

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 17 2024 FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Consider today's gospel a wake-up call. We cannot save ourselves from the hour of our deaths. If it comes this day, or the next, what will you regret most? One focus during Lent is to reflect on our own death and to see our way through it. Today the gospel tells us about Jesus as he enters upon the final week of his life. Jesus' attitude facing his death was one of anguish, but not despair. Jesus accepted the inevitable rather than lust after glory or long life. He did not abandon his vocation or back down from what he knew God wanted. It was only by surrendering his life that he could draw all people to himself.

We should not have too much difficulty recognizing ourselves in the moving words of Jesus: "now my soul is troubled; ... When we have lived a bit, then we will also have stumbled every so often upon the harsh reality of human suffering, suffering with its many faces. Whatever form suffering takes, it is a fact, a brutal reality that we are confronted with either in ourselves or in people who are dear to us. It may be a long-drawn-out illness; it may be a sudden, premature death, it may be senseless suffering resulting from cruelty to others; it may be the breakdown of a relationship in which we had invested so much of ourselves.

"Save me from this hour. My soul is deeply troubled." That is the cry of Jesus when he comes face to face with the tragedy of his life and when he must enter the school of suffering. And he wonders aloud: "what shall I say?" It is a question that comes straight from the heart of someone who begins to taste the cruelty and bitterness of life, the inhumane features that mark life for many. It becomes even more paradoxical when we consider that it is Jesus who utters these words. His life had been marked by resisting every form of suffering and he knew himself called to be the healer of broken people. But despite his healing commitment he finds himself up against a power that will also claim him: the power of suffering and death. He learns firsthand the human situation of suffering and dying. He prays aloud and in silent tears. It is the instinctive reaction of people when confronted with suffering: "Save me from this hour."

But he does not stay there! The gospel today presses on. When Jesus is shaken by the thought of his immanent suffering and death he turns to God, he clings to him. Precisely at this moment, Jesus cannot and will not let go of God. He continues to believe that, despite contrary evidence, God is his life and his future. When all becomes darkness around him, he remains tuned into the God who has been the ground of his life-project. He pleads with God: "Father, glorify your name." Mysterious words, no doubt. Words by which we will continue to be puzzled and embarrassed. "Father, glorify your name." In these words, Jesus consents to the fact that in his suffering and death God will show his divine compassion for his people.

Jesus saves,

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: hcsbp baptismalprep@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

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

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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 MAR. 10, 2024

Envelopes	\$ 1,849.00
Loose Change	\$ 388.00
Building & Maintenance	\$ 50.00
PAD	\$ 2,318.00
Grand Total	\$ 4,605.00
Refugee Fund	\$ 100.00

FINANCIAL NEWS

	Mar. 10	YTD
Received	\$ 4,605.00	\$61,080.24
Needed	\$ 4,775.00	\$47,750.00
Difference	-\$ 170.00	\$13,330.24

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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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FROM OUR PARISH:

Prayer Reflection

Veneration of the saints, respect mingled with awe of these spiritual giants, is a recognition of the supernatural excellence of those who substituted their own ideas for those of Christ.

—James McGrath

Venerating the memory of the saints, we hope for some part and fellowship with them.

—Pope Paul VI, *Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy*

To live is to change, and to be perfect is to have changed often.

—Cardinal John Henry Newman

WORD OF THE WEEK - **Veneration**

Respect or awe inspired by the dignity, wisdom, or dedication of a person. Specifically, honour shown to Mary, the apostles, martyrs, saints, and others viewed as faithful witnesses to Christ by telling their stories, celebrating their feast days, praying for their intercession, displaying their likeness, and performing acts of devotions, including visits to shrines and pilgrimages to a holy site. **Veneration** is distinct from the homage we give to God. Our present culture too often celebrates the vulgar, the cynical, and the rude. **Veneration** is an exercise in humility as it honours those holy ones whose virtues invite us to reach higher, whose lives are signs of faithfulness and hope. From the Catechism of the Catholic Church: The Christian **veneration** of images is not contrary to the first Commandment which proscribes idols. Indeed, whoever **venerates** an image **venerates** the person portrayed in it. . . . Images [lead] us to God incarnate (2132).

Baptismal Preparation

Do you want to have your child welcomed into the family of God through baptism? To prepare you must complete a registration form and complete a Baptismal Preparation course. Please note that the next session for Baptismal Preparation is **Saturday, April 13th, 10:00 am – 12:00pm**. Please email hcsbp baptismalprep@rcdvictoria.org with your name and contact information. The coordinator will then contact you with more details about baptism.

Reconciliation Service

Father William invites all St. Patrick's and Holy Cross Parishioners to attend The Diocesan Reconciliation Service that will take place at St. Joseph The Worker Parish, **Wednesday March 20th at 7pm**. Several priest will be in attendance.

His Holiness Pope Francis Prayer Intention for the month of March 2024, is for the Martyrs of our day, witnesses to Christ.

Video link click here: <https://youtu.be/ov49RPt2ii8?si=Gh6B3RwpaPWlg1My>

The Flower Girls are requesting donations of flowers in memory of living or deceased family members or friends for the Easter altar. Easter lilies, daffodils, or tulips (yellow, pink, purple or white) in pots that are 6 inches or larger. Please place a card with the name of the family member or friend tapped to the pot, and bring the plant to the flower room from March 18th to March 30th.



Your support is greatly appreciated.

This Solidarity Sunday, Development and Peace-Caritas Canada's Share Lent campaign invites you to give generously and thanks you warmly for your generosity. **Your donation transforms the lives of some of our most vulnerable sisters and brothers across the world.** Eva Colque, a partner in Bolivia says "Development and Peace-Caritas Canada accompanies, supports and respects our institutional autonomy. It creates a climate of trust. I thank our sisters and brothers in Canada for their solidarity, a solidarity that generates life opportunities, that accompanies the dreams of women and men, of families, of communities and territories. **Thank you!**". Share Lent envelopes are in the pews, at the displays at the entrance to the church, in your envelope boxes, or give online at www.devp.org

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun Mar 17 - 11:00am + Daniel Curry
 Sun Mar 17 - 4:00pm + Betty Novak
 Wed Mar 20- 12:10pm + Betty Novak
 Fri Mar 22 - 12:10pm + Dimas Jacinto

St. Patrick's Knights of Columbus are requesting donations of large soup bowls. So if you do have large soup bowls that are just taking up space your cupboard, please consider donating them. Donations may be left in the cloakroom area off the lobby.



Your support is appreciated!

FROM OUR PARISH AND THE DIOCESE



K of C Bishop Thomas Lobsinger Bursary (\$1000): for postsecondary Catholic students in British Columbia up to the age of 25. Fourteen awards are available. Deadline for application requests is June 1, 2024. For more information, see: <https://kofcbc.org/bishop-lobsingerbursary-program>.

Recollections for men and women

An evening recollection for women will be held at Our Lady of Fatima Parish, 4635 Elk Lake Drive, on **Monday, March 18th** from 7pm to 9pm. It will be preceded by Mass at 6pm and confession at 6:30pm. An evening recollection for men will be offered on **Tuesday, March 19th** at Sacred Heart Parish, 4040 Nelthorpe Street, from 6pm to 8pm. It will be preceded by Mass at 5:15pm.



VICTORIA DIOCESAN BURSARY - IN MEMORY OF FREDA SMITH

The Victoria Diocesan CWL Council is offering a \$750 bursary to a graduating Catholic 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 cwldov.org or from Audrey Thom, CWL Education Chair at aethom@uvic.ca by March 31, 2024.

Sacred Heart Parish in Victoria (4040 Nelthorpe Street) will be holding a Lenten Retreat on Forgiveness and Reconciliation from March 23-27. It will be led by Fr. David Reilander, the president of Catholic Missions in Canada, and all are welcome. For more information, please contact the parish at sacredheart@rcdvictoria.org or 250-479-1611

All people of the Diocese of Victoria are invited to join in the celebration of the Chrism Mass on Thursday, March 21 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 Anointing's of the Sick This year's Chrism Mass will be celebrated at St. Andrew's Cathedral, also livestreamed at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CMGHYEro3bg>

Registration is now open for the Diocesan Youth Retreat. Since 2003, the DYR (formerly the Diocesan Youth Conference) has been the premier youth ministry event in the Diocese of Victoria. Grade 8-12 students and their chaperones are invited to the faith and fun-filled event, to be held on Friday, May 10 and Saturday, May 11 at Camp Imadene. For more information and to register, please visit <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/dyr> or see poster on our parish bulletin board.

LIVESTREAM MASSES

Live Mass broadcast this weekend! Mass is livestreamed this week, on Saturday March 16th from Holy Cross Church at 6:00 PM. Click the link here: <http://www.youtube.com/c/StPatricksHolyCrossChurch>

NEXT WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday Mar. 18	Tuesday Mar. 19	Wednesday Mar. 20	Thursday Mar. 21	Friday Mar. 22	Saturday Mar. 23	Sunday Mar. 24 <i>PALM SUNDAY</i>
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	9:00am Mass - Holy Cross Church	11:00am to 3:00pm Church Open for Prayer & Visitation Parish Office Open	St. Patrick's Church and Parish Office are Closed	
12:10pm Liturgy Of The Word With Communion	11:00am to 3:00pm Church Open for Prayer & Visitation Parish Office Open	12:10pm Mass - St. Patrick's Church	11:00am to 3:00pm Church Open for Prayer & Visitation Parish Office Open	11:30am Stations of the Cross, and Confessions	8:00am Couples for Christ	9:00am Mass - Holy Cross Church
7:00pm AA Peace	7:00om Toastmasters	7:00pm AA Peace	7:00pm AA Peace	12:10pm Mass - St. Patrick's Church	4:00pm Mass - Holy Cross Church	11:00am Mass - St. Patrick's Church "Live Streaming"
	7:00pm AA CLUE			3:00pm Divine Mercy		4:00pm Mass - St. Patrick's Church
				5:00pm Couples for Christ		
				7:00pm CA Meeting		



EASTER & HOLY WEEK MASS / SERVICE SCHEDULE St. Patrick's and Holy Cross Parishes

HOLY THURSDAY, March 28th

Holy Cross Parish 7:00pm *Livestreamed*
(No Mass At St. Patricks' Parish)

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE – March 29th

Stations of the Cross

St. Patrick's 9:00am
Holy Cross 11:00am

Good Friday Service

Holy Cross Parish 2:00pm
St. Patrick's Parish 4:00pm *Livestreamed*

SATURDAY, March 30th – EASTER VIGIL

Holy Cross Parish 7:45pm *Livestreamed*

SUNDAY, March 31st – EASTER SUNDAY

Holy Cross Parish 9:00am
St. Patrick's Parish 11:00am
(No 4:00pm Mass)

Note: Parish Office Closed on Friday, March 29th



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