

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 5, 2026

THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

1st Reading: Acts 10.34a, 37-43 † 2nd Reading: Colossians 3.1-4 † Gospel: John 20.1-18++

THEME: THIS DAY WAS MADE BY THE LORD, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA!

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Christ Our Lord has risen today! Alleluia! This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad. Jesus has risen, never to die again. After the anguish of the last few days, it is time to rejoice. By his resurrection, Jesus is the Lord of the living and of the dead. We died with him through our Lenten observances, let us also rise with Him through the power of the Holy Spirit.

This Easter day, we are all also called to join Paul in giving thanks to God: "Who in his great mercy has given us a new birth, by raising Christ from the dead" (Act 2: 42-43). The death of Christ was ours. Also, his resurrection, glory, and triumph are equally ours.

Christ did not put us to shame. Rather, we now have a sure hope in an inheritance that can never be destroyed. So, having been raised with Christ, we must act like the living and not the dead. This is because we share in the new life of Christ. Through this, Paul calls us to be aware of our new and exalted position in Christ. Let us be happy and rejoice for what God has done for us today in Christ. Let us sing with the Psalmist on this glorious day of Easter: "This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.

Finally, let us ask for the grace to enter into the joy of Jesus himself, the seed that fell to the ground and died, and is now, bearing abundant fruit, full of new life.

Alleluia, Alleluia!

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: hcsbp baptismalprep@rcdvictoria.org

CONFIRMATION & FIRST COMMUNION

Please email: 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 4 – 8:00pm	Easter Vigil
Sun April 5 - 11:00am	Resurrection of the Lord
Sun April 5 - 4:00pm	Resurrection of the Lord
Tues April 7 - 12:10pm	+ Stella & Jim McCutcheon
Wed April 8- 12:10pm	+ Serafim, Fernando & Elmira Botelho
Thurs April 9 - 12:10pm	St. Patrick's School Mass
Fri April 10 - 12:10pm	(Int) Claudia & Ash Jamshidpor

The Parish Office will be closed from Friday, April 3rd to Tuesday, April 7th, 2026.

The office will open again on Wednesday, April 8th.

PARISH CONTACTS

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PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

St. Patrick's Parish

Holy Thursday April 2

MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

12:10 pm Mass Cancelled
7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday April 3

THE PASSION OF THE LORD

9:30 am Stations of the Cross
3:00 pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday April 4

THE EASTER VIGIL

8:00 pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday April 5

THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Mass at 11:00 am
Mass at 4:00 pm



Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends Mary Kennedy, who passed away on March 26, 2026. May she rest in peace, and may perpetual light shine upon her. Her Funeral Mass will be held at St. Patrick's Parish, on Wednesday, April 8, 2026 at 12:10pm. Reception with light refreshments to follow in Our Lady of Lourdes Hall.

REMINDER FOR FAMILIES - QUIET SPACE DURING MASS

As a reminder that for Saturday and Sunday Masses the Reconciliation Room will be open and available for families who **need a quiet space for infants and young children**.

Food Drive Thank You & Update

A big thank you to all parishioners who made donations to the Knights of Columbus Food Drive for St. Vincent de Paul. Thanks also to all the Knights who participated and to the CWL members who helped us transport 574kg (1,265 lbs) of donated food, on Monday, March 30th, to the SVDP "Choices Food Pantry" at 833 Yates Street in Victoria.

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-12pm noon). Please email hcspbaptismalprep@rcdvictoria.org - the coordinator will then contact you with more details about baptism and forward you the baptism registration form.

Christian Life Program (CLP)

You are warmly invited to join us for a life-changing journey of faith, renewal, and community on **Saturday, April 11th** from **3:00-6:00pm** at St. Patrick's Parish. Discover God's love, grow in your relationship with Him, and build meaningful connections with other families. The Christian Life Program is a series of inspiring talks and fellowship gatherings designed to help you deepen your faith and experience a renewed life in Christ.

ST. PATRICK'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL KINDERGARTEN TO GRADE 7

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

Patrick Card - Principal
Angela McLeish - Vice Principal
Phone: 250-592-6713
Email: sp@cisdv.bc.ca



COLLECTIONS MARCH 29, 2026

Envelopes	\$	2,025.00
Loose Change	\$	987.25
Tiptap	\$	115.00
Bldg. Maint. Fund	\$	80.00
PAD	\$	553.00
Grand Total	\$	3,760.25
Development & Peace	\$	1,230.00
Needs of the Church In the Holy Land	\$	20.00



Our CWL **Spring Good Used Clothing, Jewellery & Books Sale** is on April 17th & 18th. We still need donations of good clean used clothing (men's, women's, children's), shoes, accessories, linens, jewellery, books & jigsaw puzzles. Please leave items on the carts in the hall closet area.

Thank you for your kind support!
[CLICK HERE](#) to view the poster.



A BIG Thank You to everyone involved in the St. Patrick's Day Dinner on Saturday, March 14th. The **Knights of Columbus raised \$4,500.00** towards the church roof repair. Thank you again for everyone's support!



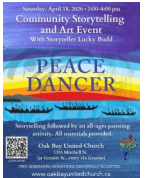
FINANCIAL NEWS

	Mar 29, 2026	YTD
Received	\$3,760.25	\$77,150.29
Needed to cover expenses	\$7,685.00	\$107,590.00
Difference	-\$3,924.75	-\$30,439.71

Calling all Men! **COR (Latin for Heart)** is a gathering of men that seek to build a Christ-centred brotherhood through intentional Prayer, Formation and Fraternity. St. Patrick's COR is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council 7934 but is open to all men of the parish and St. Patrick's School. You are invited to join us at our next COR gathering in Our Lady of Lourdes Hall, St. Patrick's Church, **Sunday, April 19** after the **4:00 Mass**. We will be having a discussion around the question: *"How do I bring the good news to family, school, work and friends."*

Community Storytelling and Art Event

On **Saturday, April 18th**, from **2:00-4:00pm**, Oak Bay United Church will host an event called **Peace Dancer** with storyteller, Lucky Budd. This will be followed by an all-ages painting activity. All materials provided. Location: 1355 Mitchell Street (entry via Granite Street). Free admission; donations gratefully accepted.



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

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 **Saturday, April 4th** from St. Patrick's Parish at 7:00pm. Click the link here: <http://www.youtube.com/c/StPatricksHolyCrossChurch>

NEXT WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Mon. April 6	Tues. April 7	Wed. April 8	Thurs April 9	Fri. April 10	Sat April 11	Sun April 12
HOLY WEEK Church & Parish Office CLOSED	Church & Parish Office CLOSED No MASS 7pm Toastmasters 7pm AA - CLUE	11am to 3pm Church & Office Open Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament CANCELLED 12:00pm Angelus 12:10pm Funeral Mass - Mary Kennedy Reception to follow 6:30pm AA Peace	11am to 3pm Church & Office Open 10:45am St. Patrick's School Easter Mass All are Welcome 12pm Angelus & 12:10 Mass Cancelled 7pm AA Peace	11am to 3pm Church & Office Open 11:30am Confessions 12pm Angelus 12:10pm Mass 3pm Divine Mercy Devotion 7pm CA Spiritual Lines	Church & Parish Office Closed 2pm Couples for Christ, Christian Life Program 6:15pm Confessions 7pm Saturday Evening Mass	Church & Parish Office Closed 11am Mass <i>Coffee After Mass</i> 4pm Mass

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE

Times and locations of Holy Week and Easter services across our Diocese are available on our website at:

<https://www.rcdvictoria.org/events/2026-holy-week-mass-times>

Bishop Gary Gordon has written a message to the people of the Diocese of Victoria for the occasion of Easter 2026.

The message may be read online at: <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/news/bishop-gary-gordons-message-for-easter-2026>

A copy of the letter is also attached to this email to share with your communities.

Would you like to help restore an important Garry Oak ecosystem? On April 12 and running every 2nd and 4th Sunday from 1–4 pm, all are invited to come rain or shine to build community and help remove invasive species from our property on the slopes of Christmas Hill. Please meet in the Sacred Heart parking lot (4044 Nelthorpe Street). For more info and to sign up, email jseale1234@gmail.com or visit: <https://garry-oak-ecosystem-restoration-2026.eventbrite.ca>

Island Catholic Schools warmly invite you to their annual **Joy of Music Concert** at the UVic Farquhar Auditorium on Tuesday, April 14, 2026, at 6:00pm. This special evening showcases the musical talents of students from St. Patrick's, St. Joseph's, and St. Andrew's, bringing our communities together in celebration through choir, band, and musical theatre performances. Join us for an inspiring night as our young musicians share their dedication, creativity, and passion for music while honouring the spirit of our Island Catholic Schools community. Purchase tickets by calling the UVic Box Office at (250) 721-8480 or online at: <https://purchase.tickets.uvic.ca/EventAvailability?EventId=12601>

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

Baskets are now being planted for Mount St. Mary's Hospital

Last year proceeds from 75 baskets & other plants helped the hospital care for many people. While all costs (except labor) have increased, prices remain the same. Of course, extra cash donations are still accepted. In addition to baskets, we have lettuce, squash, tomatoes, geraniums, lemon-scented pelargoniums and daisies available. ORDER ASAP, as we sold out last year. To order, call Ellis at 250-477-6754. Thank you for supporting the hospital! Ellis will plant your pots and containers. If preferred, cash donations will be delivered to Ukrainian Church for war effort support.



Anawim Board Recruiting

Are you passionate about giving back to your local community? Are you interested in making a difference in the lives of people who need healing, support, love, dignity and respect? The Anawim Companions Society is more than a charity; it's a living community where compassion ignites transformation and dignity is restored through countless moments of kindness and care. The Anawim Companions Society is seeking passionate, strategic, creative leaders with strong business acumen to join our Board of Directors. As a volunteer member, you will play a key role in supporting the strategic direction, ensuring compliance and financial sustainability, and enhancing the community profile of Anawim House and Susan's Place as they continue to grow and evolve. Check out the website for more information:

www.anawimsociety.ca. We are currently looking for individuals with varied experience to fill three roles: (1) Financial Governance & Treasurer, (2) Chair and (3) Fund Development and Major Gifts Director. If you are interested in learning more about the positions or to apply, please email president@anawimsociety.ca.



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Anawim House, ANCOP (Answering the Cry of the Poor), Birthright, Cool Aid Society, Development and Peace, Kids Klub Brown Bag Lunch Program, Missions in Canada and abroad, Coady International, Mount St. Mary Hospital, Oak Bay Volunteer Service Society, St. Vincent de Paul, Rachel's Vineyard, Sanctuary Youth Centre, Threshold Housing Society, Sandy Merriman House, The Soup Kitchen, Victoria Youth Empowerment, St. Patrick's/St. Andrew's Schools and Student Bursaries, as well as church needs.

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