

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 29, 2026 PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

1st Reading: Isaiah 50.4-7 † 2nd Reading: Philippians 2.6-11 † Gospel: Matthew 26.14-27.66

THEME: HOSANNA TO OUR KING, JESUS CHRIST

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Today is Palm Sunday. On this Sunday, the Church celebrates the triumphant entry of Christ into Jerusalem to accomplish his Paschal Mystery.

The Gospel is from the passion narrative of Christ. It could be divided into three scenes: the arrest of Christ, his arraignment before Roman authorities, and his suffering and death. It is a narrative of both praise and betrayal. The journey that started with praises (Hosanna, Hosanna), eventually ended with castigation (crucify him, crucify him). However, at both ends, God is still at work and in control because: "we know that in all things, God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose" (Rom 8, 28). The humility that Christ demonstrated today is contrary to the arrogant display of wealth and firm by today's rulers and leaders.

The passion narrative of Jesus Christ is very crucial to our understanding of the true nature of Christ. It presents us with the nature of Christ as a true man. He suffered and died like every other human being. Yet this did not diminish the fact that he is Lord and God. Through his passion, he has become our role model, while his cross has become our symbol of hope and salvation. Before seeing Christ as the glorious Lord of Easter, first, we must think of him as the wounded, and crucified Christ.

Finally, as we sing hosanna, hosanna today, let us ask God to keep us faithful till we sing the great alleluia to the glory of the risen Christ at Easter.

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: 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

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 28- 7:00pm (Int) MacKenzie Mooney
Sun March 29- 11:00am + Arlene Billey
Sun March 29- 4:00pm + Wayne Hatch
Tues Mar 31 - 12:10pm + Gus & Francis Galgay
Wed April 1- 12:10pm + Serafim, Fernando & Elmira Botelho
Thurs April 2 - 12:10pm + Kevin D' Cunha
Fri April 3 - 12:10pm The Passion of the Lord

Ushers Needed for

all Weekend Masses:

Ushers are urgently needed for all weekend Masses at 7pm, **11am** and **4pm**. Training will be provided for this easy but rewarding parish ministry. Please contact the office by phoning 250-592-7391 or by emailing: stpat190@telus.net

PARISH CONTACTS

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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



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 8th.

REMINDER FOR FAMILIES - QUIET SPACE DURING MASS

As a reminder that for Saturday and Sunday Masses the Reconciliation Room will be open and available for families who *need a quiet space for infants and young children*.

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 hcsptbaptismalprep@rcdvictoria.org - the coordinator will then contact you with more details about baptism and forward you the baptism registration form.



The Flower Girls are in need of 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.



Knights of Columbus St. Patrick's Council 7934

Palm Sunday Weekend Food Drive for St. Vincent de Paul Society

After each Mass during the Palm Sunday weekend, the Knights will be collecting 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 in the form of cheques made out to: **St. Vincent de Paul Society.**

COLLECTIONS MARCH 22, 2026

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| Envelopes | \$ | 2,215.00 |
| Loose Change | \$ | 731.65 |
| Tiptap | \$ | 140.00 |
| Bldg. Maint. Fund | \$ | 60.00 |
| CanadaHelps | \$ | 144.75 |
| PAD | \$ | 3,398.00 |
| Grand Total | \$ | 6,689.40 |

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| Development & Peace - Share Lent | \$ | 4,009.50 |
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FINANCIAL NEWS

| | Mar 22, 2026 | YTD |
|--------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Received | \$6,689.40 | \$73,390.04 |
| Needed to cover expenses | \$7,685.00 | \$99,905.00 |
| Difference | -\$995.60 | -\$26,514.96 |

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



CWL GENERAL MEETING – Wednesday April 1st at 1pm in Our Lady of Lourdes Hall. There will be a guest speaker from the Oak Bay Volunteer Services who will talk about the work they do. Bring a bag lunch. Coffee, tea and desserts provided. *All ladies welcome!*

Our CWL Spring Good Used Clothing, Jewellery & Books Sale is on April 17th & 18th. We still need **donations of good clean used clothing (men's, women's, children's), shoes, accessories, linens, jewellery, books & jigsaw puzzles.**

Please leave items on the carts in the hall.



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

A VERY BIG THANK YOU to the **Knights of Columbus**, the **Catholic Women's League**, and the **Grade 7 Students from St. Patrick's School** for their fabulous Irish Dinner Party that was held on Saturday, March 14th. Everyone had a great time, they enjoyed the delicious food, were entertained by the St. Patrick's School Choir and Irish Dancers, and above all the happiness of being together!



Tickets on sale for Arbutus Singers Spring Concert

The Arbutus Singers will perform their Spring Concert on **Wednesday, April 29th from 7:30-9:00pm** at St. Patrick's Parish. Tickets are **\$20 each** or **\$50 for a Family Pack**. Purchase from an Arbutus Singers member, or call Julie at **250-384-2840**.

Proceeds to support Choir Kids.



LIVESTREAM MASSES

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

NEXT WEEK IN OUR PARISH

| Mon. March 30 | Tues. March 31 | Wed. April 1 | Thurs April 2 | Fri. April 3 | Sat April 4 | Sun April 5 |
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| HOLY WEEK | 11am to 3pm Church & Office Open | 11am to 3pm Church & Office Open | HOLY THURSDAY | GOOD FRIDAY | HOLY SATURDAY | EASTER SUNDAY |
| Church & Parish Office CLOSED | 12pm Angelus 12:10pm Mass | 11:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Rosary 12:10pm Mass | 11am to 3pm Church & Office Open | Church & Parish Office Closed | Church & Parish Office Closed | 11am Mass The Resurrection Of The Lord |
| | 2:30pm Conversation With the Spirit | | 12pm Angelus & Mass Canceled | 9:30am Stations Of The Cross | | <i>Coffee After Mass</i> |
| | 6pm Couples for Christ Choir Practice | 1pm CWL General Meeting | | 3pm The Passion Of The Lord | | 4pm Mass The Resurrection Of The Lord |
| | 7pm Toastmasters | | 7pm Mass of The Lord's Supper | | 8pm The Easter Vigil | |
| | 7pm AA - CLUE | 6:30pm AA Peace | | | | |

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](#).

Times and locations of Holy Week and Easter services across our Diocese are available on our website at: <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/events/2026-holy-week-mass-times>

You're invited to support Help Not Harm, a campaign organized by the Archdiocese of Toronto to push back against plans currently in place to expand euthanasia (Medical Assistance in Dying – MAiD) for those suffering from mental illness. Visit HelpNotHarmCanada.ca where you can e-mail your Member of Parliament, asking for their support of Bill C-218: The Right to Recover Act before the anticipated vote in the House of Commons in mid-April 2026.

The final video from the video series Journey through Lent is now available. 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/>

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.

Baskets are now being planted for Mount St. Mary's Hospital

Last year proceeds from 75 baskets and other plants helped the hospital care for many people. While all costs (except labor) have increased, prices remain the same. Of course, extra cash donations are still accepted. In addition to baskets, we have lettuce, squash, tomatoes, geraniums, lemon-scented pelargoniums and daisies available. PLEASE ORDER ASAP, as we sold out last year. To order, call Ellis at 250-477-6754. Thank you for supporting the hospital! Ellis will plant your pots and containers. If you prefer, cash donations will be delivered to Ukrainian Church for war effort support.



Anawim Board Recruiting

Are you passionate about giving back to your local community? Are you interested in making a difference in the lives of people who need healing, support, love, dignity and respect? The Anawim Companions Society is more than a charity; it's a living community where compassion ignites transformation and dignity is restored through countless moments of kindness and care.



The Anawim Companions Society is seeking passionate, strategic, creative leaders with strong business acumen to join our Board of Directors. As a volunteer member, you will play a key role in supporting the strategic direction, ensuring compliance and financial sustainability, and enhancing the community profile of Anawim House and Susan's Place as they continue to grow and evolve. Check out the website for more information: www.anawimsociety.ca. We are currently looking for individuals with varied experience to fill three roles: (1) Financial Governance & Treasurer, (2) Chair and (3) Fund Development and Major Gifts Director.

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