

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.



AUGUST 9, 2026 NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

My Dear People in Christ,

Greetings of peace and joy in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. It has now been one month since I arrived at St. Patrick's Parish. I want to sincerely thank each of you for your prayers, kindness, and support in helping me settle into our parish family. Your warm welcome has truly made me feel at home, and I am deeply grateful. As you know, our **Pastoral Care Visiting Ministry** is in need of more volunteers. I like to call this ministry a **"ministry of compassionate presence."** Many of our seniors and those who are homebound long for someone who will simply visit them, listen to them, pray with them, and remind them that they are loved by God and by their parish family. If you feel called to this beautiful ministry, please register by **September 15**. An orientation session will be held on **Saturday, September 19, at 10:00 a.m.** in the **St. Ann Room**. I encourage you to prayerfully consider becoming part of this ministry of mercy and compassion.

In this Sunday's Gospel (Matthew 14:22-33), we hear the familiar story of Jesus walking on the water. Before this miracle, Jesus had just fed the five thousand. After everyone had eaten, He did not simply leave. He made sure the crowds were safely dismissed and remained until the very end. What a beautiful example of servant leadership! Jesus never abandons His people.

Meanwhile, the disciples crossed to the other side of the lake without Jesus and soon found themselves caught in a violent storm. Perhaps they never imagined they would need Him so urgently. They did not think of waiting for Him or staying with Him. Without Jesus, they found themselves overwhelmed. How often that happens in our own lives! We try to face life's challenges on our own, only to discover that we cannot overcome them by ourselves. Jesus comes to them, walking on the stormy sea. He does not first calm the waves. Instead, He comes into the midst of the storm and says, **"Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid."** Peter walks toward Jesus as long as his eyes remain fixed on the Lord. But the moment he begins to focus on the strength of the wind and the size of the waves, he starts to sink.

This Gospel teaches us an important lesson. Our greatest mistake is not that storms come into our lives—they will. Our mistake is taking our eyes off Jesus and fixing them on our problems. When we focus only on the storm, fear grows. When we focus on Jesus, faith grows. Every family has storms. Every parish has storms. Every one of us carries struggles that others may never see. Yet Jesus continues to come to us, saying, **"Do not be afraid."** He is greater than every storm we face. May we keep our eyes fixed on Christ, trusting that the One who walks upon the waters will also lead us safely through every storm in our lives. May God bless you and your families.

Fr. Silvichan Dominic, CFIC

Pastor

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

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

Office: 250-592-7391

Pastor: Father Silvichan Dominic

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Responsible Ministry:

Please Email: stpatsrmse@gmail.com

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat Aug 8 - 7:00pm + Keith Middleton
 Sun Aug 9 - 11:00am + Martial Agueh
 Sun Aug 9 - 4:00pm + Joan Bartlett-Roche
 Tues Aug 11 - 12:10pm + Sophie Kess
 Wed Aug 12 - 12:10pm + Carl Hetu
 Thurs Aug 13 - 12:10pm + Isidore Tauro
 Fri Aug 14 - 12:10pm + Julianna Tauro

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS



It is with sadness that we announce the passing of Lucille Trousil, a long time Parishioner of our parish, and an active CWL member, who passed away on July 26, 2026. Our deepest sympathies and prayers to her family and friends. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Saturday, August 22 at 10:00 am. A reception to follow in Our Lady of Lourdes Hall. May Lucille rest in peace, and may perpetual light shine upon her.

St. Vincent de Paul Food Drive on August 15/16: Please help us fill the shelves of the food pantry with canned goods and non-perishable food items. This summer it has been hard to keep the shelves full. Please **donate food next weekend, or bring food to church any week and deposit it in the bin/cart** at the entrances to the church.

St. Patrick's Parish Annual Picnic

Please join us at Willows Beach park on **Sunday, August 16th** from **12:30pm - 2:30pm** for our Parish Picnic. There will be a BBQ lunch, watermelon, refreshments & games. Please bring your own lawn chairs and/or picnic blankets.



PARISH CONTACTS

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Infant Baptism - Baptismal Prep for the Parents

Is it your hope to have your infant welcomed into the family of God through baptism? Is 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 sessions available to take a Baptismal Prep course are Saturday, Aug 22 (10:00 am - 12:00 noon) OR Thursday, Sept 10 (6:00 pm - 8:00pm) OR Sat, Oct 10 (10:00 am - 12:00 noon). Please email hcsbp baptismalprep@rcdvictoria.org with your name and contact information. The coordinator will then contact you with more details about baptism and forward you the baptism registration form.

St. Patrick's Pastoral Care Visiting Ministry

Can you be the Hands and Feet of Christ for Those in Need?

We are building up our Pastoral Care Ministry based on critical parish outreach requirements. Members assist our Pastor by helping to share Christ's healing love and compassion with those in need by offering active listening, encouragement, the ministry of presence, and, when requested, prayer and Holy Communion. The Pastoral Care Ministry is a powerful way to share God's love and an essential part of being a disciple of Jesus. This essential ministry service connects our faith community with those facing illness, loneliness and isolation, palliative care and the dying. These caring ministry volunteers visit parishioners in hospitals, extended care facilities, and private homes to offer a listening ear, prayer, and a comforting presence. We send a message to each vulnerable person that they matter, they are not alone and their life has meaning. Can you spare 2 to 4 hours per month, which usually equates to 1 or 2 visits to bring the joy of Christ to someone experiencing isolation or illness? Flexible scheduling is possible. **No prior experience is needed as the Diocese of Victoria provides Pastoral Care training.** If you are drawn to help share the message of Christ's healing love and compassion with those in need, please join us for a 'Come and See' information gathering on **Saturday morning, September 19 at 10:00am in St. Ann's Room. Coffee and refreshments will be provided! RSVP by September 15 if you have any questions or will be attending. Parish Office 250.592-7391 email: stpatricksvic@rcdvictoria.org**



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

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[Visit the school's Facebook page](#)



COLLECTIONS JULY 5 - AUG 2, 2026

Envelopes	\$	10,380.24
Loose Change	\$	3,884.15
Tiptap	\$	455.00
Bldg. Maint. Fund	\$	973.00
E-Transfer	\$	398.00
CanadaHelps	\$	741.28
PAD	\$	11,038.00
Grand Total	\$	27,869.67

FINANCIAL NEWS

	Jul 5-Aug 2	YTD
Received	\$27,869.67	\$180,744.89
Needed to cover	\$38,425.00	\$245,920.00
expenses		
Difference	-\$10,555.33	-\$65,175.11

In addition, St. Patrick's Parish recently received a generous gift of stock shares which gave us proceeds of \$104,296. We are so grateful for the donor's kindness and support.

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE

Mark your calendars for our **CWL Fantastic Fall Bazaar on Saturday, October 3rd from 9:30am to 2:00pm**. We are accepting donations now for all stalls. Thank you!



Feast of St. Francis of Assisi on October 4th: This is your invitation to join the Friars of St. Joseph Friary to celebrate the **Feast of St. Francis of Assisi** on the 800th Anniversary of his death. On **Sunday, October 4th** at **St. Patrick's Parish**, **Bishop Gary Gordon** will preside at the Celebration of the Eucharist in honour of St. Francis.

Children's Sacramental Preparation for St. Patrick's and Holy Cross Parishes

Is your child aged 7 to 17 years old and ready to receive the sacraments? Please **register your child** for Sacramental Preparation Classes **by September 30, 2026**. Forms are available on the Religious Education page on the parish website.

https://s3.amazonaws.com/media.cloversites.com/cf/cf43cd4b-2408-4957-a83c-d18c6511d74a/documents/Registration_Form_2020_SP_-_Yrs_I_II_-_FILLABLE.pdf

This year **all classes take place at Holy Cross**. For more details, contact Michele Bristow at: mbristow@rcdvictoria.org.

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul Vancouver Island: Hearts for Homes Gala

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul Vancouver Island warmly invites you to the **Hearts for Homes Gala** — an evening of compassion, community, and impact in support of affordable housing on Vancouver Island. Join Bishop Gary and others on **October 3rd** at the Union Club of Victoria (805 Gordon Street, Victoria, BC) for a memorable evening of fundraising featuring a three-course dinner, musical entertainment, guest speakers, and silent and live auctions. For tickets, visit: <https://www.hibid.ca/events/hearts-for-homes>

Rachel's Vineyard on Vancouver Island is offering a safe and confidential retreat from **September 11-13, 2026** for women and men seeking healing and peace after abortion. Please share with anyone who would benefit from this type of healing. To register, email: rachelsvineyardvancouverisland@gmail.com, or visit <https://www.rachelsvineyardvanisland.org/>

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Victoria is **seeking an Appeal Administrative Assistant** with strong data entry and communication skills. This role is a **full-time (37.5 hours per week)** temporary role from **September 15, 2026, to February 12, 2027**. The hourly salary range is \$23.00 to \$25.00. See the full job here: <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/employment>

LIVESTREAM MASSES

Live Mass broadcast this weekend! Mass is livestreamed this week on **Saturday, August 8th** from Holy Cross Church at 7:00pm. Click the link here: <http://www.youtube.com/c/StPatricksHolyCrossChurch>

NEXT WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Mon. Aug 10	Tues. Aug 11	Wed. Aug 12	Thurs. Aug 13	Fri. Aug 14	Sat. Aug 15	Sun. Aug 16
CHURCH & OFFICE CLOSED	11am to 3:00pm Church & Office Open	11am to 3:00pm Church & Office Open	11am to 3:00pm Church & Office Open	11am to 3:00pm Church & Office Open	CHURCH & OFFICE CLOSED	CHURCH & OFFICE CLOSED
	11:30am Confession & Rosary	11:30am Confession	11:30am Confession	11:30am Confessions	9:30am Couples for Christ, Youth Camp Training	11am Sunday Mass
	11:30 Rosary	11:30am Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament	12pm Rosary	11:30am Exposition of The Blessed		<i>Coffee cancelled</i>
	12pm The Angelus and Mass		12pm The Angelus	12:10pm Mass		1:00pm Annual Picnic at Willows Beach
7pm AA-CLUE	7pm Toastmasters	7pm AA-Peace	6pm Couples for Christ - Choir Practice	3pm Divine Mercy Devotion	6:00pm Confessions	4pm Sunday Mass
	7pm AA-Peace		7pm AA-Peace	5:30pm - Couples for Christ - Collective Assembly	7pm Saturday Mass	



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Fantastic Fall Bazaar

OCT 3, 2026

9:30 - 2pm

Accepting Donations
from **Aug 1 to Sep 27**

***NOTE**

There are some donations we are unable to accept, like old computers, furniture and electronic equipment, so please read each listing carefully.

Kiosks and the types of donations needed where applicable:

1 BOOKS AND PUZZLES

Books, CDs, DVDs, and Jigsaw Puzzles. *Note: We cannot accept magazines, text books, reference books, vinyl records, cassette tapes and VCR tapes

2 FAITH

Statues, pictures, bibles, Catholic Jewellery

3 HARVEST/GARDEN

Garden produce, fruit, vegetables, fresh flowers, bouquets, regular-sized decorative pots, house plants (named and care), garden tools, and accessories. *Note: We cannot accept wicker baskets, silk or dried flowers, and Halloween or Christmas items

4 HOBBY GROUP

Hand made items, fabric, scrapbook paper, craft supplies, thread and wool.

5 HOME BAKING

Bread, muffins, pies, cookies, candy, Gluten free baking in demand, (please divide into small packages and label all baking)
NOTE: No cream filled items please.

***NOTE**

Baking donations accepted on Oct 2 & 3 only!

6 HOME DECOR & ESSENTIALS

Household items, china, pictures, small appliances, and Halloween décor. *Note: We cannot accept plastic items, large appliances and cameras

7 JEWELLERY

Jewellery of any kind, watches, any silver or gold (broken pieces welcome). Also, collecting cardboard jewellery display boxes

8 KIDS' ZONE

Games, puzzles, books, new and like-new toys, cakes for the Annual Cake Walk (no-cream cakes please)

9 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SNACK BAR

10 LUCKY 7 GAME OF CHANCE

Prizes needed \$3.00 minimum value

11 SILENT AUCTION

We are looking for donations of one-of-a-kind new items, products or services

12 TEA ROOM

13 TOMBOLA RAFFLE

Book of 10 Tickets \$10.00 with prizes of \$100, \$200, and \$300

DROPPING OFF ITEMS?

Donations can be dropped off in the cloakroom by **Lady of Lourdes Hall**
Open: Tuesdays to Fridays 11am to 3pm

QUESTIONS?

stpatscwlbazaar@gmail.com



SPECIAL NOTE:

Fall Clothing Sale Nov 13-14

Always collecting clean clothing donations!

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**St. Patrick's
Parish**

Summer Picnic



SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

**Willows Beach Park
12:30pm to 2:30pm**

Fresh air, good food & great company



beach



Happy

Summer

Holiday