

# 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.

## MAY 14, 2023 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Today's Gospel picks up where last Sunday left off. John shows Jesus to be at his "tender-best." Jesus deals with the indwelling of the Father, Son, and Advocate in the life of the Christian. As the Church nears the Great Feast of Pentecost, Jesus reminds us that the Spirit of truth is at work in the world, in the church and in us. That is important for us to remember. For the disciples, as for us, being a follower can get difficult. Just like the early disciples who lived and proclaimed Jesus Christ during tough times, each of us will maneuver in our own way to proclaim the liberating power of the Gospel. For some of us, it may take a little longer; others may be stifled and afraid. However, each of us is called to build Christian community in unity and in love.

Today when St. Peter gives all of us evangelists our marching orders, "*Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting of the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence.*" This sense of trust is what Peter holds up to the believers in the infant church. What faith! We Catholics tend to be leery of words like "testimony" and "witness" when it comes to the business of sharing our faith with others. We may prefer to keep our profession of faith in a more formal key: say, with a group recitation of the Apostles' or Nicene Creed. Many of us may feel ill-equipped to give a defense of the faith in the debate style known as apologetics. Yet each of us should be prepared to give the reason for our hope to anyone who asks. What keeps us faithful? And how does what we believe influence who we are becoming?

Christians are a hopeful people—an Easter people, if you will. In encouraging young people to hold on to hope, Pope Francis advises: "Dream of a world still not seen but will certainly come one day. Think of those who sailed oceans, scaled mountains, conquered slavery, or made life better for people on earth." Hope allows us to trust in Christ's promises that his Holy Spirit lives within us, that our lives have purpose, and that we can make a difference. Start small. As Saint Augustine advises: "You aspire to great things? Begin with little ones."

"*The gift and presence of the Holy Spirit is the most magnificent and wonderful thing that can happen to us, the human community, all living things, and this earth,*" wrote German theologian Jürgen Moltmann. The disciples did not see it that way at first. They were filled with grief when Jesus told them He would soon be departing from them. They did not understand the gift they were about to receive in the Holy Spirit, the Advocate that Jesus promised to send upon His departure. An advocate "pleads the cause of another," "supports or promotes the interests of another." When the going gets tough, it is nice to know we have one at our side. We have Jesus to thank for the Advocate—let us do so today. The Swiss theologian Hans Küng wrote that "*I relied on and believed in the Spirit of Jesus Christ, who is alive today ... and to know that in everything, in all happiness and unhappiness, we are sustained by God.*"

Fear not  
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 [hcsbaptismalprep@rcdvictoria.org](mailto:hcsbaptismalprep@rcdvictoria.org)

### CONFIRMATION & FIRST COMMUNION

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

We acknowledge and respect the Lekwungen peoples on whose traditional territory St. Patrick's Parish stands and the Songhees, Esquimalt and W̱SÁNEĆ 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 MAY 7**

Envelopes	\$2,818.00
Loose Change	\$ 420.00
PAD	\$4,437.00
Capital Fund	\$ 415.00
E- Transfer	\$ 50.00
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$8,140.00</b>

Awawim House for Women	\$ 500.00
Needs of the Church in the Holy Land	\$ 250.00

**FINANCIAL NEWS**

	<b>May 7</b>	<b>YTD</b>
Received	\$8,140.00	\$91,854.51
Needed	\$4,700.00	\$89,300.00
Difference	\$3,440.00	\$2,554.51

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**FROM OUR PARISH:**

**Prayer Reflection**

He will provide the way and the means, such as you could never have imagined. Leave it all to Him, let go of yourself. Lose yourself on the Cross, and you will find yourself entirely.  
 -Saint Catherine of Siena

You will ask me how I know his presence. Because he is living and active: Scarcely had he entered me than he awakened my slumbering soul.  
 -Saint Bernard of Clairvaux



**Garden Babies for Birthright Plant Sale:**

Birthright's Annual Plant Sale is almost here! Please bring your plant donations to the Parish Hall from 3 - 5 PM Friday, May 19. Then bring yourself and a friend to buy some beautiful plants at great prices on May 20. We've got all the usual plants this year, plus some lovely flowering baskets and basket stuffers! Please see our Plant Sale Poster for more details.

**LIBRARY UPDATE:**

- Our library is being updated and a catalogue prepared which will be online and you will be able to search by title and category/topic. In the meantime, you are welcome to borrow books from the table in the foyer on Sundays after the 11 am and 45 pm Mass.
- Volunteers are needed before and after each Sunday Mass to be responsible for the book table in the foyer. Interested? Please contact the office.



**Message from Bishop Gary Ordination to the Diaconate - Joseph Yuson**

It is with great joy that I announce, after consulting with the Diocesan Consultors, that Mr. Joseph Yuson, a seminarian for the Diocese of Victoria, presently in formation at St. Joseph's Seminary in Edmonton, Alberta, will be ordained to the Order of the Deacon on Saturday, July 8, 2023 at 10:30 am at Holy Family Notre Dame Parish in Port Alberni. All are welcome. *Your prayers for Joseph and his intentions are appreciated as he prepares to mark this important milestone in his life.*

Please consider joining Mary-Anne Neal for an interactive presentation about her spiritual encounter with the Indigenous people in the remote Sahtu region of the Northwest Territories. Listening to the whispers of the Holy Spirit, Mary-Anne followed the call to these communities in 1971 and returned to the Arctic from 2015 - 2020. The arc of her fifty-year journey with the Dene is testimony to the beauty of God's plan for each of us. The presentation will be held **after 6:00 Mass on Wednesday, May 31**, in the basement of St. Joseph the Worker Parish on Burnside and Mackenzie. You can also learn about Mary-Anne's adventure in her best-selling spiritual memoir, *Under the Midnight Sun: Journey with the Sahtu Dene*. <https://www.maryanneneal.com/>

**2023 Father Leo Roberts Bursary**

**Eligibility Requirements:**

- An individual facing family difficulties / financial hardship.
- Who has a strong academic marks, and experience in church, community involvement, and volunteer work.
- Who is a full time student at Post Secondary institution/ college or trade school.
- A practicing catholic involved in the Greater Victoria parish community. Preference will be given to parishioners.

**Scholarship:** \$2000 per year. Scholarship will be renewed for up to three additional years based on the financial hardship and need of Holy Cross Parish and St Patrick's Parish.

**Essay:** Write a one page essay (maximum 200 to 250 words) stating your career objectives, your accomplishments, your community, volunteer involvement and why you need financial assistance.

**Deadline:** Thursday, June 9, 2023

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Sun May 14 - 11:00 am + Cecilia Ho  
 Sun May 14 - 4:00pm + Linda Halajszyn  
 Wed May 17 - 12:10pm + Jack Hughson  
 Fri May 19 - 12:10 pm + Alice McFarlane  
 Sun May 21 - 11:00am + Elizabeth Ho  
 Sun May 21 - 400 pm + Alexandra & Juan Carlos Moguel

**FROM THE DIOCESE & OUR PARISH**

**NEWS FROM THE CHANCERY**

**National Family & Life Week, May 7 - 14, 2023**, is an invitation from the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops to the faithful in Canada to celebrate the joy and beauty of family and life. Please visit: <https://www.cccb.ca/faith-moral-issues/family-and-life/national-family-and-life-week/>.

**The Diocesan Family Camp & Conference:** May 15th is early bird registration. The camp takes place in Nanoose Bay Camp from August 17 - 20. All types, ages, size of families are welcome! For more information please visit: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/9th-diocesan-family-conference-august-2023-tickets-593430365197>

**Returning to Spirit** is offering the Roots of Reconciliation workshop from Monday May 29th - Thursday June 1, 2023 at Holy Cross Parish in Victoria. This workshop is geared towards those interested in exploring your own assumptions, judgements and behaviors, are ready to deepen your experience with reconciliation and are open to what reconciliation can look like on a personal level. For more information please visit: <https://www.returningtospirit.org/workshopcalendar>

The Diocese of Victoria is accepting applications for the position of **Archives & Marriage Office Administrator**. This position is a dual role that supports the goals of the Diocese of Victoria by managing marriage preparation, documentation, and tribunal requirements, as well as, coordinating the Diocesan Archives and records. The job posting may be viewed at <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/>



**BURSARIES AND AWARD DEADLINES:** July 15, 2023 deadline for the following Bursaries/Award (please click link/name to access application):

[The Jawl Bundon LLP Bursary](#) (\$2500): for a grade 12 Catholic student who has been accepted to a post-secondary institution. Preference will be given to Indigenous students, and to students who live outside of Greater Victoria and Nanaimo.

[The Blessed Marie Anne Blondin Bursary](#) (\$1000): for a lay woman who is accepted or enrolled in a program or course for ministry in the Church, such as religious education, social justice, liturgy, social action, care of the sick, etc.

[The Char Deslippe Memorial Award](#) (\$500): for a teacher working in Catholic Island Schools or a parish catechist serving in children, youth or adult ministry.

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**Vocations To the Priesthood - Sixth Sunday of Easter for Vocations**

The Lord said, "I will not leave you orphaned." Pray for an increase of vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life. If God is calling you, 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 Saturday, May 13th from Holy Cross Parish at 4:00 PM. Click the link here: <http://www.youtube.com/c/StPatricksHolyCrossChurch>

**NEXT WEEK IN OUR PARISH**

Monday May 15	Tuesday May 16	Wednesday May 17	Thursday May 18	Friday May 19	Saturday May 20	Sunday May 21
St. Patrick's Church and Parish Office are Closed  7:00pm AA Peace	<b>9:00am Mass at Holy Cross Parish</b>  11:00am to 3:00pm Church Open for Prayer & Visitation Parish Office Open  7:00pm Toastmasters  7:00pm AA Clue	11:00am to 3:00pm Church Open for Prayer & Visitation Parish Office Open  <b>12:10pm Mass</b>  7:00pm AA Peace	<b>9:00am Mass at Holy Cross Parish</b>  11:00am to 3:00pm Church Open for Prayer & Visitation Parish Office Open  7:00pm AA Peace	11:00am to 3:00pm Church Open for Prayer & Visitation Parish Office Open  <b>11:30am Confessions</b> <b>12:10pm Mass</b>  3:00pm Divine Mercy  6:00pm <b>Confirmation Rehearsal at Holy Cross Parish</b>  6:00pm Couples for Christ Choir Practice  7pm CA Meeting	St. Patrick's Church and Parish Office are Closed  <b>9:00am Birthright Spring Plant Sale</b>  <b>4:00pm Mass at Holy Cross Parish - Confirmation &amp; First Holy Communion</b>  5:30pm Couples for Christ	<b>9:00am Mass at Holy Cross Parish</b>  <b>11:00am Mass at St. Patrick's Parish</b>  12:00pm Refreshments after Mass  <b>4:00pm Mass at St. Patrick's Parish "Live Streaming"</b>



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