

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 23, 2023 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sometimes a scripture commentary is so good it deserves to see the light of day beyond the scholars. R. H. Smith should have last word on the significance of the Emmaus story: *so, the lordship of Jesus is not known or manifested in acts of war or vengeance or in dreadful and mighty signs but is attained through a cross and expressed in a meal - an act of hospitality, peace, brotherhood, and sisterhood.* The power of heaven is waiting for us at the table. And what we are privileged to discover in the scriptures is even more forcefully brought home to us by sharing of the bread and wine. Yes, indeed, on this God-given Jesus we may feed. The Emmaus story is like a gospel within the gospel. It is so rich a lesson that it serves as a summary of our own bonding with Jesus Christ. The Emmaus story speaks to people of all ages. We can see ourselves in these two weary travelers on their journey, the faith and hope they have lost, the future they have hoped for fallen apart. And yet they met an unknown friend walking the road with them, who gave them a fresh insight, and connected the new world with the world they knew. And, of course, He is present in a particular way in the Eucharist, in the breaking of bread, full of the many meanings that breaking bread had for Jesus Himself, during His life and after the resurrection.

It is not too difficult to recognize ourselves in those two disciples who are on their way to Emmaus. Is it? And look what it is that makes them slowly come to the point of recognizing Jesus as risen, as being very much with them; it is a recognition that enables them to snap out of their dejection and disillusionment so that they can take up life again with a sense of purpose and hope, strengthened and renewed: what makes that possible for them is their searching of scriptures and their breaking and sharing of the bread, in the presence of Jesus. But those are exactly the activities that we engage in while we are here. Every Sunday - as disciples of Jesus have done for centuries - we too come together around the scriptures and around the bread and wine that we share. And do we not do this in the presence of Jesus, who discloses for us the Scriptures, so that we find in them a bit of light in our darkness? And do we not follow that up by sharing the bread and wine in which the same risen Jesus continues to give Himself to us so that we find nourishment and hope and life's journey? What today's Gospel story describes is what we are doing here? What overcame the first disciples of Emmaus overcomes us as well.

That is why we need to come together and search the scriptures, much like the disciples of Emmaus. And we search the Scriptures not just to satisfy our intellectual curiosity, but rather to find there a word from a gracious God - however clumsily mediated sometimes by the preacher - a word that enables us to negotiate our way through life and to keep our hearts burning within us, trusting and holding on to a God who, in Jesus dead and risen, shows Himself to be a God-for-and-with-us-people. In the light of today's Gospel story, may I ask you to remain faithful to what we do here, to cherish it, and to give it all the care it needs and deserves? It is the firm conviction of our Christian tradition that in our coming together, in our searching the scriptures, and in our sharing the bread and wine, we are privileged to meet the risen Jesus and to be renewed by Him, so that we can get on with life with a sense of purpose and hope. We pray that it may indeed be so.

Abundant Easter blessings
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 hcspbaptismalprep@rcdvictoria.org

CONFIRMATION & FIRST COMMUNION

Please email sphcsacramentalprep@rcdvictoria.org

HOSPITAL VISITS - RJH/VGH

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Chaplain - Fr. Sean Flynn

Other health concerns, non-emergency: call 811

After hours Parish Emergencies ONLY: 250-294-9615

EURCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL

24/7 Adoration in our side Chapel

Call or visit the office for an entry code

FUNERALS

Please contact the Parish Office

Parish Staff

Pastor: Fr. William Hann

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Office: 250-592-7391

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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 W̱SÁNEĆ 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

COLLECTIONS APRIL 16

Envelopes	\$2,255.00
Loose Change	\$ 355.10
Capital Fund	\$ 45.00
PAD	\$ 975.00
E-Transfer	\$ 50.00
CanadaHelps	\$ 48.00

Grand Total \$3,728.10

Needs of the Church In the Holy Lands \$ 170.00

FINANCIAL NEWS

	APRIL 16	YTD
Received	\$3,728.10	\$76,450.75
Needed	\$4,700.00	\$75,200.00
Difference	-\$ 971.90	\$ 1,250.75

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FROM OUR PARISH:

Prayer Reflection

If . . . I were asked for the most important advice I could give . . . I should simply say: In the name of God, stop a moment, cease your work, look around you.

-Leo Tolstoy

God loves you, is present in you, lives in you, dwells in you, calls you, saves you, and offers you an understanding and compassion which are like nothing you have ever found in a book or heard in a sermon.

-Thomas Merton

Our sincere condolences and prayers to the family and friends of the late Pauline Fiederer. Pauline is now united with her beloved Frank and son, Karl. Sacred to the memory!

It is with sadness that we announce the passing of Dr. Michael O'Neill, a long time parishioner of our parish, who passed away on Tuesday, April 18, 2023. A Prayer Vigil will be held on Thursday, May 4th, at 7:30 pm, and his Funeral Mass will be on the following day, Friday, May 5th, at 12:10 pm. Our deepest sympathies and prayers to his family and friends.



CALL TO MINISTRY FAIR WEEKEND SUNDAY, MAY 14TH

Over the next few weeks we will hear from representatives from various ministries inviting you to participate in our parish Call To Ministry Fair Weekend on Sunday, May 14th at each Mass. Pray where the Holy Spirit is calling you to serve. We need to expand our volunteer base in our liturgical and service ministries.

Baptismal Preparation

Do you want to have your child welcomed into the family of God through baptism? To prepare you must complete a registration form and complete a Baptismal Preparation course. Please note that the next sessions for Baptismal Preparation are scheduled for:

- **Sat, May 13 (10:00 am – 12 noon)**
- **Sat, June 10 (10:00 am – 12 noon)**

Please call the parish office to leave your name and contact information and to request a registration form. Also, please indicate which course you would like to register. Note the registration form is available on the parish website by clicking: [Religious Education](#)

Thank you, Bev Pulyk, Baptismal Coordinator, St. Patrick's Parish and Holy Cross Parish



Plan to come shopping at
CWL's Spring Good Used Clothing, Books & Puzzles Sale
Friday April 28 & Saturday April 29th from 9:30 am to 2:00 pm.

Lots of items for everyone at BARGAIN prices!

Still gratefully accepting donations of clothing, linens, books & puzzles until April 23rd. Thank you for your support!

ARBUTUS SINGERS CONCERT

Get ready to be mesmerized by the voices of The Arbutus Singers. On April 26 at 7:30pm at our St. Patrick's Church. Tickets by donation with proceeds going to support the Ukrainian-Canadian Cultural Society of Vancouver Island. Please see the poster and article in this bulletin for more information.



MASS INTENTIONS

Sun April 23 - 11:00 am + Serafim Botelho
 Sun April 23 - 4:00pm + Danilo Danzo
 Wed April 26- 12:10pm + Kenneth Griffith
 Fri April 28 - 12:10 pm (Int.) Kathy & Roberto Lant
 Sun April 30 - 11:00 am + Emma Hartford
 Sun April 30 - 4:00pm + Maria Leung

SILENT AUCTION AT ST. PATRICK'S SCHOOL.

The annual online silent auction is live until April 30th at 9pm. With an amazing assortment of items from local businesses. All funds go towards programmes at the school. Please follow the link to view:

<https://www.32auctions.com/Stpats2023>

JOB POSTING:

Island Catholic Schools is accepting applications for the following position:

Part-time Homestay coordinator for the International Student Programme at St. Andrews Regional High school. Please view the detailed job posting [HERE](#)

FROM THE DIOCESE & OUR PARISH

NEWS FROM THE CHANCERY

1) As the world celebrates Earth Day on April 22, you are invited to explore "Our Common Home", a website and booklet jointly developed by the Holy See and the Stockholm Environment Institute. This guide was created to help Catholic communities respond to Pope Francis' calls to develop a more sustainable future. The website can be viewed at <https://www.sei.org/publications/ourcommonhome/>; the booklet can be downloaded from the website.

2) National Family & Life Week, May 7 - 14, 2023, is an invitation from the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops to the faithful in Canada to celebrate the joy and beauty of family and life. To support parishes and communities in promoting and celebrating this week, the CCCB has prepared a Pastoral Toolkit. It includes daily prayer intentions and activities for families and parishes and other resources. For more information and a link to the toolkit, please visit:

<https://www.cccb.ca/faith-moral-issues/family-and-life/national-family-and-life-week/>.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Birthright's Annual Plant Sale is on May 20th at 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 19th, 3:00pm – 5:00pm. Pre-orders are now being taken for pick-up at the Plant Sale or during set-up on Friday, May 19. Please see our Plant Sale Poster or find us online for more details: Birthrightvictoria.org

Mount St Mary Hospital Fundraiser

Ellis Achtem, a long-time parishioner at Holy Cross Parish, raises funds yearly through the sales of plants started in his backyard greenhouses. To date he has raised over \$100,000.00 by selling his floral planters and garden starters. There are still some plants available for sale – lettuce, tomatoes and geraniums. **Call Ellis a call at 250-477-6754 to place your.**

Vocations To the Priesthood - Third Sunday of Easter

Do you recognize Christ in your life? Does your heart burn in his presence? How are you being called - as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? If God is calling you, contact Fr. David Hogman or Fr. Harrison Ayre, Directors of Vocations in the Diocese of Victoria.

Fr. David Hogman: dhogman@rcdvictoria.org **Fr. Harrison Ayre:** hayre@rcdvictoria.org

LIVESTREAM MASSES

Live Mass broadcast this weekend! Mass is livestreamed this week Sunday, April 23rd from St. Patrick's Parish at 4:00 PM. Click the link here: <http://www.youtube.com/c/StPatricksHolyCrossChurch>

NEXT WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday April 24	Tuesday April 25	Wednesday April 26	Thursday April 27	Friday April 28	Saturday April 29	Sunday April 30
St. Patrick's Church and Parish Office are Closed 7:00pm AA Peace	9:00am Mass at Holy Cross Parish 11:00am to 3:00pm Church Open for Prayer & Visitation Parish Office Open 7:00pm SSVP Meeting "Via Zoom" 7:00pm Toastmasters 7:00pm AA Clue	11:00am to 3:00pm Church Open for Prayer & Visitation Parish Office Open 12:10pm Mass 6:00pm Parish Council Meeting 7:00pm BC Railway Historical Society 7:00pm AA Peace 7:30pm Concert - Arbutus Singers 25th Anniversary	9:00am Mass at Holy Cross Parish 11:00am to 3:00pm Church Open for Prayer & Visitation Parish Office Open 7:00pm Knights of Columbus Meeting "Executive" 7:00pm AA Peace	9:30am CWL Spring New & Gently Used Clothing Sale 11:00am to 3:00pm Church Open for Prayer & Visitation Parish Office Open 11:30am Confessions 12:10pm Mass 3:00pm Divine Mercy Devotion 7pm CA Meeting	9:30am CWL Spring New & Gently Used Clothing Sale St. Patrick's Church and Parish Office are Closed. 4:00pm Mass at Holy Cross Parish	9:00am Mass at Holy Cross Parish "Live Streaming" 11:00am Mass at St. Patrick's Parish 12:00pm Refreshments after Mass 4:00pm Mass at St. Patrick's Parish

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Arbutus Singers 25th Anniversary Choir Concert to benefit Ukrainians Arriving on South Vancouver Island

The **Arbutus Singers** is teaming up with St. Patrick's Parish to host a 25th Anniversary Concert which will benefit Ukrainians arriving on Vancouver Island. The concert will be held on Wednesday, April 26th at 7:30 pm at St. Patrick's Church, 2060 Haultain Street, in Oak Bay. The Arbutus Singers is an inspired, disciplined sixty member Victoria based choir founded and directed by Jack Boomer, and accompanied by Robyn McKinnon. The 90 minute concert will include selections from Phantom of the Opera to Dear Evan Hansen, Jesus Christ Superstar and the Greatest Showman.

"We are absolutely delighted to be partnering with the Arbutus Singers to support Ukrainians arriving on Vancouver Island," said Fr. Hann, the Parish Priest. Fr. Hann added, "We want to support those who have been affected by unjust invasion and, are delighted to lend our support by offering a place for the concert, and to actively encourage donations from our parish community and those across Greater Victoria. We are providing light refreshments following the concert."

Jack Boomer, the Director of the Arbutus Singers and his partner, Stephen Hammond are offering to match donations, up to \$5,000. Stephen Hammond noted, "Human rights are of utmost importance to me and Jack and I want to do our part to offer support. With the Arbutus Singers celebrating their 25th anniversary, what better way to offer support than to encourage others to donate."

Donations can be made through <http://www.stnicholasparish.org/donate-to-help-ukrainians-arriving-on-south-vancouver-island/> or by writing a cheque to "St. Nicholas Parish – the Newcomers Fund".

"We look forward to seeing you at the concert on April 26 as it will be a very memorable and enjoyable night," added Boomer. For more information, go to www.arbutussingers.com



25th
ANNIVERSARY
CONCERT

ARBUTUS SINGERS

Come join Jack Boomer, Director, Robyn McKinnon, Pianist, and the Arbutus Singers and help us celebrate our 25th Anniversary Concert. Highlights include selections from The Greatest Showman, Dear Evan Hansen, Jesus Christ Superstar and Neil Diamond. It's an evening you won't want to miss!

Wednesday, April 26, 2023
7:30pm

St. Patrick's Parish
2060 Haultain Street
Victoria, BC

Tickets By Donation*

(*Up to \$5,000 will be donated to match proceeds from the concert.)

Light refreshments to follow the
90 minute concert.

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