

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.

JUNE 28, 2026 THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1st Reading: 2 Kings 4.8-12a, 14-16 † 2nd Reading: Romans 6.3-4, 8-11 Gospel: Matthew 10.37- 42

THEME: WELCOMING CHRIST IN OTHERS

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

On this Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Church urges us to welcome Christ in others. This is through the messengers of God among us. She equally encourages us to be sensitive to the need of one another to make a positive difference in their lives. In the first reading, the generosity of the Shunem couple towards Elisha brought them the blessing and joy of their life. There is much to be learned from this reading. They were sensitive to the plight and immediate need of the man of God. Little did they know that this was the beginning of their blessing. Hence, through this act of generosity, hospitality, and sensitivity, things turned around for their good. Their desire of the ages was fulfilled.

On the other hand, Elisha was equally concerned and sensitive to the needs of this Shunem couple. So, rather than overburden them with more requests or exploit their generosity, he prayed for them and blessed them through his prophetic ministry. Thus, his presence was a blessing to this house rather than a burden. It suffices to note that the name of Elisa means: "God saves." Precisely, this is what his action affirmed. We could attract God's blessings to our home and family through generosity and hospitality.

Finally, it is important to ask ourselves these important questions. Do we still value the presence of others? Are we sensitive to their needs? Is our presence a blessing to the people we meet? Does it make any difference, or is it an added burden to their life? What good do I bring to the life of others?

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP, PRAY FOR US

Father Benson Asuming

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday - 7:00pm

Sunday - 11:00 am

Sunday - 4:00 pm

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES: Tuesday to Friday 12:10pm

CONFESSIONS:

Friday 11:30am to 12:00pm

Saturday 6:15 - 6:45pm

BAPTISM

Please email: hcsbpaptismalprep@rcdvictoria.org

CONFIRMATION & FIRST COMMUNION

Please email: mbristow@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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL

24/7 Adoration in our side Chapel

Call or visit the office for an entry code

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

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

FUNERALS: Please contact the Parish Office

PARISH STAFF

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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

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat June 27 - 7:00pm (Int) Marta Botelho
Sun June 28- 11:00am + Keith Middleton
Sun June 29- 4:00pm + Ann Reilly
Tues June 30 - 12:10pm + Myrtle Roche
Wed July 1 - 12:10pm + Serafim, Fernando,
and Elmira Botelho
Thurs July 2- 12:10pm + Kevin D’Cunha
Fri July 3 - 12:10pm + Dennis & Roberta



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PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

Gratitude

It has been one of the great privileges of my life to serve as your humble servant. To the Parish Council, Office Administrators, Catholic Women’s League, Knight of Columbus, Divine Mercy Devotion, Couples for Christ, St. Patrick’s School, Facilitators of Children’s Liturgy, Development and Peace, St. Vincent de Paul, Pastoral Care Outreach, Altar Servers, Music Ministries, Volunteers, Friends, all Ministries and groups, and every single one of you who has made this church feel like home—I say thank you. I am truly grateful for the overwhelming love, kindness and support you have given me. You have made my stay here incredibly special. You took the pain and the effort to make a difference in my life, I do not take it for granted. Together, you have done the hard work of creating a flourishing and a welcoming community. Your friendship and unwavering support have been a true blessing. I cannot wait to see how God continues to move and grow this parish in the years to come. Thank you for everything.

*With profound appreciation, love and blessings,
Father Benson*

Farewell, Father Benson.

You are days away from your new appointment as Pastor of the West Coast Parishes. While we can’t help being disappointed that you are departing so soon after your arrival, this feeling is accompanied with joy and gratitude for your time, service and prayers. Your homilies, perspectives, gentle humour and humility will leave a lasting impression within our parish.

Our Irish Blessing to You ~~

“May the road rise up to meet you. May the wind be always at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face; the rains fall soft upon your fields. And until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand.”

With our own profound appreciation and love, we wish you Godspeed!



- From Your St. Patrick’s Parish Community

Happy Canada Day Everyone

To start the festivities, please join us on this Special Canada Day to give a very warm welcome to our new pastor, Father Silvichan Dominic, as he celebrates his first Mass here at Patrick’s Parish at 12:10pm, following the Exposition Of The Blessed Sacrament at 11:30am.

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!



ST. PATRICK’S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL KINDERGARTEN TO GRADE 7

For information on registrations for
2025/2026 school year, contact:

Patrick Card - Principal
Angela McLeish - Vice Principal
Phone: 250-592-6713
Email: sp@cisdv.bc.ca

www.stpatrickselem.ca
[Visit the school’s Facebook page](#)



PASTORAL CARE TRAINING – Nine free online sessions

Pastoral care is essentially the Church’s loving concern and active service for the well-being of people in the church. We see this in action when Eucharistic Ministers and Pastoral Care Workers go out to bring the Eucharist to members of St. Patrick’s Parish who cannot come to church. The Diocese will once again offer free Pastoral Training on Saturday mornings (*NOT THANKSGIVING*) from **September 26th – November 28th, 2026**. Now is the time to pray, reflect on and investigate to see if this something God is calling you to do for Him. For more information and to registration please see the poster at an entrance to the church, at the office, on the Diocesan website. Contacts are: moiraking@shaw.ca or bjeens958@gmail.com

Liturgy of the Word for Children - Volunteers Needed

We are looking for more volunteers to join our program next year. If you can spare one Sunday a month during the 11:00am Mass, please email Angela La Plante (angelalaplante15@gmail.com). Adult and teen volunteers are welcome. No experience needed, and all training will be provided.



Infant Baptism - Baptismal Prep for the Parents

Is it your hope to have your infant welcomed into the family of God through baptism? If so, to prepare to have your child baptized, parents must participate in a Baptismal Prep course and complete a baptism registration form. Please note that the next session available to take a Baptismal Prep course is **Saturday, July 25** (10:00 am – 12 noon). Please email hcspbaptismalprep@rcdvictoria.org with your name and contact information. The coordinator will then contact you with more details about baptism and forward you the baptism registration form.



Please save the date of Sunday, October 4, 2026 at 4:00pm.

Fr. David Norman and the Friars of St. Joseph Friary invite you to celebrate the **Feast of St. Francis of Assisi** on the occasion of the 800th Anniversary of his death. There will be a Eucharistic Celebration, presided by Bishop Gary Gordon followed by a reception being held at St. Patrick's Parish. Further information to come.

NOTE:

Over the summer holidays, we will only issue **ONE** bulletin.

The next bulletin will be issued the weekend of **August 8th.**

Starting Friday, July 10th to August 21st, the Parish Office will be closing at 1:30pm.

Wishing you sunshine, laughter, and summer full of enjoyable moments!



COLLECTIONS JUNE 21, 2026

Envelopes	\$	2,033.00
Loose Change	\$	594.65
Tiptap	\$	65.00
Bldg. Maint. Fund	\$	60.00
CanadaHelps	\$	144.75
PAD	\$	2,338.00
Grand Total	\$	5,235.40

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE

Are you a morning person? The Soup Kitchen in the basement of St. Andrew's Cathedral is **looking for a volunteer to prepare our nutritious soup on Tuesday mornings** starting at 5:00 am. If you love to cook, are an early bird and want to connect with your community, we would love to hear from you. Please contact Kathleen at operations@thesoupkitchen.ca or online at thesoupkitchen.ca/volunteer

Parish Administrative Assistant, St. Francis Xavier Parish

St. Francis Xavier Parish in Mill Bay is looking for a parish administrative assistant. Approximately 18 hours per week. The successful candidate will be a flexible, goal-oriented team player, with computer expertise, willingness to learn, and understanding of the whole Church as the Body of Christ. Detailed job description [available here](#). Salary Range: \$19.56 - 32.50/hour

FINANCIAL NEWS

	June 21st 2026	YTD
Received	\$5,235.40	\$149,495.52
Needed to cover expenses	\$7,685.00	\$199,810.00
Difference	-\$2,449.60	-\$50,314.48

Passing The Light: A Year End Mass Celebration for St. Andrew's Graduates

In this second week of celebrating our high school graduates, we reflect on the beautiful tradition at St. Andrew's where Grade 11 students "pass the light" to the Grade 12 students as they step out into the world, with a Catholic education behind them. Read the blog post here: <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/news/passing-the-light-a-year-end-mass-celebration-for-st-andrews-graduates>

Diocesan Family Camp this August

Calling all families across the Diocese! Join us for the 12th Annual Diocese of Victoria Family Camp and Conference. Families are invited to gather for a fun, faith-filled weekend of fellowship, play, and prayer taking place August 20-23 at beautiful Nanoose Bay Camp. Details are at: 12thAnnualVictoriaDioceseFamilyCampandConference.eventbrite.ca

Final Push for 50/50 Raffle

This is the last week of Our Lady of the Rosary Parish's 50/50 raffle fundraiser to support their new childcare and early learning facility. This centre will nurture children, support families, and serve our growing community for generations to come, while helping address gaps created by recent changes to provincial ELCC capital funding. • **Ticket sales end: June 30, 2026 (PDT)**
Draw date: July 4, 2026 (PDT) Get your ticket here: <https://www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/oltr>

St. Clare Villa Unit for Sale

Unit # 204, a one bedroom plus den suite of 840 square feet. New carpeting and ready for immediate possession. Contact Housing Corporation agent Tony Joe 250-361-7883 or tony@primeteam.ca

LIVESTREAM MASSES

Live Mass broadcast this weekend! Mass is livestreamed this week on Sunday, June 28th from St. Patrick's Parish at 11:00am. Click the link here: <http://www.youtube.com/c/StPatricksHolyCrossChurch>

NEXT WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Mon. June 29	Tues. June 30	Wed. July 1	Thurs. July 2	Fri. July 3	Sat. July 4	Sun. July 5
CHURCH & OFFICE CLOSED	11am to 3:00pm Church & Office Open	HAPPY CANADA DAY! OFFICE CLOSED	11am to 3:00pm Church & Office Open	11am to 3:00pm Church & Office Open	CHURCH & OFFICE CLOSED	CHURCH & OFFICE CLOSED
	12pm The Angelus and Mass	Father Dominic's First Mass — 12:10pm following the Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament	12pm The Angelus 12:10pm Mass	11:30am Confessions 12pm The Angelus 12:10pm Mass	9am Couples for Christ, Kids 6:15pm Confessions	11am Sunday Mass Coffee after Mass
7pm AA-CLUE	7pm Toastmasters 7pm AA-Peace	7pm AA-Peace	6pm Couples for Christ - Choir Practice 7pm Knights of Columbus General Meeting 7pm AA-Peace	3pm Divine Mercy Devotion, followed by Social Event 5:30pm Couples for Christ, Collective Household 7pm - CA	7pm Saturday Mass	4pm Sunday Mass

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