

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 15, 2026 SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1st Reading: Sirach 15.15.20 + 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 2.6-10 † Gospel: Matthew 5.17-37

THEME: RECONCILIATION: FUNDAMENTAL OPTION FOR LIFE AND HAPPINESS

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In today's Gospel, we are challenged to demonstrate a connection between our external religious observances, such as attending Mass, receiving communion and other sacraments, and what happens inside us. We are to demonstrate the link between our actions and what happens in our hearts.

There are so many statements Jesus made but we want to dwell on "You shall not kill; and whoever kills will be liable to judgment". However, Jesus says that anyone who is even angry with his brother or sister, let alone murders them, will be judged.

Murder is the most heinous form of violence, but Jesus goes beyond the type of action expressly prohibited by the law and condemns the type of heart that leads to such heinous action, namely, a violent heart. Violence starts in the heart with feelings like anger, rage, hidden resentments, hurt, unforgiveness, and fears. Over time, they poison the mind and come out in murder, and other acts of violence. But the best way to stop violent actions is to forgive and quickly make up with a brother or sister who has hurt you.

Dearly beloved the obligation to forgive and make up with a brother or sister is so important that it is worth waiting to offer a gift to God in the temple. "Therefore, if you bring your gift to the altar and there recall that your brother has anything against you, leave your gift there at the altar, go first and be reconciled with your brother, and then come and offer your gift" (Matthew 5:23). In other words, reconciliation and forgiveness must come before worshipping God or making a sacrifice. May God help us all to demonstrate the spirit of reconciliation.

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: 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

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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.

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February 11, 2026

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Our hearts are heavy as we hold in prayer all those affected by the violence in Tumbler Ridge. We pray especially for those who have lost their lives, for their families who are grieving, for those who have been hurt, and all the people of Tumbler Ridge.

May the Lord grant eternal rest to those who have died, healing to the injured, and comfort and strength to all who mourn.

We lift up the students, families, educators, first responders, and all who call Tumbler Ridge home, asking God to surround them with His peace and protection in the days ahead.

In this time of tragedy and suffering, we turn to Christ, our refuge and hope. May His light shine in the darkness and His presence bring consolation to every wounded heart.

We invite all the faithful across Vancouver Island and the surrounding islands to join in prayer for our brothers and sisters in Tumbler Ridge.

“O Lord, be near to the brokenhearted and save those who are crushed in spirit.”
(Psalm 34:18)

In heartfelt sorrow and hope in Christ,

Most Reverend Gary Gordon
Bishop of Victoria

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat Feb 14 - 7:00pm	(Int) Flora & Cirico Chiuco
Sun Feb 15 - 11:00am	(Int) Maria & Mario MacDonald + Lorna Jane Bray
Sun Feb 15 - 4:00pm	Pro Populo
Tues Feb 17 - 12:10pm	(Int) Mary Kennedy
Wed Feb 18 - 12:10pm	+ Lorraine Waslowski
Thurs Feb 19 - 12:10pm	+ Florence & William Blake
Fri Feb 20 - 12:10pm	(Int) Catriona & Family

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

On behalf of Father Benson Asuming and the parishioners of St. Patrick's, we wish to extend our sincere condolences and prayers to the family and friends of Gary Mitchell who passed away on Monday, February 9, 2026. Gary was an active member of the parish who will be remembered for his dedication, his contributions, and for his years of service on various parish committees including Chair of Parish Council. May he rest in peace, and may perpetual light shine upon him.

His Funeral Mass will be held on Tuesday, February 17th at 2:00pm at St. Patrick's Church. A Reception will follow in Our Lady of Lourdes Hall.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends Iona Kennedy, who was long time Parishioner of our parish who passed away on February 6, 2026. May she rest in peace, and may perpetual light shine upon her. Her Funeral Mass will be held at St. Patrick's Church, on Tuesday, February 24, 2026 at 11:00am. Reception with light refreshments to follow in Our Lady of Lourdes Hall. Our deepest sympathies and prayers to her family and friends.



On Ash Wednesday (February 18th), ashes will be distributed at the
10am Mass for St. Patrick's Elementary School (all are welcome)
12:10pm Mass
7:00pm Mass.

Stations of the Cross

During Lent, The Stations of the Cross will be held on Fridays at 7:00pm. On those Fridays the Lenten Meagre Meals (meatless) will be served at 6:00pm, prior to 7:00pm Stations of The Cross. As in the past various parish groups/ministries will provide a meatless meagre meals and lead The Stations of the Cross.

FRIDAYS:

Feb 20	Catholic Women's League
Feb 27	Couples for Christ
March 6	St. Patrick's School
March 13	Knights of Columbus
	(NO MEAL, only Stations of the Cross)
March 20	Development & Peace and St. Vincent de Paul
March 27	Parish Council and Staff

The Divine Mercy group will host Stations of the Cross at 3pm on Fridays during Lent but not on Good Friday.



PARISH CONTACTS

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ST. PATRICK'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL KINDERGARTEN TO GRADE 7

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

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



Invitation To A Special Event

Bishop Gary Gordon and the Diocesan Health Care Committee would like to invite you to a special event in our parish on March 5th.

Amanda Achtman, who is the Ethics Education and Cultural Engagement Lead for Canadian Physicians for Life, and founder of Dying to Meet You, will be with us to speak on her project "**Dying to Meet You: Preventing Euthanasia, Encouraging Hope**", on Thursday, March 5th from 6:00- 7:00-pm.

Through storytelling, beauty, and a deeply hopeful vision rooted in the dignity of the human person, Amanda invites a richer and more compassionate conversation about death and dying.

Prayer for the Children Preparing for First Reconciliation at St Patrick's:

Merciful God, help us to ask forgiveness when we need to. Help us to forgive others who have wronged us. And let us be peacemakers in our school and in our family. We thank you for the gift of your forgiveness and love. Amen.

We have 25 children preparing for their first reconciliation to be held on Saturday, February 28, 2026 at 11am at St Patrick's with a reception to follow in the Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall. Thank you for keeping the children of St Patrick's and Holy Cross in your prayers!

COLLECTIONS FEB 8, 2026

Envelopes	\$	1,899.00
Loose Change	\$	761.55
Tiptap	\$	120.00
Bldg. Maint. Fund	\$	90.00
CanadaHelps	\$	67.30
PAD	\$	5,092.00
Grand Total	\$	8,029.85

FINANCIAL NEWS

	Feb 8, 2026	YTD
Received	\$8,029.85	\$37,802.64
Needed to cover expenses	\$7,685.00	\$53,795.00
Difference	\$ 344.85	-\$15,992.36



Development and Peace Share Lent

To learn all about Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's new Share Lent campaign, **On Track for Justice**, join the launch webinar on **February 21 at 10:30 am**.

We will learn about the work of our Brazilian partner, **Justiça no Trilhos** (Justice on Rails), in the company of Padre Dario Bossi, a Comboni missionary and Lenten solidarity visitor, and a member of a community along the Carajás railway that is affected by industrial agriculture and an iron ore open pit mine. Interpretation will be provided in French, English and Portuguese. [Register now](#).



St. Patrick's Irish Dinner

On Saturday, March 14th at 5:00pm, St. Patrick's Parish will host their annual Irish Dinner. Proceeds of this annual fundraising event will go toward the Church roof repair.

Tickets are \$25/person and are available for purchase at the St. Patrick's Parish office or after Sunday masses. A cash bar will be available, as well as a special 50/50 draw and live entertainment.



NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE

St. Joseph the Worker Parish will be hosting two Lenten events:

Lent Penitential Service

Thursday, March 5, 2026 at 7:00 pm

St. Joseph the Worker Parish

Ladies Lent Evening: "You Are Wonderfully Made."

Friday, February 27 at 6:00 pm

Hall at St. Joseph the Worker Parish

Workshop for women: *How your temperament shapes your Lent*

Register here: www.mayracordero.com/lent

The Diocese of Victoria is offering a two-day marriage preparation course over Zoom on April 17 from 7pm–10 pm and April 18 from 9 am–4 pm. Open to all, this course provides essential guidance for couples preparing for marriage. A joint Certificate of Completion will be issued upon completion of both sessions. Please register by April 2 here: <https://zoom-spring-2026-marriage-prep.eventbrite.ca>

KAIROS Blanket Exercise

In the spirit of Lent and Truth and Reconciliation, the CWL of Sacred Heart Parish will be hosting a **KAIROS Blanket Exercise** in the Parish Hall on **Saturday, March 7th** from 9:30-12pm noon. The blanket exercise is a powerful, interactive and experiential activity that walks people through 500 years of historic and current relationships between indigenous and non-indigenous peoples in Canada. Please join us for this educational exercise guided by trained facilitators. After a coffee and goodies break, we will conclude with a debriefing, conducted as a "talking circle". If you have any questions, contact Margie Noonan at margielnoonan@gmail.com or 250-589-6313.

LIVESTREAM MASSES

Live Mass broadcast this weekend! Mass is livestreamed this week on **Saturday, February 14th** at Holy Cross Parish at 4:00pm. Click the link here: <http://www.youtube.com/c/StPatricksHolyCrossChurch>

NEXT WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday Feb 16	Tuesday Feb 17	Wednesday Feb 18	Thursday Feb 19	Friday Feb 20	Saturday Feb 21	Sunday Feb 22
Church & Parish Office CLOSED	11am to 2:30pm Church & Office Open Office closing early	Ash Wednesday 10am St. Patrick's School Mass	11am to 3pm Church & Office Open	11am to 3pm Church & Office Open	Church & Parish Office Closed	11am Sunday Mass & Children's Liturgy <i>Coffee After Mass</i>
	12pm Angelus 12:10pm Mass	11:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary	12pm Angelus 12:10pm Mass	11:30am Confessions 12pm Angelus 12:10pm Mass	1pm Couples For Christ - Kids Assembly	12:15pm First Reconciliation Rehearsal
	2pm Funeral Mass Gary Mitchell Reception to Follow	12:10pm Mass		3pm - Divine Mercy Devotion	6:15pm Confessions	4pm Sunday Mass
	7pm AA-Clue	7pm Mass	7pm AA-Peace	5pm Couples For Christ - Youth	7pm Saturday Evening Mass	
	7pm Toastmasters	7pm AA-Peace		7pm - CA Meeting		



St. Patrick's Parish

Irish Dinner

A FUNDRAISING EVENT*

Saturday, March 14TH

Enjoy a dinner of Irish Bread, Salad, Guinness Stew,
Dessert, Coffee/Tea & Entertainment.

TICKETS:

\$25 per person

Available at St. Patrick's
Parish Office or after
Sunday masses.

Cash Bar

* Proceeds to
go towards
the Church
roof repair



* A Special 50/50
Draw will be held
to support fund-
raising efforts.

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