

# St. Patrick's Parish

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## Mission:

We gather as a welcoming community to worship,  
grow in faith and serve as Jesus served.



## APRIL 14 2024 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Today's readings outline the ways to know and love God and become witnesses of the Lord's saving truth. Last week in John's gospel Thomas took the rap for demanding tangible signs of the Resurrection of Jesus. This week in Luke's account Jesus spontaneously offers concrete evidence of his presence to quell his disciples' unuttered questions. He invites them to touch him. He insists on eating in their midst. He illuminates their minds—this on a par with the greatest of his miracles!—so they finally get what he has been saying to them all this while about the law, the prophets, and himself. Lastly, Jesus ordains that they be witnesses of everything they have heard, seen, know, and have touched.

How do we reconcile the gospel treatment of Thomas' need for a sign with the free handouts lavished on the whole gang in this story? We do not have to. Jesus obviously did not. In both cases Jesus does not hesitate to offer what is necessary to bring his disciples to faith. Clearly Jesus is not offended by our human need for assurances. What is more important to him is that we do, in fact, climb on board the ark of faith. So spread your fleece. Ask for what you need. Make your bargain; name your price. Jesus wants you on board. Whatever it takes to get you there, Jesus is prepared to pay the price.

And if we spend any time considering this story at all we realize that Jesus already has. Jesus demonstrates with the sign of the cross that the price of buying us back for God is never too steep. That is how dearly our participation in the grand story of love is valued. Jesus wants you—like the ultimate recruitment poster for the ultimate call to service. Your testimony is urgently requested. Your life's witness is the most precious thing in the universe as it stands in this moment. Heaven holds its angelic breath awaiting your decision. The testimony of Thomas—"My Lord and my God!"—is already on record. So are those of Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Paul, and all the saints.

The witness that salvation history depends on now is yours, and mine, because the story of salvation is still unfolding, and grace is still operating. How many of us are prepared to make our full-hearted profession of faith? That is what we do next, you know. After I stop preaching, the assembly takes to their feet and offers their response. You do not have to get up if you do not want to. You can sit there and give it more time, consider your options, reflect on what it means to say: "We believe in one God, and in Jesus, and in his Spirit, and in the church." The moment of our testimony has arrived. In the words of Saint Ignatius, *I wish not merely to be called Christian, but also to be Christian.*

Easter joy in our time of transition,  
Father William

### Weekend Mass Times

Sunday - 11:00 am

Sunday - 4:00 pm

Weekday Mass Times: - Wednesday & Friday 12:10pm

### CONFESSION:

Friday 11:30am to 12:05pm - no appointment necessary

### BAPTISM

Please email: [hcsbpaptismalprep@rcdvictoria.org](mailto:hcsbpaptismalprep@rcdvictoria.org)

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### HOSPITAL VISITS - RJH/VGH

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After hours Parish Emergencies ONLY: 250-294-9615

### EURCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL

24/7 Adoration in our side Chapel

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### FUNERALS

Please contact the Parish Office

### Parish Staff

Pastor: Fr. William Hann

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### PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesday to Friday 11:00am to 3:00 pm

Custodian: Dean Riches

We acknowledge and respect the Lekwungen peoples on whose traditional territory St. Patrick's Parish stands and the Songhees, Esquimalt and WSÁNEĆ peoples whose historical relationships with the land continue to this day.

Report Sexual Abuse

Sexual Abuse Reporting to an Independent Reporting Agency 1-800-968-3146

## MASS INTENTIONS

Sun. Apr 14 - 11:00 am + Eilleen Pungente

Sun. Apr 14 - 4:00pm + Jerry Thomson

Wed Apr 17 - 12:10pm +Carmino Elia

Fri Apr 19 - 12:10pm + Josephine  
Tognela

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## HOBBY GROUP

### Spring Cleaning? Downsizing?

The recently formed St. Patrick's Parish **Hobby Group** is looking for donations of yarn and 100% cotton material to make items to support our church bazaars. Also, appreciated are donations of sewing machines in good condition and working. New hobby group members are always welcomed.

Please contact Linda at [perogy@telus.net](mailto:perogy@telus.net) or 250-858-6665.



## FROM OUR PARISH

### Prayer Reflection

Liturgy is, therefore, both word and action . . . the Liturgy of the Eucharist is the action that flows from the word.

—*Sister Julia Upton, R.S.M.*

Ignorance of scripture is ignorance of Christ!

—*Saint Jerome*

There is always more work to be done on this side of heaven.

—*Father Josh Johnson*

### Word of the Week: **Eucharist**

**Eucharist**, Greek for "thanksgiving," is the formal name for the Mass. Also part three of the four-part movement of the Mass: the Introductory Rite, Liturgy of the Word, Liturgy of the Eucharist, and Concluding Rite. The Liturgy of the Eucharist includes the people's offering, the Eucharistic Prayer, and the Communion rite. We celebrate our faith in two main units of liturgy that serve as the spiritual lungs of the church: Word and Eucharist. The first tells the story of how we came to be the People of God. The second gives thanks for this astonishing reality. In addition, the church teaches in *Lumen Gentium* that the faithful, "as true witnesses of Christ," are "obliged to spread the faith by word and deed," which includes taking part in the Eucharistic sacrifice, "the source and summit of the Christian life." From the General Instruction of the Roman Missal: The Church has arranged the entire celebration of the Liturgy of the Eucharist in parts corresponding to precisely [the] words and actions of Christ (no. 72). Allow Easter to help you locate yourself in the vast sweep of history and see that you are the intended beneficiary of God's grace since the beginning of time.

### Congratulations to the Children and Adults who were Baptized, Confirmed, and received their First Communion at the Easter Vigil.

*O God, Loving Father, you have blessed the church with little ones born to new Christian life and sealed by the gift of the Holy Spirit. Through them we are encouraged in our own faith. Help us surround them with love and community, for their angels always see the face of God our Father in heaven. May we edify our new brothers and sisters in Christ by word and deed and truly share in Jesus' resurrection and eternal life. Amen.* We welcomed 14 children and 4 adults as full members of the Body of Christ at the Easter Vigil at Holy Cross. Thank you all for your prayers for the neophytes at St Patrick's and Holy Cross!

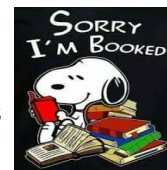
The CWL will be holding the **Spring Good Used Clothing, Jewellery & Books Sale** in the Lourdes Hall on May 10<sup>th</sup> 9:30 to 4:00 & May 11<sup>th</sup> 9:30 to 2:00. **We are now gratefully accepting donations of men's, women's, children's clothing and shoes along with household linens, jewellery, books & jigsaw puzzles.** Items can be left on the marked carts in the hall closet area. Please note we are **NOT accepting any other items at this time.** Thank you for ongoing your support! Theresa Smith - [tgsmith1225@outlook.com](mailto:tgsmith1225@outlook.com).



**Celebrating Spring! Pancake Breakfast!** The St. Patrick's Knights of Columbus will be firing up the griddle on **April 21st from 10am to 1pm**. Come and enjoy fluffy golden pancakes with sautéed sausages, steaming scrambled eggs and tastiest golden hash browns. Fresh Coffee, tea, and juice. \$30 per family or \$10 per person.

### Now available! **Books from our ST. PATRICK'S LIBRARY COLLECTION!**

Your library team has been hard at work! Starting Sunday April 14<sup>th</sup> after both Masses books from the **Environmental Collection** can be borrowed! These books will be available until June 2024! Come, visit us in the foyer by Lourdes Hall!



St. Patrick's and Holy Cross Parishes are member organizations of [GVAT](#) (Greater Victoria Acting Together) and the joint Social & Eco Justice Committee of both parishes actively supports GVAT's actions on social and climate justice issues. We invite you to read about these actions in its [2023 Annual Report](#). Look closely at the photos and you will recognize some familiar faces!

**COLLECTIONS APRIL 7, 2024**

Envelopes	\$ 2,772.54
Loose Change	\$ 538.50
Bldg. Maintenance Funds	\$ 570.00
E-Transfer	\$ 50.00
CDN Helps	\$ 179.02
PAD	\$ <u>5,494.00</u>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$ 9,604.06</b>

Share Lent / D & P	\$ 270.00
Needs of the Church	\$ 300.00

**FINANCIAL NEWS**

	April 7	YTD
Received	\$ 9,604.06	\$85,030.88
Needed	\$ 4,775.00	\$66,850.00
Difference	\$ 4,829.06	\$18,180.88



**Birthright's Annual Plant Sale is on May 25 in Lourdes Hall.** There will be all the usual plants, from perennials and ground covers to shrubs and edibles. We would love to have your plant donations, which can be dropped off at the Hall on Friday, May 24th, 3pm – 5pm. Pre-orders are now being taken for pick-up at the plant sale or during set-up on Friday, May 24. Please see our Plant Sale Poster or find us online for more details: [birthrightvictoria.org](https://birthrightvictoria.org)

A **"Love and Respect"** marriage retreat will be held at St. Joseph the Worker Parish, Victoria in May. The retreat will be held over five Thursday evenings from 7 – 9 pm, starting on May 2nd. Please register in advance at [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeO3axTZQ5GDP4ycAM3u2KLQOxbAIMJUPyp0kr546fZV\\_6-Fg/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeO3axTZQ5GDP4ycAM3u2KLQOxbAIMJUPyp0kr546fZV_6-Fg/viewform)

**Registrations are now being taken for the first DYR 2024 Diocesan Youth Retreat in four years!** Students and their chaperones are invited to this faith and fun-filled event, being held on Friday, May 10 and Saturday, May 11 at Camp Imadene. The guest speaker is Leah Perrault. For more information and to register, please visit <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/dyr> or contact Joelle Dressler, Director of Faith Formation and Evangelization [jdressler@rcdvictoria.org](mailto:jdressler@rcdvictoria.org) **Registration Closes on April 15th.**

The choral and band students from St. Patrick's, St. Joseph's, and St. Andrew's Regional High School will present the annual **ICS Music Showcase Concert** on April 16 at 6 pm at the UVic Farquhar Auditorium. To reserve a free ticket, please visit <https://tickets.uvic.ca/TheatreManager/1/tmEvent/tmEvent3284.html>. Donations will be collected at the door to help support CISDV music programs, with tax receipts available for donations over \$20.

**Attention former & current staff / former students - St. Andrew's Regional High School:** A Memorial Mass will be held for former SARHS teacher, Mick Goodger (who passed away in early January) on Friday, April 26th, 2024 at 5:00pm at Holy Cross Church; Mass will be followed by a pot-luck supper in the Hall where we will share memories about Mick. Please contact Joanie Bidlake at: [officeassistant@holycrossvictoria.org](mailto:officeassistant@holycrossvictoria.org) for pot-luck registration: to bring a salad, main dish or dessert. Refreshments will be provided. Thank you, Fr. William Hann and friends' of Mick.

**LIVESTREAM MASSES**

**Live Mass broadcast this weekend! Mass is livestreamed this week, on Sunday, April 14th from St. Patrick's Parish at 4 PM. Click the link here: <http://www.youtube.com/c/StPatricksHolyCrossChurch>**

**NEXT WEEK IN OUR PARISH**

Monday April 15	Tuesday April 16	Wednesday April 17	Thursday April 18	Friday April 19	Saturday April 20	Sunday April 21
St. Patrick's Church & Office are Closed	<b>9am Mass - Holy Cross Church</b>	11am to 3pm Church & Office Open	<b>9am Mass - Holy Cross Church</b>	11am to 3pm Church & Office Open	St. Patrick's Church & Office are Closed	<b>9am Mass - Holy Cross Church</b>
	11am to 3pm Church & Office Open		11am to 3pm Church & Office Open	11:30am Confessions	11am 50th Anniversary Celebration	<b>9:45 Sacramental Prep Class, Lesson 6</b>
		<b>12:10pm Mass - St. Patrick's Church</b>		<b>12:10pm Mass - St. Patrick's Church</b>	<b>4pm Mass - Holy Cross Church "Live Streaming"</b>	<b>PANCAKE BREAKFAST!</b>
7pm AA Peace	7pm Toastmasters 7pm AA CLUE	7pm AA Peace	7pm AA Peace	3pm Divine Mercy 6pm Couples for Christ Choir Practice 7pm CA Meeting	5:30 Couples for Christ 7pm K of C - Set-up for Sunday's Breakfast	<b>11am Mass - St. Patrick's Church</b>
						<b>4pm Mass - St. Patrick's Church</b>

**CONT'D FROM OUR PARISH**

**His Holiness Pope Francis Prayer Intention for the month of April 2024, For the Role of Women.** Video link click here: [https://youtu.be/OMUs5H\\_pVFU?si=K7mi8WsmKh4NjcNy](https://youtu.be/OMUs5H_pVFU?si=K7mi8WsmKh4NjcNy)

**ARBUTUS SINGERS 2024 Spring CONCERT** is on Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, 7:30pm at St. Patrick's Parish. Come join them for a night of great tunes such ABBA, Carole King, John Denver and Christopher Cross. You will not want to miss this enjoyable night with proceeds going to ChoirKids Program of Victoria Conservatory of Music. Light refreshments to follow.

**Ellis Achtem** of Holy Cross Parish has a **Greenhouse** full of great things for **Spring Planting**. Call now 250-477-6754 to order plants, veggies and of course, Hanging Baskets. All proceeds go to **.Mt. St. Mary Hospital**. The first 100 callers get a **FREE SUNFLOWER!**

**FROM OUR DIOCESE**

# Celebrating *Spring* Pancake Breakfast



**WHEN** April 21st

**WHERE** Lady of Lourdes Hall,  
St. Patrick's Church

**TIME** 10am to 1pm

**PRICE** \$30 per family **or**  
\$10 per person

## ON THE MENU

Fluffy golden **pancakes**  
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steaming scrambled **eggs**,  
and the tastiest golden  
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**SAT. MAY 11, 9:30AM - 2PM**

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