

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.

FEBRUARY 12, 2023 SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today's continuation of the Sermon on the Mount contains twenty long verses about what has been heard in the past and what is to be listened to now. Jesus is not spinning the law and the traditions passed on through the prophets. He is applying a proper spirit to what had become too legalistic. In a sense, the dictates of the "law" were for the head to inform or guide the five senses. The spirit of Jesus is to form the heart as well as the mind. We may be taken aback by the demanding way in which Jesus interprets a few of the Ten Commandments in today's Gospel passage. He does not simply recall them. He does more than that. He radicalizes them. Why is Jesus so blunt when it comes to the Ten Commandments? Why will He not hear of abolishing them? Why does He go so far as to radicalize them? For Jesus, *they are meant to serve, to protect, and to promote the sacredness of human life and the sacredness of relationships. It seems to me that is what we must rediscover about the Ten Commandments.* As if to illustrate the seriousness and the lasting validity of the Ten Commandments, Jesus is not satisfied with simply reiterating them. He goes to the very core of them, and He shows us what area of human conduct is covered by them. There is no hair-splitting here, on the contrary He goes beyond the letter of the law, and He uncovers the basic intent of the law.

When Jesus extends the law in His Sermon on the Mount, He's not doing it to make life harder than it already is. Jesus builds a fence around the law, as the rabbis phrase it. He tells us that the road to murder begins on the path of anger; adultery's highway has an entrance ramp from lust. God's laws are designed, after all, with your happiness and user-satisfaction in mind. It's not easy being a Christian, and it shouldn't be. Jesus' words about the gravity of anger and adultery are meant to take us more deeply into our own hearts to examine not only how well we keep rules and laws but to be sure that we understand that merely "looking good" to others is not the same as being good or doing good—and it is the latter that matters to God.

If you choose you can keep the commandments, they will save you. The readings this week exhort us to keep the Commandments but also tell us that doing so is not as simple as it may first appear. Fortunately, scripture gives us guidance in the sometimes-complex call to "follow the law of the Lord." Rule number one: Realize you have a choice. God sets before you "fire and water," Sirach says—life and death, good and evil. You will get what you choose. God is not going to compel you one way or the other. Number two: It's about more than only following the rules. We hear Jesus say that the key to keeping the commandments is the state of your inner self. When it comes to the things of God, the important direction is inside-out, not outside-in. Rule number three: Is the good news: You can lean on God's wisdom. "Immense is the wisdom of the Lord." God sees all and understands all, and though that wisdom is mysterious, it is revealed to all who love God, Saint Paul says. If you love, you will follow the ways of God from the bottom of your heart. God is already with us forever; we just need to ask for the ability to know we are in God's presence. God is not hiding; we just choose not to see!

Blessings,

Father William

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.

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

SACRAMENTS of INITIATION: BAPTISM,

FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION:

Please contact the parish office: 250-592-7391

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

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

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

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

Custodian: Dean Riches

COLLECTIONS FEB 5TH

Envelopes	\$1,590.00
Loose Change	\$ 479.50
PAD	\$4,212.00
Capital Fund	\$ 285.00

Grand Total \$6,566.50

FINANCIAL NEWS

	Jan 22nd	YTD
Received	\$6,566.50	\$28,242.13
Needed	\$4,700.00	\$28,200.00
Difference	\$1,866.50	\$ 42.13

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ST. PATRICK'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL KINDERGARTEN TO GRADE 7

For information on registrations for 2023/2024 school year, please contact the school.

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FROM OUR PARISH:

Prayer Reflection

Nobody has a more sacred obligation to obey the law than those who make the law.

-Sophocles

The glory of Christianity is to conquer by forgiveness.

-William Blake



It's baaack! The CWL will be holding our Spring Good Used Clothing Sale on Friday April 28th and Saturday April 29th 9:30am – 2:00pm in the Lourdes Hall. Donations gratefully accepted are men's, women's, children's clothing and shoes along with household linens. Items can be left on the marked carts in the hall closet area. Please note we are NOT accepting any other items at this time. Thank you for your support. Theresa Smith, theresasmith1225@shaw.ca.

JUST A REMINDER! - THE COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR IS APPROACHING! Fr. William and Nancy Stuart have started a Holy Cross/St. Patrick's - Walking together Team for this year's walk on February 25th. Please consider either walking with us or donating to this worthy cause. Click here to join or donate <http://walk.with.us/twinparishes> Proceeds go to Our Place and your support will help the homeless and hungry in our community.

VICTORIA DIOCESAN BURSARY - IN MEMORY OF FREDA SMITH

The Victoria Diocesan CWL Council is offering a \$750 bursary to a graduating Catholic student within the Diocese of Victoria. This bursary will be awarded to a student proceeding on to a form of higher education. Criteria and applications are available at the Parish Office, online at cwldov.org or from Audrey Thom, CWL Education Chair at aethom@uvic.ca.

The deadline for applications is March 31, 2023.



Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

JOIN US IN SHARING KINDNESS TO OTHERS!

St. Patrick's Parish's Vincent de Paul is small group who meet monthly via zoom to foster the spirituality of this Society. We are seeking individuals who are interested in

helping others meet their basic daily needs to join our effort!

Please contact Colin Scott 250-995-3227

GODS LOVE FOR US IS BOUNDLESS

Holy Cross/St. Patrick's Parish Lenten Mission

Mona Goodman - Facilitator

Coming March 13th - 15th

Keep the dates! More information to follow.

HOLY CROSS CHURCH - SHORT TERM CLOSURE: Holy Cross Church will be closed this coming week from Monday February 13th until end of day Friday, February 17th to allow for the abatement of asbestos in limited areas of the church followed by the repair of these areas. Mass normally held at Holy Cross Church on Tuesday and Thursday will be held at 9am at St. Patrick's Church instead.

ST JOSEPH'S PRESENTS: Peter Pan Jr. St Joseph's Elementary School is proud to present Peter Pan Jr. A musical based on the play by J.M Barrie. Friday, March 10th at 6pm & Saturday March 11th at 10 am and 1 pm. Get your tickets online here: [EVENTBRITE](https://www.eventbrite.com)

MASS INTENTIONS

FROM THE DIOCESE & OUR PARISH

Sun Feb 12 - 11:00 am + Tim Ball
 Sun Feb 12 - 4:00 pm + Linda Laud
 Wed Feb 15 - 12:10 pm + Embert Van Tilburg
 Fri Feb 17 - 12:10 pm Funeral Mass for Mark Whitehead
 Sun Feb 19 - 11:00 am + Ray Fournier
 Sun Feb 19 - 4:00 pm + Joanne Fraelic

NEWS FROM THE CHANCERY

1. The Bishops of Canada have released four pastoral letters to the First Nations, The Métis, the Inuit, and the People of God. For more on this, please click [HERE](#)
2. All people in the Diocese of Victoria are invited to attend the *Seeds of Reconciliation* program. If you are interested in attending please see the poster on our bulletin boards.
3. The Diocese of Victoria is searching for dynamic individuals for the roles of *Director of Faith Formation & Evangelization, Principal of Queen of Angels School in Duncan, and Principal of St. Andrew's Regional High School in Victoria*. The job postings can be viewed [HERE](#). Applications for the Director of Faith Formation & Evangelization position must be received by March 3, 2023; applications for the Principal positions will be accepted until the positions are filled. These job postings are also listed on St. Patrick's bulletin boards.

LOST RING:

One of our dear parishioners and tireless volunteer, has lost an heirloom ring. It is yellow gold with diamonds and emeralds. Please return it to the office if you happen to find it. *Thank you*

CATHOLIC SCRIPTURE STUDY: The Story of Redemptive Suffering. Please refer to our bulleting board for the Lenten Mission at Saint Andrews Cathedral. The course will be offered in person at St. Andrew's Parish centre beginning on Ash Wednesday at 2pm and online via Zoom on Thursdays at 7pm.

Vocations To the Priesthood - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"No eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him." If you feel you are being invited to spread the Good News of God's love as a priest, deacon, sister or brother, 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


St. Joseph the Worker Council would like to invite you to a three evening Lenten Workshop on **Centering Prayer**. The dates are Wednesday March 1st, 8th and 15th from 6:30pm – 8pm in St. Joseph the Worker church hall. Interested in attending please see their poster on our bulletin board.

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR CATHOLIC STUDENTS ASSOCIATION Come and join us for Movie Night at Multi-faith Centre at UVic. Date: February 15, 2023, Time: 6:30-9pm. Shared snacks are always provided. The documentary focuses on the adaptable relationship between humans and the environment filmed in a South African kelp forest. All are welcome ! Our monthly Mass and meal will held on February 18, 2023 at Holy Cross Parish. Mass will be celebrated at 4pm.

LIVESTREAM MASSES

Live Mass broadcast this weekend! Mass is livestreamed this week Sunday, February 12th, from St. Patrick's Parish at 11:00 AM. <https://www.youtube.com/c/StPatricksHolyCrossChurch>

NEXT WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday Feb 13	Tuesday Feb 14	Wednesday Feb 15	Thursday Feb 16	Friday Feb 17	Saturday Feb 18	Sunday Feb 19
On Mondays St. Patrick's Church and Parish Office are Closed. 7:00pm AA Peace	 Happy Valentine's Day! 9:00am Holy Cross Parish Mass at St. Patrick's Parish Church Open for Prayer & Visitation Parish Office Open 11:00am to 3:00pm 7pm Toastmasters 7pm AA Clue	12:10pm Mass Church Open for Prayer & Visitation Parish Office Open 11:00am to 3:00pm 6:45pm Arbutus Singers 7:00pm AA Peace	9:00am Holy Cross Parish Mass at St. Patrick's Parish Church Open for Prayer & Visitation Parish Office Open 11:00am to 3:00pm 7:00pm AA Peace	11:30am Confessions 12:10pm Funeral Mass Church Open for Prayer & Visitation Parish Office Open 11:00am to 3:00pm 3:00pm Divine Mercy Devotion 6:00pm Couples for Christ Choir 7:00pm CA	St. Patrick's Church and Parish Office are Closed. 9:00am Couples for Christ -Conference 4:00 pm Sunday Mass at Holy Cross "Live Streaming" 5:00pm Couples for Christ - CLP Program	9:00am Mass at Holy Cross Parish 11:00am Mass at St. Patrick's Parish <i>Baptism Celebration</i> Refreshments after Mass 4:00pm Mass at St. Patrick's Parish

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