

# 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 30, 2023 SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Last Sunday we heard Matthew's Gospel in which Jesus compared the Kingdom of Heaven to a mustard seed and yeast, and described it as containing both wheat and weeds. In today's Gospel, Jesus continues to teach on this topic as He shares three short accounts which express the value of the Kingdom of Heaven. Jesus does not tell his listeners what the Kingdom of Heaven is, but states what *the Kingdom of Heaven is like*. It is *like* a treasure that is recognized as something exceptionally priceless.

As a child, Pierre Teilhard De Chardin (a Jesuit priest and paleontologist) searched for permanency among stones, rocks, and metals. Maturity and studies in science and theology led him to the understanding that the universe and all it contained was evolving and, therefore, changing. Teilhard recognized that the only permanent piece in the universe was God and God's love. The earth and all its contents were changing. In five billion years the earth will be swallowed by the sun, as the sun evolves into a red giant. Yet, we believe that all moments of love and the patterns of us beings, will exist for ever in the incomprehensible, loving embrace of God.

Does this imply that the Kingdom of Heaven is for the future? As with all things of God, the Kingdom of Heaven is a mystery, and we can only catch small glimpses. However, one aspect seems clear. If the Kingdom of Heaven is God, then it is always in existence, and we do not have to wait for the future to be part of it. This is what Jesus was telling the crowds and this is what He is telling us in Matthew's Gospel. Examine what you are spending your time and effort on, assess what you are accumulating. What things in your life do you pay attention to, do you worry about, do you value? The Kingdom of Heaven is not gold or pearls, it is not money or power. The Kingdom of Heaven is truly valuable because it is permanent, it will exist forever since love exists forever. Every loving gesture and kindness, every act of compassion and respect builds the Kingdom of Heaven and lasts forever.

Jesus wants us to recognize the Kingdom of Heaven, realize its value, and choose it. In every account that Jesus shared, the individual recognized the value of the treasure and gave up other materials to possess the prize. Not only are we asked to choose the Kingdom of Heaven, but we are called to help build it. Teilhard said: "Our duty, as men and women, is to proceed as if limits to our ability did not exist. We are collaborators in creation."

God has given us a remarkable invitation and responsibility. God created us to make a difference! So let us collaborate, let us be part of the evolution of the universe, let us build the Kingdom of Heaven.

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 [hcsbp baptismalprep@rcdvictoria.org](mailto:hcsbp baptismalprep@rcdvictoria.org)

### CONFIRMATION & FIRST COMMUNION

Please email [preparationsacramental@gmail.com](mailto:preparationsacramental@gmail.com)

### 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 JULY 23, 2023

Envelopes	\$	1,751.00
Loose Change	\$	325.94
Capital Fund	\$	60.00
PAD	\$	2,324.00
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>4,460.94</b>
Pope's Pastoral Works	\$	5.00
Anawim House for Women	\$	10.00

## FINANCIAL NEWS

	July 23	YTD
Received	\$4,460.94	\$159,712.68
Needed	\$4,700.00	\$141,000.00
Difference	-\$ 239.06	\$ 18,712.68

## PARISH CONTACTS

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We would be remiss to not sincerely thank the Knights of Columbus, CWL and St. Patrick's School members for all their enthusiastic energy in planning and staging a fabulous picnic last Sunday. Good food and fun was had by all!

We are so very gratefully!



## FROM OUR PARISH:

### Prayer Reflection

In the kingdom of love there is no competition; there is no possessiveness or control. The more love you give away, the more love you will have.

—John O'Donohue

Every faithful act of service, every honest labor to make the world a better place . . . will be seen on that day to have contributed to the perfect fellowship of God's kingdom.

—Amy L. Sherman

On the one hand, love everything without distinction. On the other, love only the good. A mystery.

—Simone Weil

We would like to express our sincere appreciation to Simona Stramaccioni-Bailey for her incredible hard work, dedication, and commitment over the past year in her role as Sacramental Preparation Coordinator for St. Patrick's Parish and Holy Cross Parish. We are very grateful to her, and we wish her all the very best in her future endeavours.

We also would like to give a very warm welcome to Michele Bristow, as our new Sacramental Preparation Coordinator. Michele brings her past experience and knowledge working as part of the Sacramental Preparation Team. Our parishes are blessed that she has taken on this role, and we wish her all best as she embark on this new journey with us!



While Father William is away on holidays there will be the Liturgy of the Word with Communion on Wednesdays and Fridays at 12:10pm at St. Patrick's Parish and, Tuesday and Thursday at 9am at Holy Cross Parish. Confessions on Saturday from 3:15pm – 3:45 pm at Holy Cross Parish, Mercy Chapel.

Fall would not be same in our Parish without the CWL Annual Fall Bazaar, Good Used Clothing and Books Sale. As in the past, the CWL would appreciate your donations, and have outlined the types of donations needed on their poster attached to this bulletin.

Thank you for ongoing support.



Thank You  
So Much

Once again, the parishioners of St. Patrick's Parish have risen to the occasion with their kind donations and generous support. Your generosity has allowed St. Vincent de Paul to replenish their food bank, and given them the means to make an immediate difference in the lives of those in need. We are extremely grateful to you all!

### RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS: Who Is Jesus Christ? What are Sacraments?

Whether you're just curious about Catholicism or eager to enter the Faith, RCIA may be the journey you are called to this Fall. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the process by which non-Catholics enter the Catholic Faith. Join us to explore what the Holy Spirit has instore for you! Please contact your pastor to have a dialogue, and then register with Carmelle and Chris Whiteley to sign up for the initial evening on Thursday, September 21. 250-886-2987 or [carmelle.whiteley@gmail.com](mailto:carmelle.whiteley@gmail.com)

### 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 session for Baptismal Preparation is on **Saturday, August 26 10:00 am – Noon.**

Please email [hcsbaptismalprep@rcdvictoria.org](mailto:hcsbaptismalprep@rcdvictoria.org) with your name and contact information. The coordinator will email you a registration form.



## MASS INTENTIONS

Sun July 30 - 11:00am + Angelina Corrodo  
 Sun July 30 - 4:00 pm + Comfort Nicol  
 Wed Aug. 2 - 12:10pm + Serafim,+Fernando,  
 + Elimira Botelho  
 Fri Aug 4 - 12:10 pm + Thanksgiving  
 Sun Aug 6 - 11:00am + John Smart  
 Sun Aug 6 - 4:00 pm + Barbara White

### A NOTE ON MASS INTENTIONS:

During Fr. William's holidays, from July 23rd - Sept 9th, your Monday to Friday Mass intentions will be remembered and honoured as he celebrates daily private Mass from beautiful NL.



## FROM THE DIOCESE AND OUR PARISH

### NEWS FROM THE CHANCERY

#### Family Summer Camp

Come join faith-filled families at the Marriage and Family Life Camp from August 17th-20<sup>th</sup> in beautiful Nanoose Bay. Our speaker is Paul Rossetti, the Superintendent for Island Catholic Schools. There will be activities for children and youth, as well as family time. For more information and to register, please visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/9th-diocesan-family-conference-august-2023-tickets-593430365197> or email [familycamp@rcdvictoria.org](mailto:familycamp@rcdvictoria.org). Please also consider volunteering!

**RACHEL'S VINEYARD** will be hosting their first retreat on Vancouver Island from August 25-27, at the Bethlehem Centre in Nanaimo. This ministry is a safe place for people to renew, rebuild and redeem hearts broken by abortion. Weekend retreats offer a supportive, confidential and non-judgmental environment where women and men can express, release, and reconcile painful post-abortive emotions to begin the process of restoration, renewal, and healing. For information please contact Nicola at [rachelsvineyardvancouverisland@gmail.com](mailto:rachelsvineyardvancouverisland@gmail.com)

**PLANNING AHEAD FOR THE FALL:** The Pastoral Care Outreach programme is set to start on September 23 through to November 25 (No session on Oct 7th for Thanksgiving). These sessions are FREE of cost and will be held via Zoom every Saturday from 9:30 - noon. This is a wonderful opportunity for people to learn more about visiting the lonely, the sick, injured, elderly and dying in hospitals, seniors' residences, and home care and at their homes. Space is limited. If you wish to participate please contact the parish office.



### HOSTING INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS - HOST FAMILY NEEDED.

The **St. Andrew's International Student Program** is in need of an additional host family for September 2023 for a female student from China, attending Grade 10 for the full school year. If you would be willing to support a young person on their international high school journey/experience, please consider welcoming one of our international students into your family.

- ◇ Host families receive \$1,200 per month to cover costs.
- ◇ Please contact Nina Timm **ASAP** at: [homestay@cisdv.bc.ca](mailto:homestay@cisdv.bc.ca) / Tel: 403-771-2519

### Vocations To the Priesthood - Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Give your servant therefore an understanding mind..." Perhaps the priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life awaits you. If God is calling you 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 31	Tuesday Aug.1	Wednesday Aug. 2	Thursday Aug. 3	Friday Aug. 4	Saturday Aug. 5	Sunday Aug. 6
St. Patrick's Church and Parish Office are Closed	<b>9:00am Holy Cross Church Liturgy of the Word with Communion</b>	11:00am to 3:00pm Church Open for Prayer & Visitation Parish Office Open	<b>9:00am Holy Cross Church Liturgy of the Word with Communion</b>	11:00am to 3:00pm Church Open for Prayer & Visitation Parish Office Open	St. Patrick's Church and Parish Office are Closed	<b>9:00am Mass at Holy Cross Church</b>
	11:00am to 3:00pm Church Open for Prayer & Visitation Parish Office Open	<b>12:10pm St. Patrick's Church - Liturgy of the Word with Communion</b>	11:00am to 3:00pm Church Open for Prayer & Visitation Parish Office Open	<b>12:10pm St. Patrick's Church - Liturgy of the Word with Communion</b>		<b>11:00am Mass at St. Patrick's Church</b>
7:00pm AA Peace	7:00pm Toastmasters	7:00pm Holy Hour	7:00pm AA Peace	3:00pm Divine Mercy Devotion	<b>3:15pm - 3:45pm Holy Cross Church - Confession</b>	12:pm Refreshments after Mass
	7:00pm AA Clue	7:00pm AA Peace		4:00 Divine Mercy	<b>4:00pm Mass at Holy Cross Church</b>	<b>4:00pm Mass at St. Patrick's Parish</b>
				7:00pm CA Meeting		



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— ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE —

# GOOD USED CLOTHING & BOOKS SALE

OCT 13, 9:30–4pm and OCT 14, 9:30–2pm

+ **FALL BAZAAR** OCT 14, 9:30–2pm

## Your Donations Are Appreciated

We are accepting donations  
from **Aug 1 to Oct 8**

Kiosks and the types of donations needed:

### 1 BOOKS AND PUZZLES

Books, CDs, DVDs, and Jigsaw Puzzles. *\*Note: We cannot accept magazines, text books, reference books, vinyl records, cassette tapes and VCR tapes*

Conveners: **Shannon Turner 250-598-3409 skturner@live.ca,**  
**Leone Parkes 250-658-2249, leoneparkes@gmail.com**

### 2 GOOD USED CLOTHING

Clothing for Men, Women, and Children (unstained and clean), shoes, purses, household linens

Conveners: **Marie Bourgeois 250-385-6647, Dolores Green 250-590-9679, doloresmgreen50@gmail.com**

### 3 HARVEST/GARDEN

Garden produce, fruit, fresh flowers, bouquets, house plants (named and care), garden tools, and accessories. *\*Note: We cannot accept wicker baskets, silk or dried flowers, and Christmas items*

Conveners: **Patricia Robinson 250-889-2995, qlc@shaw.ca**

### 4 JEWELLERY

Jewellery of any kind, jewellery boxes, watches, any silver or gold

Convener: **Rose Harlow 250-479-7462, harlowrm@telus.net**

### 5 HOUSEWARES

Household items, china, pictures, small appliances, and Halloween décor. *\*Note: We cannot accept plastic items, large appliances and cameras*

Convener: **Carol Kittleson 778-678-6788, kittlesoncarol1@gmail.com, Janet Lord 250-588-6304, janet.lord27@gmail.com**

### 6 HOME BAKING

Bread, cakes, muffins, pies, cookies, candy, Gluten free baking in demand, (please divide into small packages and label all baking)

Convener: **Deborah Mackay 250-592-8414, debmackay30@icloud.com, Brigitte Babnik 250-477-6836, bbrigitte465@gmail.com**

### 7 FAITH AND CHRISTMAS

Christian jewellery, statues, crucifixes— large and small, Only new Christmas items, NO LIGHTS

Convener: **Lorrie Van Somer 250-595-5981**

### 8 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SNACK BAR

Delicious burgers and hotdogs

Convener: **Michael O'Neill**

### 9 KIDS' ZONE

Games, puzzles, books, home-baked cakes (for our Annual Cake Walk), new and like-new toys

Conveners: St. Andrew's Regional High School Athletics Dept.  
**Angela Grohovac, angelagrohovac@gmail.com**

### 10 LUCKY 7 GAME OF CHANCE

Prizes needed \$3.00 minimum value

Convener: **Pauline Scherr 250-886-9434 pischerr@shaw.ca**

### 11 SILENT AUCTION

Need one-of-a-kind new items, product, or Contribution of Service

Conveners: **Mira Cvitanovic 250-216-8463, mirarob@gmail.com**

### 12 TEA ROOM

Homemade squares, tarts, cookies. *\*Note: Please no cupcakes or Rice Krispie Squares*

Conveners: **Susie Nute 250-595-1382**

### 13 TOMBOLA RAFFLE

Convener: **Barbara Shenton 250-580-3475, bjeens958@gmail.com**

#### \*NOTE

There are some donations we are unable to accept, like old computers, furniture and electronic equipment, so please read each listing carefully and call the convener if you have questions.

### DROPPING OFF ITEMS?

Donations can be dropped off in the cloakroom by "Lady of Lourdes Hall"

### NEED ITEMS PICKED UP?

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**Carol Kittleson 778-678-6788**