

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 9, 2023 FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

These last lines in today's Gospel have been a consolation to millions of people over the years. We too encounter moments when we feel overwhelmed, burdened by the challenges and trials that come our way. In those moments, it is easy to rely solely on our own strength, to become consumed by worry and doubt. Jesus invites us to find rest and solace in Him. He acknowledges the burdens we carry, the struggles we face, and He offers to share our yoke, to lighten our load. Jesus assures us that the demands of God are not beyond our strength. He invites us to turn to Him, to place our trust in Him, and to seek His help when life becomes overwhelming.

The readings today invite us to admit and cherish an abiding truth: *Christ gives abundant evidence that His Way is truly the path to life.* Christ says to you, to me; "Come. Be with me. Live life with me." The story of our faith unfolds before us. Jesus comes to us as the prophets promised. He offers to take away our burdens if we come to Him. Peace comes from saying a sincere yes to what is clearly God's will in our life. Peace comes when I want - really want - what God wants. When God's will and mine coincide we find strength and peace. This is not passive fatalism; it is an active and joyful response. Jesus has the secret of living well. Is it not time that we Christians rediscover this wonderful secret and begin to share it with others?

Kingdom-seeing involves the willingness to see beyond what's inevitable to what's possible. As Pope Francis reminds us... *For the Lord always goes ahead of you, He always walks before you. And, with Him, life always begins anew.* As the American theologian Howard Thurman wrote... *whatever may be the tensions and the stresses of a particular day, there is always lurking close at hand the trailing beauty of forgotten joy or unremembered peace. Eyes on Jesus and always look up!* Let us continue to trust in Jesus, who offers us rest for our weary souls and shoulders the weight of our burdens. May we seek His guidance, His strength, and His love in all aspects of our lives, knowing that with Him by our side, we can face any trial or tribulation. Let us turn to Him and say, "Lord Jesus, help me. I surrender my burdens to you. Grant me the grace to find rest and hope in your loving embrace."

In Christ alone,
Father William



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

CONFIRMATION & FIRST COMMUNION

Please email sphcsacramentalprep@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

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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 JULY 2, 2023

Envelopes	\$	2,250.00
Loose Change	\$	510.35
Capital Fund	\$	405.00
PAD	\$	1,183.00
E- Transfers	\$	50.00
Grand Total	\$	4,398.35

FINANCIAL NEWS

	July 2	YTD
Received	\$4,398.35	\$143,928.17
Needed	\$4,700.00	\$126,900.00
Difference	-\$ 301.65	\$ 17,028.17

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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

For the Lord always goes ahead of you, he always walks before you. And, with him, life always begins anew.

-Pope Francis

Because God has made us for himself, our hearts are restless until they rest in him.

-Saint Augustine of Hippo

Whatever may be the tensions and the stresses of a particular day, there is always lurking close at hand the trailing beauty of forgotten joy or unremembered peace.

-Howard Thurman

LIVESTREAM MASSES

Live Mass broadcast this weekend! Mass is livestreamed this week **Saturday, July 8nd**, from **Holy Cross Church at 4:00 pm**. Click the link here:

<http://www.youtube.com/c/StPatricksHolyCrossChurch>



The countdown is on! Only **ONE** week left until the long awaited St. Patrick's Parish and Holy Cross Parish **Picnic**, being held at Gyro Park, Cadboro Bay, 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm. Come and enjoy all the festivities! It's a great opportunity to meet fellow parishioner, and sample the delicious bbq food courtesy of the Knights of Columbus and CWL. **SEE YOU THERE!**

URGENT APPEAL! St. Vincent de Paul Society

Currently, the shelves at our Social Concern Office are very low and we are unable to feed the families and individuals in need. Please help stock our shelves with non-perishable food items. There is always a need for high protein soups, peanut butter and protein bars. With a financial contribution, we will be able to purchase dairy products, meat and other items. Your generosity will help us support the 23,000 people, including 4,000 children we serve each year.

You can make a financial gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul with a cash donation in the collection with cheques payable to St. Vincent de Paul or online at <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/society-of-st-vincent-de-paul-of-vancouver-island/>. In the section asking where to apply your donation, scroll down to St. Patrick's Conference. These donations go to the Food Bank program.

Thank you for your ongoing support.



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're 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

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 – 12 noon)**.



MASS INTENTIONS

Sun July 9 - 11:00am + Peggy Barbera
 Sun July 9 - 4:00 pm + David Taylor
 Wed July 12 - 12:10pm + Funeral Mass - Yvonne Hayward
 Fri July 14 - 12:10 pm + Helene O'Leary
 Sun July 16 - 11:00am + Joseph Lo
 Sun July 16 - 4:00pm + Catherine Lo

Thank you God
for summer!

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



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>
- Come join faith-filled families at the Marriage and Family Life Camp from August 17th-20th 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. Please also consider volunteering!

BURSARIES AND AWARDS - LAST CHANCE!

- [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 - Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"You are in the spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you." Is the Spirit leading you or someone you know to ministerial service? If God is calling you to become 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

NEXT WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday July 10	Tuesday July 11	Wednesday July 12	Thursday July 13	Friday July 14	Saturday July 15	Sunday July 16
St. Patrick's Church and Parish Office are Closed	9:00am Mass - Holy Cross Church 11:00am to 3:00pm Church Open for Prayer & Visitation Parish Office Open 1:00pm Appeal Meeting 7:00pm Toastmasters 7:00pm AA Clue	11:00am to 3:00pm Church Open for Prayer & Visitation Parish Office Open 12:10pm Funeral Mass - Yvonne Hayward 7:00pm AA Peace	9:00am Mass - Holy Cross Church 11:00am to 3:00pm Church Open for Prayer & Visitation Parish Office Open 7:00pm AA Peace	11:00am to 3:00pm Church Open for Prayer & Visitation Parish Office Open 11:30am Confession 12:10pm Mass at St. Patrick's Church 3:00pm Divine Mercy Devotion 6:00pm Couples for Christ Choir Practice 7:00pm CA Meeting	St. Patrick's Church and Parish Office are Closed 10:00am Baptism Preparation Course 4:00pm Mass at Holy Cross Church "Live Streaming"	9:00am Mass at Holy Cross Church 11:00am Mass at St. Patrick's Church "Live Streaming" 12:00pm Refreshments after Mass 4:00pm Mass at St. Patrick's Parish



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