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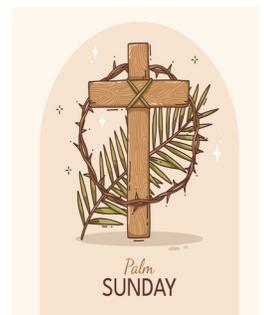
We gather as a welcoming community to worship,
grow in faith and serve as Jesus served.

MARCH 24, 2024 PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Palm Sunday marks our entrance into Holy Week, and the time of Jesus' Passion, and the most sacred time in our lives as Christians. The entire range of human emotions come into play in the readings today, evoking connections with those of us who have experienced loss, failure, misunderstanding, injustice, illness, temptation, abandonment, and betrayal, as well as courage in the face of danger and faithfulness in the face of even death. Here, dear friends, the entirety of humankind's religious and emotional sensibilities is presented in stark form. All the characters in the story run the gamut of humanity's fickleness. We meet good, bad, and confused people. There is the drama of love mixed with hate, friendships betrayed, greed, false accusations, denials, lying, pride, arrogance, tenderness, and compassion. Life is starkly presented here and deep down we prefer to identify with the courageous, non-violent Jesus, who draws us to him with a love that can only emanate from God Himself

The Passion narrative is so enthralling on its own terms it can be difficult to keep in mind that it is not simply a drama about the death of Jesus. Gospel stories are deliberately told in a way that always invites us to find our place in the story. So, *we, too, must choose*, Mark says with each comparison. Never is that more apparent than in the Passion account, where marvelous characterizations offer early church members—and modern ones, too—the opportunity to decide whether courage or cowardice will mark their own discipleship. On the Mount of Olives Jesus said three things would happen: His disciples would flee; one of his closest disciples, Peter, would deny knowing him not once but three times; and after his resurrection he would go ahead of his band of followers to Galilee. Put yourself in the shoes of Mark's original audience: "Would I have distanced myself from Jesus, both physically and spiritually? Would I have gone to Galilee with the hope of seeing him?" Then put yourself back in your own shoes and ask: "When have I run away from Christ? Where do I go to meet him? Those who leave the side of Jesus in the critical hour are truly naked and vulnerable. Mark asks us to contrast that image with that of Jesus, sitting at supper, saying, "Take it; this is my body." Take it, and never forsake it.

The story we have just heard invites us to identify with those who saw Jesus with the eyes of faith and love, who recognized the light of God in the darkness of Jesus' passion and death. When we look upon the passion and death of Jesus with such eyes, we see a divine love that is stronger than sin, a divine light that shines in all our darkness's, a divine power that brings new life out of all our deaths, a divine poverty that enriches us at the deepest level of our being. We have heard the story of Jesus' last journey told in the space of ten minutes. This Holy Week, the church invites us to travel that journey at a much slower pace, day by day as it were. We are invited to enter into that journey with the eyes of the anointing woman, the centurion, Joseph of Arimathea and the group of faithful women. We look beneath the surface of what is happening, we listen deeply to all that is taking place, so as to recognize the good Shepherd who laid down his life for us all, so that we might have life and have it to the full.



Let us walk slowly into Holy Week,
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: hcspbaptismalprep@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

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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. 17, 2024

Envelopes	\$ 1,945.00
Loose Change	\$ 593.05
E-Transfer	\$ 50.00
PAD	\$ 1,918.00
Grand Total	\$ 4,506.05
Share Lent / D & P	\$ 3,506.00

FINANCIAL NEWS

	Mar. 17	YTD
Received	\$ 4,506.05	\$65,586.29
Needed	\$ 4,775.00	\$52,525.00
Difference	-\$ 268.95	\$13,061.29

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FROM OUR PARISH:

[The Magi] saw the child with Mary his mother. They **prostrated** themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts.

—*Matthew 2:11*

In Hebrew, the root of the word for “dismayed” can also mean “**prostrate.**” That’s what dismay and fear do. They take the legs from under us.

—*Saint Mary's College of Oscott Seminary*

It is not as a child that I believe and confess Jesus Christ. My hosanna is born of a furnace of doubt.

—*Fyodor Dostoyevsky*

Word Of The Week - PROSTRATION

Lying face down in a ritual expressing humility, reverence, and submission. Used in the liturgy of ordination, it is also the posture assumed during the entrance ritual on Good Friday when priests and ministers proceed in silence and then reverence the altar before all assembled with a full **prostration**. Postures are powerful. We say much without saying a word. Genuflection and kneeling demonstrate respect. The Asian kowtow—kneeling while touching forehead to the ground—is a deeper display of reverence. The rare full **prostration** symbolizes total submission to God alone. The ultimate **prostration** of Jesus on the cross brings about our salvation. From the *Circular Letter Concerning the Preparation and Celebration of the Easter Feasts*: This act of **prostration** [on Good Friday], signifies both the abasement of “earthly man” and also the grief and sorrow of the Church.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

St. Patrick's Parish and Holy Cross Parish

Holy Thursday March 28, MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

7:00 pm Mass at Holy Cross Church - Livestreamed
(No Mass at St. Patrick's Church)

Good Friday March 29, HE PASSION OF THE LORD

Stations of the Cross

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

Celebration of the Lord's Passion

2:00 pm at Holy Cross Church
4:00 pm at St. Patrick's Church - Livestreamed

Holy Saturday March 30, THE EASTER VIGIL

7:45 pm at Holy Cross Church - Livestreamed

Easter Sunday April 9th, THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

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

Note: Parish Office is closed on Good Friday, March 29



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 or poster on bulletin board

Donations of flowers in memory living or deceased family members or friends are in great need for the Easter Sunday's 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.





FROM OUR PARISH AND THE DIOCESE

A reminder that the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops is offering a *Journey Through Lent* video series. Beginning on Ash Wednesday, and for each Sunday in Lent, a video has been shared the CCCB website featuring pastoral reflections based on the Readings for the Sunday Eucharistic Celebration. This series is meant to offer spiritual inspiration and guidance on how to prepare well for the Easter season. To view the videos, please visit <https://www.cccb.ca/evangelization-catechesis-catholic-education/video-resources/journey-through-lent/>.

In preparation for the 2025 Jubilee Year, Pope Francis has announced that 2024 will be a “Year of Prayer”. The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops invites all to participate in their webinar series, titled “A Great Symphony of Prayer”. Dr. Josephine Lombardi from St. Augustine’s Seminary will present two four-part sessions, one in April and one in October. The webinars will be recorded and made available after the completion of the final session; please register for at least one session if you wish to receive a notification when the recordings are available. For more information and to register, please visit https://cccb-ca.zoom.us/webinar/register/8017107746637/WN_E7HPS7PeQAOXnuBillt9Qg#/registration

Sunday, April 7, 2024 is Divine Mercy Sunday. Pope John Paul II established this special day, and urged the recitation of the Divine Mercy Novena, beginning on Good Friday. You can learn more about the Divine Mercy Novena and how to pray the chaplet of Divine Mercy at the following links: <https://www.thedivinemercy.org/message/devotions/novena> <https://www.thedivinemercy.org/message/devotions/pray-the-chaplet>

Fr. William has asked that you be made aware of a new training opportunity for parishioners of St. Patricks’ and Holy Cross Parishes. The opportunity relates to a program entitled, **Horizons of Hope: A Toolkit for Catholic Parishes on Palliative Care**. This Program offers valuable support for individuals and families faced with the struggles and difficult decisions involved in palliative care issues. Please consider attending this four week program that begins on Tuesday April 9th at 6:30pm at St. Patrick’s Parish. Registration will start at the beginning of April. To learn more about Horizons of Hope please visit links below: [2912651.fs1.hubspotusercontent-na1.net/hubfs/2912651/diocese_of_victoria_palliative_care\(1080p\).mp4](https://2912651.fs1.hubspotusercontent-na1.net/hubfs/2912651/diocese_of_victoria_palliative_care(1080p).mp4) [Horizons of Hope: A Toolkit for Catholic Parishes on Palliative Care - Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops \(ccb.ca\)](https://www.cccb.ca/Horizons-of-Hope-A-Toolkit-for-Catholic-Parishes-on-Palliative-Care)

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 Sunday, March 24th from St. Patrick’s Church at 11:00 AM. Click the link here: <http://www.youtube.com/c/StPatricksHolyCrossChurch>

NEXT WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday Mar. 25	Tuesday Mar. 26	Wednesday Mar. 27	Thursday Mar. 28	Friday Mar. 29	Saturday Mar. 30	Sunday Mar. 31
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	HOLY THURSDAY	GOOD FRIDAY	HOLY SATURDAY	EASTER SUNDAY
	10:00am Librarians At Work	11:00am St. Vincent de Paul Meeting	11:00am to 3:00pm Church Open for Prayer & Visitation Parish Office Open	OFFICE CLOSED		9:00am Mass - Holy Cross Church
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	7:00pm <i>Mass of the Lord’s Supper</i>	9:00 am <i>Stations of the Cross</i>	7:45 <i>Easter Vigil</i> Holy Cross Parish “Live Streaming”	11:00am Mass - St. Patrick’s Church
7:00pm AA Peace	7:00om Toastmasters	7:00pm BC Railway Historical Society	Holy Cross Parish- “Live Streaming”	4:00 pm <i>Passion of Our Lord</i> “Live Streaming”		(No 4:00pm Mass)
	7:00pm AA CLUE	7:00pm AA Peace	7:00pm AA Peace			

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