

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.



DECEMBER 7, 2025 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

1st Reading: Isaiah 11.1-10 † 2nd Reading: Romans 15.4-9 † Gospel: Matthew 3.1-12

THEME: FROM BROKENNESS TO WHOLENESS

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Today is the second Sunday of Advent. As a family of God's people, we continue to move in the hope of receiving the fulfillment of God's promise through our ancestors in faith. This Sunday, the church reminds us that while we are sustained by the great hope of the Lord's coming, we have to heed the voice of the one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his path straight".

Beloved, I am greatly moved by the words of Isaiah: "there shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit". This is a beautiful image. From the dead, rotting, and decaying stump of Jesse (King David's father)—a broken dynasty that was apparently going nowhere—God will unexpectedly cause new life to shoot forth. This is a very wonderful and hopeful life God offers. God does not abandon his people, instead, in continuity, works to bring new life out of death through a descendant of David. Where there is brokenness, God creates hope. Where there is darkness, God's light shines forth.

God is graceful and initiates this process of creative transformation, but God needs us for God's dream to be realized in the world. Transformation requires pruning, and destruction of old ways of life. Our souls need purification. Most importantly, the cleansing waters of baptism must be preceded by a change of heart and lifestyle. This will move us from brokenness to transformation and to complete healing. Repentance, reconciliation, and holiness of the heart are the prerequisites for justifying our hope at the end of this season. Therefore, let us rid ourselves of everything hindering us from receiving Christ this season. In light of this, I humbly encourage you to take advantage of the sacrament of reconciliation to prepare yourself to receive our Lord and King.

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: hcsbpbaptismalprep@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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat Dec 6 - 7:00pm + Fr. Frank Franz
 Sun Dec 7 - 11:00am (Int) Mary Kennedy
 Sun Dec 7 - 4:00pm + Pro Populo
 Tues Dec 9 - 12:10pm + Catherine Lo
 Wed Dec 10 - 12:10pm + Sophie Kess
 Thurs Dec 11 - 12:10pm + Florence & William Blake
 Fri Dec 12 - 12:10pm + Kevin D'Cunha

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Calling All Angels and Shepherds!

Would you like to participate in St. Patrick's Nativity Pageant that is being held on Christmas Eve at the 5:00 pm? If so, please contact Angela McLeish, Vice Principal, St. Patrick's Elementary School at amcleish@cisdv.bc.ca. Rehearsals will be on Sunday, Dec. 21st from 12:30pm – 1:30pm and on Monday, Dec. 22nd from 9:00am - 10:00am. Come help tell the story of Jesus' birth.



PARISH NEWS & EVENTS



2026 Pre-numbered Collection Envelopes

Parishioners who are currently using pre-numbered collection envelopes, your 2026 collection envelopes sets are available in alphabetical order in front of the Statues of Mary in the lobby. **Please note that many box numbers have changed.** We remind you to please not use your 2026 envelopes until January 2026, and do not use envelopes from previous years as they may now belong to someone else. It is always a good practice to write your name and address on your weekly donation envelopes. Donations received at the Mass on December 31, 2025, will be treated as a 2025 donation. If you would like to have a set of pre-numbered collection envelopes for 2026, please contact the parish office.



On Sunday, December 7th after the 4pm Mass you are invited to join the Knights of Columbus in their traditional **Light Up For Christ**. Fr. Benson will bless the outside Nativity. Afterwards, hot chocolate and other tasty treats will be served. Please come and enjoy this festive event.

A sincere thank you to all St. Patrick Parishioners who have donated to this year's Bishop Appeal, **Love & Unity**. Your generous donations and support are so greatly appreciated. If you have not yet made a gift you still have time to donate and receive a tax receipt for 2025. All donations received before December 31st will receive a tax receipt for 2025.

Did you know that the first \$50,000 raised by our parish receives 20% and anything above that amount our parish will receive 80%. These funds assist in the operation of our parish and are vital in sustaining the life of St. Patrick's Parish.

Parish Goal: \$50,000 Actual to Date: \$58,641 Number of Gifts: 114

Let Us Decorate The Lord's House For Christmas

The Flower Girl's would greatly appreciate donations of **RED or WHITE poinsettias**, 6 inch or larger, for your special loved ones or in memory of your deceased family members or friends. They hope with your donations to create a beautiful display of poinsettias for the altar and other areas in the church. Please bring the poinsettias with your loved one's name attached on the flower pot to the flower room from **December 9th** up until **December 21st**.

Thank you for your support and generosity.



Tiptap Donation Update:

We have introduced Tiptap donation devices at both church entrances. The Tiptap device allows you to make quick, contactless donations using your debit card or credit card or phone by simply tapping the device. Donations will be processed securely and it is a safe and convenient option, especially if you don't have cash or your envelopes with you. Tiptap donations can be included in your tax receipt if you give us a little information. We will need the last 4 digits ONLY of the debit or credit card that you used along with your name and address.



Boxes from Anawim House have been placed in our foyer near Lourdes Hall to accept donations of **NEW CLOTHING** items such as clothes as jeans, jackets, socks, underwear, shirts, raingear or any other new items, which we use as gifts to the residents of the two houses and to our guests from the drop-in program. For financial contributions, please donate at **www.anawimhouse.com** or by mail at: Anawim House, 973 Caledonia Avenue, Victoria, BC V8T 1E7.

ST. PATRICK'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL KINDERGARTEN TO GRADE 7

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

Patrick Card - Principal
Angela McLeish - Vice Principal

Phone: 250-592-6713
 Email: sp@cisdv.bc.ca
www.stpatrickselem.ca





2025 CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 7th Second Sunday of Advent

Immediately following the 4pm Mass Light Up For Christ. Blessing of the exterior Nativity Scene followed by hot chocolate, Christmas Carol sing along in the Hall.

Wednesday, December 24th Christmas Eve:

12:10 pm Mass Canceled

5:00 pm Children's Nativity Pageant / Family Mass Christmas Eve Mass .

7:00 pm Christmas Carols

8:00 pm Christmas Eve Evening Mass

Thursday, December 25th Christmas Day Nativity of the Lord

10:00 am Christmas Day Mass

Saturday, December 27th The Holy Family of Jesus , Mary and Joseph

6:15 pm Confessions

7:00 pm Mass

Sunday, December 28th The Holy Family of Jesus , Mary and Joseph

11:00 am Mass

4:00 pm Mass

Tuesday, December 30th

12:10 pm Mass

Wednesday, December 31st Vigil Mary, the Holy Mother of God

12:10 pm Mass Canceled

5:00 pm Mass

Thursday, January 1st The Solemnity Mary, The Holy Mother of God

10:00 am Mass

Friday, January 2nd:

Normal schedule resumes for church and office

COLLECTIONS NOV. 17- -30, 2025

Envelopes	\$ 4,512.50
Loose Change	\$ 1,683.15
Bldg. Maint. Fund	\$ 75.00
CanadaHelps	\$ 645.30
E-Transfer	\$ 500.00
PAD	\$ 3,714.00
Grand Total	\$ 11,229.95

FINANCIAL NEWS

	Nov 17-30, 2025	YTD
Received	\$ 11,229.95	\$ 261,294.24
Budgeted	\$ 4,945.00	\$ 242,305.00
Difference	\$ 194.20	\$ 18,989.24

Anawim House is hosting their **Annual Christmas Tree Fundraiser** until December 13th. They are selling locally sourced fresh-cut trees at 973 Caledonia Avenue, Monday-Friday from 2:00-8:00pm, and also Saturdays from 9:00am-3:00pm.

[SEE POSTER HERE](#)



NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE

Advent Reconciliation

An Advent Reconciliation Service will be held at Sacred Heart Church on **Thursday, December 18 beginning at 6:30 pm**. Please their poster on the Parish bulletin board.

All are invited to join "A Gift of Silent Reflection," an online Diocesan Year-End Examen on Saturday, December 13, from 10:30–11:30 am. This 500-year-old Ignatian prayer helps us grow in gratitude and awareness of God's presence in our daily lives. The reflection will be led by Joelle Dressler and Mary Kearsey. Find more information about how to join here: <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/events/december-13-year-end-examen>

On Sunday, December 28, the Diocese of Victoria will join the worldwide Church in celebrating the Rite of Closing of the Jubilee Year. The Rite of Closing will happen at the 11 am Mass at St. Andrew's Cathedral in Victoria, with Bishop Gary Gordon presiding. All are invited to participate in person or via the livestream at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8BBaull-9vo>

The Diocese of Victoria is now accepting applications for the position of Assistant to the Director of Faith Formation and Evangelization. The Assistant will help to carry out the primary mission of the Diocesan Ministry of Faith Formation and Evangelization: as agents of the Bishop of Victoria, serve the People of God to know, celebrate, contemplate, and live the Christian faith in the One Triune God.

A job posting is attached to this email, and may also be viewed at

<https://www.rcdvictoria.org/employment>. Interested applicants are invited to submit a resume




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 10 for \$25
 50 for \$50

LIVESTREAM MASSES

Live Mass broadcast this weekend! Mass is livestreamed this week on **Saturday, December 6th** at Holy Cross Parish at 4:00pm. Click the link here: <http://www.youtube.com/c/StPatricksHolyCrossChurch>

NEXT WEEK IN OUR PARISH

<u>Monday Dec 8</u>	<u>Tuesday Dec 9</u>	<u>Wednesday Dec 10</u>	<u>Thursday Dec 11</u>	<u>Friday Dec 12</u>	<u>Saturday Dec 13</u>	<u>Sunday Dec 14</u>
Church & Office CLOSED	11am to 3pm Church & Office Open	10am to 3pm Church & Office Open	11am to 3pm Church & Office Open	11am to 3:00pm Church & Office Open	Church & Office Closed	11am Sunday Mass Children's Liturgy <i>Coffee After Mass</i>
1:30pm - St. Patrick's Housing Corporation Meeting	12:00pm Angelus & Mass	11:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Angelus Rosary & Mass	12:00pm Angelus & Mass	11:30am - Confessions	CWL - Christmas Luncheon	
	1:00pm - Royal Jubilee Hospital Auxiliary Christmas Luncheon		6:00pm Couples for Christ Choir Practice	12:00pm Angelus & Mass	6:15pm Confessions	
7pm AA Peace	7pm AA-Clue	7pm AA Peace	7pm AA Peace	3pm Divine Mercy Devotion	7pm Saturday Evening Mass	4pm Sunday Mass
	7pm - Toastmasters			7pm CA		

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