

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 1, 2026

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



The beatitudes are the starting point for the heart of Christ's message: love must dominate the heart of the Christian disciple. Jesus is fulfilling His role as prophet. He is announcing how He intends to live and predicting how He expects to be heard and received. He is inviting His listeners to follow Him as prophets. In a world full of protests and unsettled hearts we all need to be silent and pray.

The Beatitudes one might like to think of as God's letter of recommendation to us outlining all that we have going for us and why we should persevere despite setbacks, bad odds, and major catastrophes such as lockdowns and restrictions on our freedom. We have all been blessed in one way or another. We have all received our share of good fortune. A single blessing is all the bounty in the world, and if you have been blessed at all you are meant to pass some of that on. You are meant to set a positive example. That is your responsibility.

Keep the Beatitudes nearby in these difficult days and reread them a hundred times a hundred. Much of modern life can seem, spiritually, like stretches of wasteland. Yet in even the bleakest of surroundings, some people's spirits flourish and thrive. They stay connected to the sources of life. Pray often. Offer hospitality to others. Share your faith with others whose faith is alive. Open your heart to grace throughout your day.

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday - 7:00pm

Sunday - 11:00 am

Sunday - 4:00 pm

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES: Tuesday to Friday 12:10pm

CONFESIONS:

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

EUCARISTIC 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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Responsible Ministry:

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Custodian: Dean Riches

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 2026

Dear People of the Diocese of Victoria,

With a grateful and joyful heart, I write to you to share the good news of our 2025 Bishop's Appeal: Love & Unity. Through your prayers, generosity, and love for the Church, we have not only reached our goal of \$900,000 but have been blessed with over \$1,000,000 in gifts. I am deeply moved by this response. It speaks of your faith, your trust in God's providence, and your desire to care for one another in Christ.

The 2025 Appeal was rooted in the simple but profound truth of the Gospel: If God has loved us so deeply, we also must love one another. Your generosity puts this message into action. Each donation helps to strengthen our parishes, support our clergy, and assist those who are vulnerable or in need. Behind every gift is a prayer, a sacrifice, and an act of love, and I want you to know how much this is appreciated.

I want to give special acknowledgment to the thirteen parishes that met or exceeded their individual goal. Thank you for the witness of love that you give to our wider diocesan family. Your leadership, generosity, and unity in faith are a blessing for us all.

This year, your kindness also stretches beyond our own diocese:

- \$45,000 of the funds raised will help the religious sisters in the Diocese of Odesa-Simferopol, through Aid to the Church in Need, as they bring compassionate care, hope, and the love of Christ to people suffering the effects of conflict and hardship.
- Another \$45,000 will support our twinned Diocese of Whitehorse, assisting pastoral ministry in remote northern communities where distances are great but faith remains strong.

To each one of you who prayed, encouraged others, or contributed in any way to this year's Bishop's Appeal, I offer my sincere thanks. Please know of my prayers for you and your families. May the Lord, who knows the quiet generosity of your hearts, bless you abundantly, and may we continue to walk together in love and unity.

With deep gratitude and prayer,

Most Reverend Gary Gordon
Bishop of Victoria

MASS INTENTIONS

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|-----------------------|------------------------------------|
| Sat Jan 31 - 7:00pm | (Int) Herb & Janet Cabereau |
| Sun Feb 1 - 11:00am | (Int) Mary McAuley |
| Sun Feb 1 - 4:00pm | + Kevin D'Cunha |
| Tues Feb 3 - 12:10pm | (Int) Chris Beaulac |
| Wed Feb 4 - 12:10pm | Serafim, Fernando & Elmira Botelho |
| Thurs Feb 5 - 12:10pm | Catriona & family |
| Fri Feb 6 - 12:10pm | + Joseph Leung |



The CWL Valentine's Tea and General Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, February 4th** at 1:00pm in Lourdes Hall.

Ladies are encouraged to wear something red for this special occasion.



PARISH CONTACTS

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ST. PATRICK'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL KINDERGARTEN TO GRADE 7

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

Patrick Card - Principal
Angela McLeish - Vice Principal

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



PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

Sacrament of Anointing the Sick on Friday, February 6th

With this being the first Friday of the month, Father Benson will administer the **Sacrament of Anointing the Sick on Friday, February 6th** during the **12:10pm Mass**. The Catholic sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is a rite of healing and spiritual strength for those who are experiencing ailments (physically or mentally), facing surgery, or suffering from old age. This sacrament can be received more than once and is not exclusively for those at the point of death. It offers physical, spiritual, and mental healing, as well as peace and courage.

Change of Address? If you have moved or changed your email/phone number in the past year or so, please make sure to update your information with the parish office. Tax receipts for 2025 donations will be prepared soon and having updated information will help the parish save on postage expenses by reducing returned mail.

For those who require gluten-free hosts, you no longer need to come to the sacristy before Mass. If you require a gluten-free host, please ensure that you line up for Fr. Benson and request from him a gluten free host that he will provide.

Baptismal Preparation

Would you like to have your infant welcomed into the family of God through baptism? To prepare you must complete a Baptismal Prep Registration Form and participate in a Baptismal Preparation Course. The next session available to take a Baptismal Preparation Course is **Saturday, February 21st from 10:00am to 12:00pm**. Please email hcsbpbaptismalprep@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.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE: It's Membership Renewal Time!

All ladies of St. Patrick's and Holy Cross Parishes are welcome to **join or renew their membership**. Forms are available at the parish offices or request to have one emailed to you from CWLStPatsMembership@gmail.com. Completed forms can be dropped off at St. Patrick's or Holy Cross offices or mailed to St. Patrick's Parish with payment prior to February 15th. Forms and payment may be delivered on **Wednesday, February 4th** at the CWL General Meeting, 1:00pm in Lourdes Hall. It is the CWL Valentine Tea, all are welcome to attend.

In addition to serving our parish community in many capacities, St. Patrick's Council members do a lot of fundraising to support many charities. The CWL is many things to its members. Whether it's faith, service to the community, social justice, or sisterhood, thousands of women have found fulfillment by being members.

- A sisterhood of support and understanding that is more than 63,000 members strong. One of the largest organizations of women in Canada.
- A way to act on important social justice issues by adding your voice to many.
- An opportunity to be of service to your parish and community, to the country and to God.
- A chance to live your faith with those who share it.

For more information contact Layne or Linda at CWLStPatsMembership@gmail.com. We look forward to you joining us at St. Patrick's Catholic Women's League.



COLLECTIONS JAN 25, 2026

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE

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| Envelopes | \$ | 2,050.00 |
| Loose Change | \$ | 544.00 |
| Tiptap | \$ | 105.00 |
| Bldg. Maint. Fund | \$ | 125.00 |
| Canada Helps | \$ | 144.75 |
| E-Transfer | \$ | 893.00 |
| PAD | \$ | <u>3,173.00</u> |
| Grand Total | \$ | 3,861.75 |

FINANCIAL NEWS

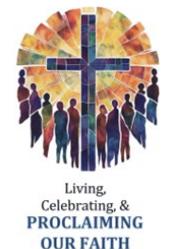
| | Jan 25, 2026 | YTD |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Received | \$3,861.75 | \$24,778.09 |
| Needed to cover expenses | \$7,685.00 | \$38,425.00 |
| Difference | -\$3,823.25 | -\$13,646.91 |

Lenten Study 2026:

A 5-week, small-group seminar titled **“When Mass Was Young: Origins of Christian Worship in the New Testament Church”** will be held Tuesdays from 12:30–1:45 pm at the Franciscan Friary. Sessions run from February 24 to March 31. Contact Kem Luther to register.

Catholic Schools' Week – February 1-7th, 2026

Today marks the beginning of Catholic Schools' Week (CSW). The theme this year is *Living, Celebrating, and Proclaiming Our Faith*. Each and every year, Catholic schools join together to share a message about the importance and value of Catholic education to the Church and society as a whole. For those that are not aware, there are five Catholic Schools in the Diocese (4 elementary and 1 high school) educating approximately 1610 students in the communities of Port Alberni, Duncan and Victoria. On behalf of all the Catholic schools in the Diocese, thank you for your ongoing support whether that be through prayer, time, treasure. This week also marks the beginning of registration time for the school year. We invite you and your family to consider registering your child in one of our Catholic schools.



Pope Leo XIV has released a message for the **34th World Day of the Sick**, which will be celebrated on Wednesday, February 11, 2026. His message offers a reflection on the theme *“The compassion of the Samaritan: loving by bearing another’s pain.”*

- Read [Pope Leo's message](#) here.
- Find [resources for World Day of the Sick](#) from the Canadian Catholic Conference of Bishop's.

Development and Peace – Caritas Canada is hosting two workshops in the Diocese of Victoria for the upcoming **2026 Share Lent Campaign**. This year's theme is "On Track for Justice" focusing on a project in Brazil. Raphael Freston, the animator for British Columbia and the Yukon, will lead the workshops. All welcome, and please feel free to bring friends and spread the word. The South Island workshop will be held on **Saturday, February 7, 2026**, at **Sacred Heart** Parish (4040 Nelthorpe Street, Victoria) from 9:30 am–12:00 pm. A light lunch will follow.

LIVESTREAM MASSES

Live Mass broadcast this weekend! Mass is livestreamed this week on Saturday, January 31st at Holy Cross Parish at 4:00pm. Click the link here: <http://www.youtube.com/c/StPatricksHolyCrossChurch>

NEXT WEEK IN OUR PARISH

| Monday Feb 2 | Tuesday Feb 3 | Wednesday Feb 4 | Thursday Feb 5 | Friday Feb 6 | Saturday Feb 7 | Sunday Feb 8 |
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| Church & Parish Office CLOSED | 11am to 2:30pm Church & Office Open Office closing early 12pm Angelus 12:10pm Mass 7pm AA-Clue 7pm Toastmasters | 11am to 3pm Church & Office Open 11:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary 12:10pm Mass 1pm CWL General Meeting, followed by Valentine's Tea | 11am to 3pm Church & Office Open | 11am to 3pm Church & Office Open 11:30am Confessions 12pm Angelus 12:10pm Mass and Anointing of the Sick 3pm - Divine Mercy Devotion, & social event | Church & Parish Office Closed 6:15pm Confessions 7pm Saturday Evening Mass 7pm - CA Meeting | 11am Sunday Mass & Children's Liturgy Coffee After Mass 12:15pm Sacramental Prep—Session 7 4pm Sunday Mass |



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