

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 4, 2026 THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

1st Reading: **Isaiah 60.1-6** † 2nd Reading: **Ephesians 3.2-3a, 5-6** + Gospel: **Matthew 2.1-12**

THEME: LIVING THE EXAMPLE OF THE THREE WISE KINGS

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Today we celebrate The Solemnity of Epiphany. To remind ourselves, the term Epiphany means “to reveal” or “to manifest.” It celebrates the many ways through which Jesus has revealed himself to us and our world. So today, God reveals himself to us because he is good and loving.

The gospel of today, from Matthew, is about the visitation of the Three Wise Kings. They came to adore and offer gifts to the newborn king, Jesus Christ. This gospel is full of many lessons for us to learn. First, the three kings came to offer Christ genuine worship as the King of kings. Therefore, our worship must be sincere and from our hearts, like that of the Three Wise Kings. It must not be like the proposed worship of Herod, which was false.

Second, we must be ready to offer Jesus something. We must not appear before the Lord empty-handed. So, we must ask ourselves today, what do I offer the Lord for his goodness to me? The only gift we must offer God for his goodness to us is ourselves, the gift of a good life, the gift of love, the gift of peace to our families and world, and the gift of sacrifice for one another. Also, we must learn to be generous to others as the Three Wise Kings were to Jesus.

Third, we must learn from the Three Wise Kings that we must continue to follow the star and light that Christ shows us. That is, we must not allow ourselves to be deceived or distracted on our journey. Trusting that God will not mislead or misguide us, we must continue to look out for his star and light in our lives, and along the part of our journey to eternity. Any time we are confused or come to the crossroads of life, we must seek divine guidance and counsel in our lives.

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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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 3 - 7:00pm
Sun Jan 4 - 11:00am Pro Populo
Sun Jan 4 - 4:00pm + Maria Hendrix
Tues Jan 6 - 12:10pm + Kapila Boteju
Wed Jan 7 - 12:10pm + Serafim, Fernando & Elmira Botelho
Thurs Jan 8 - 12:10pm + Victor McFarlane
Fri Jan 9 - 10:45am St. Patrick's School

Parish Office: 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**.

St. Patrick's Elementary School

their first school Mass of 2026 to celebrate the New Year and The Epiphany of the Lord, on Friday, January 9th at 10:45am. Everyone is welcome to attend!

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:

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Angela McLeish - Vice Principal

Phone: **250-592-6713**
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PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

A very special thank you to all Parishioners who prepared and assisted with St. Patrick's Christmas Liturgies. To the decorators, lectors, servers, greeters, ushers, choir and music groups. They all gave of their time to make our Christmas celebrations so meaningful.



A very special thanks to everyone who donated the beautiful red and white poinsettias that made the church so beautiful.

Thank you to all the pastoral care and outreach volunteers who visit the sick in homes and hospitals week in and week out. Your ministry of presence is a profound grace to the most vulnerable.



St. Patrick's Catholic Women's League General Meeting is on Wednesday, January 7, 2026. Installation and Reaffirmation of Executive Officers will take place at the 12:10 Mass. Following Mass, the January CWL General Meeting will be held in Our Lady of Lourdes Hall. Bring a bag lunch, refreshments and treats will be provided. All are welcome, please join us.

For parishioners whose donations are through a **Pre-Authorized Debit Program (PAD)** and wish to contribute to the **Special Collections** throughout 2026, Special Collection sets are also now available for pick-up in the lobby or office. 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. On the front of the envelope please write your full name and address. We also 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.
- **E-transfers:** May be made to St. Patrick's Parish by this email stpat190@telus.net
- **TipTap:** Donations are just a tap with your debit or credit card on the device in the foyer

Social and Ecological Justice: There will be a Write for Rights letter writing session on **Sunday, January 11** after the 11am Mass in the St. Ann Room. Coffee will be available. Please consider taking a few minutes to write a letter on behalf of persons unjustly imprisoned who stand up for human rights in their country. Sample letters will be available. This is an Amnesty International initiative hosted by the Social & Ecological Justice Committee.

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.

Bishop Gary Gordon and the Diocesan Health Care Committee are pleased to announce that Amanda Achtnan will visit our Diocese from February 26–March 8, 2026, for a speaking tour titled **"Dying to Meet You: Preventing Euthanasia, Encouraging Hope"**. Amanda is the Ethics Education & Cultural Engagement Lead for Canadian Physicians for Life and founder of Dying to Meet You, where she addresses questions around death and dying through storytelling, beauty, and a deeply hopeful vision grounded in the dignity of the human person. A schedule of events and further details will be shared in the New Year.

COLLECTIONS DEC 21, 2025

COLLECTIONS DEC 25, 2025

COLLECTIONS DEC 28, 2025

Envelopes	\$ 1985.00
Loose Change	\$ 698.30
Tiptap	\$ 90.00
Bldg. Maint. Fund	\$ 190.00
Canada Helps	\$ 164.05
E-Transfer	\$
PAD	<u>\$ 3,273.00</u>
Grand Total	<u>\$ 6,370.35</u>
Anawim House For Women	\$ 250.00

Envelopes	\$ 7,510.00
Loose Change	\$ 2,576.00
Tiptap	\$ 215.00
Bldg. Maint. Fund	\$
Canada Helps	\$
E-Transfer	\$
PAD	\$
Grand Total	<u>\$ 10,086.75</u>

Envelopes	\$ 3,055.00
Loose Change	\$ 635.35
Tiptap	\$ 30.00
Bldg. Maint. Fund	\$ 60.00
Canada Helps	\$
E-Transfer	\$
PAD	<u>\$ 733.00</u>
Grand Total	<u>\$ 4,513.35</u>

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	Dec 21, 2025	YTD		Dec 25, 2025	YTD		Dec 28, 2025	YTD
Received	\$ 6,370.35	\$282,750.81	Received	\$10,086.75	\$292,837.56	Received	\$ 4,513.35	\$287,264.16
Budgeted	\$4,945.00	\$257,140.00	Budgeted	\$ 4,945.00	262,085.00	Budgeted	\$ 4,945.00	\$267,030.00
Difference	\$1,425.35	\$ 25,610.81	Difference	\$ 5,141.75	\$ 30,752.56	Difference	-\$ 431.00	\$ 20,234.16

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE

This is the final week to apply for the role of **Assistant to the Director of Faith Formation and Evangelization** in the Diocese of Victoria. The Assistant will help to carry out the primary mission of the Diocesan Ministry of Faith Formation and Evangelization: as agents of the Bishop of Victoria, serve the People of God to know, celebrate, contemplate, and live the Christian faith in the One Triune God. For more information and how to apply, please visit <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/employment>. Applications must be received by January 5, 2026.

Registration is still open until January 9 for the annual Diocese of Victoria **Camp Homewood Retreat**, which takes place from January 30 to February 1, 2026, at Camp Homewood on Quadra Island. Youth in grades 7–12 are invited to register for this weekend retreat. This year's theme is "Blessed Are You." The cost is \$195 per participant, which includes all food, accommodation, and activities.

Please register at: <https://camp-homewood-2025.eventbrite.ca>. For more information, please contact: stpatrickhw@gmail.com

LIVESTREAM MASSES

Live Mass broadcast this weekend! Mass is livestreamed this week on Saturday, January 3rd at Holy Cross Parish at 4:00pm. Click the link here: <http://www.youtube.com/c/StPatricksHolyCrossChurch>

NEXT WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday Jan 5	Tuesday Jan 6	Wednesday Jan 7	Thursday Jan 8	Friday Jan 9	Saturday Jan 10	Sunday Jan 11
Church & 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	Church & Office Closed	11am Sunday Mass & Baptism Children's Liturgy Coffee After Mass
7pm AA-Peace	12pm Angelus 12:10pm Mass 6pm - Villa Christmas Dinner	11:30am - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary 12:10pm Mass	12pm Angelus 12:10pm Mass	10:45am - St. Patrick's School New Year / Epiphany Mass 11:30am Confession cancelled, 12:10pm. (Mass Cancelled)	6:15pm to 6:45pm Confessions	After Mass: SEJC- Write for Right letter writing session (St. Ann's Room)
	7pm AA-Clue 7pm Toastmasters	1pm - CWL General Meeting	7pm - Knights of Columbus General Meeting	3pm - Divine Mercy Devotion	7pm Saturday Evening Mass	4pm Sunday Mass
		7pm AA-Peace	7pm AA-Peace	7pm - CA Meeting		



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