

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 17, 2026 THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

1st Reading: Acts 1.1-11 †

2nd Reading: Ephesians 1.17-23 †

Gospel: Matthew 28.16-20

THEME: I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

On this Seventh Sunday of Easter, we celebrate the solemnity of Ascension. It is an important solemnity that marks the return of Jesus to the Father.

Ascension is a solemnity that sustains the hope of Christians that one day we shall be where Christ is. For this purpose, in the second reading, Paul prays to ask God to send us the Holy Spirit: "May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation to bring you the full knowledge of him". This must be our prayer and wish every day of our life. We must invite the Holy Spirit to take control of our entire mission. We must ask him to lead the way so that we follow him. This is because his ways and counsels are right.

In today's gospel, Jesus knew that his apostles needed help to succeed. He instructed them: "you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you". We must seek this power if we must make any positive impact on our world. As an experienced master, he knows how delicate the hearts of men of our age are. He knows how challenging our task is and what it takes to be successful. He knows that only the Holy Spirit can help us.

Brothers and Sisters, irrespective of our knowledge and human capabilities, we need divine help to succeed. This divine help will come from the Holy Spirit, to whom we must always pay attention. So, as we celebrate the Ascension of Christ today and expect the fulfillment of His promise on Pentecost Sunday, let us pray: "Sent forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth."

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: hcsbpbaptismalprep@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

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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 May 16 - 7:00pm (Int) Roselle & Elo Sabacan
Sun May 17- 11:00am + Father Ian Stuart
Sun May 17 - 4:00pm + Dennis Rich
Tues May 19 - 12:10pm + Jim Bolger
Wed May 20 - 12:10pm + Rose Schmidt
Thurs May 21 - 12:10pm + Elizabeth Lo
Fri May 22 - 12:10pm + Akkara Chakku

Birthright's Annual Plant Sale is almost here! Please bring your plant donations to the Parish Hall from **3:00–5:00pm on Friday, May 22nd**. Then bring yourself and a friend to buy some beautiful plants at great prices on **Saturday, May 23rd** from **9:00am-1:00pm**. See you there!

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PARISH NEWS & EVENTS



On behalf of Father Benson Asuming and the parishioners of St. Patrick's, we wish to extend our sincere condolences and prayers to the family and friends of Keith Middleton, a long time parishioner of St. Patrick's Parish who passed away April 22, 2026. His Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Thursday, May 21, 2026 at 2:00 pm at St. Patrick's Church. A Reception to follow in Our Lady of Lourdes Hall.

May he rest in peace, and may perpetual light shine upon him.

Happy Birthday to Father Benson!

Father Benson's birthday was this past week. We would all like to wish Father Benson a very Happy Birthday and many blessings from all the parishioners of St. Patrick's Parish.



It is with sadness that we announce the passing of Diane Bowman who was a long time Parishioner of our parish, and an active member of the Divine Mercy Prayer Group. She passed away on Wednesday, May 13th, 2026. We wish to extend our deepest sympathies and prayers to her family and friends. Her Funeral Mass will be held at St. Patrick's Parish on Saturday, May 23rd at 10:00 am.

May she rest in peace, and may perpetual light shine upon her.

A Prayer For The Children Preparing For Confirmation And First Communion At St. Patrick's And Holy Cross Parishes

Lord Jesus Christ, bless the children preparing to receive Confirmation and First Holy Communion. Come Holy Spirit and rest upon them - the Spirit of wisdom, understanding, counsel, might, knowledge, reverence, and fear of the LORD. May it be the beginning of a life-long love of the Eucharist. Give them a hunger for this sacred food so that they turn to you for comfort, guidance, and wisdom as they grow into full discipleship.

May their hands, extended in anticipation of your body and blood, inspire all of us to cherish the Blessed Sacrament. Amen.

We have 12 children who will celebrate the sacraments on **Sunday, June 7th** at the **4:00pm Sunday Mass at St. Patrick's Parish** with the Bishop's visit and reception to follow in the Our Lady of Lourdes Hall. All are welcome.

Calling all Men! COR (Latin for Heart) is a gathering of men that seek to build a Christ-centred brotherhood through intentional Prayer, Formation and Fraternity. St. Patrick's COR is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council 7934 but is open to all men of the parish and St. Patrick's School. You are invited to join us at our next COR gathering in Our Lady of Lourdes Hall, St. Patrick's Parish, on **Sunday, May 31 at 5:00pm**. We will be watching a short video and having a discussion on the topic "Men of Prayer". Pizza, beverages and fellowship time will follow.

Note from the RMSE Coordinator

The upcoming in-person Vector Solution training that was to take place on Saturday, June 6th has been postponed and will be rescheduled in the near future. For further information, please contact Susie Nute at stpatsrmse@gmail.com.

COLLECTIONS MAY 10, 2026

Envelopes	\$	1,675.00
Loose Change	\$	687.70
Tiptap	\$	105.00
Bldg. Maint. Fund	\$	130.00
CanadaHelps	\$	125.20
PAD	\$	2,208.00
Grand Total	\$	4,930.90

Infant Baptism - Baptismal Prep for the Parents

Is it your hope to have your infant 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, June 13th (10:00 am – 12:00pm). Please email hcspbaptismalprep@rcdvictoria.org with your name and contact information. The coordinator will then contact you with more details about baptism and forward you the baptism registration form.

FINANCIAL NEWS

	May 10, 2026	YTD
Received	\$4,930.90	\$118,269.59
Needed to cover expenses	\$7,685.00	\$153,700.00
Difference	-\$2,754.10	-\$35,430.41

St. Andrew's High School Spring Fling Concert

St. Andrew's Regional High School Music Department will be presenting their Annual Spring Fling concert on **Wednesday, May 27th at 7:00pm at Holy Cross Church**. This is sure to be a fantastic evening of music featuring performances by the award-winning St. Andrew's Singers, Concert Band and Jazz Band. Tickets are **\$10 for adults and \$5 for students** and they can be **purchased at the door**. There will also be a reception with food following the concert in the church hall. All are welcome on May 27th for the SARHS Spring Fling!

Let's Stay Cool, Climate Academy

If you are interested in changes in our climate, this evening event is for you. You are invited to Broadview United Church, 3703 St. Aidan's Street on Thursday, May 28th from 7:00-8:30 pm to hear speaker, Dr. Trevor Hancock, and to discuss at table talks the importance and advantages of climate action at the local level, the impacts of extreme heat and ways to increase safety from it, the high greenhouse gas emissions from buildings and ways to reduce them, and the climate crisis as a health crisis. If you would like to attend or more information, please contact Nancy Stuart at nancystuart7@gmail.com or call 250-580-4444. Sponsored by Greater Victoria Acting Together for the Common Good.

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

Potluck Social on Friday, June 5th

You are invited to the 4th Annual Victoria Diocese Development & Peace-Caritas Canada **Potluck Social on Friday, June 5th at Sacred Heart Parish** (4040 Nelthorpe Street) from **5:00-8:30pm**. Please join us for fellowship, good food and inspiring words. Bishop Gary Gordon will speak on Dilexi Te, the first Apostolic Exhortation of Pope Leo XIV, which focuses on Christ's love for the poor and the call for the Church to renew its commitment to those most in need. **RSVP requested**. To RSVP or any questions please contact Michelle at robertson@aquinas.org

LIVESTREAM MASSES

Live Mass broadcast this weekend! Mass is livestreamed this week on Saturday, May 16th from St. Patrick's Parish at 7:00pm. Click the link here: <http://www.youtube.com/c/StPatricksHolyCrossChurch>

NEXT WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Mon. May 18	Tues. May 19	Wed. May 20	Thurs. May 21	Fri. May 22	Sat. May 23	Sun. May 24
Church & Office CLOSED	11am to 3:00pm Church & Office Open	11am to 3:00pm Church & Office Open	11am to 3:00pm Church & Office Open	11am to 3:00pm Church & Office Open	Church & Office CLOSED	Church & Office CLOSED
	11:40am The Rosary, followed by 12pm The Regina Coeli & 12:10 Mass	11:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary, Regina Coeli & Mass	11:40am The Rosary 12pm The Regina Coeli & 12:10 Mass	11:30am Confessions 11:40am The Rosary, Regina Coeli, Mass	9am Birthright Plant Sale	11am Sunday Mass & Children's Liturgy Coffee after Mass
	7pm Toastmasters	2pm St. Patrick's Housing Corporation Board Meeting	2pm Funeral Mass for Keith Middleton	2:30pm Birthright Plant Sale (donation drop-off)	10:00am Funeral Mass for Diane Bowman	4pm Pentecost Sunday Mass
	7pm AA-CLUE	7pm AA-Peace	7pm AA-Peace	3pm Divine Mercy Devotion	6:15pm Confessions	
					7pm Saturday Evening Mass	

Our Lady of the Rosary 50/50 Raffle Fundraiser

Our Lady of the Rosary Parish is excited to launch their own online 50/50 raffle fundraiser to support their new childcare and early learning facility. This centre will nurture children, support families, and serve our growing community for generations to come, while helping address gaps created by recent changes to provincial ELCC capital funding.

- Ticket sales begin: **May 8, 2026** (PDT)
- Ticket sales end: **June 30, 2026** (PDT)
- Draw date: **July 4, 2026** (PDT)

Get your ticket starting May 8th here: <https://www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/oltrp>

KAIROS Blanket Exercise

In the spirit of Truth and Reconciliation, the CWL of Sacred Heart Parish is pleased to announce the rescheduling of the KAIROS Blanket Exercise in the Parish Hall on **Saturday, May 23rd from 9:30am-12:00pm noon**. The blanket exercise is a powerful interactive and experiential activity that walks people through 500 years of historic and current relationships between indigenous and non-indigenous peoples in Canada. Please join us for this educational exercise guided by trained facilitators. After a coffee and goodies break, we will conclude with a debriefing, conducted as a “talking circle”. If you have any questions and to register, contact Margie Noonan at margielnoonan@gmail.com or 250-589-6313.

CCCB Letter to the Holy Father on the First Anniversary of His Pontificate

The CCCB President sent a letter to His Holiness Pope Leo XIV on the occasion of the first anniversary of his pontificate. Through this letter, the CCCB President conveyed the heartfelt greetings of the Bishops of Canada, as well as the assurance of their prayers and of the unwavering solidarity of the Church in Canada as the Holy Father carries out his Petrine ministry in the service of the Universal Church. Read the letter here: <https://www.cccb.ca/wp-content/uploads/2026/05/2026-05-08-Letter-from-CCCB-President-to-Pope-Leo-XIV-First-Anniversary.pdf>

Invitation: World Youth Day Seoul 2027 Pilgrimage

We are excited to begin exploring interest in forming a group from across our diocese to attend World Youth Day 2027 in Seoul, South Korea! World Youth Day (WYD) is a powerful international gathering of young Catholics, offering an opportunity for prayer, cultural exchange, and a meaningful encounter with Christ and the universal Church alongside the Holy Father. It is often a life-changing experience that deepens faith and builds lasting friendships.

At this early stage, we are reaching out to parishes to gauge interest from youth, families, and leaders who may wish to participate in this pilgrimage. Please see attached preliminary travel proposals that include youth hostel accommodations for:

- **7 nights in Seoul with roundtrip transfers**
- **9 nights in Seoul with roundtrip transfers and a full-day tour**

Please note: Expressing interest at this stage is simply to help with planning and does not commit you to the trip. If you have anyone interested, email Father Joseph Thomas who is organizing at: jthomas@rcdvictoria.org

Development and Peace - Caritas Canada: Share Lent Campaign Update

The folks at Development and Peace - Caritas Canada want to share their heartfelt thank you for all the faithful who learnt about, connected with, felt for and, most significantly, gave generously to support their campaign to build a world of justice and peace. See the thank you video here: <https://youtu.be/TGoCY0zt084>

Family and Life Week 2026

National Family and Life Week (NFLW) takes place this year from May 10-17, centering on the theme “I am with you always” (cf. Matthew 28:20). Families and communities are encouraged to take time during the week to celebrate their own families, express gratitude, and share meaningful moments with loved ones across generations. See more at: <https://www.cccb.ca/faith-moral-issues/family-and-life/national-family-and-life-week/>

Dr. Sephora Tang Speaking On Prevention Of Euthanasia to the Mentally Ill

Dr. Sephora Tang will be visiting Victoria and will give a presentation about the professional concerns around the expansion of MAiD to include mental illness on **Sunday, May 31st at 10:30 am** in the Holy Cross Parish Hall. Dr. Tang is a psychiatrist with The Ottawa Hospital, a member of the Catholic Women’s League, and a tireless advocate for the **prevention** of Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) for mental illness. She recently gave a presentation to the Canadian Catholic Bioethics Institute on this topic. All are welcome to join us to hear her talk at 4049 Gordon Head Road.

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