

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 18, 2026

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1st Reading: **Isaiah 49.3, 5-6**

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2nd Reading: **1 Corinthians 1.1-3**

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Gospel: **John 1.29-34**

THEME: HERE I AM, LORD! I COME TO DO YOUR WILL

Dear People of God,

Today is the second Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A. On this Sunday, the Church presents to us through the prophetic insights of Isaiah and John the Baptist the "Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world". One very remarkable lesson that the Church wants us to learn from this Sunday's readings and reflection is that the Lamb of God was more than a "mere servant." He is a son who obediently fulfilled the will of the Father.

In today's gospel, John the Baptist identifies and vividly presents the Saviour to the world. By this act, John has completed his mission and the will of God. It was for this reason that he was called to be a prophet. He has obediently accomplished his mission. Therefore, John is a perfect example of how we ought to approach our call and the will of God for us. All we need to do is to accept it, and the Holy Spirit will confirm our efforts. It is our mission to present Christ to others as John did: "Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world". Both Christ and John the Baptist have played their roles as far as doing the will of God is concerned. So, we must continue that same mission.

Finally, to do God's will perfectly, we must be in tune with the Holy Spirit. God will supply the grace that we need to do his will. The Holy Spirit will give us the power and strength we need to fulfill our mission. If we remain docile to the Holy Spirit as John the Baptist was, he will reveal all we need to know. He will teach us the best way to carry out the mission. So, let us say with the psalmist: "Here I am, Lord! I come to do your Will."

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

CONFESIONS:

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

EUCARISTIC 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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat Jan 17 - 7:00pm + Larry Holinaty
Sun Jan 18 - 11:00am + Clifford Lee
Sun Jan 18 - 4:00pm + Terrie Jung
Tues Jan 20 - 12:10pm
Wed Jan 21 - 12:10pm + Clifford Lee
Thurs Jan 22 - 12:10pm + Florence & William Blake
Fri Jan 23 - 12:10pm + Marlene Roche + Donna Delle Abecia



PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

*It is with sadness that we announce the passing of **Clifford Lee**, a long time Parishioner of our parish, who passed away on Sunday, January, 11, 2025. Our deepest sympathies and prayers are with his family and friends. May Clifford rest in peace and may perpetual light on him.*

Message from Fr. Benson regarding Mass:

For both Sunday Masses, the Reconciliation Room will be open and available for families who need a quiet space for infants and young children.

For those who require gluten-free hosts, you no longer need to come to the sacristy before Mass. If you require a gluten-free host, please ensure that you line up for Fr. Benson and request from him a gluten free host that he will provide.



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 12:00pm. Please email hcspbaptismalprep@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.



PARISH CONTACTS

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ST. PATRICK'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

KINDERGARTEN TO GRADE 7
For information on registrations for 2025/2026 school year, please contact the school.

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Angela McLeish - Vice Principal
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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.

COLLECTIONS JAN 11, 2026

Envelopes	\$	1,905.00
Loose Change	\$	634.60
Tiptap	\$	100.00
Bldg. Maint. Fund	\$	60.00
Canada Helps	\$	601.32
E-Transfer	\$	0.00
PAD	\$	4,772.00
Grand Total	\$	8,072.92

Saint Vincent de Paul will be holding their monthly meeting on **Wednesday, January 28th at 10:00am** in the St. Ann's Room.

All are welcome to attend. Accepting new members.



NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE

Recollections for Men and Women

What better way than to start the new year than with a recollection? It's a time we set aside to go deeper into our relationship with God. We spend some time in conversation with Him — guided by meditation and an examination of conscience. A priest of Opus Dei will be available for confession and/or spiritual direction.

FINANCIAL NEWS

	Jan 11, 2026	YTD
Received	\$8,072.92	\$14,815.99
Needed to cover expenses	\$7,685.00	\$23,055.00
Difference	\$387.92	-\$8,239.01

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**.

An evening recollection **for women** will be held on **Monday, January 19th** from 6:15-8pm at St. Joseph the Worker parish, 753 Burnside Road West, Victoria. It will be preceded by Mass at 5:30 p.m. An evening recollection **for men** will be held on **Tuesday, January 20th** from 6-8 p.m. at Sacred Heart Parish, 4040 Nelthorpe Street, Victoria. It will be preceded by Mass at 5:15 p.m.

The **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Prayer Service** will be held on Sunday, January 25, 2026, during the evensong service at Christ Church Cathedral in Victoria (930 Burdett Avenue). The service begins at 4:00 pm, and there will be a reception to follow. Christians from across Vancouver Island will gather to reflect on and celebrate our common faith. All are welcome to participate, either in person at Christ Church Cathedral or via livestream at: <https://www.christchurchcathedral.bc.ca/live>

Island Catholic Schools Strategic Plan 2025-2030

Four goals and objectives have been identified in the newly released final draft of the **Island Catholic Schools Strategic Plan 2025-2030**. These include: A Common Vision in Christ, Sustainable Operations, Excellence in Education, and Nurturing Environment. For more information, or to read the Strategic Plan in detail, please [click HERE to view](#).



LIVESTREAM MASSES

Live Mass broadcast this weekend! Mass is livestreamed this week on Saturday, January 17th at Holy Cross Parish at 4:00pm. Click the link here: <http://www.youtube.com/c/StPatricksHolyCrossChurch>

NEXT WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday Jan 19	Tuesday Jan 20	Wednesday Jan 21	Thursday Jan 22	Friday Jan 23	Saturday Jan 24	Sunday Jan 25
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 11:30am Confessions	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	12pm Angelus 12:10pm Mass 3pm - Divine Mercy Devotion	6:15pm Confessions	12:15pm - Sacramental Prep —Session 5
	7pm AA-Clue 7pm Toastmasters	7pm AA-Peace	4:30pm - Essentrics Level 1 (fitness class) 7pm AA-Peace	7pm - CA Meeting	7pm Saturday Evening Mass	4pm Sunday Mass



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