

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.

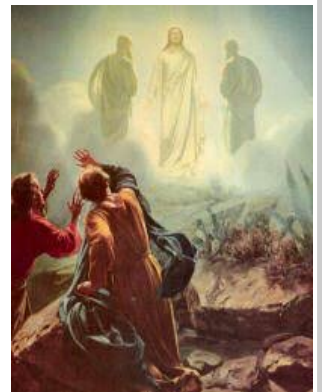


FEBRUARY 25, 2024 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

This Sunday, February 25th, is the Second Sunday of Lent. The Gospel of Mark tells the story of Jesus taking Peter, James, and John to a high mountain. *And [Jesus] was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them.* It must have been an astonishing sight. No wonder Peter, James, and John *were terrified.* Not only was something supernatural happening to their friend, but Moses and Elijah appeared and began to talk to Jesus. Many of us would have collapsed to the ground and hidden our faces. Amazingly Peter was able to speak, though maybe not rationally. However, he was aware enough to hear the voice of the creator. *"This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!"* What a tender, loving phrase – *my Son, the Beloved.* These are the words of a loving and appreciative parent. It is reminiscent of what happened when Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist at the beginning of his ministry. *Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."* (Mark 1:10–11)

It is as if the three years of Jesus' ministry were framed by God's love, support, and approval. God blessed Jesus and his ministry. God blessed all the love, healing, compassion, and words of Jesus. And this time, at the transfiguration, God spoke to Peter, James, and John. After declaring Jesus as the beloved son, it was followed by the simple and powerful directive – *listen to him!* Two thousand years later we too can hear these words. We too are urged to listen to Jesus. And the words of Jesus are life giving! Words on how to live: *Love one another! As I have loved you, so you must love one another.* (John 13:34) Words of inspiration: *Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.* (Luke 23:34) Words of comfort: *And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.* (Matthew 28:20) So many precious words to fill our hearts and minds!

After almost three years of sharing the good news, healing and leading, it was clear that Jesus was more than a prophet. Jesus was divine, united with God the Father, showing everyone how to live in love. Jesus was our redeemer. Even after the transfiguration, the apostles who had witnessed the happening were not sure *what this rising from the dead could mean.* We, too, cannot understand it completely. But Paul assures us in his letter to the Romans that nothing can *separate us from the love of Christ,* absolutely nothing, including death! *If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else?* We are the sons and daughters of God. Let us listen to the words of love and mercy.



Tanya Taft

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

BAPTISM

Please email: hcsbp baptismalprep@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

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

Pastor: Fr. William Hann

Administrative Assistant: Deborah Mackay

Office: 250-592-7391

Email: stpat190@telus.net

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

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

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.

Report Sexual Abuse

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

COLLECTIONS FEB. 18, 2024

Envelopes	\$ 2,255.00
Loose Change	\$ 497.55
Building Maintenance Fund	\$ 440.00
PAD	\$ 1,868.00
Grand Total	\$ 5,060.55
Refugee Fund	\$ 725.00
Share Lent D & P	\$ 500.00

FINANCIAL NEWS

	Feb. 18	YTD
Received	\$ 5,060.55	\$43,484.24
Needed	\$ 4,775.00	\$33,425.00
Difference	\$285.55	\$10,059.24.

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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

The address to the Lamb of God does not refer to Christ simply, but rather to Christ present in the Eucharist as a sacrificial offering.

—Joseph A. Jungmann, S.J., The Mass of the Roman Rite

The cross is the school of love.

—Saint Maximilian Kolbe

God had one son on Earth without sin, but never one without suffering.

—Saint Augustine of Hippo

WORD OF THE WEEK

Word of the week - Agnus Dei

Latin term for "Lamb of God." A title given to Jesus by John the Baptist (John 1:29); the litany sung or said by the assembly at Mass before Communion ("Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world . . .") introduced into the Roman Rite in the seventh century by Pope Sixtus; an image of a lamb often with a halo and a banner and cross used as a symbol of Christ; a wax disc sacramental. The Passover lamb is the symbol of God's people passing over from slavery and death to freedom and life (Exodus 12). A "lamb led to slaughter" is Isaiah's prophesy of God's faithful servant (Isaiah 53:7). The victorious Lamb in Revelation is the light of God's holy city (Revelation 21:9-22:5). With all of salvation history as its backdrop, the Agnus Dei epitomizes the sacrifice of Jesus who achieves our freedom from sin and death. "It is love to the end," says the Catechism of the Catholic Church, "that confers on Christ's sacrifice its value as redemption and reparation, as atonement and satisfaction (616). Make a Lenten practice of repeating "God loves me," and share the Good News of God's love with others. In doing so, Saint Paul declares that we will all be transfigured if we keep our sights trained on Christ.

Baptismal Preparation

Do you want to have your child welcomed into the family of God through baptism? To prepare you must complete a registration form and complete a Baptismal Preparation course. Please note that the next sessions to choose from for Baptismal Preparation are:

Sat, March 9 (10:00 am – 12 noon); and Sat, April 13 (10:00 am – 12 noon)

Please email hcspbaptismalprep@rcdvictoria.org with your name and contact information. The coordinator will then contact you with more details about baptism.

Prayer for the Children Preparing for Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion at St. Patrick's and Holy Cross Parishes:

Lord Jesus Christ, bless the children preparing to receive Baptism, Confirmation and First Holy Communion. Come Holy Spirit and rest upon them. May it be the beginning of a life-long love of the Eucharist. Give them a hunger for this sacred food so that they turn to you for comfort, guidance, and wisdom as they grow into full discipleship. May their hands, extended in anticipation of your body and blood, inspire all of us to cherish the Blessed Sacrament. Amen.

We have 27 children who are catechumens and candidates. The RCIC group will celebrate at the Easter Vigil at Holy Cross and the Year 2 group will celebrate at Pentecost at St Patrick's. Thank you for keeping the children of St Patrick's and Holy Cross in your prayers! *Michele*

Father William invites all St. Patrick's and Holy Cross Parishioners to attend The Diocesan Reconciliation Service that will take place at St. Joseph The Work Parish, Wednesday March 20th at 7pm. Several priest will be in attendance.

Every Monday, from February 19th to Monday, March 25th during lent at 12:10pm you have the opportunity to attend the **Liturgy of the Word with Communion**.

Sacred Heart Parish, will be hosting a Lenten Mission, **Forgiveness & Reconciliation**, from Saturday, March 23rd to Wednesday, March 27th, led by Father David Reilander. Further details see the poster on parish bulletin boards

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun Feb 25 - 11:00am + Norberto Simoes
 Sun Feb 25 - 4:00pm + Jim Morriss
 Wed Feb 28 - 12:10pm (Int) Chris and Bill Atkinson
 Fri Mar 1 - 12:10pm + Guy Leger

FROM OUR PARISH AND THE DIOCESE

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, 2024.



Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday at 11:30 am led by different St. Patrick's Ministries and Church Groups.



It is with sadness that we announce the passing of Michael Charles McIntyre, who passed away on Monday, February 19, 2024. Our deepest sympathies and prayers are with his family and friends. May Micheal rest in peace and may perpetual light on him.

Our sincere condolences and prayers to the family and friends of the late Sandra Duchesne. Her Memorial Mass will be held at St. Patrick's Church on Friday March 1, 2024 at 12:10 pm. May Sandra rest in peace and may perpetual light on her

St. Vincent de Paul of Vancouver Island is seeking a Treasurer to join their Board. Jesus spoke with authority and his reputation spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee." As his disciples, we can also speak with authority when we put our faith into action. If you are a CPA and are ready to answer the call, please send your expression of interest to Brian Mann, Board Chair at brian.mann7@gmail.com

Would you like to be part of an ecologically conscious crew dedicated to restoring the properties of St. Andrew's High School, the Pastoral Centre, and Sacred Heart Parish? Every Saturday morning starting on March 2nd, all are invited to come and help remove English Ivy, Scotch Broom, and other evasive vegetation. The work party will meet in the Sacred Heart parking lot (4040 Nelthorpe Street) and run from 10 am – 12 pm, rain or shine. For more information and to sign up, please email jseale1234@gmail.com

All are welcome to attend the Lenten Mission, **Let The King Of Glory Enter**, with Fr. Mark Cherry February 26-28 at St. Andrew's Cathedral. There is no cost to attend the Mission that offers morning or evening sessions. For more information please contact the Parish Office at 250- 388-5571 or email standrewscathedral@gmail.com. See Poster on Parish bulletin boards in foyers.

LIVESTREAM MASSES

Live Mass broadcast this weekend! Mass is livestreamed this week, Sunday February 25th from St. Patrick's Church at 11:00 AM. Click the link here: <http://www.youtube.com/c/StPatricksHolyCrossChurch>

NEXT WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday Feb. 26	Tuesday Feb. 27	Wednesday Feb. 28	Thursday Feb. 29	Friday Mar. 1,	Saturday Mar. 2	Sunday Mar 3
St. Patrick's Church and Parish Office are Closed 12:10pm Liturgy Of The Word With Communion 7:00pm AA Peace	9:00am Mass - Holy Cross Church 11:00am to 3:00pm Church Open for Prayer & Visitation Parish Office Open 7:00om Toastmasters 7:00pm AA CLUE	11:00 am - Meeting St. Vincent de Paul 11:00am to 3:00pm Church Open for Prayer & Visitation Parish Office Open 12:10pm Mass - St. Patrick's Church 7:00pm AA Peace	9:00am Mass - Holy Cross Church 11:00am to 3:00pm Church Open for Prayer & Visitation Parish Office Open 7:00pm AA Peace	11:00am to 3:00pm Church Open for Prayer & Visitation Parish Office Open 11:30am Stations of the Cross and Confessions 12:10pm Memorial Mass - Sandra Duchesne 3:00pm Divine Mercy & Social Event 7:00pm CA Meeting	St. Patrick's Church and Parish Office are Closed 2:00 pm Victoria Irish Dancers 4:00pm Mass - Holy Cross Church "Live Streaming" 6:30 CCO Music Practice	9:00am Mass - Holy Cross Church 9:45am Sacramental Prep - Class 11:00am Mass - St. Patrick's Church Refreshments to Follow 12:00pm RCIC - Sacramental Class CWL - Remembrance of Sheila Quinn 4:00pm Mass - St. Patrick's Church Reception to follow

Lenten Mission

Forgiveness & Reconciliation

March 23 to 27, 2024

Conducted by Rev. David Reilander

SATURDAY 23 March 4:00 pm Mass

SUNDAY 24 March 9:00 am Mass

MONDAY, 25 MARCH

The Anatomy of Reconciliation

12:05 pm & 7:00 pm



TUESDAY, 26 MARCH

Offering Forgiveness

12:05 pm & 7:00 pm



WEDNESDAY, 27 MARCH

Asking for Forgiveness

12:05 pm & 7:00 pm

From 6:00 pm Reconciliation Service



Rev. David Reilander

President, Catholic Missions In Canada

Fr. Reilander was born in Hamilton, 1960, and ordained in 1986 in the Diocese of Hamilton, Ontario. He volunteered for the Diocese of Whitehorse in 2015, and was hired as President of Catholic Missions in Canada in 2015.

He currently resides in St. Anslem, Toronto.



Join us for coffee with Karno

Tues. Feb 27, 2:00 pm Holy Cross Church,
Parish Centre, 4049 Gordon Head Rd.

Development and Peace – Caritas Canada is hosting Karno as our Lenten solidarity visitor

- He has 18 years experience organizing and facilitating rural communities
- He has organized young farmers to develop sustainable agriculture, alternative energy, appropriate technology and sustainable livelihood solutions
- Currently pursuing a doctorate in environment and Forestry governance



On St. Patrick's Day Sunday, March 17th, the Knight of Columbus will hosting their Annual Irish Dinner in Our Lady of Lourdes Hall, doors open at 5:00 pm. Tickets are \$20 per person available before and after Sunday Masses or at the parish office. It's a fun and entertaining evening!



Reminder that 2023 Tax Receipts are available for pick-up in the foyer by Lourdes Hall

February 24 marks the second anniversary of Russia's invasion of Ukraine. National representatives of Orthodox, Catholic, and Protestant communities, in collaboration with the World Evangelical Alliance's Peace and Reconciliation Network, the Evangelical Fellowship of Canada, and the [Canadian Council of Churches](#), have signed a [Pastoral Letter on Ukraine, Canada, and the Church](#), inviting all to join in praying for peace.



 St. Patrick's Parish
Irish Dinner
A FUNDRAISING EVENT*
Sunday, March 17TH

TICKETS:

\$20 per person

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

No host bar



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

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