

# 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.



## JULY 2, 2023 THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Cross is an invitation, a blessing, and a way of life. Christ invites us into a relationship with Him through the paradox of the Cross. His all-encompassing embrace of the Cross reveals the true nature of the Cross – one of blessing, mercy, compassion, hospitality, surrender, trust, and immense love. Christ asks us to take up our cross. He calls – we respond!

The Cross is a blessing. It reveals Christ's love and mercy for us. We know that by dying to self, we rise in hope and newness of life. The Cross renews and deepens our covenantal relationship. We bless ourselves with the sign of the cross. My mom would always bless us with the sign of the cross and a sprinkle of holy water as we went out the door to school, on trips, and later in life when we came to visit. In mom's later years, I would bless her with the sign of the cross and a sprinkle of holy water.

The Cross is a way of life. It is a commitment to live as priest, prophet, and king as we trust in Christ. Pope Francis says, *"Jesus our king looks at us from the cross. It is up to us to choose whether we will be onlookers or involved. Am I a spectator or do I want to be involved? We see the crises of the present time, the decline of faith, the lack of participation ... What are we to do? Are we content to theorize and criticize, or do we roll up our sleeves, take life in hand, and pass from the 'if' of excuses to the 'yes' of prayer and service?"*

The Shunammite woman lives the cross of compassion, hospitality, and faith. Her heart is open to God's invitation to share her gifts, to provide food and a resting place for Elisha. It becomes a blessing for Elisha who in turn blesses her *cross of barrenness* with a miracle of bearing a son.

Do we live the cross of praise? Do we *sing, proclaim, declare, shout, walk, exult, and extol* praises for our Lord? When we rely completely on Christ, the cross of praise flows forth abundantly. Christ fortifies us and blesses us with confidence, strength, and wisdom.

St. Paul speaks of the cross of surrender and hope, dying and rising, and receiving the gift of eternal life. It is the invitation to live with and in Christ. When we say YES to God, all of our relationships change. We see the Christ within and become aware of the blessings of discipleship. As *prophets*, we are called to proclaim Christ boldly; as *a righteous person*, we pursue God's justice and mercy, healing and restoration; and as *little ones*, we are called to be vulnerable and rely wholeheartedly on God's power and presence.

When we take up our cross, our lives become a living prayer.

Have a blessed summer!

God's abundance, Mona

### 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

Please email [spahcsacramentalprep@rcdvictoria.org](mailto:spahcsacramentalprep@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](mailto: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 JUNE 25, 2023

Envelopes	\$	1,360.00
Loose Change	\$	533.40
PAD	\$	893.00
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2,786.40</b>

## FINANCIAL NEWS

	June 25	YTD
Received	\$2,786.40	\$139,529.82
Needed	\$4,700.00	\$122,200.00
Difference	-\$1,913.60	\$ 17,329.82



## PARISH CONTACTS

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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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Visit the school's [Face-book page](#)



## FROM OUR PARISH:

### Prayer Reflection

The cemetery is full of indispensable people.

-Winston Churchill

All guests who present themselves are to be welcomed as Christ, for he himself will say: "I was a stranger and you welcomed me."

-Rule of Benedict

Love Him totally who gave Himself totally for your love.

-Clare of Assisi

Self-sacrifice is the real miracle out of which all the reported miracles grow.

-Ralph Waldo Emerson



All parishioners are invited to attend St. Patrick's and Holy Cross Parish summer picnic being held at Gyro Park on **Sunday, July 23rd from 12pm to 2pm**. The Knights of Columbus and CWL from St. Patrick's will be hosting this BBQ event.

We hope to see YOU there!



Knights of  
Columbus

### BAPTISMAL PREPARATION COURSE

Do you wish to have your child welcomed into the family of God through Baptism? To prepare, you must complete both a registration form and a Baptismal Preparation course. The next sessions to choose from for Baptismal Preparation are: Sat, July 8 (10:00 am – 12 noon) or Sat, August 26 (10:00 am – 12 noon). Please email [hcsbaptismalprep@rcdvictoria.org](mailto:hcsbaptismalprep@rcdvictoria.org) with your name and contact information. Also, please indicate which course you would like to register. The coordinator will email you a registration form.

### LIVESTREAM MASSES

Live Mass broadcast this weekend! Mass is livestreamed this week **Sunday, July 2nd**, from **St. Patrick's Church at 4:00 pm**. Click the link here:  
<http://www.youtube.com/c/StPatricksHolyCrossChurch>

### 2023 Father Leo Roberts Bursary

#### Eligibility Requirements:

- An individual facing family difficulties / financial hardship.
- Who has a strong academic marks, and experience in church, community involvement, and volunteer work.
- Who is a full time student at Post Secondary institution/college or trade school.
- A practicing catholic involved in the Greater Victoria parish community. Preference will be given to St. Patrick's and Holy Cross parishioners.

**Scholarship:** \$2000 per year. Scholarship will be renewed for up to three additional years based on the financial hardship and need of Holy Cross Parish and St Patrick's Parish.

**Essay:** Write a one page essay (maximum 200 to 250 words) stating your career objectives, your accomplishments, and your community and volunteer involvement. Tell us why you need financial assistance.

**How to apply:** email essay to Father William Hann at [sppastor@rcdvictoria.org](mailto:sppastor@rcdvictoria.org) or by mail 2060 Haultain St. Victoria, BC V8R 2L7. **New Deadline: Saturday, July 8, 2023**

Happy Canada Day Everyone!

May we never forget to be thankful for all our limitless blessings living in this beautiful country.

Have fun and enjoy the day!

Safe travels!



**MASS INTENTIONS**

Sun July 2 - 11:00am + Patricia Doherty  
 Sun July 2 - 4:00 pm (Int) Clara Thalheimer  
 Wed July 5 - 12:10pm + Serafim Botelho,  
 + Fernando Botelho  
 & + Elmira Botelho  
 Fri July 7 - 12:10 pm + Matthew O'Connell  
 Sun July 9 - 11:00am + Peggy Barbera  
 Sun July 9 - 4:00 pm + David Taylor

**SHOW US YOUR FACE , LORD** - Catholic Retreat with Fr. Mark Cherry. Throughout Scripture, we see references to our longing to see the face of God. This longing is now fulfilled with the coming of Our Lord Jesus Christ. On September 29-30, Fr. Mark Cherry, a retreat and mission speaker from Halifax, will lead a retreat in Victoria with the theme: "Show Us Your Face, Lord" to bring us closer to Him.

Early bird registration before Aug 31/23 is \$35 and \$45 afterward. For more info please visit: [www.tinyurl.com/showusyourface2023](http://www.tinyurl.com/showusyourface2023)

**FOUND:** A hearing aid was found over Christmas (yes, that's right Christmas!). If you or someone you know is missing theirs, please contact or visit our office.

We would like the rightful owner to have their aid back.

**FROM THE DIOCESE & OUR PARISH**

**NEWS FROM THE CHANCERY**

The third **World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly** will be celebrated on Sunday, 23 July 2023. The theme chosen by Pope Francis for this year's World Day is "**His mercy is from age to age**" (Luke 1:50), highlighting the relational interconnection between the old and young. A number of additional resources are also available from the Dicastery for Laity, Family, and Life, including the Pope's message for the World Day, the official prayer, a catechesis written by Pope Francis, and a pastoral kit. To access these resources, please visit <http://www.laityfamilylife.va/content/laityfamilylife/en/eventi/2023/iii-giornata-mondiale-dei-nonni-e-degli-anziani.html>

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishop's Episcopal Commission for Justice and Peace has released a Pastoral Letter titled *Living as Catholics in the Public Square: Freedom of Religion and Conscience in Canada*. This document emphasizes the significance of freedom of religion and conscience in our democratic society and explores the role of Catholics in courageously living out their faith in the public square. This letter, may be found online at <https://www.cccb.ca/announcement/living-as-catholics-in-the-public-square-freedom-of-religion-and-conscience-in-canada-a-pastoral-letter-by-the-episcopal-commission-for-justice-and-peace/>

**GVAT** (Greater Victoria Acting Together), the social and climate justice alliance of which Holy Cross and St. Patrick's are member organizations, **is hiring a part-time Community Organizer**. See the job description at the [GVAT website](#). If you know anyone who might be interested, please let them know of this opportunity

**BURSARIES AND AWARDS**

**The Jawl Bundon LLP Bursary** (\$2500): for a grade 12 Catholic student who has been accepted to a post-secondary institution. Preference will be given to Indigenous students, and to students who live outside of Greater Victoria and Nanaimo.

**The Blessed Marie Anne Blondin Bursary** (\$1000): for a lay woman who is accepted or enrolled in a program or course for ministry in the Church, such as religious education, social justice, liturgy, social action, care of the sick, etc.

**The Char Deslippe Memorial Award** (\$500): for a teacher working in Catholic Island Schools or a parish catechist serving in children, youth or adult ministry.

**DEADLINES:** July 15, 2023 deadline for the following Bursaries/Award (please click link/name to access application

**Vocations To the Priesthood - Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

"Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me." Accept the invitation that is being extended, an invitation by the one who sent him. If you feel you are being called to become 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](mailto:dhogman@rcdvictoria.org)

Fr. Harrison Ayre: [hayre@rcdvictoria.org](mailto:hayre@rcdvictoria.org)

**NEXT WEEK IN OUR PARISH**

Monday July 3	Tuesday July 4	Wednesday July 5	Thursday July 6	Friday July 7	Saturday July 8	Sunday July 9
St. Patrick's Church and Parish Office are Closed	<b>9:00am Mass - Holy Cross Church</b>  11:00am to 3:00pm Church Open for Prayer & Visitation Parish Office Open  7:00pm Toastmasters	11:00am to 3:00pm Church Open for Prayer & Visitation Parish Office Open  <b>12:10pm Mass at St. Patrick's Church</b>	<b>9:00am Mass - Holy Cross Church</b>  11:00am to 3:00pm Church Open for Prayer & Visitation Parish Office Open  5:30 Knights of Columbus Annual BBQ	11:00am to 3:00pm Church Open for Prayer & Visitation Parish Office Open  <b>11:30am Confession</b>  <b>12:10pm Mass at St. Patrick's Church</b>  3:00pm Divine Mercy Devotion 4:00pm Divine Mercy Social Event	St. Patrick's Church and Parish Office are Closed  10:00am Baptism Preparation Course  <b>4:00pm Mass at Holy Cross Church "Live Streaming"</b>	<b>9:00am Mass at Holy Cross Church</b>  <b>11:00am Mass at St. Patrick's Church</b>  12:00pm Refreshments after Mass  <b>4:00pm Mass at St. Patrick's Parish</b>
7:00pm AA Peace	7:00pm AA Clue	7:00pm AA Peace	7:00pm AA Peace	7:00pm CA Meeting		

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