, with a particular interest in the well-being of children and youth. A sub-group, of which I am part, is focusing on the proposed school board budget cuts for the 2021/22 school year.

School District 61 (Greater Victoria) is proposing cuts to programs such as Grades 5 to 8 Music, Reading Recovery, Educational Assistants and Family and Youth Counsellors. Such services are particularly critical given the impact of the pandemic on students' anxiety and mental health.

We are aware that the adverse impact of the COVID pandemic on school districts has caused a serious budget crisis. School districts are legally proscribed from running deficits, and rely on the Province to respond appropriately with funding in situations like the pandemic. Emergency funding was provided for the current year.

We are urging the Province to allocate contingency funds to districts to stop cuts, so that schools can continue to be safe and inspiring places for students, when they return in the new school year.

I have provided a template of a sample letter which is on the next page of the bulletin and am urging concerned parishioners of Holy Cross and St. Patrick's Parishes to write to the Minister of Education and the Minister of Finance, with copies to your MLA and opposition members **prior to May 10th**.

Email addresses attached below.

Please feel free to personalize your letters with stories of how you, a family member, or a friend have been helped by these programs.

Thank you for your help!

Mary Nall

Member of the Holy Cross Social and Eco-Justice Committee (SEJC)

Politicians' names and email addresses.

Hon. Jennifer Whiteside, Minister of Education: EDUC.minister@gov.bc.ca

Hon. Selina Robinson, Minister of Finance: FIN.Minister@gov.bc.ca

To find your MLA email address: <https://www.leg.bc.ca/content-committees/Pages/MLA-Contact-Information.aspx>

Please consider also sending your letter to:

Hon. John Horgan, Premier: premier@gov.bc.ca

Jackie Tegart, Official Opposition for Education: jackie.tegart.MLA@leg.bc.ca

Mike Bernier, Official Opposition for Finance: mike.bernier.MLA@leg.bc.ca

Shirley Bond, interim leader of the Liberal Party: shirley.bond.MLA@leg.bc.ca

Sonia Furstenau, leader of the Green Party: sonia.furstenau.MLA@leg.bc.ca

[Date]

To: The Honourable Jennifer Whiteside, Minister of Education
The Honourable Selina Robinson, Minister of Finance

Dear Ministers Whiteside and Robinson:

Re: Additional Funding to School Districts to Prevent Cutting Vital Programs

The lack of additional funding for education in the recently announced budget is a disappointment. Districts across the province are facing unprecedented costs coming out of the pandemic academic year of 2020/2021, coupled with halted revenue streams. As school districts are legally mandated to have a balanced budget, they are looking to cut vital programs that will irrevocably harm school cultures and the mental health of students and teachers.

[See the backgrounder for a list of jeopardized programs. If possible, add a personal story to tell how you, a family member, or a friend have benefitted from one or more of these programs.]

In the budget, more than 3 billion dollars have been put aside as contingency funds. I urge the government to allocate a small slice of this to the school districts to stop cuts. Mental health is a priority for your government, and I cannot think of a better way to ensure the mental health of students and teachers across this province during the pandemic than having programs remain as they are, and for schools to continue being a safe and inspiring place for all students.

Sincerely,

[name &
address]

c. c. The Honourable John Horgan, etc.

[your MLA]

**THE NINE PASTORAL CARE SESSIONS TO BE
HELD VIA ZOOM FOR CONSECUTIVE
SATURDAYS, APRIL 17 - JUNE 12 @ 2.5 HOURS
EACH (9:30-NOON)**

Session 9
Spouse
Caregiving, and
Healthy Boundaries
& Self-Care
June 12

Session 1
Orientation to
Pastoral Care
April 17

Session 2
The Healing
Ministry of Christ
During COVID
April 24

Session 8
Who Am I as a
Pastoral Care
Outreach Visitor?
June 5

Session 3
Listening and
Communication
May 1

Session 7
Grief and
Bereavement:
Ministering to
Families
May 29

Session 4
Elderly Isolation,
Loneliness and the
Journey with
Dementia
May 8

Session 6
The Grieving
Process
May 22

Session 5
The Healing
Ministry in the
Care of the Dying
May 15

**For more
information
and/or to register,
contact your parish office or moiraking@shaw.ca**





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Job Posting: *UVic/Camosun College Chaplain*

The Diocese of Victoria, located in beautiful British Columbia, is accepting applications for the position of Roman Catholic Campus Chaplain. The Catholic Chaplain reports directly to the Bishop of Victoria, or his delegate. We seek a Chaplain who is committed to helping students grow and flourish within the Catholic faith tradition while living and learning in a secular campus environment. The Chaplain will work in collaboration with the Catholic Christian Outreach team, and a *Multifaith Chaplaincy* team at the University of Victoria. The successful Chaplain will be committed to meeting a stranger on the road, envisaging and engendering an open world, and nurturing connections across many religious and secular communities. This position will not be confined to a standard 9-5 weekday work schedule.

Qualifications

- Applicants must be an ordained priest or deacon, a sister or brother in a religious order, or a qualified lay minister of the Catholic tradition.
- They would have spent at least 3 years in ministry and have a Master's Degree in Religious Studies, a Master of Divinity, or equivalent.
- They must have campus experience and at least one unit of Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE).
- Applicants should highlight relevant experience with building, working with, and supporting a broadly diverse and inclusive community.

Duties and Responsibilities

- The Catholic Chaplain will guide religious practice and learning for students, faculty, and staff of the University of Victoria and Camosun College, offering counsel, encouragement, and support to individuals and the institution as a whole.
- They will arrange the regular sacramental and liturgical life of the Catholic community, as well as the wider campus community.
- The Catholic Chaplain will provide pastoral care at both institutions, formulating community building opportunities and instruction on topics related to faith and spirituality experiences – including being actively involved in inter-religious and interfaith activities.
- They will be expected to build relationships between multiple stakeholders in the Diocese of Victoria, and be visibly engaged in the whole life of the university and college, including its campus-wide celebrations and gatherings in times of crisis.
- They will be proactive in the planning and leadership of dialogue and reflection among religious groups and traditions, and in collaborative ventures of humanitarian service.

Interested applicants are invited to submit a résumé and cover letter by May 21, 2021 to:

Roman Catholic Diocese of Victoria

Attention: Fr. William Hann, Episcopal Vicar - Faith Formation & Evangelization

4044 Nelthorpe Street

Victoria, BC V8X 2A1

Email: jobs@rcdvictoria.org

<http://www.rcdvictoria.org/employment>

We thank all applicants for their interest, however, only those short listed for an interview will be contacted.

Prayer for this Community

For all the people of our community,
we pray to the Lord.

R. Lord, have mercy.

For peace and harmony,
we pray to the Lord. *R.*

For our families and friends,
we pray to the Lord. *R.*

For our civic and religious leaders,
we pray to the Lord. *R.*

For all who work for the good of others,
we pray to the Lord. *R.*

For all who suffer pain, loss and sorrow,
we pray to the Lord. *R.*

For all who believe in God,
we pray to the Lord. *R.*

Lord,
listen to our prayers
for the men, women and children of our community.
Bless us and guide all our actions.
Be with us at all times,
for we place our lives in your hands
now and for ever.

Amen.

(Excerpt from *Blessings and Prayers for Home and Family*,
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Prayer in Times of Need

For those in any need:
almighty God, keep them in your love
and make us generous in responding to those in need.

Lord God,
we turn to you in all our troubles
and praise you in all our joys.

Hear our prayer this day and see our need.
Give us the strength and courage
that flows from your Spirit
to follow your Son, Jesus, in the way of the cross.
Send us your support
and let us experience it
in the generosity and support of others.
Glory and praise to you, God of mercy,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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