

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.



JANUARY 11, 2026 THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

1st Reading: Isaiah 42.1-4, 6-7 † 2nd Reading: Acts 10.34-38 † Gospel: Matthew 3.13-17

THEME: YOU ARE MY BELOVED CHILD

Dear People of God,

Today is the celebration of the Lord's Baptism. It marks the end of the Christmas season, Year A. Providentially, the Lord's Baptism comes at the beginning of the year. It celebrates God's gratuitous call to us to belong to his flock. It is a way of reminding us of who we are. That is members of God's great family through our baptism in Christ.

God extended His grace of redemption to Cornelius and his entire household as he did to us through the same water of baptism. Surprised about the love and mercy of God, Peter testified: "The truth I have now come to realize is that God has no favorites, but anyone of any nationality who fears God is acceptable to him." This shows that the water of baptism does not segregate. It is for all who are willing to pass through it. Baptism is not a "mere sign." Instead, it is a sacrament that leaves an indelible mark on us. This is the sign or mark which God sees and testifies: "This is my beloved son, in whom I am well pleased!"

Dearly beloved, by receiving the baptism, we fully identify ourselves with Christ who allowed himself to be baptized by John. We receive baptism it is also a sign that we are ready to go through any ordeal for our salvation. Therefore, today the church calls us to renew our baptismal vows to God. This is important so that God may continue to say of us this year: "This is my beloved son in whom I am well pleased."

Peace be with you!

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: 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

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

Office: 250-592-7391

Pastor: Father Benson Asuming

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Responsible Ministry:

Please Email: stpatsrmse@gmail.com

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat Jan 10- 7:00pm + Denise Heap
Sun Jan 11- 11:00am + Maurice Roche
Sun Jan 11- 4:00pm Pro Populo
Tues Jan 13- 12:10pm + Tommy Trainor
Wed Jan 14- 12:10pm (Int) Marta Botelho
Thurs Jan 15- 12:10pm + Luke O'Connell
Fri Jan 16-12:10pm + Adrian Boteju

YOU ARE MY BELOVED CHILD



PARISH CONTACTS

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ST. PATRICK'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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

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PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

Baptismal Preparation

Would you like to have your infant welcomed into the family of God through baptism? To prepare you must complete a Baptismal Preparation Registration Form and participate in a Baptismal Preparation Course. Please note that the next sessions available to take a Baptismal Preparation Course are Saturday, January 10th or Saturday, February 21st (10:00 am – 12:00 noon). Please email hcsbp baptismalprep@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.



On behalf of Father Benson Asuming and the parishioners of St. Patrick's, we wish to once again extend our sincere condolences and prayers to the family and friends of Carmela Marie Romano, a long time parishioner of St. Patrick's Parish who passed away on December 14, 2025. May she rest in peace, and may perpetual light shine upon her. Her Funeral Mass will held this Tuesday, January 13th, at 12:10:pm at St. Patrick's Church.

A Friendly Reminder - Social and Ecological Justice

There will be a Write for Rights letter writing session on **Sunday, January 11** after the 11:00am Mass in the St. Ann Room. Coffee will be available. Please consider taking a few minutes to write a letter on behalf of persons unjustly imprisoned who stand up for human rights in their country. Sample letters will be available. This is an Amnesty International initiative hosted by the Social & Ecological Justice Committee.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: For parishioners whose donations are through a **Pre-Authorized Debit Program (PAD)** and wish to contribute to the **Special Collections** throughout 2026, your Special Collection sets are also now available for pick-up in the lobby. Note that each box of the Special Collection Envelopes are now pre-numbered with a four digit number for easy of inputting and tracking donations. It is imperative that you write your full name and address on the front of the envelope if you wish to receive a tax receipt.

We offer options for your financial contributions to the parish:

* **Pre-Authorized Debit (PAD):** please complete the blue form, found at each entrance of the church, and drop it in the mailbox outside the parish office.

* **eTransfers:** May be made to St. Patrick's Parish by this email stpat190@telus.net

- **Canada Helps:** May be made with your credit card - "100% tax receipt". Click the link here: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/register/tier-two/>
- **TipTap:** Donations are just a tap with your debit or credit card on the device in the foyer

The Diocesan Health Care Committee is offering its next series of free online **Pastoral Care Outreach Training sessions** via Zoom on Saturday mornings, 9:30am–12:00pm noon, from January 24 to March 28 (no session March 7). Participants will learn about active and compassionate listening, and visiting the lonely, sick, elderly, and dying—in care facilities or at home—and for those who wish to learn how to accompany and care for their family and friends. Please register through your parish by January 15, 2026. For more information, contact Moira King at moiraking@shaw.ca. Attached is an [information poster](#) for the upcoming sessions.

Parish Office: Early Closure on Tuesdays

The Parish office will be closing **early on Tuesdays** from January 6th to March 31st. The office hours for the office on Tuesdays will be **11:00am to 2:30pm**.

Pastoral Care Training

Nine free online sessions

Saturdays from 9:30 am - noon PST

January 24 - March 28, 2026 (*no session March 7*)

Session 9
**Spouse
Caregiving, Healthy
Boundaries, and
Self-Care**
Mar 28

Session 1
**Basics of
Pastoral Care**
Jan 24

Session 2
**The Healing
Ministry of Christ**
Jan 31

Session 3
**Active and
Compassionate
Listening**
Feb 7

Session 4
**Elderly Isolation,
Loneliness, and
the Journey with
Dementia**
Feb 14

Session 5
**Palliative Care
and the Healing
Ministry for the
Dying**
Feb 21

Session 6
**The Grieving
Process**
Feb 28

Session 7
**Bereavement:
Ministering to
Families**
Mar 14

Session 8
**Ministry of God's
Presence and
Compassion**
Mar 21

For further
information,
please contact:
Moira King, Chair

Diocese of Victoria Health Care Committee: moiraking@shaw.ca



COLLECTIONS JAN 4, 2026

| | | |
|--------------------|-----------|-----------------|
| Envelopes | \$ | 2,230.35 |
| Loose Change | \$ | 745.30 |
| Tiptap | \$ | 115.00 |
| Bldg. Maint. Fund | \$ | 430.00 |
| Canada Helps | \$ | 192.42 |
| E-Transfer | \$ | 0.00 |
| PAD | \$ | <u>1,955.00</u> |
| Grand Total | \$ | 5,668.07 |

COLLECTIONS DEC 31, 2025 & JAN 1, 2026

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|--------------------|-----------|-----------------|
| Envelopes | \$ | 10.00 |
| Loose Change | \$ | 230.00 |
| New Year Offering | \$ | <u>835.00</u> |
| Grand Total | \$ | 1,075.00 |

FINANCIAL NEWS

| | Jan 1, 2026 | YTD |
|------------|--------------|--------------|
| Received | \$ 1,075.00 | \$ 1,075.00 |
| Budgeted | \$ 7,685.00 | \$ 7,685.00 |
| Difference | -\$ 6,610.00 | -\$ 6,610.00 |

FINANCIAL NEWS

| | Jan 4, 2026 | YTD |
|------------|-------------|-------------|
| Received | \$5,668.07 | \$6,743.07 |
| Budgeted | \$7,685.00 | 15,370.00 |
| Difference | -\$2,016.93 | -\$8,626.93 |

In in January 4th bulletin, there was a spreadsheet formula error in regard to the reporting of the financials for December 28th, 2025. These are the **revised** financial figures:

| | Dec 28, 2025 | YTD |
|------------|--------------|--------------|
| Received | \$ 4,513.35 | \$297,350.91 |
| Budgeted | \$ 4,945.00 | \$267,030.00 |
| Difference | -\$ 431.65 | \$ 30,320.91 |



Congratulations and thank you to all the parishioners who donated to the **Bishop's Appeal**.

Our goal was \$50,000. On the first \$50,000 we receive 20%. Anything beyond \$50,000 we receive 80%.

We raised a total of \$63,826. **St. Patrick's Parish payout is \$21,060.80**. These funds will be used for ongoing repairs now and in the future that our parish requires.

We, the parishioners, of St. Patrick's are what keeps our parish doors open. Again, a very big **THANK YOU!**

Your Parish Appeal Team

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE

Prayer in the Style of Taizé

The ecumenical Prayer in the Style of Taizé will be held at Holy Cross Catholic Church. You are invited to join us on January 16th, February 20th and March 20th at 6:00 pm. There will be scripture, music, prayer and silence. Everyone is very welcome. The address of Holy Cross Catholic Church is 4049 Gordon Head Road. There is parking just past the Parish Center.

LIVESTREAM MASSES

Live Mass broadcast this weekend! Mass is livestreamed this week on Sunday, January 11th at St. Patrick's Parish at 11:00am. Click the link here: <http://www.youtube.com/c/StPatricksHolyCrossChurch>

NEXT WEEK IN OUR PARISH

| Monday Jan 12 | Tuesday Jan 13 | Wednesday Jan 14 | Thursday Jan 15 | Friday Jan 16 | Saturday Jan 17 | Sunday Jan 18 |
|-------------------------------|---|---|---|---|--|--|
| Church & Parish Office CLOSED | 11am to 2:30pm Church & Office Open <i>Office closing early</i> 12pm Angelus 12:10pm Mass 7pm AA-Clue 7pm Toastmasters | 11am to 3pm Church & Office Open 11:30am - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary, Angelus 12:10pm Mass 7pm AA-Peace | 11am to 3pm Church & Office Open 12pm Angelus 12:10pm Mass 7pm AA-Peace | 11am to 3pm Church & Office Open 11:30am Confessions 11:40 Rosary 12pm Angelus 12:10pm Mass 3pm - Divine Mercy Devotion 5pm Couples for Christ 7pm - CA Meeting | Church & Parish Office Closed 1pm Couples for Christ—Youth 6:15pm Confessions 7pm Saturday Evening Mass | 11am Sunday Mass & Children's Liturgy <i>Coffee After Mass</i> 1:30pm Couples for Christ for Kids 4pm Sunday Mass |

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