# 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.



# MARCH 12, 2023 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

The Samaritan woman represents us. We meet a woman who was trying to discover her deepest truth, looking for acceptance, love and trust, rejecting that which fails to satisfy, and engaging Jesus, this Jewish man by the side of the well, in a faith dialogue about what true worship really means. This woman at the well - a woman without a name so she can stand for every woman (and hopefully for every man) is a woman who thirsts for truth. She is a woman who longs for a relationship (during all the forces of her culture at work against her, the most obvious being exclusion). The woman who finds herself in the company of Jesus at the well would not have mistaken Him for a tangible aspect of the divinity, that's for sure. For one thing, He was a Jew, the enemy of her people. For another, He was a man, and she'd known several men. And yet this very worldly and world-weary woman can sense the divine spirit in a most unexpected place for two reasons: First, she asks the right questions, and second, she listens to the answers. The first response puts her in a rare category, and the other puts her above most of Jesus' own disciples.

It's instructive to note that even after participating in miracles, healings, and years of teaching, it took an event like the Transfiguration for the disciples to suspect that Jesus was more than He seemed. The Samaritan woman intuited this in a short conversation. Jesus didn't miraculously fill her bucket or take the pain out of her much-used heart. He did not even forgive her sins. He just talks to her. He talks about things that are directly relevant to her: water, relationships, God, and truth. He reveals his identity to her because she, as it turns out, has been seeking him all along. Jesus rarely meets anyone willing to look beyond religion to encounter its true purpose. Many Samaritans came to believe in Jesus because of the woman's witnessing. Then they asked him to stay with them, otherwise He would have continued on His journey. Jesus often needs to be invited to stay. Remember the two men walking to Emmaus? He would not have stopped if they had not invited Him to stay the night. He stands at the door and knocks but He will not come in unless invited.

My dear friends, we are still a long way from the flowing waters of our Easter Celebrations. Over the next three weeks let us continue to be vigilant in fasting and prayer. Let us look within the places of our heart where we are thirsty for truth, for authentic love, for relationship, and for living water. When we reach out with compassion and acceptance to all people we too

will find the grace to overcome what stands in the way of befriending and loving all the people in our lives. Jesus knows the deepest longing of our heart and like the woman at the well we too should be staggered at Jesus' insight into our life. He knocks on our hearts door and waits for the invitation. Proverbs 18:4 speaks of deep wisdom. The words of the mouth are deep waters; the fountain of wisdom is a qushing stream.

Blessings

Father William



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.

Weekend Mass Times Sunday - 11:00 am

Sunday - 4:00 pm
Weekday Mass Times: - Wednesda

Weekday Mass Times: - Wednesday & Friday 12:10pm CONFESSION:

Friday 11:30am to 12:05pm - no appointment necessary **BAPTISM** 

Please email <u>bshenton@rcdvictoria.org</u>

**CONFIRMATION & FIRST COMMUNION**Please email <a href="mailto:sphcsacramentalprep@rcdvictoria.org">sphcsacramentalprep@rcdvictoria.org</a>

HOSPITAL VISITS - RJH/VGH Hospital Emergencies: 250-889-3761

Chaplain - Fr. Sean Flynn

**FUNFRALS** 

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

Please contact the Parish Office

Parish Staff

Pastor: Fr. William Hann

Administrative Assistant: Deborah Mackay

Office: 250-592-7391 Email: stpat190@telus.net PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

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

Custodian: Dean Riches

#### **COLLECTIONS MARCH 5TH**

Envelopes	\$1,895.00		
Loose Change	\$	494.65	
Capital Fund	\$	350.00	
PAD	\$4,332.00		
E-Transfer	\$	30.00	
CanadaHelps	\$	48.00	

#### **Grand Total** \$7,149.65

Refugee Fund 30.00

#### **FINANCIAL NEWS**

	FEB 19TH	Y	TD
Received	\$7,149.65	\$47,0	019.43
Needed	\$4,700.00	\$47,0	00.00
Difference	\$2,449.65	\$	19.43

#### **PARISH CONTACTS**

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## ST. PATRICK'S **ELEMENTARY SCHOOL** KINDERGARTEN TO GRADE 7

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# FROM OUR PARISH:

## **Prayer Reflection**

God does not fit in an occupied heart.

-Saint John of the Cross

The words of the mouth are deep waters; the fountain of wisdom is a gushing stream. -Proverbs 18:4

# GODS LOVE FOR US IS BOUNDLESS

Holy Cross/St. Patrick's Parish Lenten Mission Mona Goodman - facilitator

> Mon - March 13 @ 7pm Holy Cross **Turn from Sin** Tues - March 14 @ 7pm St. Patrick's **Surrender to Love** Wed - March 15 @ 7pm Holy Cross Followed by Penitential Service. Be the Light of Salvation



Daffodils are appearing in gardens reminding us it is indeed time to "Spring Ahead"! Remember this weekend to turn your clocks one hour ahead.

ST PATRICK'S DAY On Friday March 17th the celebrations start with Mass at 4:30pm then join us in the Our Lady of Lourdes Hall for an Irish theme fun filled dinner as we raise funds. This fundraising event is brought to you by the Knights of Columbus and the Catholic Women's League. Doors do open at 5:30pm. Tickets \$20 per person available after Sunday Masses or the parish office. Get them before they are gone! Gluten free option available.



Please Help & Give Hope - St. Vincent de Paul is seriously in need of canned and non-perishable foods such as, soups, baked beans, sauces and pasta. As well as, personal hygiene items, tooth-paste, toothbrushes, and nail clippers. These donations will serve the needs of people less fortunate in our community. Donation containers

are available at the parish. Thank you for your support

cepting any other items at this time.

The April 28th & 29th CWL SPRING GOOD USED CLOTHING now includes the Treasured Book & Jigsaw Puzzles Sale to their Spring venue. Book and puzzle donations are now being accepted, but we cannot accept magazines, text or reference books. Still being gratefully accepted are donations of men's, women's, children's clothing and shoes along with household linens. All items can be left on the marked carts in the hall closet area. Please note we are NOT ac-



DID YOU KNOW? Development and Peace-Caritas Canada is tackling the growing hunger crisis in **Somalia**. We are supporting projects promoting sustainable domestic food production in order to prevent future crises. Projects like these are essential in adapting to the growing effects of the climate crisis around the world. Please support the Share Lent Collection on March 26 or consider becoming a monthly donor at devp.org

#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

Sun Mar 12 - 11:00 am + Serafim Botelho Sun Mar 12- 4:00 pm + Serafim Botelho

Wed Mar 15 - 12:10 pm + Edi Di Bella

Fri Mar 17 - 12:10 pm Funeral Mass Joseph Murphy

Sun Mar 19 - 11:00 am + Albert Bossio Sun Mar 19 - 4:00 pm (Int.) Ken Mussato

#### A NOTE ON MASS INTENTIONS:

Dear Parishioners,

Please keep in mind, that presently we are unable to accommodate large numbers of Mass Intentions. Out of respect for others, please limit yourself to five intentions. We will attempt to get as close as possible to your requested date. The suggested stipend remains at \$10 and Mass cards are an additional \$1.00.

## FROM THE DIOCESE & OUR PARISH

#### **NEWS FROM THE CHANCERY**

- 1. We invite you to view the message from Pope Francis on victims of abuse. Please click HERE to view. Its truly heartwarming and under 2 minutes.
- Development and Peace invites you during this time of Lent to Stand for the Land.
  Bishop Gary encourages us to show our solidarity with those who defend the lands,
  waters and forests to sustain them, as well as the culture, identity and history.
  Donations for Share Lent can be done online through devp.org
- 3. Retrouvaille: The Retrouvaille program is for all married couples wanting to revive their marriages, even those who are already separated or divorced. Rekindle your spark, renew the sense of hope with your spouse. Visit <u>Retrouvaille</u> or <u>helpmymarriage.ca</u>
- 4. The Diocesan Archives is offering a series of informational and educational sessions to schools, parish communities, and other groups. Topics include the path to sainthood, relics, the missionary history of the Diocese, innovative ideas that have come from the Diocese, the role of women in the Church, and the future of faith communities. For more information, please visit <u>DIOCESAN ARCHIVES</u>

#### A NOTE FROM YOUR CATHOLIC STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Our final Movie Night at Multifaith on March 15 has been cancelled. Please join us for a fellowship Mass and meal event on March 18 at Holy Cross Parish. Mass is celebrated at 4pm followed by a lasagna themed meal at 5pm in the parish hall. All are welcome. Bring a friend(s). This concludes our term meals (before the Spring Banquet)! Many thanks are extended to the generosity of our dedicated parishioners who continue to prepare delicious meals for students. As the semester soon ends, we wish that God's continued strength, patience, perseverance, and endurance be upon all students as final papers, labs, presentations, and assignments are due in anticipation of April exams. If you are looking for something to do on Sunday March 19, a group of students will be gathering to watch, 'Jesus Revolution' at Silver City Cinemas. For any information please contact: Ifoch@rcdvictoria.org. Please continue to follow us at csa\_vic.

# Vocations To the Priesthood - Third Sunday Of Lent

"But the one who drinks of the water that I will give will never be thirsty." Do you thirst to know where God is leading you? Could you be thirsty for an understanding of your purpose? If God is calling you to serve Him as 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. Harrison Ayre: hayre@rcdvictoria.org

#### LIVESTREAM MASSES

**Live Mass broadcast this weekend!** Mass is livestreamed this week Sunday March 12th, from St. Patrick's Parish at 11:00 AM. https://www.youtube.com/c/StPatricksHolyCrossChurch

NEXT WEEK IN OUR PARISH								
Monday Mar 13	Tuesday Mar 14	Wednesday Mar. 15	Thursday Mar. 16	Friday Mar. 17	Saturday Mar. 18	Sunday Mar. 19		
On Mondays St. Patrick's Church and Parish	9:00am Mass at Holy Cross Parish Church Open for	Church Open for Prayer & Visitation Parish Office Open 11:00am to 3:00pm	9:00am Mass at Holy Cross Parish 9:00am Knights of	11:30am Stations Of The Cross 11:30am Confessions	St. Patrick's Church and Parish Office are Closed.	9:00am Mass at Holy Cross Parish 11:00am Mass at		
Office are Closed 7pm Holy Cross	Prayer & Visitation Parish Office Open 11:00am to 3:00pm	12:10 Mass  2pm - Knights of Columbus - Pick-up	Columbus - Meal Preparation Church Open for	12:10pm Funeral Mass for Joseph Murphy	4:00 pm Sunday Mass at Holy Cross	St. Patrick's Parish "Live Streaming"  Refreshments after		
Parish - Lenten Mission "Turn from Sin"	7pm -St. Patrick's Parish - Lenten Mission "Surrender to	meal packages 6:45pm Arbutus Singers	Prayer & Visitation Parish Office Open 11:00am to 3:00pm	Church Open for Prayer & Visitation Parish Office Open 11:00am to 3:00pm	5:00pm Couples for Christ - CLP Program	Mass 4:00pm Mass at		
7:00pm AA Peace	Love"	7pm Holy Cross Parish -	7:00pm AA Peace	3:00pm Divine Mercy	6:00pm Couples for Christ Choir	St. Patrick's Parish		
	7pm Toastmasters	Lenten Mission "Be the Light of Salvation" and		4:30pm St. Patrick's Day Mass				
	7:00pm AA Clue	Penitential Service		5:30pm St. Patrick's Parish Irish Dinner				
		7:00pm AA Peace		7pm CA Meeting				





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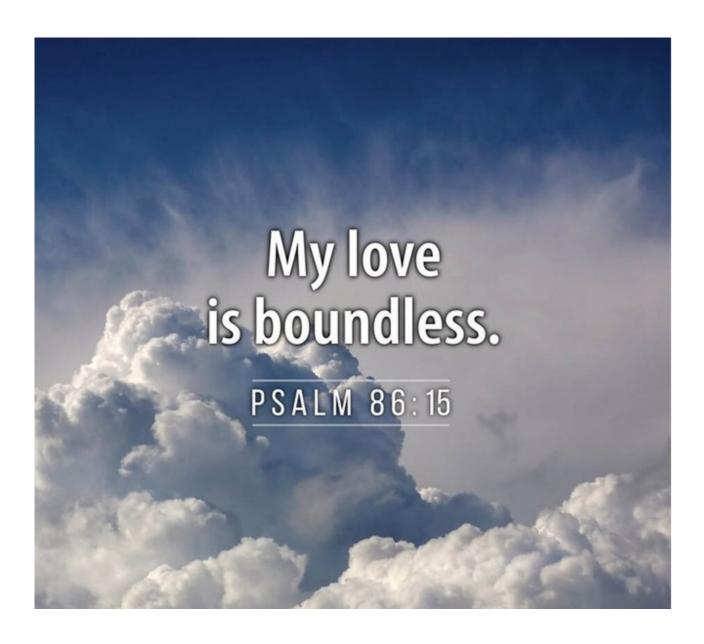




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