

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 8, 2023 THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

In the Gospel this week, it is Matthew's turn to give us a hint about the significance of Jesus born in Bethlehem. The device that Matthew uses is the story about a few wise men coming from the East, who inquire about Jesus. The issue for Matthew is that people, of whom you never would have expected it, are inquiring about Jesus. They are open and receptive to Him. Of all people, this time it is the pagans who are prepared to acknowledge Jesus for who he is. The story of how the wise men from the East recognize Jesus for who He really is full of irony. There are other actors in the story that we too easily overlook. The men from the East, like the shepherds, are supposed to be ignorant in religious matters. They are the last ones you would consult when it comes to things about God. The scribes and the chief priests, on the other hand, are the religious experts. They know all there is to know about God. They know from the Scriptures where Jesus is to be born, so they have no difficulty telling pagans where Jesus can be found. But then they stalled. They refuse to draw, from what they know so well, the consequences and practical implications for their own lives. They refuse to go along to Bethlehem; they cannot get themselves on their knees for this Jesus. They remain at a safe distance from him. In fact, they begin to plot against Him, and devise ways to get rid of Him, because He upsets their little game and exposes their hunger for power.

The story invites us to recognize ourselves either in the wise men from the East or the wise men living in Jerusalem. The men in the East are wise because they ask themselves questions, important questions. They are not so sure of themselves and allow themselves to be led by a star, by a sign of hope that is being tested on the book of hope, the scriptures. The way Matthew puts the story together makes it of lasting significance to us. Are we prepared, like the shepherds and the wise men from the East, to leave the familiar and set out in search of God, in whatever unfamiliar and even unsettling ways He may make himself known to us? Are we prepared to let him change our lives? Or are we like Herod, the chief priests and the scribes, so protective of our own little world that anxious to keep God effectively out of our lives and our world or church view.

There is an interesting, not insignificant detail at the end of the story. When the wise men had found Jesus Christ, when they had acknowledged and adored Him, they returned to their own country by a different way. Their encounter with the Lord, their leader and shepherd, had changed them. It had made new people out of them. We need to, "depart... by another way." Our journey re-routed by the One we have seen. I want to focus on what it means to be wise! We are the wise and we are the foolish, we are Herod and we shepherds... saint and sinner! So, what makes a person wise? What star will you follow this year? More than anything, being able to see into the future is essential for our faith lives. Our thirst for justice requires us to imagine a better world where peace reigns long before the fighting stops; our hope for salvation assumes a vision of our best selves long before we set selfish and foolish ways aside. And finally, as the Magi discovered, our search for wisdom calls us to listen to our dreams and follow the star that will lead us to where love—the light of the world—lies waiting for us. Epiphany blessings



Father William

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.

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

SACRAMENTS of INITIATION: BAPTISM,

FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION:

Please contact the parish office: 250-592-7391

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

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

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

Custodian: Dean Riches

COLLECTIONS DEC 25

Envelopes	\$5,415.00
Loose change	\$1,284.20
PAD	\$ 858.00
Christmas Offering	\$2,660.00
E-transfers	\$ 20.00

Grand Total \$10,237.20

COLLECTIONS DEC 31

Envelopes	\$1,605.00
Loose change	\$ 52.35
PAD	\$ 998.00
E-transfers	\$ 745.00
Canada Helps	\$ 240.00
Capital Fund	\$ 60.00

Grand Total \$3,700.35

Anawim House	\$ 50.00
Catholic Missions	\$ 50.00

COLLECTIONS JANUARY 1

Envelopes	\$2,665.00
Loose change	\$ 360.40

Grand Total \$3,025.40

FINANCIAL NEWS

	Dec. 31st	YTD
Received	\$13,937.55	\$251,372.33
Needed	\$4,467.00	\$229,000.00
Difference	\$9,470.55	\$22,373.33

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FROM OUR PARISH:

Prayer Reflection

One true king knew when to step aside and give up the reins of power—to remove his crown and relinquish his kingdom—all for the sake of glimpsing, just once in a lifetime, the face of a holy child.
—Vera Nazarian

We returned to our places, these kingdoms, / But no longer at ease here, in the old dispensation, / With an alien people clutching their gods.
—T. S. Eliot, Journey of the Magi

Stars cross the sky, wise men journey from pagan lands, Earth receives its savior in a cave. Let there be no one without a gift to offer, no one without gratitude as we celebrate the salvation of the world, the birthday of the human race.
—Basil the Great

Called and Gifted Workshop

On Saturday, February 4, 2023. a live presentation with Sherry Weddell and Katherine Coolidge. The Workshop will take place at Holy Cross Parish from 9am to 3:30pm. This is an opportunity to discover God's call for your life, God is calling you to a unique purpose in life, a work of love that only you can do. Discern your charisms (spiritual gifts) and begin to discern God's call. You have received gifts in Baptism and Confirmation through which God intends His love to reach others. Come and discover these charisms in you! Workshop Agenda: The Call of the Laity, Catholic Spiritual Gifts Inventory, The Explained Role of the Holy Spirit, Charisms Discernment Process, Role of Charisms in Parish, Community and World. Please register by emailing St. Patrick's Parish stpat190@telus.net. Or Holy Cross Parish office@holycrossvictoria.org.

ENVELOPE REMINDER Please ensure that you use your new 2023 envelopes; do not use envelopes from previous years as they may now belong to someone else. Also, please note any address changes on your envelopes for the first few weeks so we can update our records. If you are not currently using envelopes or if you are not enrolled in the PAD program, please consider doing so, your donations enables our parish to continue to prosper. If you would like to receive envelopes please contact the parish office; or if you are interested in making donations through St. Patrick's Parish Pre-Authorized Debit Program, please complete the blue form, found at each entrance of the church, and drop it in the mailbox outside the parish office. **Thank you for your kind support!**



CWL NEWS: Annual Membership Renewal/Registration: Forms have been mailed to current members. There is also a form and more information attached to this bulletin, and it is also downloadable on the parish website. Please return forms by January 31st. **Whether returning or new members, we are happy to welcome all ladies!** Meetings held 1st Wednesday of the month at 1pm after daily Mass. We hope you will join us. Questions? Please call Theresa Smith 250-213-3304.

Bishop Thomas J. Lobsinger, OMI Memorial Bursary Program The annual British Columbia and Yukon Bursary program known as the Bishop Thomas J. Lobsinger, OMI Memorial Bursary Program is underway. The 2023 program is now receiving applications. We are privileged to offer fourteen bursaries of \$1,000.00 each to Catholic students across the Province of British Columbia. These bursaries are made available on a one-time only basis to young practicing Catholic students who are in post secondary education at a recognized institute of higher learning within the Province of British Columbia. Applications are accepted from January 1, 2023 until June 30, 2023 with the bursaries being awarded in the fall. The Terms of Reference may be found on our website (kofcbc.org) after Jan 1, 2023. **Requests for application should be addressed to:** Knights of Columbus BC & Yukon, 2809 Mara Drive, Coquitlam, BC V3C 5T9 Attn: Herb Yang, Bursaries Chairman Or email: herbykofc@gmail.com

Deadline for requests for application is June 1, 2023.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun Jan 8th - 11am (Int) Louis & Evelyn D’Cunha
 Sun Jan 8th - 4pm + Bede Hyde
 Wed Jan 11th - 12:10 pm + Denise Heap
 Fri Jan 12th - 12:10pm + Kapila Boteju
 Sun Jan 15th - 11am + Bede Hyde
 Sun Jan 15th 4pm +Mary Theresa Mitchell

CWL would like to thank all St. Patrick’s Parishioners for their generosity in the donations of poinsettias for Our Lord’s Home. Also, special thank you to Flower Girls, *Edda I., Grace D., Pauline S., Lorna O. and Carol K.* for their work in creating a such beautiful display.



A VERY BIG THANK YOU TO -
 Nancy Griffin, Kevin Redchurch, Mark Redchurch, Edward Camilleri, Paul Bhondi and Dean Riches who worked tirelessly on those cold snowy days shovelling the snow off the parish side-walks, steps and parking lot.

FOUND a hearing aid in the church over Christmas. If it belongs to you or some one you know, please contact or visit the office

FROM THE DIOCESE & OUR PARISH

PLEASE NOTE: The Parish Office and Church will not open until 12:30 pm on Thursday January 12th

Vocations To the Priesthood- The Epiphany of the Lord

“On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid Him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered Him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.” God asks us to give our lives. What treasures have been given to you to share with others in Christ’s name? If God is calling you to be a priest, deacon, sister or brother, contact Fr. David Hogman or Fr. Harrison Ayre, Directors of Vocations in the Diocese of Victoria.

Fr. David Hogman: dhogman@rcdvictoria.org Fr. Harrison Ayre: hayre@rcdvictoria.org

Pastoral Care Training Sessions

The valuable and free Pastoral Care Outreach Training series will be offered online again this winter. Nine sessions will be held via Zoom on Saturday mornings from 9:30 – noon, starting on January 28, 2023, and running until April 1 (with no session on March 18 for Spring Break). Participants who attend all sessions will receive a Certificate of Completion. Participants will require a phone number and email address, a computer, tablet or Smart Phone with speakers, microphone and webcam, a reliable Internet connection, and access to Zoom. If you are interested please register by emailing St. Patrick’s Parish Office stpat190@telus.net by Jan. 17, 2023.

Dear Friends of Anawim,

Thank you so much for your continued support. The care and compassion you have shown for those seeking acceptance and support at Anawim is overwhelming. As we are all aware right now there is an even greater need for help for those that are living with poverty, mental and physical health issues, and not being able to find appropriate housing. With your help Anawim was able to provide a special meal and special gifts for the guests and residents. Once again you have demonstrated to God's “precious poor” the Anawim, that they matter.

LIVESTREAM MASSES

Live Mass broadcast this weekend! Mass is livestreamed this week from Holy Cross Parish at 4pm Saturday. Click the link here: <http://www.youtube.com/c/StPatrick'sHolyCrossChurch>

NEXT WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday Jan 9	Tuesday Jan 10	Wednesday Jan 11	Thursday Jan 12	Friday Jan 13	Saturday Jan 14	Sunday Jan 15
St. Patrick’s Parish Church & Office Closed On Mondays	9am Mass at Holy Cross	12:10pm Mass	9am Mass at Holy Cross	11:30am Confessions	St. Patrick’s Parish Church & Office Closed	9:00am Mass at Holy Cross Parish
7pm AA Peace	Church Open for Prayer & Visitation Parish Office Open 11:00am to 3:00pm	Church Open for Prayer & Visitation Parish Office Open 11:00am to 3:00pm 6:45pm Arbutus Singers	Church Open for Prayer & Visitation Parish Office Open 12:30 to 3:00pm NOTE: later time today	12:10pm Mass Church Open for Prayer & Visitation Parish Office Open 11:00am to 3:00pm 3pm Divine Mercy 6pm Couples for Christ Choir	12pm to 4pm Private Function Our Lady of Lourdes Hall 4:00pm Sunday Mass Holy Cross Parish	11:00am Mass at St Patrick’s Parish “Live Streaming” Refreshments after Mass”
	7pm Toastmasters 7pm AA Clue	7pm Parish Council Meeting 7pm AA Peace	7pm AA Peace	7pm CA		4:00pm Mass at St. Patrick’s Parish



The Catholic Women's League of Canada St. Patrick's Oak Bay CWL

Dear Ladies of St. Patrick's Parish:

It is my pleasure to welcome and invite you to join or renew your membership with our CWL group. A renewal registration form has been sent out but if you have not received yours or you wish to be a new member, a form is available to download/print from the Church Bulletin or from the St. Pat's website www.stpatsvictoria.com. Kindly return this form to St. Pat's office (in person or by mail) along with your fee prior to January 31st.

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 and to support those less fortunate and in need.

Feel free to check out what is happening at National CWL by going to the website at www.cwl.ca. Check the Tab "To Inspire".

If you have any questions, I am happy to answer them.

May Our Lady of Good Counsel Bless you.

Warmest regards,

Theresa Smith
President of St. Patrick's Parish CWL
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The Catholic Women's League of Canada

St. Patrick's Oak Bay 2023 Registration Form

Thank you for choosing St. Patrick's CWL! We are happy to welcome you!

Check one of the following:

New Member _____ Renewal _____ Previous Member returning from absence _____

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Membership fee is \$45.00. Payment method (check one):

Cash _____ Cheque _____ (payable to St. Patrick's Oak Bay CWL)

E-Transfer _____ (Email to cwlstpatsvictoria@gmail.com)

Fee breakdown for each member: \$25.00 to National Council
\$10.00 to Provincial Council
\$ 5.00 to Diocesan Council
\$ 0.50 to National for Insurance
\$ 4.50 retained by St. Patrick's Council
\$45.00 Total

We would greatly appreciate any further donation (large or small) you wish to make along with your fee payment. Funds raised are used to support our local charities; caring for those less fortunate and in need.
My donation \$_____. (Sorry, no tax receipt can be issued).

Please take this opportunity to ensure we have the correct contact information for you on file:

Address: _____ Postal Code: _____

Home phone: _____ Cell Number: _____

Email: _____ Birthdate: _____

And if you wish, please provide year _____

Please share your talents with us/the Parish by assisting in any of the following. Please check all you would be interested in. If there are duo items and you are only interested in one, please circle that one:

Prayers for needs of church: _____ Phoning/email communication committee _____

Flower/Decorating committee _____ Altar linens committee _____ Candle committee _____

Pick up/Drop off Committee (warm clothing or any items our charities need) _____

Baking _____ Bazaar/Used Clothing Sale help _____ Other (not listed) _____

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Layne Moore, Membership Chair January 2023



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