

# 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 19, 2026 THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

1st Reading: Acts 2.14, 22b-28 † 2nd Reading: 1 Peter 1.17-21 † Gospel: Luke 24.13-35

### THEME: THE RISEN CHRIST IS WITH US

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Today's gospel draws our attention to important aspects of our Christian life. That is the liturgy of the Word and that of the Holy Eucharist. It is important to note the sequence of activities on this journey to Emmaus. First, Christ illuminated the minds of his disciples with scriptures (liturgy of the Word). Second, Christ celebrated the liturgy of the Eucharist with them: *"while he was still with them at the table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and gave it to them"*. Afterward, something significant happened: *"their eyes opened, and they recognized him"*. It is important to note that it was only after these two celebrations that these disciples recognized Christ, their master.

The celebration of the Eucharist with his disciples underscores the importance of Christ's injunction: *"Do this in memory of me."* Indeed, he has ransomed and given us new life through his paschal mystery. Nevertheless, to sustain and nourish this new life, He left us himself in these two important liturgies of the Holy Mass (Word and Eucharist). Hence, the saying: *"Liturgy is Life!"* This means that if we forget these liturgies celebrated by Christ, we forget our new life in him.

Therefore, at Mass, we recognize Christ daily, renewing our life in him. This is because Christ at Mass offers himself again as a precious ransom for the renewal of our own life. Let us ask Christ always to open the eyes of our minds so that we may recognize him during every Eucharistic celebration. Alleluia, the risen Christ, is with us!

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP, PRAY FOR US

Father Benson Asuming

#### WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday - 7:00pm

Sunday - 11:00 am

Sunday - 4:00 pm

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES: Tuesday to Friday 12:10pm

#### CONFESSIONS:

Friday 11:30am to 12:00pm

Saturday 6:15 - 6:45pm

#### BAPTISM

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

#### CONFIRMATION & FIRST COMMUNION

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

#### HOSPITAL VISITS - RJH/VGH

Hospital Emergencies: 250-889-3761

Chaplain - Fr. Sean Flynn

Other health concerns, non-emergency: call 811

After hours Parish Emergencies ONLY: 250-294-9615

#### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL

24/7 Adoration in our side Chapel

Call or visit the office for an entry code

#### PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

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

FUNERALS: Please contact the Parish Office

#### PARISH STAFF

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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

Sat April 18 – 7:00pm (Int) Marie Podins  
Sun April 19 - 11:00am (Int) Marta Botelho  
Sun April 19 - 4:00pm + Catherine Curtin  
Tues April 21- 12:10pm + Shija Leslie  
+ John Vadakkel  
Wed April 22- 12:10pm + Manuel D’Cunha  
Thur April 23- 12:10pm +Florence Blake &  
+ William Blake  
Fri April 24 - 12:10pm + Leo Kannoth

### Ushers Needed for all Weekend

**Masses:** Ushers are urgently needed for all weekend Masses at **7pm, 11am and 4pm**. Training will be provided for this easy but rewarding parish ministry. Please contact the office by phoning 250-592-7391 or at: [stpatricks-vic@rcdvictoria.org](mailto:stpatricks-vic@rcdvictoria.org)

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## ST. PATRICK'S

### ELEMENTARY SCHOOL KINDERGARTEN TO GRADE 7

For information on registrations for 2025/2026 school year, contact:

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## PARISH NEWS & EVENTS



*Kindly remember in your prayers Father Ian Stuart, who passed away on Thursday, April 9, 2026, at Mount St. Mary Hospital.*

*Fr. Ian was born in Winnipeg. He moved to Victoria as a young child and attended St. Patrick's Elementary School and St. Louis College. He was ordained to the priesthood for the Archdiocese of Vancouver in 1987. After many years of ministry there, he moved back to Victoria in 2014 and served in parishes and as hospital chaplain.*

*Many St. Patrick's Parishioners will remember Fr. Ian for his kindness and generously offering his time when called upon. We extend our deepest sympathy to his family and friends. May he rest in peace, and may perpetual light shine upon him.*

*Fr. Ian Stuart's Funeral Mass will be held on Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm at St. Patrick's Church with a reception to follow.*



**Bishop Gary Gordon will celebrate a Special Mass this Sunday, April 19 at 11:00am here at St. Patrick's Parish in honour of the dedication of those who work or volunteer in healthcare. Everyone is invited to participate, either in-person or via livestream at: <https://www.youtube.com/live/BcHDjhHitMc>**

### Memo from your Responsible Ministry/Safe Environment Coordinator

The Diocese has recently reviewed and changed their SafeFaith Edition training program for Abuse Prevention, a requirement for all volunteers in all Ministries. Some of you may have already received an email notice from Vector Solutions providing you with how to access and review the Diocesan Policies plus completing one online training course. I will be signing up and sending out notices to all other volunteers needing the training by the end of April. For those of you who would prefer an in-person training session, a date & time will be announced in the near future. My sincere thanks to all the volunteers for their dedication and time to help out St. Patrick's Parish.  
~ Susie Nute

**CLOSED**

**Parish Office Early Closure, April 21-28**

Please note: the office will **close at 2:30pm** from **April 21-28th**.

## Pancake Breakfast

A Thank You to Healthcare Workers & Volunteers!  
A Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast will take place this **Sunday, April 19th** both before and after the 11:00 am Mass in the Lourdes Hall.



### Baptismal Preparation for the Parents

Is it your hope to have your child welcomed into the family of God through baptism? If so, to prepare to have your child baptized, parents must participate in a Baptismal Prep course and complete a baptism registration form. Please note that the next session available to take a Baptismal Prep course is **Saturday, April 25** (10:00am-12:00pm noon). Please email [hcsppbaptismalprep@rcdvictoria.org](mailto:hcsppbaptismalprep@rcdvictoria.org) for more information.

**COLLECTIONS APRIL 12, 2026**

Envelopes	\$	2,310.00
Loose Change	\$	892.55
Tiptap	\$	120.00
Bldg. Maint. Fund	\$	130.00
CanadaHelps	\$	91.30
E-Transfers	\$	30.00
PAD	\$	1,425.00
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>4,998.85</b>
Development & Peace Share Lent	\$	50.00
Needs of the Church In the Holy Land	\$	145.00

**FINANCIAL NEWS**

	<b>Apr 12, 2026</b>	<b>YTD</b>
Received	\$4,998.85	\$95,007.99
Needed to cover expenses	\$7,685.00	\$112,960.00
Difference	-\$2,686.15	-\$27,952.01

**St. Clare Villa Unit for Sale**

Unit # 204, a one bedroom plus den suite of 840 square feet. New carpeting and ready for immediate possession. Contact Housing Corporation agent Tony Joe 250-361-7883 or [tony@primeteam.ca](mailto:tony@primeteam.ca)

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops has issued a reflection on **Pope Leo's call for peace, human dignity, & moral responsibility in public life.**

The reflection may be read online here:

<https://www.cccb.ca/media-release/reflection-on-the-holy-fathers-call-for-peace-human-dignity-and-moral-responsibility-in-public-life/>

The faithful in Canada are encouraged to continue praying for the Holy Father, for peace among nations, and for all who suffer because of war.

**Garden Babies for Birthright Plant Sale, Saturday, May 23rd, 9:00AM – 1:00PM**

Mark your calendars: Birthright's Annual Plant Sale is coming up May 23! We'll have all the usual plants, from perennials and ground covers to shrubs and edibles. We'd also love to have your plant donations. (Now is a great time to divide perennials or gather plant volunteers.) Please contact Peggy at 250.478.5372 or [info@birthrightvictoria.org](mailto:info@birthrightvictoria.org) to offer plants or plant sale help. **We are also taking pre-orders now for pick-up at the Plant Sale or during set-up on Friday, May 22.** This is the best option if you're wanting specific varieties from our Edibles page or are unable to attend the Saturday sale. (Our Perennial and Shrub pages are also now open for pre-orders.) <https://birthrightvictoria.org/garden-babies-for-birthright-plant-sales/>

**Seniors Event on Independence & Safety in Your Home**

There will be a free event on Wednesday, April 22nd from 1:30-3:30pm in the St. Patrick's Parish Hall. **"Promoting independence and safety in your home"** put on by the Victoria Seniors Business Network.

Call **1-778-200-3387** or register here:

<https://VSBNIIndependenceandSafety.eventbrite.ca>



**Tickets on sale for Arbutus Singers Spring Concert**

The Arbutus Singers will perform their Spring Concert on **Wednesday, April 29th from 7:30-9:00pm** at St. Patrick's Parish. Tickets are **\$20 each** or **\$50 for a Family Pack**. Purchase from an Arbutus Singers member, or call Julie at **250-384-2840**.

*Proceeds to support Choir Kids.*



**LIVESTREAM MASSES**

**Live Mass broadcast this weekend! Mass is livestreamed this week on Sunday, April 19th from St. Patrick's Parish at 11:00am. Click the link here: <http://www.youtube.com/c/StPatricksHolyCrossChurch>**

**NEXT WEEK IN OUR PARISH**

<u>Mon. April 20</u>	<u>Tues. April 21</u>	<u>Wed. April 22</u>	<u>Thurs. April 23</u>	<u>Fri. April 24</u>	<u>Sat. April 25</u>	<u>Sun. April 26</u>
Church & Parish Office CLOSED	11am to <b>2:30pm</b> Church & Office Open	11am to <b>2:30pm</b> Church & Office Open	11am to <b>2:30pm</b> Church & Office Open	11am to <b>2:30pm</b> Church & Office Open	Church & Parish Office CLOSED	Church & Parish Office CLOSED
	<b>12pm The Regina Coeli</b>	11am SVDP Meeting	<b>12pm The Regina Coeli &amp; 12:10 Mass</b>	<b>11:30am Confessions</b>	10am Baptism Preparation Class	<b>11am Sunday Mass</b> Coffee after Mass
	<b>12:10pm Funeral Mass—Lawrence Chamberlain</b>	<b>11:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Mass</b>		<b>12pm The Regina Coeli &amp; 12:10pm Mass</b>	2pm Couples for Christ, Christian Life Program	1pm Couples for Christ - Kids for Christ
	7pm Toastmasters	<b>12pm Victoria Seniors Business</b>		3pm Divine Mercy Devotion		<b>4pm Sunday Mass</b>
	7pm AA-CLUE	7pm Railway Mtg	7pm AA-Peace	5:30pm Couples for Christ - Assembly	6:15pm Confessions	
		7pm SEJ Committee		5:30pm Youth for Christ (Gabriel Room)	<b>7pm Saturday Evening Mass</b>	
		6pm AA Peace				

## BULLETIN NOTICES OR ANNOUNCEMENTS

When you have notices or announcements pertaining to the Parish, that you would like to submit for approval to be included in the weekly bulletin sent out on Fridays, please ensure that your bulletin request is received by the office by **Wednesday at 4:00pm**.

BULLETIN  
REQUEST

## NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE

Registration is now open for the **12th Annual Diocese of Victoria Family Camp and Conference**. Families are invited to gather for a fun, faith-filled weekend of fellowship, play, and prayer taking place August 20-23 at beautiful Nanoose Bay Camp. Details are at: [12thAnnualVictoriaDioceseFamilyCampandConference.eventbrite.ca](https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/12th-annual-victoria-diocese-family-camp-and-conference)

**St. Mark's College at UBC** is now accepting applications for **bursaries and awards offered for people within the Diocese of Victoria**. Applications are being accepted for the following on a rolling basis.

- ♦ The **Blessed Marie Anne Blondin Bursary (\$1,500)**: for a lay woman who is accepted or enrolled in a program or course for ministry in the Church, such as religious education, social justice, liturgy, social action, care of the sick, etc. Candidates must be able to demonstrate financial needs
- ♦ **Formation for Catholic Ministry Award (\$3,330)**: for a schoolteacher, or parish or diocesan lay leader in the diocese of Victoria wanting to pursue theological education to deepen their understanding of the faith and better be able to teach it and/or deepen ones spiritual life. (See poster for the above award attached for sharing with your community)

More information and application forms are available at: <https://stmarkscollege.ca/scholarships-and-financial-aid/>

All are invited to participate in an online **"Conversation in the Spirit"** synodal session on **Saturday, April 25** from **10:30 – 11:45** am. As part of the **Diocese of Victoria Permanent Pastoral Synod**, this safe, respectful, and non-judgmental session will be exploring questions about how to bring the Good News to our communities. Here is what one participant had to say about their experience in a session: *"At first, I did not expect to be moved, but it has been a positive experience and I have been surprised at things. I have discovered that we don't know how we feel until we can speak about it and be heard. This is how it is (at this Conversation in the Spirit)".* To join the session, see the following **Zoom link**:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81881926381?pwd=K8hfpytrbBlv18YHYjblA0TmotzCub.1>

Meeting ID: 818 8192 6381 Passcode: 921735

## Fundraising for the St. Andrew's High School Grad Class of 2026

St. Andrew's High School is asking for community support for two upcoming events related to grad fundraising. On **Saturday, April 25th**, from **11:00am until 3:00pm**, the high school will be hosting a **bottle drive, car wash and BBQ** at 880 McKenzie Avenue. Drop off your refundable bottles and cans, grab some lunch, and get your vehicle washed by donation.

In addition, the St. Andrew's High School Grad Class of 2026 is asking for **companies who would consider contributing**, either through a **financial donation or a donation of product, service or gift card**, that could be used in their online auction. Your company name will be included as a sponsor in school newsletters that go out to approximately 400 school families. Tax receipts can be provided for donations upon request. Donations are due by May 8th. If you have any questions about school grad class fundraising activities or wish to make a donation, please contact their Grad Committee at: [sarhsgrad2026@gmail.com](mailto:sarhsgrad2026@gmail.com)



## Annie the Musical at St. Andrew's High School

St. Andrew's Regional High School invites the community to their theater presentation of Annie Jr.!

Tickets are **\$20 at the Spectrum Theatre**. Come out and support our students and staff, May 7-9th.

For show times and instructions to purchase tickets go to: <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/anniejr>



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