

# 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 1, 2026 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

1st Reading: Genesis 12.1-4a † 2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 1.8b-10 † Gospel: Matthew 17.1-9

### THEME: WALKING TOWARDS OUR FUTURE GLORY

Dear Friends in Christ,

Today is the Second Sunday Of Lent. Through his transfiguration, Christ reveals to us the glory that would be ours if we remain faithful and triumphant. He encourages us to be strong and courageous in our journey this season of Lent.

In the first reading, God made a promise to Abraham and blessed him: "I will make you a great nation...I will bless those who bless you". What is the condition for these blessings to be fulfilled? Abraham had to respond to God's command and call effectively: "Leave your country for the land I will show you". In other words, his part of the covenant was to obey God's command by accepting this difficult mission. We are usually very fast to claim Abraham's blessings and glory. This is good. However, it is essential to note that the necessary condition for claiming this blessing is obedience to God's will and response to his call and mission for us. This is not easy. At times, it demands that one must leave behind something important. It may require one to do something more or to sacrifice. In short, responding to the call must make you "leave" your comfort zone. This is the condition for receiving Abraham's blessing. It is for those who remain steadfast to God's will and obey his commands.

Today's gospel is on the Transfiguration of Christ. Through it, Christ reveals himself and his future glory to us. Most importantly, with the transfiguration, Christ reveals one of the constants of human life to us. There is no life without death, joy without pain, and regeneration without destruction. So, to share in Christ's glory, we must first walk with him to Calvary. Also, if we want to share in Abraham's blessings and praise, we must instead be ready to "leave something" behind.

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: [hcsbpbaptismalprep@rcdvictoria.org](mailto:hcsbpbaptismalprep@rcdvictoria.org)

#### CONFIRMATION & FIRST COMMUNION

Please email: [mbristow@rcdvictoria.org](mailto: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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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.

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## MASS INTENTIONS

Sat Feb 28 - 7:00pm (Int) Josephine Mooney  
Sun March 1 - 11:00am + John Franklin  
Sun March 1 - 4:00pm + Kevin D'Cunho  
Tues Mar 3 - 12:10pm + Juliana Tauro  
Wed Mar 4 - 12:10pm + Serafim Botelho  
+ Elmira Botelho  
+ Elmira Botelho  
Thurs Mar 5 - 12:10pm + Bill Woods  
Fri March 6 - 12:10pm + Maurice Leduc

## PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

### Sacrament of Anointing the Sick on Friday, March 6th

On the *first Friday of each month*, Father Benson will administer the **Sacrament of Anointing the Sick** during the **12:10pm Mass**. The Catholic sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is a rite of healing and spiritual strength for those who are experiencing ailments (physically or mentally), facing surgery, or suffering from old age. This sacrament can be received more than once and is not exclusively for those at the point of death. It offers physical, spiritual, and mental healing, as well as peace and courage.



### St. Patrick's Irish Dinner

On Saturday, March 14th at 5:00pm, St. Patrick's parish will host their annual Irish Dinner. Proceeds of this annual fundraising event will go toward the Church roof repair. Tickets are **\$25/person** and are available for purchase at the St. Patrick's Parish office or after Sunday Masses.



### Stations of the Cross

During Lent, The Stations of the Cross will be held on Fridays at 7:00pm. On those Fridays the Lenten Meagre Meals (meatless) will be served at 6:00pm, prior to 7:00pm Stations of the Cross. As in the past various parish groups/ministries will provide a meatless meagre meals and lead The Stations of the Cross.

#### FRIDAYS:

**Feb 27 - Couples for Christ**

**March 6 - St. Patrick's School**

**March 13 - Knights of Columbus**

*(NO MEAL, only Stations of the Cross)*

**March 20 - Development & Peace and St. Vincent de Paul**

**March 27 - 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.



## PARISH CONTACTS

### Parish Council Chair:

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John Shenton  
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## 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](mailto:sp@cisdv.bc.ca)



### Special Event: Amanda Achtman on March 5th

Bishop Gary Gordon and the Diocesan Health Care Committee would like to invite you to a special event in our parish. Amanda Achtman—Ethics Education and Cultural Engagement Lead for Canadian Physicians for Life and founder of Dying to Meet You—will be with us to speak on her project, "**Dying to Meet You: Preventing Euthanasia, Encouraging Hope**", on Thursday, March 5 from 6:00- 7:00-pm. Through storytelling, beauty, and a deeply hopeful vision rooted in the dignity of the human person, Amanda invites a richer and more compassionate conversation about death and dying. The presentation will be livestreamed [at this link](#).

### Prayer for the Children Preparing for First Reconciliation at St. Patrick's Parish:

*"Merciful God, help us to ask forgiveness when we need to. Help us to forgive others who have wronged us. And let us be peacemakers in our school and in our family. We thank you for the gift of your forgiveness and love. Amen."*

We have 25 children preparing for their first reconciliation to be held this **Saturday, February 28, 2026 at 11:00am** at St. Patrick's with a reception to follow in the Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall. Thank you for keeping the children of St. Patrick's and Holy Cross in your prayers!

### Tax Receipts

Your St. Patrick's Parish and St. Vincent de Paul 2025 charitable giving tax receipts are now available for pick-up in the foyer near Lourdes Hall this weekend. Please note that the St. Vincent de Paul tax receipt envelope is attached to the back of your Parish tax receipt envelope. In order to help us save on the increased postage costs of letters, please consider picking up your tax receipt in person. Thank you.

**COLLECTIONS FEB 22, 2026**

Envelopes	\$	2,899.00
Loose Change	\$	661.55
Tiptap	\$	160.00
Bldg. Maint. Fund	\$	80.00
CanadaHelps	\$	164.05
PAD	\$	3,443.00
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>7,407.60</b>

**FINANCIAL NEWS**

	Feb 22, 2026	YTD
Received	\$7,407.60	\$49,184.89
Needed to cover expenses	\$7,685.00	\$69,165.00
Difference	-\$277.40	-\$19,980.11

**Change of date for Penitential Service at St. Joseph the Worker**

The Lent Penitential Service at St. Joseph the Worker Parish has been changed to **Thursday, March 24th** at 7:00pm.



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](mailto: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](mailto: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!

- Barb Shenton

Facilitators: Diocesan Synod

**LIVESTREAM MASSES**

**Live Mass broadcast this weekend! Mass is livestreamed this week on Saturday, February 28th at Holy Cross Parish at 4:00pm. Click the link here: <http://www.youtube.com/c/StPatricksHolyCrossChurch>**

**NEXT WEEK IN OUR PARISH**

<u>Monday March 2</u>	<u>Tuesday March 3</u>	<u>Wednesday March 4</u>	<u>Thursday March 5</u>	<u>Friday March 6</u>	<u>Saturday March 7</u>	<u>Sunday March 8</u>
Church & Parish Office CLOSED	11am to <b>2:30pm</b> Church & Office Open <i>Office closing early</i>  12pm Angelus 12:10pm Mass  7pm AA-Clue  7pm Toastmasters	11am to 3pm Church & Office Open  11:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary 12:10pm Mass  1pm CWL General Meeting  7pm AA-Peace	11am to 3pm Church & Office Open  12pm Angelus 12:10pm Funeral Mass for Maria Hendrix  4:30pm Amanda Achtman Presentation "Dying to Meet You"  7pm Knights of Columbus General Meeting  7pm AA-Peace	11am to 3pm Church & Office Open  11:30am Confessions  12pm Angelus & Anointing of the Sick 12:10pm Mass  3pm - Divine Mercy Devotion Social Event  7pm - CA Meeting	Church & Parish Office Closed  1pm Couples for Christ, Evangelization Program  6:15pm Confessions  7pm Saturday Evening Mass	11am Sunday Mass & Children's Liturgy Coffee After Mass  4pm Sunday Mass

**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. Thank you for your support! Contact Theresa Smith at [tgsmith1225@outlook.com](mailto:tgsmith1225@outlook.com)



### Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's work in a nutshell

Dignity, participation, solidarity, the preferential option for the poor and integrity. These are the values at the heart of the work of Development and Peace — Caritas Canada (DPCC), the official international development organization of the Catholic Church in Canada. Since 1967, we've been walking hand in hand with communities in the Global South to promote justice, peace and dignity.

Guided by Catholic Social Teaching, we support partner-led projects that reach over 7 million people in more than 30 countries around the world.

Watch this one-minute video for a glimpse of what this work of solidarity looks like. Next week we will hand out a mini-magazine for [more](#) info on our work.



### NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE

**Amanda Achtman** will be visiting the Diocese from February 26 – March 8 to present **Dying to Meet You: A Tour of Hope**. Find the full schedule of events here: <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/events/dying-to-meet-you>. Download the [Poster HERE](#). Ahead of the tour, the Diocese is seeking input from parishioners. All are encouraged to participate in this short survey: <https://forms.gle/8QRGCnUcGMQcyvKo9>.

St. Francis Xavier Parish in Mill Bay will be presenting the **Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops' Horizons of Hope: A Toolkit for Catholic Parishes on Palliative Care** on Thursdays in March, starting March 5 at 2:00pm. For more information and to register, please email [sfx@rcdvictoria.org](mailto:sfx@rcdvictoria.org) or call 250-743-1688.

Join the **40 Days for Life campaign** to support mothers and children by praying and fasting for an end to abortion. All are welcome to participate in the local vigil at the Helmcken Road Overpass from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm daily, February 18 – March 29. To learn more or sign up for prayer times, please visit: <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/victoriabc>

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops continues to offer their **Journey through Lent video series**. It is hoped that this video series will provide the faithful with additional opportunity to 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/>

### 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.

The leased area will include dedicated indoor classrooms, support spaces and an outdoor play yard, designed to meet current licensing and accessibility standards. Operators must demonstrate experience in early childhood education, a strong record of regulatory compliance, sound financial management, and a commitment to welcoming and inclusive services rooted in Christian compassion and respect for the dignity of every child and family. 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](mailto:whann@rcdvictoria.org)) and include: **"Early Learning Operator RFP – Request"** in the subject line.





St. Patrick's Parish

# Irish Dinner

A FUNDRAISING EVENT\*

Saturday, March 14<sup>TH</sup>

Enjoy a dinner of Irish Bread, Salad, Guinness Stew, Dessert, Coffee/Tea & Entertainment.

**TICKETS:**

\$25 per person

Available at St. Patrick's Parish Office or after Sunday masses.

Cash Bar

\* Proceeds to go towards the Church roof repair



\* A Special 50/50 Draw will be held to support fundraising efforts.

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