

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 22, 2026 FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

1st Reading: Ezekiel 37.12-14 † 2nd Reading: Romans 8.8-11 † Gospel: John 11.1-45

THEME: CHRIST THE RESURRECTION AND LIFE

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

When Jesus heard that Lazarus, his friend was ill, he remained for two days in the place where he was. So, was Mary not justified to be angry? Was Martha not right to blame Christ? "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died". Indeed, this is a normal human reaction to disappointment, misfortune, and distress. It comes from a truly broken heart. It is a genuine search for answers to the "whys" of life.

Dear brothers and sisters, sometimes, our loss could be so devastating and traumatic that we lose the capacity to see the other side of reality. This feeling can be so strong that we assume someone other than us must be held responsible. Sometimes, it makes us lash out even at those who help us, accuse them of negligence, irresponsibility, insensitivity, and being uncharitable. The same grief and trauma made it difficult for Martha and Mary to see the other perspective and reality of Christ as the Savior, the Resurrection, and Life. However, Christ helped them to see this by calming their nerves and pain. He attended to them, healed their broken hearts, restored their faith, and prepared them for the miracle of their life.

Is your heart broken for what and whom you have lost? God knows what that means to you. Do you seek answers to your whys? Take a break from your grief, pause, and let God speak because he has a message for your broken heart and traumatized body. Yes, God knows, sees, and will surely come. God is never late. Even if God comes late by our human reckoning, He will make all things new. If we believe like Martha, He will heal our brokenness and raise us by the power of the Holy Spirit as he raised Lazarus today.

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

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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Responsible Ministry:

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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.

Report Sexual Abuse

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat March 21– 7:00pm + Steven Ho
Sun March 22- 11:00am Pro Populo
Sun March 22- 4:00pm + Ho (Jacob) Huynh
Tues Mar 24- 12:10pm + Felix Barnable
Wed Mar 25- 12:10pm + Valerie Adamson
Thurs Mar 26 - 12:10pm
Fri March 27 - 12:10pm (Int) Tara Varghese



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 for March 27th will be the 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

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PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

St. Patrick's Parish

Holy Thursday April 2

MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

12:10 pm Mass Cancelled

7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday April 3

THE PASSION OF THE LORD

9:30 am Stations of the Cross

3:00 pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday April 4

THE EASTER VIGIL

8:00 pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday April 5

THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Mass at 11:00 am

Mass at 4:00 pm



Note: Parish Office will be closed from Friday, April 3 to Tuesday April 7, 2026.
The office will open again on Wednesday, April 8

Baptismal Preparation for the Parents

Is it your hope to have your child 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 hcsbpaptismalprep@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.



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, hydrangeas 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 24 to April 4. Your support is greatly appreciated.

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



Knights of Columbus St. Patrick's Council 7934 Food Drive for St. Vincent de Paul Society

After each Mass on the weekend of **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.**

COLLECTIONS MARCH 15, 2026

Envelopes	\$	2,215.00
Loose Change	\$	711.95
Tiptap	\$	60.00
Bldg. Maint. Fund	\$	225.00
CanadaHelps	\$	43.30
PAD	\$	1,028.00
Grand Total	\$	4,283.25



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



FINANCIAL NEWS

	Mar 15, 2026	YTD
Received	\$4,283.25	\$66,700.64
Needed to cover expenses	\$7,685.00	\$92,220.00
Difference	-\$3,401.75	-\$25,519.36

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

A CONVERSATION IN THE SPIRIT – TUESDAY MARCH 31ST

Come! You are warmly invited to a time of reflection and response for the next two questions, put forth by the Diocesan Permanent Pastoral Synod team and Bishop Gary. We will meet in the Gabriel Room from 2:30pm – 4:00pm. Please RSVP to bjeens958@gmail.com
Barb Shenton – Permanent Diocesan Pastoral Synod Facilitator

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.

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.

LIVESTREAM MASSES

Live Mass broadcast this weekend! Mass is livestreamed this week on Saturday, March 21st at St. Patrick's Parish at 7:00pm. Click the link here: <http://www.youtube.com/c/StPatricksHolyCrossChurch>

NEXT WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday Mar 23	Tuesday Mar 24	Wednesday Mar 25	Thurs March 26	Friday March 27	Sat March 28	Sun March 29
Church & Parish Office CLOSED	11am to 2:30pm Church & Office Open <i>Office closing early</i> 12pm Angelus 12:10pm Mass 7pm Toastmasters 7pm AA-CLUE	10am St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 11am to 3pm Church & Office Open 11:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary 12:10pm Mass 6:30pm AA Peace 7pm Social & Eco-Justice Meeting 7pm BC Railway	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 6:15pm Confessions 7pm Saturday Mass	PALM SUNDAY 11am Sunday Mass & Children's Liturgy <i>Coffee After Mass</i> 4pm Sunday Mass

Everyone is invited to join in the celebration of the **Chrism Mass** on **Thursday, March 26th** 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

All are invited to join Katesismong Pilipino for a **Filipino Mass** on **March 29th** at 7:00pm at St. Patrick's Parish. This Eucharistic celebration will commemorate Palm Sunday, remembering Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem and marking the beginning of Holy Week. Please [click to see poster](#).

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/>

Rachel's Vineyard on Vancouver Island is offering a safe and confidential retreat from September 11-13, 2026, for women and men seeking healing and peace after abortion. To learn more or register, please email rachelsvineyardvancouverisland@gmail.com. Please [click to see poster](#).

All are invited to join Fr. William Hann for the **Stations of the Cross** on Good Friday, April 3rd, 2026, at 11:00 am at Mount Tolmie. The Way of the Cross will begin at the bottom of the hill (Cedar Hill Cross Road at Gordon Head Road). For [more information, including a map](#) and the meditations that will be used, please visit www.rcdvictoria.org/stations

JOB POSTING: Assistant Director of Faith Formation and Evangelization—Parishes and Schools, Diocese of Victoria
The Diocese of Victoria is seeking an **Assistant Director of Faith Formation and Evangelization**. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to read the full job description.

JOB POSTING: Office Assistant, St. Andrew's Cathedral Parish

St. Andrew's Cathedral is seeking a full-time Office Assistant to provide comprehensive administrative and clerical support to the parish. We're looking for someone with a welcoming attitude and eye for detail, who can comfortably prioritize duties and work well under pressure. A detailed position description is available on our website: standrewscathedral.com or by email: saintandrewsoffice@gmail.com

Please [CLICK HERE](#) to read the full job description.



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



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St Pats - Creative Corner

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April 17th - 4 to 6pm
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