

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 31, 2024 THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD, EASTER SUNDAY

Alleluia! Alleluia! *I have seen the Lord!* The words of Mary Magdalena echo through the centuries into our hearts and minds. Her joyous words point us to a changed reality. After the suffering and execution of Jesus, this jubilant proclamation by Mary pierces through darkness and despair. *I have seen the Lord!* Jesus had been raised from the dead! Nothing like this had ever happened before in the known history of humanity. Jesus had raised Lazarus and a little girl from death during his ministry, but as far as we know Lazarus and the little girl lived into old age, and pass away in the natural cycle of life. The resurrection of Jesus was different! Jesus was transformed! He walked through walls, appeared and disappeared instantly, not limited by his physical body. Jesus was alive and he had conquered death for all people. The beautiful liturgy of the Easter Vigil reminds us that the story of our redemption started in Genesis, the creation story, the Big Bang. *In the beginning was the word and the word was with God and the word was God.* (John 1:1) In the quiet of Easter morning, stillness swept over the earth as the word was fulfilled; love triumphed over sin and darkness, over pain and death.

We now live with hope and faith in a love so all-embracing that we trust that we will be treasured and loved throughout eternity. Jesus dies on the cross to reveal the deep love of God for each of us and the resurrection completed and deepened the revelation. God loves us! God loves us so much! We cannot comprehend it. *I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord.*

The glorious happening on Easter morning was not observed. There were no witnesses at the resurrection, in contrast to Friday when hundreds were present at Jesus' death, the sky darkened, and the world shuddered. However, though quiet, the resurrection was not hidden. The Gospels are filled with accounts of Jesus appearing after his resurrection to many believers in different situations. *God allowed (Jesus) to appear, not to all people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses.* These witnesses announced the good news of unending love and mercy for all people. Our caring and compassionate God wants us to know, that after all the suffering Jesus was resurrected. God wants us to know that the resurrection of Jesus signifies our resurrection future. We can be filled hope and joy knowing that God is love and the despite the troubled world we live in, love has and will continue to triumph over war, hunger, despair and death. Alleluia! Alleluia! *I have seen the Lord!*

Tanya Taft



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: hcsbpaptismalprep@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

Pastor: Fr. William Hann

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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.

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For information on registrations for 2023/2024 school year, please contact the school.

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FROM OUR PARISH:

God made us for joy. God is joy, and the joy of living reflects the original joy that God felt in creating us.

—*Saint John Paul II*

The joy of the gospel is for all people: no one can be excluded.

—*Pope Francis*

The story of Easter is the story of God's wonderful window of divine surprise.

—*author Carl Knudsen*

Word Of The Week - OCTAVE

From the Latin for "eighth," a group of eight; in music, the eighth note; in the liturgical year, an eight-day celebration of the highest-ranking feasts, or solemnities, of Christmas and Easter. The **Octave** of Easter is followed by the Easter season, which lasts 50 days and ends with the feast of Pentecost. During the eight days that make up the **Octave** of Easter, the liturgy never ceases to remind us of the great mystery of the Resurrection of Christ! The Easter Season is determined by the eight weeks it takes to get from the Resurrection to Pentecost. In Lent, we embrace penitential practices in anticipation of Jesus' Resurrection. What happens next is nothing less than the birth of the church. Easter itself is an **octave**, or eight-day feast. In liturgical practice, the **Octave** of Easter is like a week of Easters as we light the Paschal candle, sing the Gloria, and continue to contemplate the wonder that death has a door. Jesus passed through it, and so will we. Is a week too long to ponder this? Today you witness something that opens your eyes to the power and glory of God's love in a way no other event could. Jesus raised from the dead! How is it possible? Only through the love of God, which makes all things possible. Spend this glorious day in fascination at the miracle you are witnessing. After Easter, Jesus continues to appear, teaching them more about God's kingdom for 40 days, a sacred number symbolizing completeness. Then Jesus returns to his Father in the Ascension. The disciples devote themselves to prayer from that hour until Pentecost, when the Spirit comes, and the church is launched into prime time. What should we be doing from Easter through Pentecost? Imitating the disciples: celebrating, contemplating, learning, and praying to prepare for the mission ahead. Continue to keep your eyes and heart open, and you will see that God never tires of loving you and raising you up. What a miracle!

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

St. Patrick's Parish and Holy Cross Parish

Good Friday March 29, THE 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 - Livestreamed

(No 4:00 pm Mass)



Baptismal Preparation

Do you want to have your child welcomed into the family of God through baptism? To prepare you must complete a registration form and complete a Baptismal Preparation course. Please note that the next session for Baptismal Preparation is **Saturday, April 13th, 10:00 am – 12:00pm.**

Please email hcsbaptismalprep@rcdvictoria.org with your name and contact information. The coordinator will then contact you with more details about baptism.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun. Mar 31 - 11:00 am Easter Sunday
 Sun. Mar 31 - 4:00pm No Mass
 Wed April 3 - 12:10pm + Serafim, Fernando,
 & Elmira Botelho
 Fri April 5 - 12:10pm + Michael McCaffrey

FROM OUR PARISH AND THE DIOCESE



CWL General Meeting will take place this **Wednesday, April 3rd at 1:00pm** in Our Lady of Lourdes Hall. Bring your own bag lunch and we will provide tea, coffee and dessert. Ladies, if you're thinking about becoming a member, you are most welcome to join us and check us out! We'd love to have you!

Calling All Men! St. Patrick's Council of the Knights of Columbus is inviting you to an evening session of **Cor on Thursday, April 4, 8:00 p.m. in Our Lady of Lourdes Hall.** Cor (Italian for heart) is a program of intentional prayer, faith formation and fellowship for men. Come join us as we watch a video by Father Casey Cole as he describes what the church is and does. Based on Avery Dulles' *Models of the Church*, this presentation promises to spark lively discussion. Come join a band of brothers as we grow together in faith and fellowship.

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>

Horizons of Hope - A Toolkit for Catholic Parishes

Fr. William has asked that you be made aware of a new training program opportunity for parishioners of St. Patrick's and Holy Cross Parishes. The program is entitled, **Horizons of Hope: A Toolkit for Catholic Parishes on Palliative Care.** It 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 this Sunday, March 31st after 11am Sunday Mass. The Horizon of Hope Coordinator will be in the lobby next Lourdes Hall to answer any questions and to take registrations. To learn more about Horizons of Hope please visit links below:

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[Horizons of Hope: A Toolkit for Catholic Parishes on Palliative Care - Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops \(ccc.ca\)](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 Easter Sunday, March 31st 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 April 1	Tuesday April 2	Wednesday April 3	Thursday April 4	Friday April 5	Saturday April 6	Sunday April 7
St. Patrick's Church and Parish Office are Closed 7pm AA Peace	9am Mass - Holy Cross Church 10am Librarians At Work 11:00am to 3:00pm Church Open for Prayer & Visitation Parish Office Open 7pm Toastmasters 7pm AA CLUE	11am to 3pm Church Open for Prayer & Visitation Parish Office Open 12:10pm Mass - St. Patrick's Church 1pm CWL General Meeting 7pm AA Peace	11:00am to 3:00pm Church Open for Prayer & Visitation Parish Office Open 7pm Knights of Columbus General Meeting 8pm Knights of Columbus - COR Program 7pm AA Peace	11am to 3pm Church Open for Prayer & Visitation Parish Office Open 11:30am - Confessions 12:10pm Mass - St. Patrick's Church 3pm Divine Mercy 6pm Couples for Christ Choir Practice 7pm CA Meeting	St. Patrick's Church and Parish Office are Closed 8:45am Arbutus Singers 4pm Mass - Holy Cross "Live Streaming"	9:00am Mass - Holy Cross Church 11:00am Mass - St. Patrick's Church 3pm Catholic Christian Outreach - Fund Raising Event 4pm Mass - St. Patrick's Parish



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