

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 26, 2023 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Today, February 26th, is the First Sunday of Lent. The reading of Genesis describes the beautiful and bountiful garden in Eden and that Eve and Adam did not resist the temptation to eat fruit from the forbidden tree. It is the well-known story that reveals how in ancient times our Jewish brothers and sisters tried to understand the selfish ways of people. Paul's letter to the Romans, in the second reading, emphasizes that every man and woman sin. *So death spread to all people, because all have sinned.* In our day and age, this has not changed. Every one of us struggles with temptation and sin. One of the first things Pope Francis said after he was elected was, "I am a sinner." This is the human condition; we are tempted, and we sin. Wouldn't it be better if there were no temptations?

One of the crucial features of creation is that God gave humanity free will. Without free will, we would not be able to care, to experience compassion, to cry with our suffering brothers and sisters. Without free will, we would not be able to choose love, to choose to do the right thing, to choose God. Yes, we mess up continuously. But in those moments of grace when we freely choose to love, we grow closer to God, and we bond more deeply to our brothers and sisters. Because of humanity's struggles with sin and temptation, God had mercy on us and sent us Jesus, *so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.* Paul assured us that though we were sinners, we were loved and forgiven.

If Jesus makes us righteous why does the Gospel of Matthew describe the devil tempting Jesus three times. Obviously, the devil is not all that clever. This is Jesus! He will reject any temptation. What is going on here?

The Gospel reminds us of God's incredible choice to become incarnate. He chose to be with us in the most intimate way. He became human. And as the devil placed temptations in front of Jesus, Jesus chose God. Jesus had an answer for each of the temptations. He was clear and definite in His responses. And in choosing God, Jesus chose us. Jesus chose to love us, to forgive us and ultimately to die for us, that we might know how to live and how much we are loved. It is easy to miss the first line of the Gospel. *Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.* Matthew tells us clearly, as a human, Jesus was tempted! And Jesus chose God, Jesus chose love. And that - is our mission. We are going to stumble, but we were created to choose love. We were created to choose life, and every time we do, we deepen our connection to the divine.



Tanya Taft

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

Pastor: Fr. William Hann

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

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

Custodian: Dean Riches

COLLECTIONS FEB 19TH

Envelopes	\$1,905.00
Loose Change	\$ 487.80
PAD	\$1,833.00
Capital Fund	\$ 90.00
Canada Helps	\$ 19.20

Grand Total \$4,335.00

Refugee Fund \$ 570.00

FINANCIAL NEWS

	FEB 19TH	YTD
Received	\$4,335.00	\$35,836.18
Needed	\$4,700.00	\$37,600.00
Difference	-\$ 365.00	-\$1,763.82

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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:

Adam was but human—this explains it all. He did not want the apple for the apple's sake, he wanted it only because it was forbidden.

-Mark Twain

I have come to realize that the greatest trap in our life is not success, popularity, or power, but self-rejection.

-Henri J. M. Nouwen

A BIG THANK YOU to the Appeal Teams of both St. Patrick's and Holy Cross Parish and to the parishioners for your contributions. We met our appeal target in both communities in what was a challenging time for many. As your pastor, I am grateful for your commitment as we continue to support the vulnerable at home and abroad.

Fr. William Hann

DID YOU KNOW - Development and Peace - Caritas Canada responds immediately to disasters with humanitarian aid sent through our Caritas partners. Bishops of Canada have sent out an urgent appeal to all of us to help the people in Turkey and Syria whose lives have been devastated by these earthquakes.

A NOTE FROM YOUR CATHOLIC STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION:

- Final "Bored?" Games Night at Multifait, 6:30-8:30pm. Date: March 2nd. Shared snacks are always provided, bring a friend(s) for some fun and laughter.
- Kairos Blanket Exercise, March 11th at Multifait. Please register at [EVENTBRITE](https://www.eventbrite.com) Limited seating is available.
- On March 12th, our final Sandwich Patrol (feeding the homeless initiative) will take place with a small group of students. Contact Lydia for further details.

JOIN US! St. Patrick's Parish's St. Vincent de Paul is a 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**



SPRING IS ALMOST HERE, and we cant wait! 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.

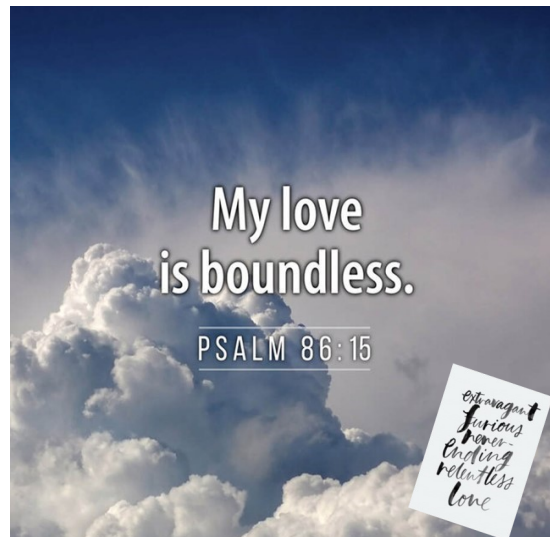
GOD'S LOVE FOR US IS BOUNDLESS

Holy Cross/St. Patrick's Parish
Lenten Mission
Mona Goodman - facilitator

Mon - March 13 @ 7pm Holy Cross
Turn from Sin

Tues - March 14 @ 7pm St. Patrick's
Surrender to Love

Wed - March 15 @ 7pm Holy Cross
Followed by Penitential Service.
Be the Light of Salvation



MASS INTENTIONS

Sun Feb 26 - 11:00 am + Jose Antonio
 Sun Feb 26 - 4:00 pm + Nora Williams
 Wed Mar 1 - 12:10 pm + Fernando, + Elmira,
 and + Serafim Botelho
 Fri Mar 3 - 12:10 pm + Serafim Botelho
 Sun Mar 5 - 11:00 am (Int.) Betty Novak
 Sun Mar 5- 4:00 pm + Serafim Botelho

*Our hearts are warmed with the support given by the Island Catholic community to our **St. Andrew's Graduation Class of 2023**. From the families who pre-booked trucks to pick up bottles/cans, to the constant flow of vehicles dropping off their empties, to the wonderful Grad 2023 students and parents who volunteered their time on a VERY rainy Saturday, we are eternally grateful and humbled. Collectively we raised over \$850! Thank you!*

FROM THE DIOCESE & OUR PARISH

NEWS FROM THE CHANCERY

- 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 the St. Patrick's bulletin boards.
- All people in the Diocese of Victoria are invited to attend the Seeds of Reconciliation Program on March 2 in Port Alberni or March 4 in Duncan. If you are interested in attending please see the posters on the parish bulletin boards for further information on dates and locations.
- The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops is once again offering their *Journey through Lent* video series. Please visit the CCCB.ca website to access the videos.
- Development and Peace launches their annual Share Lent campaign today. In this traditional time of fasting, prayer and almsgiving, they call on your generosity to continue their transformative work in the Global South.

Vocations To the Priesthood - First Sunday Of Lent

Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for forty days of prayer and fasting. Are you open to being led by the Holy Spirit into the life-commitment God has prepared for you? If God is calling you to serve him 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'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 and Saturday March 11th at 10 am and 1pm.

Get your tickets online here: [EVENTBRITE](https://www.eventbrite.com)

LIVESTREAM MASSES

Live Mass broadcast this weekend! Mass is livestreamed this week Sunday, February 26th, from St. Patrick's Parish at 4:00 PM. <https://www.youtube.com/c/StPatricksHolyCrossChurch>

NEXT WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday Feb 27	Tuesday Feb 28	Wednesday Mar. 1	Thursday Mar. 2	Friday Mar. 3	Saturday Mar. 4	Sunday Mar. 5
On Mondays St. Patrick's Church and Parish Office are Closed.	9:00am Mass at Holy Cross Parish	9am - 11am Parish Support Staff Meeting	9:00am Mass at Holy Cross Parish	11:30am Stations Of The Cross	St. Patrick's Church and Parish Office are Closed.	9:00am Mass at Holy Cross Parish
	Church Open for Prayer & Visitation Parish Office Open 11:00am to 3:00pm	Church Open for Prayer & Visitation Parish Office Open 11:00am to 3:00pm	Church Open for Prayer & Visitation Parish Office Open 11:00am to 3:00pm	11:30am Confessions	8:30am Arbutus Singers Retreat	11:00am Mass at St. Patrick's Parish
7:00pm AA Peace	7:00pm SSVP Monthly Meeting via Zoom	12:10 Mass	7:00pm Knights of Columbus General Meeting	12:10pm Mass	11:00am Children's Reconciliation at Holy Cross	Refreshments after Mass
	7pm Toastmasters	1:00pm CWL General Meeting	Lourdes Hall	Church Open for Prayer & Visitation Parish Office Open 11:00am to 3:00pm	4:00 pm Sunday Mass at Holy Cross "Live Streaming"	4:00pm Mass at St. Patrick's Parish
	7:00pm AA Clue	Lourdes Hall	7:00pm AA Peace	3:00pm Divine Mercy Devotion	5:00pm Couples for Christ - CLP Program	
		6:45pm Arbutus Singers		7:00pm CA		
		7:00pm AA Peace		8:00pm Couples for Christ Choir		

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