

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 15, 2023 SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

As we transition from the Christmas season to Ordinary time, we have six weeks of "ordinary time" before the beginning of Lent on Ash Wednesday, on February 22nd. This is the time in the church's calendar that orients us-- "orders" us-- to our mission. The mission of Jesus is also our mission. Two thoughts are prompted by today's readings. The first is John's dramatic declaration, Behold the Lamb of God. The second is an invitation to do some personal stock-taking during this first month of the new year and make some resolutions to improve the quality of our lives. The Baptist urges us to ask what are we fundamentally about and then seek to reset our lives. And St. Paul reminds us that we are "called to be saints together with all those who in every place call on the name of Our Lord Jesus Christ."

The description of Jesus in today's Gospel by John as the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world suggests that with this Jesus, we hear something new. What then is the issue in that so familiar line: "*Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world?*" I would suggest that this is an impossible combination, an utter contradiction. What do you suppose can a lamb do in the face of evil in the world? In no way is that an adequate match. A lamb, of all things, that gentle innocent animal that we want to hug; it is not prepared nor is it capable of violent resistance, and even less of attack. Over and against the lamb stands the sin of the world.

And yet, John the Baptist and the entire Christian tradition after him have insisted on identifying Jesus as the Lamb that takes away the sin of the world. By identifying Jesus in these terms, we give a most unlikely character sketch of Him. But it is a character sketch of Jesus, His own conduct forces on us. These terms sum up the entire life project of Jesus, and leave us, who are baptized in His name, with quite a program. Jesus broke that chain of violence; He put an end to the law that you must get even. Jesus indeed takes away the sins of the world, when with Him and in His power, we refuse to get even and to strike back, even with Him we snap out of the vicious circle of self-interest, of revenge, and retaliation.

Saint John the Baptist stands between the Old and New Testaments like a "pivot man, he was a key figure announcing a time of radical change. He didn't know Jesus; he tells us twice. He was simply doing his job, preparing the way and sweeping off the littered path of an approaching dignitary. His great grace was that, though he knew he wasn't "the one" to bring about the needed changes, he took what steps he could. That included naming the truth about his times from God's perspective. It also meant calling people to prepare their hearts by repenting. And it included actively seeking "the one" who was to come. We, too, live in a time of great change. We can learn from John the Baptist by seeing our world with God's eyes, repenting and preparing our own hearts, and recognizing Jesus in our midst--in the Eucharist, in the community of believers, and in the poor and needy that we meet.

Eyes on Jesus

Father William

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

Administrative Assistant: Deborah Mackay

Office: 250-592-7391

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

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

Custodian: Dean Riches

COLLECTIONS JAN 8TH

Envelopes	\$1,345.00
Loose Change	\$ 465.60
PAD	\$4,667.00
E-Transfers	\$ 20.00
CanadaHelps	\$1,891.20
Capital Fund	\$ 396.00
Grand Total	\$8,784.80
Anawim House	\$ 50.00
Catholic Missions	\$ 50.00

FINANCIAL NEWS

	Jan 8th	YTD
Received	\$8,754.80	\$11,810.20
Needed	\$4,700.00	\$9,400.00\$
Difference	\$4,084.80	\$2,410.20

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**ST. PATRICK'S
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For information on registrations for 2023/2024 school year, please contact the school.

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[Visit the school's Facebook page](#)

FROM OUR PARISH:

Prayer Reflection

The Lord was baptized . . . to cleanse waters, so that those waters . . . might have the power of Baptism.

—Saint Ambrose of Milan

Service which is rendered without joy helps neither the servant nor the served. But all other pleasures and possessions pale into nothingness before service which is rendered in a spirit of joy.

—Mahatma Gandhi

The essential thing is always to begin again, despite everything and against everything, and never to be discouraged.

—Blessed Maurice Tornay

Baptisms & Preparation Classes!

Are you planning to have your child baptized soon? A preparation class is offered on the first Saturday of each month to help prepare for this Sacrament. Please note that the required Baptismal Preparation class for February will be moved from Saturday Feb. 4th to Saturday Feb. 11th at 10am.

Please contact Barb Shenton at bshenton@rcdvictoria.org for more information.



CWL NEWS: Annual Membership Renewal/Registration: Forms have been mailed to current members. There is also a form and more information attached to this bulletin, and it is also downloadable on the parish website. Please return forms by January 31st. **Whether returning or new members, we are happy to welcome all ladies!** Meetings held 1st Wednesday of the month at 1pm after daily Mass. We hope you will join us. Questions? Please call Theresa Smith 250-213-3304.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Interested in becoming part of the **Knights of Columbus?** We are seeking Catholic men age 18 to join our Saint Patrick's chapter. The Knights of Columbus is a family orientated organization, striving to unite, and strengthen bonds through faith, fun and community service. For more information contact Mike O'Neill at mikepmoinvest@gmail.com

YOUR CATHOLIC STUDENTS ASSOCIATION Wishes all students a very Happy New Year and a smooth transition as we return to class.

CSA offers ongoing opportunities to enjoy fellowship, community, and a chance to incorporate faith into our lives in many diverse ways. Food is always provided. Visit our web-site <https://cathuvic.wordpress.com/> for more information and calendar of events. Drop by and say hello at Clubs Days, January 18th and 19th to see what we have scheduled and enter a raffle for a \$60 valued gift basket. **Save the date!** January 21st for our return Mass at 4pm and meal at Holy Cross Parish. A guest speaker will be present with additional interactive entertainment. Don't miss this faith, food and fun filled event. See you there! ALL ARE WELCOME.

2023 Share Lent workshop, Sat. Jan. 28 from 9:30am -2:00pm, at St. Patrick's Parish Hall, 2060 Haultain St. Our Development and Peace animator, Jeremy Laurie, will be presenting the Share Lent campaign and time for local parish planning. Morning coffee and muffins will be available. Please bring a brown bag lunch. Bring a friend! Questions or more information at 250-477-6952.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun Jan 15th - 11am + Bede Hyde
 Sun Jan 15th - 4pm + Mary Theresa Mitchell
 Wed Jan 18th - 12:10pm (Int) Pamela Boteju
 Fri Jan 20th - 12:10pm + Luke O'Connell
 Sun Jan 22nd - 11am + Derek Taylor
 Sun Jan 22nd - 4pm + Jeanette Fournier

Called and Gifted Workshop

Saturday February 4, 2023, there are a few spots available for all those who thought they missed this amazing opportunity to discover God's call for you. God is calling you to a unique purpose in life, a work of love that only YOU can do. To register please contact Holy Cross office@holycrossvictoria.org; or St. Patrick's Parish stpat190@telus.net

FROM THE DIOCESE & OUR PARISH



Happy 100th Birthday and Congratulations to our long time parishioner, Iona Kennedy, on reaching this impressive milestone, January 19th. May your special day be filled with happiness and may your next years be filled with His joy and love.

Vocations To the Priesthood - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Paul tells us that we have been sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be a holy people. Could it be that you or someone in your family is being called to be 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

Pastoral Care Training Sessions

The valuable and free Pastoral Care Outreach Training series will be offered online again this winter. Nine sessions will be held via Zoom on Saturday mornings from 9:30 – noon, starting on January 28, 2023, and running until April 1 (with no session on March 18 for Spring Break). Participants who attend all sessions will receive a Certificate of Completion. Participants will require a phone number and email address, a computer, tablet or Smart Phone with speakers, microphone and webcam, a reliable Internet connection, and access to Zoom. If you are interested register by emailing St. Patrick's Parish Office stpat190@telus.net. **Deadline January 17th**

Bishop Thomas J. Lobsinger, OMI Memorial Bursary Program The annual British Columbia and Yukon Bursary program known as the Bishop Thomas J. Lobsinger, OMI Memorial Bursary Program is underway. The 2023 program is now receiving applications. We are privileged to offer fourteen bursaries of \$1,000.00 each to Catholic students across the Province of British Columbia. These bursaries are made available on a one-time only basis to young practicing Catholic students who are in post secondary education at a recognized institute of higher learning within the Province of British Columbia. Applications are accepted from January 1, 2023 until June 30, 2023 with the bursaries being awarded in the fall. The Terms of Reference may be found on our website (kofcbc.org) after January 1, 2023. **Requests for application should be addressed to:** Knights of Columbus BC & Yukon, 2809 Mara Drive, Coquitlam, BC V3C 5T9 Attn: Herb Yang, Bursaries Chairman Or email: herbykofc@gmail.com

LIVESTREAM MASSES

Live Mass broadcast this weekend! Mass is livestreamed this week, January 15th, from St. Patrick's Parish at 11:00 am. Click the link here: <http://www.youtube.com/c/StPatricksHolyCrossChurch>

NEXT WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday Jan 16	Tuesday Jan 17	Wednesday Jan 18	Thursday Jan 19	Friday Jan 20	Saturday Jan 21	Sunday Jan 22
St. Patrick's Parish Church & Office Closed On Mondays	8:30am FISA Meeting Our Lady of Lourdes Hall 9am Mass at Holy Cross Church Open for Prayer & Visitation Parish Office Open 11:00am to 3:00pm 7pm Toastmasters 7pm AA Clue	12:10pm Mass Church Open for Prayer & Visitation Parish Office Open 11:00am to 3:00pm 6:45pm Arbutus Singers 7:00pm AA Peace	9am Mass at Holy Cross Church Open for Prayer & Visitation Parish Office Open 11:00am to 3:00pm 7:00pm AA Peace	11:30am Confessions 12:10pm Mass Church Open for Prayer & Visitation Parish Office Open 11:00am to 3:00pm 3:00pm Divine Mercy Devotion 7pm CA	9:00am Couples for Christ St. Patrick's Parish Church & Office Closed 4: 00 pm Sunday Mass at Holy Cross "Live Streaming"	9:00am Mass at Holy Cross Parish 11:00am Mass at Refreshments after Mass 4:00pm Mass at St. Patrick's Parish



The Catholic Women's League of Canada St. Patrick's Oak Bay CWL

Dear Ladies of St. Patrick's Parish:

It is my pleasure to welcome and invite you to join or renew your membership with our CWL group. A renewal registration form has been sent out but if you have not received yours or you wish to be a new member, a form is available to download/print from the Church Bulletin or from the St. Pat's website www.stpatsvictoria.com. Kindly return this form to St. Pat's office (in person or by mail) along with your fee prior to January 31st.

In addition to serving our parish community in many capacities, St. Patrick's Council members do a lot of fundraising to support our many charities. The CWL is many things to many people. Whether it's faith, service to the community, social justice, or sisterhood, thousands of women have found fulfillment by being members.

- A sisterhood of support and understanding that is more than 63,000 members strong. One of the largest organizations of women in Canada.
- A way to act on important social justice issues by adding your voice to many
- An opportunity to be of service to your community, to the country and to God
- A chance to live your faith with those who share it

We hope you will join us to help us continue to serve our community and to support those less fortunate and in need.

Feel free to check out what is happening at National CWL by going to the website at www.cwl.ca. Check the Tab "To Inspire".

If you have any questions, I am happy to answer them.

May Our Lady of Good Counsel Bless you.

Warmest regards,

Theresa Smith
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The Catholic Women's League of Canada

St. Patrick's Oak Bay 2023 Registration Form

Thank you for choosing St. Patrick's CWL! We are happy to welcome you!

Check one of the following:

New Member _____ Renewal _____ Previous Member returning from absence _____

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Membership fee is \$45.00. Payment method (check one):

Cash _____ Cheque _____ (payable to St. Patrick's Oak Bay CWL)

E-Transfer _____ (Email to cwlstpatsvictoria@gmail.com)

Fee breakdown for each member: \$25.00 to National Council
\$10.00 to Provincial Council
\$ 5.00 to Diocesan Council
\$ 0.50 to National for Insurance
\$ 4.50 retained by St. Patrick's Council
\$45.00 Total

We would greatly appreciate any further donation (large or small) you wish to make along with your fee payment. Funds raised are used to support our local charities; caring for those less fortunate and in need.
My donation \$_____. (Sorry, no tax receipt can be issued).

Please take this opportunity to ensure we have the correct contact information for you on file:

Address: _____ Postal Code: _____

Home phone: _____ Cell Number: _____

Email: _____ Birthdate: _____

And if you wish, please provide year _____

Please share your talents with us/the Parish by assisting in any of the following. Please check all you would be interested in. If there are duo items and you are only interested in one, please circle that one:

Prayers for needs of church: _____ Phoning/email communication committee _____

Flower/Decorating committee _____ Altar linens committee _____ Candle committee _____

Pick up/Drop off Committee (warm clothing or any items our charities need) _____

Baking _____ Bazaar/Used Clothing Sale help _____ Other (not listed) _____

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM BY JANUARY 31, 2023

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Layne Moore, Membership Chair January 2023

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