

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 8, 2026 FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1st Reading: Isaiah 58.6-10 † 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 2.1-5 † Gospel: Matthew 5.13-16

THEME: OUR WORLD NEEDS OUR LIGHT AND SWEETNESS NOW

Dear Friends in Christ,

On this Fifth Sunday of ordinary time, the Holy Mother Church reminds us that we are the salt of the earth and the light in the dark. Hence, she reminds her children that the light will be brighter if all Christians are like Christ.

In our first reading, the prophet Isaiah tells us what we must do for our light to shine: "Share your bread with the hungry, shelter the homeless, and cloth the naked". They are the necessities of life. So, their deprivation robs humanity of dignity and leaves us in perpetual darkness. This would amount to structural injustice and a sin against Charity. In the second reading, Paul proved to be the light through which the Corinthians saw the light of Christ. He was the salt that sweetened and preserved their lives. Therefore, our encounters with people must leave them better than when we met them. It must wipe off the dust of worry, shame, despair, and disappointment. It must liberate them from ignorance and help them to appreciate the truth by drawing close to God.

In today's gospel, Jesus calls us "salt." In the Old Testament, salt was used to season the sacrificial offerings for sins and covenant with God (Lev 2:13). This is because it penetrates, preserves, and aids in healing. That is how God becomes active in our lives. So, when Christ calls us "salt," he wants us to make a difference in our world. We must penetrate and preserve our world from moral, spiritual, physical, or environmental decay. As salts, we must add taste and flavor to people's lives. Finally, we must not conceal God's gift. Since "charity begins at home", we must first be light and salt in our homes and communities.

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 7 - 7:00pm	(Int) Karl & Annette Mooney
Sun Feb 8 - 11:00am	Pro Populo
Sun Feb 8 - 4:00pm	+ Terrie Jung
Tues Feb 10 - 12:10pm	(Int) Rose Worthy
Wed Feb 11 - 12:10pm	+ Martin Wagner
Thurs Feb 12 - 12:10pm	+ Veysie Floyd
Fri Feb 13 - 12:10pm	+ Lino & Adalia Canizares

REMINDER: CWL

Membership Renewal

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. 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 & payment may be delivered to the Parish office.



PARISH CONTACTS

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PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

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 and 7pm 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 6pm, prior to 7pm 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. They are as follows:

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



Amanda Achtman will be coming to St. Patrick's Parish on March 5th, at 6:00 pm for a one-hour presentation on her project **Dying to Meet You: Preventing Euthanasia, Encouraging Hope**. As the Ethics Education & Cultural Engagement Lead for the Canadian Physicians for Life and founder of Dying to Meet You, Amanda explores questions around death and dying through storytelling, beauty, and a deeply hopeful vision rooted in the dignity of the human person. All are welcome to attend. It will be livestreamed at <https://www.youtube.com/live/uwjtbP-U214>

Calling all men! COR (Latin for Heart) is a gathering of men that seek to build a Christ-centred brotherhood through intentional Prayer, Formation and Fraternity. St. Patrick's COR is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council 7934, but is open to all men of the Parish and St. Patrick's School. On **Sunday, February 15** at 5:00pm we will prepare our hearts for Lent by watching: *Don't Give Up Anything for Lent! (And what I'm giving up)* by Father Casey Cole OFM. Come join us and participate in this formation and discussion. Pizza and beverages will be provided. Email Keefer at keefervi@gmail.com to secure your spot so that we can determine the pizza order.

Our sincere thank you to Faith Collins

We would like to extend a THANK YOU to Faith Collins for all of her work in getting an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) installed in the parish and organizing St. John Ambulance for training sessions. Faith put in many hours organizing this potentially life-saving project.



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



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 hcsbaptismalprep@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.

COLLECTIONS FEB 1, 2026

Envelopes	\$	2,165.00
Loose Change	\$	1,259.70
Tiptap	\$	115.00
Bldg. Maint. Fund	\$	500.00
PAD	\$	955.00
Grand Total	\$	4,994.70

FINANCIAL NEWS

	Feb 1, 2026	YTD
Received	\$4,994.70	\$29,772.79
Needed to cover expenses	\$7,685.00	\$46,110.00
Difference	-\$2,690.30	-\$16,337.21

On Thursday, March 5th

St. Joseph the Worker Parish will host a **Lent Penitential Service** starting at 7:00pm. There will be priests from the Diocese's of Victoria.

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



Residential Parking Reminder:

St. Patrick's Parish received a complaint from a resident living on Florence Street about churchgoers repeatedly parking on Florence Street. This is a reminder that you are not to park on Florence Street or Epworth Street as it is always Residential Parking ONLY and illegal to do so. If this illegal parking continues the Oak Bay Municipality may have cars towed away or issued parking fines. Be considerate to our neighbours by parking in the parish parking lot.



NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE

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 downtown Franciscan Friary at 1076 Joan Crescent. Sessions run from February 24 to March 31. To register, contact Kem Luther at kemluther@gmail.com. Click here to [view the POSTER](#).

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 Sunday, February 8th at St. Patrick's Parish at 11:00am. Click the link here: <http://www.youtube.com/c/StPatricksHolyCrossChurch>

NEXT WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday Feb 9	Tuesday Feb 10	Wednesday Feb 11	Thursday Feb 12	Friday Feb 13	Saturday Feb 14	Sunday Feb 15
Church & Parish Office CLOSED	11am to 2:30pm Church & Office Open <i>Office closing early</i>	11am to 3pm Church & Office Open	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 12:10pm Mass	12pm Angelus 12:10pm Mass	11:30am Confessions		4pm Sunday Mass
	7pm AA-Clue		6pm Couples for Christ Choir Practice	3pm - Divine Mercy Devotion	6:15pm Confessions	5:30pm St. Patrick's COR Meeting
	7pm Toastmasters	7pm AA-Peace	7pm AA-Peace	7pm - CA Meeting	7pm Saturday Evening Mass	

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