

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 15, 2026 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 16.1b, 6-7, 10-13 † 2nd Reading: Ephesians 5.8-14 † Gospel: John 9.1-41

THEME: CHRIST OUR SHEPHERD ILLUMINATES US AND HEALS OUR BLINDNESS

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Today is the Fourth Sunday of Lent. This Sunday, the Holy Mother Church exhorts to deepen our faith in Christ, our shepherd, who illuminates us and heals our blindness.

In today's gospel, Jesus restored the sight of a man born blind. Here Jesus proves that he cares for the well-being of his flock. This is mainly for the sick, the weak, and the marginalized. Again, today he broke another cultural and religious barrier to save the blind man. He healed him on a Sabbath day. Without minding about the consequences, he attended to the essential need of the blind man.

Jesus' disciples asked him: "*Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?*" From this question, it is evident that the notion was that all suffering was caused by sin. However, Jesus' response proved otherwise. This miracle remarkably revealed the power and glory of God.

The lessons we must learn from the man healed by Jesus include that the man was obedient to the instruction given to him: "*Go wash in the pool of Siloam,*" Second, we must be consistent with our words, faith, convictions, and the truth. Despite all the Pharisees' intimidation, the man remained truthful and firm without denying Christ. Instead, he insisted that it was Jesus that healed him. The good news is that Christ liberates and heals our spiritual blindness. Hence, we can confidently say: "*The Lord is my Shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.*"

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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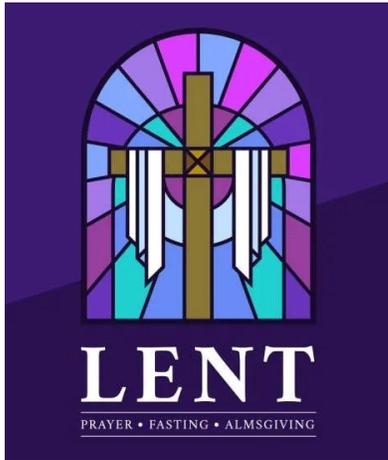
We acknowledge and respect the Lekwungen peoples on whose traditional territory St. Patrick's Parish stands and the Songhees, Esquimalt and WSÁNEĆ peoples whose historical relationships with the land continue to this day.

Report Sexual Abuse

Sexual Abuse Reporting to an Independent Reporting Agency 1-800-968-3146

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat March 14- 4:00pm + Lilly D’Cunha
Sun March 15- 11:00am + Edi Di Bella
Sun March 15- 4:00pm + Angelina Jose
Tues Mar 17- 12:10pm + Michael Redmond
Wed Mar 18- 12:10pm + Dan Harlow
Thurs Mar 19- 12:10pm + Florence & William Blake
Fri March 20- 12:10pm + Gary Mitchell



PARISH CONTACTS

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PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

Stations of the Cross & Lenten Meagre Meals

The groups/ministries providing meatless meagre meals at 6:00pm and leading Stations of the Cross at 7:00pm are as follows:

- **March 13th - Knights of Columbus**
(NO MEAL, only Stations of the Cross)
- **March 20th - Development & Peace and St. Vincent de Paul**
- **March 27th - Parish Council and Staff**



The Divine Mercy group will host Stations of the Cross at 3:00pm on Fridays during Lent but not on Good Friday.

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 sessions available to take a Baptismal Prep course are Saturday, March 28 or Saturday, April 25 (10:00am-12pm noon).

Please email hcsbp baptismalprep@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.

CWL Donations

The CWL will be holding the Spring Good Used Clothing, Jewelry & Books Sale on April 17th & 18th in the Lourdes Hall. We are now gratefully accepting donations of men's, women's, children's clothing and shoes along with household linens, jewelry, books & jigsaw puzzles. Items can be left on the marked carts in the hall closet area. Please note we are NOT accepting any other items at this time.

Contact Theresa Smith at tgsmith1225@outlook.com



2026 Bishop Thomas J. Lobsinger Bursary

Do you know of any young Catholic students who are planning to attend a post-secondary institution in BC in the fall? If so, please direct them to [this POSTER](#) to learn more about the 2026 Bishop Thomas J. Lobsinger Bursary.

Knights of Columbus St. Patrick's Council 7934

Food Drive for St. Vincent de Paul Society

After each Mass next weekend, **March 21st and 22nd**, the Knights of Columbus will be distributing paper grocery bags for a Food Drive to be held on the following Palm Sunday weekend.



The Knights are looking for donations of canned items including: **proteins (chicken, tuna, beans), vegetables, and fruits; hearty soups, stews, pasta, rice, and sauces; peanut butter and spreads; cereals and oatmeal.** All food donated will be given to the St. Vincent de Paul food bank Choices Pantry, at 833 Yates Street, which serves individuals and families in our community who are experiencing food insecurity. Monetary donations are also welcome and any cheques should be made out to: **St. Vincent de Paul Society.**

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



COLLECTIONS MARCH 8, 2026

Envelopes	\$	1,845.00
Loose Change	\$	698.55
Tiptap	\$	95.00
Bldg. Maint. Fund	\$	20.00
CanadaHelps	\$	67.30
PAD	\$	<u>5,444.00</u>
Grand Total	\$	8,169.85

FINANCIAL NEWS

	Mar 8, 2026	YTD
Received	\$8,169.85	\$62,417.39
Needed to cover expenses	\$7,685.00	\$84,535.00
Difference	\$484.85	-\$22,117.61

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

All are invited to attend a **Lent Reconciliation Service** at St. Patrick's Parish on **Tuesday, March 17th at 7:00pm**. In attendance there will be priests from various parishes from the Diocese of Victoria to hear confession. Please mark this date on the calendar for it is your opportunity to *reflect* and *renew* your hearts for your Lenten journey with Christ. Click here to [view the POSTER](#).



PASTORAL CARE

Barbara Shenton has been asked to assist Fr. Benson and the Parish Council with coordinating visits of trained Eucharistic Ministers to parishioners who are unable to come to Mass because they are homebound, in hospital, or in long-term care. We are looking for new volunteers to this ministry. Please contact **Barbara Shenton** at bjeens958@gmail.com for more information on how you too can become a bearer of the Eucharist.

DIOCESAN PERMANENT PASTORAL SYNOD

We are now into the second full year of this ongoing journey. Bishop Gary has said that this is a new way of being church – a church that listens, learns and walks together. SYNODALITY continues here at St. Patrick's and in the Diocese! All are welcome.

Through "**Conversations in the Spirit**" parishioners meet in a small group (4 – 6) to pray, listen to, reflect/pray about, and share their thoughts on a focus question that Bishop Gary and the Diocesan Synodal Team has developed. Notes taken on the consensus of what the Holy Spirit may be saying, are forwarded to a diocesan plenary session (Spring and Fall). Then the next focus question comes from the collective sharing and discernment the diocesan wide 'Conversations in the Spirit.' Bishop Gary is inviting us to be in Communion with, to Participate and to walk with him as he guides the church this Diocese.

Keefer Pollard and I will arrange and facilitate Conversations in the Spirit in the coming months. Please contact Barb Shenton at bjeens958@gmail.com if you and/or a few people from your group/organization would like more information. It is your chance to anonymously have your say! Facilitators: Diocesan Synod. - Barb Shenton

LIVESTREAM MASSES

Live Mass broadcast this weekend! Mass is livestreamed this week on Saturday, March 14th at Holy Cross Parish at 4:00pm. Click the link here: <http://www.youtube.com/c/StPatricksHolyCrossChurch>

NEXT WEEK IN OUR PARISH

<u>Mon March 16</u>	<u>Tues March 17</u> 	<u>Wed, March 18</u>	<u>Thurs March 19</u>	<u>Friday March 20</u>	<u>Sat March 21</u>	<u>Sunday March 22</u>
Church & Parish Office CLOSED	11am to 2:30pm Church & Office Open <i>Office closing early</i> 12pm Angelus 12:10pm Mass 7pm Lent Reconciliation Service 7pm Toastmasters	11am to 3pm Church & Office Open 11:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary 12:10pm Mass	11am to 3pm Church & Office Open 12pm Angelus 12:10pm Mass	11am to 3pm Church & Office Open 11:30am Confessions 12pm Angelus 12:10pm Mass 3pm - Divine Mercy Devotion 5pm Couples for Christ Youth Collective 7pm Stations of the Cross 7pm - CA Meeting	Church & Parish Office Closed 9am Couples for Christ Youth Family Culture Information 6:15pm Confessions 7pm Saturday Mass	11am Sunday Mass & Children's Liturgy <i>Coffee After Mass</i> 1pm Couples for Christ Kid Assembly 4pm Sunday Mass

Victoria Diocesan Bursary in Memory of Freda Smith

The Victoria Diocesan CWL Council is offering a \$750 bursary to a Catholic graduating high school student within the Diocese of Victoria. This bursary will be awarded to a student proceeding on to a form of higher education. Criteria and applications are available at the Parish Office, online at <https://cwldov.org/application> or from Audrey Thom, CWL Education Chair at aethom66@gmail.com. Deadline for applications is March 31, 2026.

Development and Peace: the Share Lent Collection

We can walk with our sisters and brothers in Brazil and other countries by donating to the Share Lent collection. Envelopes are available in the pews. Donate online at devp.org/give or during the Solidarity collection on March 21/22, the fifth Sunday of Lent. Your generosity helps support over 59 projects in 34 countries around the world! More details in the "On track for Justice" mini-magazine handed out last weekend, or at the entrances to the church.



NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE

Amanda Achtman's "**Dying to Meet You: A Tour of Hope**" has now concluded. Recordings are available online for:

March 4 Panel Discussion at St. Andrew's Cathedral: <https://www.youtu.be/iVlkLLvefLo>

March 5 Presentation at St. Patrick's Parish Victoria:

Part 1: <https://youtu.be/uwjtbP-U214> and Part 2: <https://youtu.be/DRYZ3k6XjBU>

March 22 is March 17 is **Solidarity Sunday**, an opportunity to support *Development and Peace – Caritas Canada* in its work with the poorest and most marginalized of our human family. **Bishop Gary has written a letter** to the people of the Diocese of Victoria, encouraging all to embody Christ's love through generosity and solidarity. To read Bishop Gary's letter, please visit <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/news/bishop-gary-gordons-message-for-share-lent-2026>

Everyone is invited to join in the celebration of the **Chrism Mass** on **Thursday, March 26 at 7:00 pm**. At this yearly liturgy, sacred oils are blessed and given to representatives from each parish in the diocese. These will be presented in each church on Holy Thursday and used during the coming year for Baptisms, Confirmations, and Anointings of the Sick. This year's Chrism Mass will be celebrated at St. Andrew's Cathedral in Victoria (740 View Street), and also livestreamed at https://youtube.com/live/4CstVRsmU_A

New videos are now available in the **Journey through Lent video series**. This series was designed by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops to help the faithful prepare for the Church's celebration of the Resurrection of the Lord on Easter Sunday. To view the videos, please visit: <https://www.cccb.ca/evangelization-catechesis-catholic-education/video-resources/journey-through-lent/>

All are invited to attend a **Lenten Reconciliation Service** on **Tuesday, March 24 at 7:00 pm** at St. Joseph the Worker Parish in Victoria (753 Burnside Road West). Priests from various parishes in the diocese will be in attendance to hear confession. We hope you will take this opportunity to let Jesus meet you with His mercy, healing, and love.

Early Learning Operator Opportunity – Our Lady of the Rosary Parish

Our Lady of the Rosary Parish in Langford, BC is seeking expressions of interest from qualified Early Learning / Child Care operators for a long-term lease of newly built space within our parish facilities. The successful proponent will operate a high-quality, licensed early learning program that is consistent with Catholic values and supports families in need in our community.

Interested organizations are invited to request the full Request for Proposals (RFP), which outlines space details, lease expectations, and submission requirements. Please contact the pastor, **Fr. William Hann** (whann@rcdvictoria.org) and include: "**Early Learning Operator RFP – Request**" in the subject line. The deadline for proposals is **March 31, 2026** at 4:00 pm PST. Read the [full RFP here](#).





LENT
Reconciliation

reflect & renew

Tuesday, March 17, 2026
Confessions at 7:00 pm

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