

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 22, 2026 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

1st Reading: Genesis 2.7-9, 16-18, 25; 3.1-7 † 2nd Reading: Romans 5.12-19 † Gospel: Matthew 4.1-11

THEME: STAND FIRM THIS LENT IN THE FACE OF TEMPTATION

Dear Friends in Christ,

Today is the first Sunday of Lent. The Church invites us to celebrate Jesus Christ, “the second Adam”, who overcame temptation and sin by the power of the Holy Spirit. Through his obedience to the Father’s will, Christ restored the world. This season of Lent calls for great discipline, courage, vigilance, and strong faith in God. It is a season of grace.

Today’s first reading recounts the fall of Adam and Eve through disobedience and the beginning of our salvific history. The gospel reminds us of the ordeal we go through every day. That is, the temptation we face each day. Being a “spirit”, the devil knows what we need most. So, he tempts us with it as he did to Christ. If we are hungry, he tempts us with food. If we are thirsty, he tempts us with drinks. If we like power, he tempts us with it.

How was Jesus able to overcome Satan and his temptations? He overcame because, beforehand he had already fortified himself. He tamed his appetite for ambition and vainglory. Most importantly, he was not alone in his struggle against Satan and his temptations. The Holy Spirit was with him. He overcame through prayer and fasting.

So, during this season of Lent and beyond, we must prepare ourselves for the ultimate journey and battle. We must be firm in prayer and watchful in sacrifice and service so that we do not fall to the temptations of the evil one. We must guard ourselves against the temptations of the evil one.

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

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.

Report Sexual Abuse

Sexual Abuse Reporting to an Independent Reporting Agency 1-800-968-3146

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat Feb 21- 7:00pm + Sister Patricia Dickinson
Sun Feb 22 - 11:00am + Shawn Jeffrey
Sun Feb 22 - 4:00pm (Int) Diane Bowman
Tues Feb 24 - 12:10pm + Martha Wagner
Wed Feb 25 - 12:10pm + Jean Harlow
Thurs Feb 26 - 12:10pm + Sister Patricia Dickinson
Fri Feb 27 - 12:10pm + Eleanor Ryan

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.

PARISH CONTACTS

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PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

PASTORAL CARE

Barbara Shenton has been asked to assist Fr. Benson and the Parish Council with coordinating visits of trained Eucharistic Ministers to parishioners who are unable to come to Mass because they are homebound, in hospital, or in long-term care. We are looking for new volunteers to this ministry. Please contact **Barbara Shenton** at bjeens958@gmail.com for more information on how you too can become a bearer of the Eucharist.

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 3:00pm on Fridays during Lent but not on Good Friday.

Special Event: Amanda Achtman on March 5th: Bishop Gary Gordon and the Diocesan Health Care Committee would like to invite you to a special event in our parish. Amanda Achtman—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 5 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. The presentation will be livestreamed at:

<https://youtube.com/live/uwjtBP-U214?feature=share>

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

"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 11:00am** 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!

Tax Receipts

Your St. Patrick's Parish and St. Vincent de Paul 2025 charitable giving tax receipts are now available for pick-up in the foyer near Lourdes Hall this weekend. Please note that the St. Vincent de Paul tax receipt envelope is attached to the back of your Parish tax receipt envelope. In order to help us save on the increased postage costs of letters, please consider picking up your tax receipt in person. Thank you.

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



COLLECTIONS FEB 15, 2026

Envelopes	\$	1,655.00
Loose Change	\$	658.35
Tiptap	\$	50.00
Bldg. Maint. Fund	\$	65.00
E-Transfer	\$	430.00
CanadaHelps	\$	43.30
PAD	\$	1,073.00
Grand Total	\$	3,974.65

FINANCIAL NEWS

	Feb 15, 2026	YTD
Received	\$3,974.65	\$41,777.29
Needed to cover expenses	\$7,685.00	\$61,480.00
Difference	-\$3,710.35	-\$19,702.71

Change of date for Penitential Service at St. Joseph the Worker

The Lent Penitential Service at St. Joseph the Worker Parish has been changed to **Thursday, March 24th** at 7:00pm.



All are invited to attend a **Lent Reconciliation Service** at St. Patrick's Parish on **Tuesday, March 17th** at **7:00pm**. In attendance there will be priests from various parishes from the Diocese of Victoria to hear confession. Please mark this date on the calendar for it is your opportunity to *reflect* and *renew* your hearts for your Lenten journey with Christ.



Click here to [view the POSTER](#).

HOSTING INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS: The St. Andrew's International Student Program is very much in need of additional host families for the upcoming school year starting September 2026/27 for **male students**. If you would be willing to support a young person on their international high school journey, please consider welcoming one of our international students into your family. Host families receive \$1,350 per month to cover costs. Please contact Nina Timm at: homestay@cisdv.bc.ca / Tel: 403-771-2519

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE

Call for Volunteers at the Soup Kitchen

The Soup Kitchen in the basement of St. Andrew's Cathedral is looking for volunteers to join the Tuesday, Thursday or Friday morning dine-in service teams. In addition, we need someone to pick up fresh eggs every Friday morning at Galey Morning Fresh Eggs located at 4400 Blenkinsop Road in Saanich. To learn more about volunteering contact our Volunteer Director, Marilyn Simmons, at info@thesoupkitchen.ca.



The **Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops** is hosting a series of videos for Lent titled **Journey Through Lent**. This series is meant to offer spiritual inspiration and guidance on how to prepare well for the Easter season. New videos will be released each week, you can watch the series here: <https://www.cccb.ca/evangelization-catechesis-catholic-education/video-resources/journey-through-lent/>

LIVESTREAM MASSES

Live Mass broadcast this weekend! Mass is livestreamed this week on **Saturday, February 21st** at St. Patrick's Parish at 7:00pm. Click the link here: <http://www.youtube.com/c/StPatricksHolyCrossChurch>

NEXT WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday Feb 23	Tuesday Feb 24	Wednesday Feb 25	Thursday Feb 26	Friday Feb 27	Saturday Feb 28	Sunday March 1
Church & Parish Office CLOSED	11am to 2:30pm Church & Office Open Office closing early 12pm Angelus 12:10pm Funeral Mass for Iona Kennedy (reception to follow) 7pm AA-Clue 7pm Toastmasters	11am to 3pm Church & Office Open 10am SVDP meeting 11:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary 12:10pm Mass 7pm BC Railway 7pm Social & Eco-Justice Meeting 7pm AA-Peace	11am to 3pm Church & Office Open 12pm Angelus 12:10pm Mass 6pm Couples for Christ - Choir Practice 7pm Knights of Columbus Exec Mtg 7pm AA-Peace	11am to 3pm Church & Office Open 11:30am Confessions 12pm Angelus 12:10pm Mass 3pm - Divine Mercy Devotion 7pm - CA Meeting	Church & Parish Office Closed 11am Children's First Reconciliation (reception to follow) 6:15pm Confessions 7pm Saturday Evening Mass	11am Sunday Mass & Children's Liturgy Coffee After Mass 12pm Listening Circle 4pm Sunday Mass



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 fundraising efforts.

Doors open 5:00pm • Our Lady of Lourdes Hall
St. Patrick's Church, 2060 Haultain St.

BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



DYING TO MEET YOU: A TOUR OF HOPE

Preventing Euthanasia & Encouraging Hope

JOIN US

March 5, 2026

6:00 pm–7:00 pm

St. Patrick's, Victoria

Discover the Dying to Meet You Project and be part of the conversation.

St. Patrick's Parish is hosting a *Dying to Meet You: Preventing Euthanasia & Encouraging Hope* talk at the parish on Thursday, March 5, from 6:00 pm–7:00 pm.



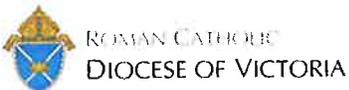
Amanda Achtman is the founder of the Dying to Meet You Project.

She is also the Ethics Director for Canadian Physicians for Life and an instructor of Catholic Bioethics for St. Bernard's School of Theology and Ministry. She holds graduate degrees from the John Paul II Catholic University in Lublin, Poland and the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome.



See full event schedule here:
rcdvictoria.org/events/dying-to-meet-you

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