

# 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 26 2023 FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Today, March 26<sup>th</sup>, is the Fifth Sunday of Lent and today's scriptures tell us in several ways that we don't have to fear death, that every experience of death is with, and within God's spirit. The first reading by Ezekiel exclaims *thus says the Lord God: "I am going to open your graves and bring you up from your graves."* Paul writes in the second reading, *if the Spirit of God who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.* Psalm 130 reassures us that *with the Lord there is steadfast love and great power to redeem.* And finally, John's Gospel tells us the extraordinary story of the raising of Lazarus.

The account was written with many details; the message from the sisters to Jesus, the concern of the disciples to return to Bethany, the crowds gathering to mourn, Lazarus being in the tomb four days, and notably the faith of Martha and Mary. Both of the sisters expressed their sincere belief that if Jesus had visited Lazarus when he was ill, Lazarus would have lived. They had no doubts! It is clear that they witnessed many of the healings performed by Jesus during the past months. They listened to His words of love and mercy, His words on forgiveness and solidarity. Martha and Mary reflected on what they saw and heard, and their belief grew. We hear their voices two thousand years later and their faith inspires us. We, too, have witnessed God in our lives. We, too, have listened to His words. As we reflect on God's steadfast love and mercy, our own faith grows.

In the account of this miraculous happening are some of the most startling words expressed by Jesus. *I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.* This is the Good News; this is the fulfillment of our faith - this is preposterous!

Jesus knew we would have trouble accepting such a challenging concept and so that we might believe, He raised Lazarus who had been in a tomb for four days from the dead. Not even death can withstand the love and power of Jesus. He truly is the resurrection and the life. He truly is the way, the truth, and the life. He truly is *the Christ, the Son of God.*

How blessed are we to know and believe!

Tanya Taft

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.

### 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 [bshenton@rcdvictoria.org](mailto:bshenton@rcdvictoria.org)

### CONFIRMATION & FIRST COMMUNION

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

## COLLECTIONS MARCH 19TH

Envelopes	\$1,550.00
Loose Change	\$ 168.00
Capital Fund	\$ 85.00
PAD	\$1,843.00
CanadaHelps	\$ 206.40

**Grand Total \$3,852.40**

## FINANCIAL NEWS

	MAR 19	YTD
Received	\$3,852.40	\$54,752.95
Needed	\$4,700.00	\$56,400.00
Difference	-\$ 847.60	-\$1,647.05

## PARISH CONTACTS

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A big thank you to the Knights of Columbus and the Catholic Women's League for their fabulous Irish Dinner Party last Friday. Everyone had a great time, they enjoyed the delicious food, were entertained by Irish Dancers, and above all the happiness of once more being together!

## FROM OUR PARISH:

### Prayer Reflection

One truth stands firm. All that happens in world history rests on something spiritual. If the spiritual is strong, it creates world history. If it is weak, it suffers world history.

-Albert Schweitzer

No one can make the ascent without you, for you are our way, our truth, our life, our strength, our confidence, our reward. Be the way that receives us, the truth that strengthens us, the life that invigorates us.

-Saint Ambrose of Milan

I live each day to kill death; I die each day to beget life, and in this dying unto death, I die a thousand times and am reborn another thousand through that love from my people, which nourishes hope!

-Julia Esquivel

## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

St. Patrick's Parish and Holy Cross Parish

### Holy Thursday April 6th, MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Mass at St. Patrick's Parish - 7:00pm

### Good Friday April 7th, THE PASSION OF THE LORD

#### Stations of the Cross

St. Patrick's Parish - 9:00am

Holy Cross Parish - 11:00am

#### Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Holy Cross Parish - 2:00pm

St. Patrick's Parish - 4:00pm

### Holy Saturday April 8th, THE EASTER VIGIL

St. Patrick's Parish - 8:00pm

### Easter Sunday April 9th, THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Holy Cross Parish - 9:00am

St. Patrick's Parish - 11:00am *Please note there is no 4:00 pm Mass*



## Mark your calendar! Fashion Show with a Difference - Tuesday April 11<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm in the Hall. No charge. Everyone welcome!

Join the CWL ladies for a fun and informative fashion show featuring items available at our upcoming sale (April 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>). As we watch the models in their beautiful curated outfits, the Social & Eco Justice Committee will present interesting and thought provoking information about the origins and lifecycle of our clothes. Be entertained and educated while getting fashion ideas! Please see the attached poster for more details.

### EASTER PLANTS FOR OUR LORD'S HOME IN MEMORY OF OUR LOVED ONES:



The flower girls would appreciate donations of potted plants such as, daffodils, tulips, and Easter lilies in a variety of pastel colours (yellow, pink, purple) including white for Easter. 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 25th to April 4th.

Thank you for your generous donations,  
Edda Insley, Lorna O'Neill, Grace Dymarska and Carol Kittleson

### The April 28th & 29th CWL SPRING GOOD USED CLOTHING now includes the Treasured

**Book & Jigsaw Puzzles Sale** to their Spring venue. Book and puzzle donations are now being accepted, but we **cannot** accept magazines, text or reference books. Still being gratefully accepted are donations of men's, women's, children's clothing and shoes along with household linens. All 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. Theresa Smith, [theresasmith1225@shaw.ca](mailto:theresasmith1225@shaw.ca).



**MASS INTENTIONS**

Sun Mar 26 - 11:00 am (Int.) Helen McLellan  
 Sun Mar 26 - 4:00 pm (Int.) Theresa Smith and Dennis Smith  
 Wed Mar 29 12:10 pm + Serafim Botelho  
 Fri Mar 31- 12:10 pm + Serafim Botelho  
 Sun Mar 26 - 11:00 am Pro Populo  
 Sun Mar 26 - 4:00 pm Pro Populo

**Chrism Mass**

All people of the Diocese of Victoria are invited to join in the celebration of the Chrism Mass. 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 of the Sick. The Mass will be celebrated on **Thursday, March 30 at 7:00 pm at St. Peter's Parish in Nanaimo (301 Machleary St).**

**FROM THE DIOCESE & OUR PARISH**

**Thank You and A Welcome!**



We would like express our sincere appreciation to Barb Shenton for her years of dedication as Baptismal Preparation Coordinator at St. Patrick's Parish, and in recent years at Holy Cross Parish. Barb's commitment, devotion, and leadership in this role has been a blessing to both parishes and for this we are extremely thankful. Also, we would like to give a very warm welcome to Bev Pulyk, our new Baptismal Preparation Coordinator. Welcome Bev! We are definitely blessed to have you to take on this role, and we know that all families will be in good, knowledgeable, and faith filled hands.

**NEWS FROM THE CHANCERY**

March 28 – April 1 marks the one year anniversary of the Indigenous Delegation to Rome. As we reflect on our continuing journey of healing and reconciliation, we are happy to share some new resources on the Diocesan Indigenous Relations page (<https://www.rcdvictoria.org/indigenous>):

Archbishop Donald Bolen's presentations from the 2022 Diocesan Faith Days, "Seeking Truth, Healing & Reconciliation", are now available online in video and/or PDF format at <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/indigenous/seeking-truth-healing-and-reconciliation-with-archbishop-don-bolen>

The *Indigenous Voices of Faith* project has released a booklet featuring interviews with 12 Indigenous Canadians about their religious faith and its interaction with their culture. To learn more and to read the interviews, please visit <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/indigenous/indigenous-voices-of-faith>

**Did You Know** - Development and Peace-Caritas Canada funds a project in **Madagascar**, where our partner CDA, is helping residents transform one of the most vulnerable neighborhoods into an ecological village. Please support the Share Lent collection this weekend or consider becoming a monthly donor at [devp.org](http://devp.org)

**Vocations To the Priesthood - Fifth Sunday Of Lent**

"Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" Do you believe that your plan is God's plan? If God is calling you to serve him as a priest, deacon, sister or brother, contact Fr. David Hogman or Fr. Harrison Ayre, Directors of Vocations in the Diocese of Victoria.

**Fr. David Hogman:** [dhogman@rcdvictoria.org](mailto:dhogman@rcdvictoria.org)

**Fr. Harrison Ayre:** [hayre@rcdvictoria.org](mailto:hayre@rcdvictoria.org)

**LIVESTREAM MASSES**

**Live Mass broadcast this weekend!** Mass is livestreamed this week Sunday March 26th, from St. Patrick's Parish at 4:00 PM. Click the link here: <http://www.youtube.com/c/StPatricksHolyCrossChurch>

**NEXT WEEK IN OUR PARISH**

Monday Mar 27	Tuesday Mar 28	Wednesday Mar. 29	Thursday Mar. 30	Friday Mar. 31	Saturday Apr . 1	Sunday Apr. 2
St. Patrick's Church and Parish Office are Closed	<b>9:00am Mass at Holy Cross Parish</b>	10:00 - 11:30am Support Staff Meeting	<b>9:00am Mass at Holy Cross Parish</b>	11:00am to 3:00pm Church Open for Prayer & Visitation Parish Office Open	St. Patrick's Church and Parish Office are Closed.	<b>9:00am Mass at Holy Cross Parish</b>
7:00pm AA Peace	11:00am to 3:00pm Church Open for Prayer & Visitation Parish Office Open	11:00am to 3:00pm Church Open for Prayer & Visitation Parish Office Open	11:00am to 3:00pm Church Open for Prayer & Visitation Parish Office Open	<b>11:30am Stations Of The Cross</b>	<b>10:00am Baptism Preparation Class</b>	<b>11:00am Mass at St. Patrick's Parish</b>
	7pm SSVF Meeting Via Zoom	<b>12:10pm Mass</b>	7:00pm Knights of Columbus Executive Meeting	<b>11:30am Confessions</b>	10:00am CCO & CSA Year End Celebration	Refreshments after Mass
	7:00pm Toastmasters	6:45pm Arbutus Singers	7:00pm AA Peace	<b>12:10pm Mass</b>	<b>4:00pm Sunday Mass at Holy Cross "Live Streaming"</b>	<b>4:00pm Mass at St. Patrick's Parish</b>
	7:00pm AA Clue	7pm BC Railway Historical Society		3:00pm Divine Mercy Devotion	5:00pm Couples for Christ - CLP Program	
		7:00pm AA Peace		7pm CA Meeting		



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# **FASHION SHOW WITH A DIFFERENCE**

*Tuesday, April 11th*

*1:00pm in Our Lady of Lourdes Hall*

*Featuring Upcycled Fashions Curated from  
our Spring Collection of our Good Used Clothing Sale*

Presented by

Social & Eco Justice Committee

&

St. Patrick's Catholic Women's League

*\*CWL General Meeting to follow at 2:00pm*



**Everyone welcome  
to this free event!  
Join us for fun,  
fashion and  
interesting  
information about  
where our clothes  
come from**

Coming soon! The CWL Collection will be on sale

April 28th & 29th - 9:30am to 2:00pm