

# 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 25, 2026 THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1st Reading: **Isaiah 9.1-4** † 2nd Reading: **1 Corinthians 1.10-13, 17-18** † Gospel: **Matthew 4.12-23**

### THEME: COME CLOSER TO CHRIST THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

Dear Friends in Christ,

We should seek and walk in the light of God, the good news. This is the light that draws us to Christ. In the first reading, Isaiah raises our hope. This hope comes from the fact that God has manifested his light on us. It is a message of deliverance from the power of darkness that formerly harassed us. Isaiah declares: "The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light; on those who live in the land of deep shadow, a light has shown". God's light breaks our yoke and shows us the way. It clears our doubts and fears and increases our confidence in God and ourselves.

Today's gospel fulfills the prophecy of Isaiah through the action of Christ. His presence made a tremendous difference in the lives of the inhabitants of Capernaum and those of the neighboring towns of Zebulun and Naphtali. His light was strongly felt because it brought healing and deliverance. So, as instruments of God's light, our presence must make a positive difference wherever we are. It must dispel the darkness in people's lives. Are we making any difference?

Finally, today the Church beckons us to come closer to Christ, who says: "I am the light of the world". Wherever there is the light of God, darkness and quarrels disappear. Also, despair, fear, anger, betrayal, and all other vices disappear. Therefore, if we follow, and come closer to Christ, the light, then: "In His light, we shall see the light" (Ps. 36, 9).

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](mailto:hcsbpbaptismalprep@rcdvictoria.org)

#### CONFIRMATION & FIRST COMMUNION

Please email: [mbristow@rcdvictoria.org](mailto: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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**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.

## MASS INTENTIONS

Sat Jan 24 - 7:00pm + Wayne Hatch  
Sun Jan 25 - 11:00am Pro Populo  
Sun Jan 25 - 4:00pm (Int) Nancy Kostyrka  
Tues Jan 27 - 12:10pm (Int) John Wolfe  
Wed Jan 28 - 12:10pm (Int) Paul Manning  
Thurs Jan 29 - 12:10pm (Int) Mary Kennedy  
Fri Jan 30 - 12:10pm (Int) Doreen Beaulac

The Social and Ecological Justice Committee will meet on **Wednesday, January 28th** at 7:00pm in the St. Ann's Room.

New members welcome.

For more information, please see our website at  
<https://stpatsvictoria.com/ministries-groups/committees>

## PARISH CONTACTS

**Parish Council Chair:**  
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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.

Patrick Card - Principal  
Angela McLeish - Vice Principal  
Phone: 250-592-6713  
Email: [sp@cisdv.bc.ca](mailto:sp@cisdv.bc.ca)



## PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

### Please Note:

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 to 12:00pm**. Please email [hcspbaptismalprep@rcdvictoria.org](mailto: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.

### CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE: It's Membership Renewal Time!

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 or request to have one emailed to you from [CWLStPatsMembership@gmail.com](mailto:CWLStPatsMembership@gmail.com). 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 15<sup>th</sup>. Forms and payment may be delivered on Wednesday, February 4<sup>th</sup> at the CWL General Meeting, 1:00pm in Lourdes Hall. It is the CWL Valentine Tea, all are welcome to attend.

In addition to serving our parish community in many capacities, St. Patrick's Council members do a lot of fundraising to support many charities. The CWL is many things to its members. 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 parish and community, to the country and to God.
- A chance to live your faith with those who share it.

For more information contact Layne or Linda at [CWLStPatsMembership@gmail.com](mailto:CWLStPatsMembership@gmail.com). We look forward to you joining us at St. Patrick's Catholic Women's League.



New  
Address:



If you have moved or changed your email/phone number in the past year or so, please make sure to update your information with the parish office. Tax receipts for 2025 donations will be prepared soon and having updated information will help the parish save on postage expenses by reducing returned mail.

## COLLECTIONS JAN 18, 2026

Envelopes	\$	1,790.00
Loose Change	\$	673.75
Tiptap	\$	110.00
Bldg. Maint. Fund	\$	40.00
Canada Helps	\$	38.60
E-Transfer	\$	275.00
PAD	\$	3,173.00
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>6,100.35</b>

## NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE

All are invited to join Catholic schools across Vancouver Island in celebrating **Catholic Schools Week** from **February 1–7, 2026**. This year's theme, "Living, Celebrating, and Proclaiming Our Faith," highlights the vibrant role of Catholic education in nurturing faith-filled communities. Information about events can be found on the events page at

<https://www.rcdvictoria.org/events/february-1-7-catholic-schools-week> or by visiting your local Catholic school's website: <https://cisdv.bc.ca/schools/>



## FINANCIAL NEWS

**Jan 18, 2026**

**YTD**

Received	\$6,100.35	\$20,916.34
Needed to cover expenses	\$7,685.00	\$30,740.00
Difference	-\$1,584.65	-\$9,823.66

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

All are welcome to attend. Accepting new members.



**Development and Peace – Caritas Canada** is hosting two workshops in the Diocese of Victoria for the upcoming 2026 Share Lent Campaign. This year's theme is "**On Track for Justice**" focusing on a project in Brazil. Raphael Preston, the animator for British Columbia and the Yukon, will lead the workshops. All are welcome, and please feel free to bring friends and spread the word.

The **Mid-Island workshop** will be held on **Friday, February 6, 2026**, at **Holy Trinity Parish** (6224 Spartan Road, Nanaimo) from 10:00 am–12:30 pm. Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 am, followed by coffee and tea for those who wish to attend before the workshop begins.

The **South Island workshop** will be held on **Saturday, February 7, 2026**, at **Sacred Heart Parish** (4040 Nelthorpe Street, Victoria) from 9:30 am–12:00 pm. A light lunch will follow.

The next application deadline for the local **Indigenous Reconciliation Fund** is coming up on February 15. Indigenous groups from Vancouver Island and the surrounding islands are invited to apply for funding for projects that foster good medicine for people harmed by the legacy of residential schools. For more information and the application package, please visit <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/irf> or call 250-800-3167.

## LIVESTREAM MASSES

**Live Mass broadcast this weekend!** Mass is livestreamed this week on Sunday, January 25th at St. Patrick's Parish at 11:00am. Click the link here: <http://www.youtube.com/c/StPatricksHolyCrossChurch>

## NEXT WEEK IN OUR PARISH

<u>Monday Jan 26</u>	<u>Tuesday Jan 27</u>	<u>Wednesday Jan 28</u>	<u>Thursday Jan 29</u>	<u>Friday Jan 30</u>	<u>Saturday Jan 31</u>	<u>Sunday Feb 1</u>
Church & Parish Office <b>CLOSED</b>	<p><b>11am to 2:30pm</b> Church &amp; Office Open <b>Office closing early</b></p> <p><b>12pm Angelus</b> <b>12:10pm Liturgy of the Word with Communion</b></p> <p>7pm AA-Clue</p> <p>7pm Toastmasters</p>	<p>11am to 3pm Church &amp; Office Open</p> <p>10am - St. Vincent de Paul Meeting</p> <p><b>11:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b></p> <p><b>12pm Angelus</b> <b>12:10pm Liturgy of the Word with Communion</b></p> <p>7pm Social and Ecological Justice Committee Meeting</p> <p>7pm AA-Peace</p> <p>7pm BC Railway</p>	<p>8:30am Vancouver Island Professional Development for Educators</p> <p>11am to 3pm Church &amp; Office Open</p> <p><b>12pm Angelus</b> <b>12:10pm Liturgy of the Word with Communion</b></p> <p>5:30pm Fitness Class</p> <p>6:30pm Fitness Class</p> <p>6pm Couples for Christ Choir</p> <p>7pm Knights of Columbus Exec Mtg</p> <p>7pm AA-Peace</p>	<p>11am to 3pm Church &amp; Office Open</p> <p><b>11:30am Confessions Cancelled</b></p> <p><b>12pm Angelus</b> <b>12:10pm Liturgy of the Word with Communion</b></p> <p>3pm - Divine Mercy Devotion</p> <p>3pm AED Training</p> <p>5pm Couples for Christ</p> <p>7pm - CA Meeting</p>	<p>Church &amp; Parish Office Closed</p> <p><b>9am Couples for Christ, Music Ministry</b></p> <p><b>6:15pm Confessions</b></p> <p><b>7pm Saturday Evening Mass</b></p>	<p><b>Catholic Schools Week begins</b></p> <p><b>11am Sunday Mass &amp; Children's Liturgy</b> <b>Coffee After Mass</b></p> <p>12:15pm Sacramental Prep—Session 6</p> <p><b>4pm Sunday Mass</b></p>

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