

# 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 28, 2024 FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

This Sunday, January 28th, is the 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time, and the Gospel according to Mark tells of an amazing happening on the Sabbath in the synagogue in Capernaum. Jesus, no longer a child but an adult, entered the synagogue and taught. His listeners were captivated. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority. The Gospel went on to describe the presence of a man overcome by an unclean spirit. To everyone's surprise, this spirit also recognized the authority of Jesus and came out of the man. What was the source of this compelling authority that emanated from Jesus?

Chapter one of Mark's Gospel suggests a possible answer. Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed. (1:35) Jesus spent time with his Father. He heard and listened to God's voice. He became one with truth, with love and with mercy. This was the source of his authority. This was the source of his understanding and knowledge.

At this time in our history, the search for truth is threatened. "False news" was not a familiar concept a few years ago but now it is part of our world. Recently, Pope Francis expressed concern for this phenomenon and encouraged all people to seek and find truth. Some people use lies, misinformation, and fraud to manipulate, to gain power, and sell goods and destructive ideas. They are most definitely not concerned with the common good. In contrast Jesus was and is very much concerned with the common good. Jesus desires everyone to be at peace, to be filled with joy and compassion. In John's Gospel Jesus told his disciples: You shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. (8:32) The authority of Jesus comes from caring for his listeners, from his desire to set all people free from fear and division. Jesus shares the truth that will bring comfort and peace to all people.

We too can hear God's voice amid all the loud and distracting noises besieging us. O that today you would listen to the voice of the Lord is the refrain of Psalm 95. We need to make space and time to hear God's voice, the source of truth and love. We need to go off to a solitary place and pray. In the letter to the Corinthians, St. Paul suggested that his readers not be distracted by getting married. He encouraged them to remain single so that they could devote themselves to God. Is God really asking us to refrain from getting married? No! Of course get married, of course have children, of course study, or pursue a career. But even in a deep and intimate relationship with another person, even when involved in caring for beloved children, even when working, growing, and living; leave room to hear God's voice, leave room to hear the voice of truth and love, leave room for the life-giving voice of authority.

Tanya Taft

### 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: [hcsbpaptismalprep@rcdvictoria.org](mailto:hcsbpaptismalprep@rcdvictoria.org)

### CONFIRMATION & FIRST COMMUNION

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### 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

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### 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. 21, 2024

Envelopes	\$ 1,570.00
Loose Change	\$ 450.85
PAD	\$ 2,143.00
Building Maintenance Fund	\$ 10.00
Canada Helps	\$ 1,949.00
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$ 4,173.85</b>

## FINANCIAL NEWS

	Jan. 21	YTD
Received	\$ 4,173.85	\$23,489.79
Needed	\$ 4,775.00	\$14,325.00
Difference	-\$ 601.15	\$ 9,164.79

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## FROM OUR PARISH:

### Prayer Reflection

May I have the courage today/ To live the life that I would love,/ To postpone my dream no longer,/ But do at last what I came here for/ And waste my heart on fear no more.

—John O'Donohue, **Benedictus**: A Book of Blessings

Do not go in pursuit of [God] outside yourself. You will only become distracted, and you won't find him, or enjoy him more than by seeking him within you.

—Saint John of the Cross

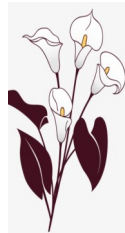
### WORD OF THE WEEK

#### Benedictus

From Latin meaning "blessed," the hymn sung by Zechariah, John the Baptist's father, an elder priest, who became mute on learning that he and Elizabeth would become parents late in life. After John's birth, Zechariah's tongue is loosed and he praises God with this canticle beginning: "Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, for he has come to his people and set them free" (Luke 1:68). Since the early centuries, the **Benedictus** has been sung in the morning prayer of the church's liturgy because of its praise for the coming of the Redeemer and its allusion to Christ coming as the dawn to give light to those in darkness. The **Benedictus** is one of four canticles sung at the start of Luke's gospel, including Mary's Magnificat, (*My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord*), the song of the angels to the shepherds (*Glory to God in the highest!*), and Simeon's prayer at the presentation of Jesus in the temple (*Lord, now you let your servant go in peace*). Together these songs remind us that, in the face of good news, the most reasonable response is to sing. Joyful people know this. Saint Augustine, who said many things well, insisted: "Singing is for one who loves." From The General Instruction on the Liturgy of the Hours: The Gospel canticles, the *Benedictus*, the *Magnificat* and the *Nunc dimittis*, should be accorded the same solemnity and dignity as is usual for the hearing of the Gospel (138).

### Susie Nute is our new Responsible Ministry & Safe Environment Coordinator.

Susie will be checking the files of all volunteers to make sure they are up to date with Diocesan required forms and criminal record checks. We greatly value all our volunteers and are grateful for their assistance with all facets of our parish and our liturgy celebrations. If Susie contacts you, we appreciate your prompt cooperation.



On behalf of Father William and the parishioners of St. Patrick's, we wish to extend our sincere condolences and prayers to the family and friends of Joanne Jones, who passed away on Friday, January 19, 2024. May she rest in peace, and may perpetual light shine upon her. Her Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Saturday, February 3rd, at 11:am at St. Patrick's Church. A Reception will follow in Our Lady of Lourdes Hall.



**Happy 100th Birthday and Congratulations** to the charming Mary Kennedy, a Holy Cross and St. Patrick's parishioner, on reaching this impressive milestone, Saturday, February 3, 2024. May your special day be filled with happiness, and may your next years be filled with His joy and love.

### 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 4<sup>th</sup>, 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.



**MASS INTENTIONS**

Sun Jan 28 - 11:00am + Elisabeth Lange  
 Sun Jan 28 - 4:00pm + Robert Francis Roche  
 Wed Jan 31 - 12:10pm + Linda Findlay  
 Fri Feb 2 - 12:10pm + Elaine Eva  
 Sun Feb 4 - 11:00am + Joe Girard  
 Sun Feb 4 - 4:00pm + Danny Ray

**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](http://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 31<sup>st</sup>. Or they can be scanned and emailed to [theresasmith1225@shaw.ca](mailto:theresasmith1225@shaw.ca). We are trying to minimize postage costs but are happy to mail forms to anyone who requests them. 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](mailto:theresasmith1225@shaw.ca), 250-213-3304 or Layne Moore [margaretlaynemoore@gmail.com](mailto:margaretlaynemoore@gmail.com) or 604-808-9242.

**Ordination to the Priesthood”  
 Announcement from Bishop Gary Gordon**

It is with great joy that I announce, after consulting with the Diocesan Consultors, that Deacon Joseph Yuson, a seminarian for the Diocese of Victoria, presently in formation at St. Joseph's Seminary in Edmonton, Alberta, will be ordained to the Ministerial Priesthood on Saturday, June 22, 2024 at 10:00 am at St. Andrew's Cathedral in Victoria. This is good news indeed for our Diocese. All are invited to join the celebration by participating in Deacon Joseph's ordination Mass, either in person at St. Andrew's or via the livestream at <https://www.youtube.com/c/RCDVictoriaLiveOne/>. Your prayers for Joseph and his intentions are appreciated as he prepares for service as a ministerial priest to the People of God in the Diocese of Victoria. Please also pray that we all may discern the vocation which God has planned for us, and respond generously and whole-heartedly to His call.

**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](mailto: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, Sunday, January 28th from St. Patrick's Church at 11:00 AM. Click the link here: <http://www.youtube.com/c/StPatricksHolyCrossChurch>**

**NEXT WEEK IN OUR PARISH**

Monday Jan. 29	Tuesday Jan. 30	Wednesday Jan. 31	Thursday Feb. 1	Friday Feb. 2	Saturday Feb. 3	Sunday Feb. 4 <i>CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK</i>
St. Patrick's Church and Parish Office are Closed  7:00pm AA Peace	<b>9:00am Mass - Holy Cross Church</b>  11:00am to 3:00pm Church Open for Prayer & Visitation Parish Office Open  7:00om Toastmasters  7:00pm AA CLUE	11:00am to 3:00pm Church Open for Prayer & Visitation Parish Office Open  <b>12:10pm Mass - St. Patrick's Church</b>  7:00pm AA Peace	<b>9:00am Mass - Holy Cross Church</b>  11:00am to 3:00pm Church Open for Prayer & Visitation Parish Office Open  <b>7:00pm Knights of Columbus - General Meeting</b>  7:00pm AA Peace	11:00am to 3:00pm Church Open for Prayer & Visitation Parish Office Open  <b>11:30am Confessions</b>  <b>12:10pm Mass - St. Patrick's Church</b>  3:00pm Divine Mercy 4:00pm Divine Mercy Social Event 7:00pm CA Meeting	St. Patrick's Church and Parish Office are Closed  <b>11:00am Funeral Mass - Joanne Jones</b>  <i>Reception To Follow</i>  <b>4:00pm Mass - Holy Cross Church "Live Streaming"</b>	<b>9:00am Mass - Holy Cross Church</b>  <b>11:00am Mass - St. Patrick's Church</b> <i>Refreshments to Follow</i> <b>12:00pm Books! - Books! Books! Yours for FREE!</b>  <b>12:00pm RCIC - Sacramental Class</b>  <b>4:00pm Mass - St. Patrick's Church</b>

## FROM OUR PARISH THE DIOCESE

- 1) Registration is now open for the online course “Integral Ecology: From *Laudato si’* to *Laudate Deum*”. Offered by the Pontifical Universities and Atheneums of Rome, the course is led by a renowned faculty of academics, leaders, and activists from around the world, representing some of the major institutions and groups involved in the area of creation care. The course runs until June, and consists of six 90 minutes modules, a workshop in March, and an online conference in May. The first module will be released on January 25, but people can join the course any time before March 31. The course fee is 30 Euros (approximately \$45 CAD). For more information and to register, please visit <https://www.unigre.it/en/events-and-communication/communication/news-and-press-releases/registration-open-online-course-on-integral-ecology/>.
- 2) Youth in grades 7-12 are invited to the annual Diocese of Victoria Youth Retreat, which runs from February 2 – 4, 2024 at Camp Homewood on Quadra Island. This year's theme is "Seek Him", and the retreat will be presented by Face to Face Ministries. The cost is \$195 per participant, which includes all food, accommodation, and activities. Youth are asked to register with their local parish. For more information, contact St. Patrick's Parish in Campbell River ([stpatricks-CR@shaw.ca](mailto:stpatricks-CR@shaw.ca) or 250-287-3498), or Bonni Roset, Camp Coordinator, at [broset@telus.net](mailto:broset@telus.net) or 250-203-1518.
- 3) On Sunday, February 4, the Victoria Multifaith Society and the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community will host a World Religions Conference from 4:30 – 6:30 pm at Saanich Commonwealth Place in Victoria (4636 Elk Lake Dr). Speakers from nine different spiritual traditions will hold a panel discussion on the topic of “Kindness and Kinship”; following the presentation, all are invited to stay for an East Indian dinner. The event and dinner are free, but advanced registration is requested at <https://worldreligionsconference.ca/upcoming-conference-2/#register>.
- 4) *Faith Through Film*, hosted by Holy Family Notre Dame Parish in Port Alberni, continues with screenings taking place every Wednesday afternoon from 1:00-3:00 and Thursday evening from 6:00-8:00. Starting on January 31, the film for the next three weeks will be “Jesus of Nazareth”, shown in 3 parts. With funding made available through the Bishop’s Appeal, all screenings are free of charge, and complimentary popcorn and other snacks will also be offered. Pre-registration is encouraged but not mandatory; please phone 250-723-8912, or email [hfnd@rcdvictoria.org](mailto:hfnd@rcdvictoria.org). For a complete schedule of screenings, please visit the Diocesan Events Calendar at <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/events-calendar>.
- 5) The CCCB Episcopal Commission for Justice and Peace has today released its Pastoral Letter on the use of social media titled: “*Let Your Speech Always Be Gracious.*” The release is timed with the liturgical memorial of Saint Francis de Sales, who was known for his graciousness in speech and who is invoked as a patron saint of writers and publishers. Acknowledging the prominent role social media has come to play at an individual and societal level, this timely Pastoral Letter considers the benefits and dangers of social media from the perspective of Catholic Social Teaching. It provides tools for moral reflection and self-examination, and suggests seven commitments by which to be guided for a more ethical use of social media. The Letter can be read online at <https://www.cccb.ca/announcement/bishops-release-a-pastoral-letter-on-the-use-of-social-media>
- 6) The fifth annual National Catholic Health Care Week will be held from Sunday, February 4 to Saturday, February 10, 2024. The Week recognizes the courageous gift of Catholic health organizations across Canada. The Week leads into the World Day of the Sick on February 11, a Catholic day of observance established by Pope John Paul II.



**Prayer in the style of Taizé** at St Philip Anglican Church, 2928 Eastdowne Road, 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays of the month, 5:45pm for 6:00pm: February 16 and March 15, 2024. *Come, learn with us about becoming good guests and good hosts in one another’s church - homes.* Victoria Downtown Churches Association, 1996

### St. Vincent de Paul Society

The St Vincent de Paul Society, Victoria is in great need of the following items for their **Thrift Stores**

**Housewares:** pots and pans, dishes, plastic containers, water bottles, etc.

**Small Electronics:** alarm clocks, toasters, VCR, DVD players, lamps

**Winter Clothing only:** winter coats and warm wear

Donation may be dropped off at 735 Cloverdale Avenue, Victoria during Monday to Saturday 9:30am to 4:00pm.

Further information please call 250-590-8390. Thank you for your support.



The Blessing of Throats will take place on Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> at Holy Cross Church, after the 4pm Mass by Father William.

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