

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.

JANURARY 21, 2024 THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Pope Francis declared this as Sunday of the Word of God, and it is also the beginning of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity! Word of God Sunday aligns well with Jesus who, in today's Gospel, presents us with his platform. It is part of the beginning of Mark's Gospel. Jesus appears on the scene. He does not have much to say, but in the little he does say it is not difficult to detect a tone of urgency: *the time is fulfilled; the Kingdom of God has come near; repent and believe in the Good News*. Something significant is happening. "And if we take the dust of these Gospel words, kingdom, and repentance, then we will discover Jesus providing us with a new perspective. With this perspective, those deeply human values such as being married, our family, social responsibilities, and mourning take on a new depth.

If we want to know what the Kingdom of God means, then we should not go to dictionaries or books of theology, but rather to Jesus himself, who as no other has given concrete shape to that Kingdom. He has not just talked about it. He has done it. The Gospels are full of it. The Kingdom of God happened when little people who were burdened with their sinfulness, with their confusion, with their pains and uncertainties, upon meeting Jesus experience how they are being given back to themselves. They can live again with freedom and dignity. This is the Kingdom of God.

But that Kingdom of God still happens among us. It depends on us, to the extent that we let ourselves be won over by Jesus' way of dealing with life, by his way of interacting with people. That is what Jesus calls for when he says: "repent and believe the Good News." That is not something negative or depressing. On the contrary, it suggests that we dare to live from another logic than what the world preaches, because that logic holds that you fend for yourself and the heck with everyone else. That logic leads to loneliness and rivalry and is a dead-end-street, not to mention tittering on the edge of global war. But the logic to which Jesus summons us in the words "repent and believe the Good News" is a logic that has something foolish about it, because it operates from the premise that service to others and solidarity with them lead to a new life; it is a logic that accepts that others in their need have a right to disturb us in our comfort.

My friends, we hear Jesus' invitation "Come follow me," each day as life presents us with choices. Shall we forgive when asked? Shall we help someone in need? Shall we buy less for ourselves and give more to the poor? Shall we see injustice or turn a blind eye? In these, and so many other occasions, we hear the same invitation Jesus made to those fishermen and like them, we put considerations aside to follow him. We need to be mindful of our words and actions. We must encourage each other to always use words that nurture and gestures which heal. If we act out of compassion rather than indifference, out of understanding rather than disdain, out of kindness rather than selfishness, we will indeed bring about the fullness of the kingdom of God.



Happy Word of God Sunday

Father William

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

BAPTISM

Please email: hcsbp baptismalprep@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

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

Email: stpat190@telus.net

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

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

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

COLLECTIONS JAN. 14, 2024

Envelopes	\$ 1,507.00
Loose Change	\$ 469.40
PAD	\$ 1,203.00
Building Maintenance Fund	\$ 170.00
Canada Helps	\$ 1,949.00
Grand Total	\$ 5,298.40

FINANCIAL NEWS

	Jan. 14	YTD
Received	\$ 5,298.40	\$19,315.94
Needed	\$ 4,775.00	\$ 9,550.00
Difference	\$ 523.40	\$ 9,765.94

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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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Prayer Reflection

Community takes transformation. Being people of communion requires **metanoia** that results from encounter and dialogue.

—Sister Nicole Trahan, F.M.I.

Far from being a demand to feel lousy about our screw-ups, **metanoia** invites us to radically transform the way we perceive others, ourselves, and the world.

—David Anderson

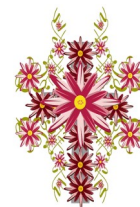
Metanoia invites us to meet all situations, however unfair, with understanding and an empathetic heart.

—Father Ronald Rolheiser, O.M.I.

At last, I have found my vocation: My vocation is love.

—Saint Thérèse of Lisieux

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends of Gerredina (Dina) van Klaveren, a long time Parishioner of our parish who passed away on December 13, 2023. May she rest in peace, and may perpetual light shine upon her. Her Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Patrick's Church this Wednesday, January 24th, at 12:10 pm. Reception with light refreshments to follow in Our Lady of Lourdes Hall. Our deepest sympathies and prayers to her family and friends.



WORD OF THE WEEK

Metanoia

Greek word in the New Testament translated as "change of mind" or "change of heart." It corresponds with the Old Testament word for repentance and the Latin *conversio*, turning or returning, from which derives the idea of *conversion*. *Turning* is key, assuming we have lost our way or gone off course. The willingness to change is a crucial ingredient in a life of integrity. On the journey through the years, we will all be confused or misdirected and swerve off the path of truth. **Metanoia** is the much-needed spiritual course correction. Consider **metanoia** the vital summons to recalculate where we're headed and what needs to change for us to get there. From the Catechism of the Catholic Church: Jesus' call to conversion and repentance, does not aim first at outward works, but at the *conversion of the heart, interior conversion* (1430).

Baptismal Preparation

Do you want to have your child welcomed into the family of God through baptism? To prepare you must complete a registration form and complete a Baptismal Preparation course. Please note that the next session for Baptismal Preparation course is Saturday, February 10th at (10:00 am – 12 noon). Please email hcspsbaptismalprep@rcdvictoria.org with your name and contact information. The coordinator will then contact you with more details about baptism.

BOOKS! BOOKS! BOOKS!

Yours for FREE!



Your St. Patrick's Parish is offering a treasure of books for young and old! Come join us on Sunday, February 4th, after BOTH the 11:00 am and the 4:00 pm Masses in the foyer (side entrance to the church).

Browse a selection of FREE books on a variety of topics.

Donations towards our upcoming new library space would be welcome.



Temporary Accommodation Required

Holy Cross Parish is looking for temporary accommodation for a Ukrainian family of four (mother and three children, (16yrs, 5yrs and 2 months old) beginning March 1, 2024. If you are able to provide help with this or would like more information, please contact Holy Cross Parish office at 250-477-5321. It is anticipated that this accommodation will be required for three to six months.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun Jan 21 - 11:00am + Antonio Calenda
 Sun Jan 21 - 4:00pm + Elaine Holinaty
 Wed Jan 24 - 12:10pm Funeral Mass -
 Dina Van Klaveren
 Fri Jan 26 - 12:10pm + Almas do
 Purgatorio
 Sun Jan 28 - 11:00am + Elisabeth Lange
 Sun Jan 28 - 4:00pm + Robert Francis
 Roche

2023 TAPESTRY OF FAITH

This year a decision has made allowing new pledges to go towards the 2023 Bishops Appeal goal and Parish goals until the end of February. This will allow more parishes to reach and surpass their goal. If you haven't yet made a donation, please here is an opportunity to do. 2023 Appeal will be accepted until February 29th; 2024. All donations received in 2024 will receive a 2024 tax receipt.

FROM OUR PARISH AND THE DIOCESE



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE: It's membership renewal time! All ladies of St. Patrick's & Holy Cross Parishes are welcome to renew – or join for the first time. Membership forms are available at church entrances. Or online to download/print at [St. Patrick's Parish | Service Organizations \(stpatsvictoria.com\)](http://St.Patrick's Parish | Service Organizations (stpatsvictoria.com) or CWL renew 2024 Final.pdf) or CWL renew 2024 Final.pdf. Forms can be dropped off at St. Pat's office (in person or by mail) along with your fee prior to January 31st. Or they can be scanned and emailed to theresasmith1225@shaw.ca. We are trying to minimize postage costs but are happy to mail forms to anyone who requests them.

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. For information, or to request a form contact Theresa Smith theresasmith1225@shaw.ca, 250-213-3304 or Layne Moore margaretlaynemoore@gmail.com or 604-808-9242.

GVAT - Greater Victoria Acting Together, the social and climate justice alliance of which Holy Cross, St. Patrick's, the Sisters of St. Ann, and Anawim House are all member organizations, is urgently looking for a **volunteer Treasurer**. The Treasurer serves as a member of GVAT's Board of Directors, and keeps track of the organization's income and expenditures, payroll for 2 part-time staff and banking authorizations. The retiring Treasurer will remain available to provide training and oversight for the new office holder. Please contact Yvonne Hsieh (yhsieh@uvic.ca; 250-385-8322) if you are interested or able to suggest someone we could approach.

LIVESTREAM MASSES

Live Mass broadcast this weekend! Mass is livestreamed this week, Saturday, January 20th from Holy Cross Church at 4:00 PM. Click the link here: <http://www.youtube.com/c/StPatricksHolyCrossChurch>

NEXT WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday Jan. 22	Tuesday Jan. 23	Wednesday Jan. 24	Thursday Jan. 25	Friday Jan. 26	Saturday Jan. 27	Sunday Jan. 28
St. Patrick's Church and Parish Office are Closed	9:00am Mass - Holy Cross Church 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 12:10pm Funeral Mass - Gerredina (Dina) Van Klaveren <i>Reception to Follow</i> 11:00am St. Vincent de Paul Meeting	9:00am Mass - Holy Cross Church 11:00am to 3:00pm Church Open for Prayer & Visitation Parish Office Open 7:00pm Knights of Columbus - Executive Meeting	11:00am to 3:00pm Church Open for Prayer & Visitation Parish Office Open 11:30am Confessions 12:10pm Mass - St. Patrick's Church 1:00pm PHABC - Meeting 3:00pm Divine Mercy 7:00pm CA Meeting	St. Patrick's Church and Parish Office are Closed 9:00am Couples for Christ Christian Life Program 4:00pm Mass - Holy Cross Church	9:00am Mass - Holy Cross Church 11:00am Mass - St. Patrick's Church <i>Refreshments to Follow</i> 12:00pm RCIC - Sacramental Class 4:00pm Mass - St. Patrick's Church "Live Streaming"
7:00pm AA Peace	7:00pm Toastmasters 7:00pm AA - CLUE	7:00pm BC Railway Historical Society 7:00pm AA Peace	7:00pm AA Peace			



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