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Mission:

We gather as a welcoming community to worship, grow in faith and serve as Jesus served.



JUNE 11, 2023 CORPUS CHRISTI

Jesus gave his Body and Blood so we could share in his life. In a world of so many hungry hearts literally and figuratively, that statement should cause us to ponder! We are the people Jesus offers to feed—not with a temporary fix (which is usually what most of us want) - but an everlasting source of sustenance that can be found in the change of heart that happens each time we gather to share a meal in Jesus' name. Christ offers us his body and blood, and when we eat and drink; we, in turn, become part of the Body of Christ. That is what we believe about the Eucharist. Unity is what our sacrament of Communion is about: oneness with God and each other. Yet, because we are human, Communion is necessarily paired up with another sacrament that does the work of reconciling. When unity gets torn, reconciliation repairs the damage. Lately, toxic polarization has been shredding our national unity, creating an illusion of insurmountable division. Media sources sharpen the knives of contrasting worldviews, leading to anxiety and depression, fear and violence. Trust in unity. Resist being recruited in the polarization game. Saint Maximilian Kolbe echoes Jesus's invitation, the culmination of the Mass is not the consecration, but communion.

What is really at stake here is that Jesus is the source of life for us. To the extent that we dare to give ourselves over to him, we may become new men and new women. If I may oversimplify a bit, the change that Jesus wants to bring about is not so much aimed at the bread and wine, but at us. When we eat this bread and drink the wine, we profess our faith in Jesus and we become one with him, so that his life becomes ours; eating this bread and drinking this wine are signs of an encounter with Jesus himself, because it is his flesh and blood. Jesus' self-giving, his flesh and blood, is handed on to us, so that his self-giving may become flesh and blood in us.

These gestures, however simple, turn our lives upside down. Let's face it: our world is often like a battlefield, where people tear each other to pieces - like war and endless violence in actions, words and gestures. But what we do here in this sacred ritual is precisely the contrary! It shows the exact opposite of what we too often see lived. It shows us Jesus giving himself. When we eat and drink here, we accept the life of Jesus as our own. We let him be the norm of our dealing with each other. When we eat and drink here we do not put flowers on the grave of someone who is dead. On the contrary, we let our lives be shaped and permeated by him who still lives, but now in us. We eat the bread and drink the wine in memory of Jesus, with the hope that his self-giving may become flesh and blood in us. Hence, my final question for you to ponder this week: does participating in the eucharistic celebration make you feel more alive? Frederica Green asked a very poignant question - could a body broken, and blood spilled 2,000 years ago restore my own damaged life? My answer, yes, yes, yes... eyes on Jesus!

We are what we eat, Father William

Weekend Mass Times **HOSPITAL VISITS - RJH/VGH** Parish Staff Hospital Emergencies: 250-889-3761 Pastor: Fr. William Hann Sunday - 11:00 am Sunday - 4:00 pm Chaplain - Fr. Sean Flynn Administrative Assistant: Deborah Mackay Weekday Mass Times: - Wednesday & Friday 12:10pm Other health concerns, non-emergency: call 811 Office: 250-592-7391 CONFESSION: After hours Parish Emergencies ONLY: 250-294-9615 Email: stpat190@telus.net EURCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Friday 11:30am to 12:05pm - no appointment necessary BAPTISM 24/7 Adoration in our side Chapel Tuesday to Friday 11:00am to 3:00 pm Please email hcspbaptismalprep@rcdvictoria.org Call or visit the office for an entry code Custodian: Dean Riches **CONFIRMATION & FIRST COMMUNION** FUNERALS Please email sphcsacramentalprep@rcdvictoria.org Please contact the Parish Office

We acknowledge and respect the Lekwungen peoples on whose traditional territory St. Patrick's Parish stands and the Songhees, Esquimalt and <u>W</u>SÁNEĆ 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 4, 2023

Grand Total	\$6,912.40		
Canada Helps	\$ 144.00		
E-Transfer	\$ 0.00		
PAD	\$4,292.00		
Capital Fund	\$ 385.00		
Loose Change	\$ 384.40		
Envelopes	\$1,707.00		

Refugee Fund \$ 40.00

FINANCIAL NEWS							
	May 28	YTD					
Received	\$6,912.40	\$109,062.92					
Needed	\$4,700.00	\$103,400.00					
Difference	\$2,212.40	\$ 962.92					

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. Patrick Card - Principal Angela McLeish - Vice Principal Phone: 250-592-6713 Email: <u>sp@cisdv.bc.ca</u> www.stpatrickselem.ca Visit the school's Facebook page



FROM OUR PARISH:

Prayer Reflection

Could a body broken and blood spilled 2,000 years ago restore my own damaged life? -Frederica Mathewes-Green

The culmination of the Mass is not the consecration, but communion. -Saint Maximilian Kolbe

In the same way that bread comes from the Earth, after having received the invocation, is no longer ordinary bread, but Eucharist, made up of two things, one earthly, one heavenly, so our bodies which participate in the Eucharist . . . have the hope of the Resurrection. —Saint Irenaeus of Lyons

BAPTISMAL PREP 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. Please note that the next sessions to choose from for Baptismal Preparation are:

Sat, June 17 (10:00 am - 12 noon) - this is rescheduled from June 10 Sat, July 8 (10:00 am - 12 noon) Sat, August 26 (10:00 am - 12 noon) Please email hcspbaptismalprep@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.

ST. PATRICK'S PARISH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



Sunday, June 18th, 2023 Immediately following the 11:00am Mass

All parishioners are warmly invited to attend - come find out how your Parish has been serving our community this past year and, our plans for the future!

LIVESTREAM MASSES

Live Mass broadcast this weekend! Mass is livestreamed this week Saturday, June 10th, from Holy Cross Parish 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 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, your community, volunteer involvement and why you need financial assistance. How to apply: email essay to Father William Hann at whann@rcdvictoria.org Deadline: Friday, June 9, 2023

Special Presentation

Scams and Financial Fraud, Tuesday, June 13, 10am -12pm at Holy Cross Parish Hall D/Cst. Zwaan from the Saanich Police Financial Crimes Section will give a presentation at Holy Cross on the scams and financial frauds we all face these days. We will hear about the common and not-so-common types and how to prevent them. We've all experienced them by phone, email, text or pop up ads. Seating is limited so please register by calling Holy Cross Parish office at 250-477-5321 or Darlene Southwell 250-477-5738.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun June 11 - 11:00am	+ Joseph Leung
Sun June 11 - 4:00 pm	(Int) Tracy Piper
Wed June 14 - 12:10pm	+ Dan McLellan
Fri June 16 - 12:10 pm	+ Robert Celiz
Sun June 18 - 11:00am	(Int) Marian &
	Greg McLellan

Sun June 18 - 4:00 pm

SAVE THE DATE!! St. Patrick's & Holy Cross Parish Picnic SUNDAY, JULY 23, 2023 Time: 12pm-3pm Location: Gyro Park Beach KC's will be at the BBQ!! Further details to follow.

+ Joan Westran



To Bishop Gary Gordon this weekend!! With our love and best wishes.

FLOWER CALL - If you have flowers in your garden you'd be willing to donate for the beauty of our church, please phone the Office. THANK YOU!

* THE DIOCESE OF VICTORIA is now accepting applications for the position of Chief Financial Officer. The CFO serves as the financial administrator of the Diocese and reports directly to the Bishop. This is an exceptional opportunity for an individual who wants to be part of the Diocese's senior management team and to oversee the stewardship of the organization's fiscal resources in support of the mission of the Diocese. See job posting on parish bulletin boards, or at https://www.rcdvictoria.org/employment. All applications must be received by June 30, 2023. The Diocese of Victoria reserves the right to shorten or extend this deadline depending on interest; please apply early to ensure consideration of your application.

* **<u>RACHEL'S VINEYARD</u>** will be hosting their first retreat on Vancouver Island from August 25-27, 2023 at the Bethlehem Centre in Nanaimo (2371 Arbot Rd). 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

MORE NEWS FROM THE CHANCERY:

1) June 12th at noon is the deadline for parishioners to complete the Diocese of Victoria Development Office's survey about the 2022 Bishop's Appeal: *Growing Together*. Your valuable input will help the Diocese plan for future Appeals. Please click here to complete the survey: <u>https://forms.office.com/r/LsBq77OWz8</u>.

2) The Diocese of Kamloops is hiring for the positions of Financial Officer and Safe Environment and Human Resources Officer. Applications for both positions close at 4 pm on June 29. For more information, please visit <u>https://www.rcdk.org/employment-opportunities</u>

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

Outstanding students and educators have until July 15 to apply for bursaries and awards being offered by the Diocese of Victoria. More information and application forms are available at the following links:

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

<u>The Blessed Marie Anne Blondin Bursary</u> (\$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.

Vocations To the Priesthood - Corpus Christi Sunday

Jesus has given us His Body to eat and His Blood to drink to nourish us on our journey towards the Kingdom. May we be faithful to him on our journey as married, single, ordained or consecrated persons. If God is calling you 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	Fr. Har
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Fr. Harrison Ayre: hayre@rcdvictoria.org

NEXT WEEK IN OUR PARISH								
Monday June 12	Tuesday June 13	Wednesday June 14	Thursday June 15	Friday June 16	Saturday June 17	Sunday June 18		
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 7:00pm Toastmasters	11:00am to 3:00pm Church Open for Prayer & Visitation Parish Office Open 12:10pm Mass	9:00am Mass - Holy Cross Church 11:00am to 3:00pm Church Open for Prayer & Visitation Parish Office Open	11:00am to 3:00pm Church Open for Prayer & Visitation Parish Office Open 11:30am Confession 12:10pm Funeral- Mass Reception following - Lourdes Hall	St. Patrick's Church and Parish Office are Closed 4:00pm Mass at Holy Cross Church	9:00am Mass at Holy Cross Parish 11:00am Mass at St. Patrick's Parish "Live Streaming" 12:00pm Parish AGM & Refreshments after Mass		
7:00pm AA Peace	7:00pm AA Clue	7:00pm AA Peace	7:00pm AA Peace	3:00pm Divine Mercy Devotion 7:00pm CA Meeting		4:00pm Mass at St. Patrick's Parish		

