

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 21, 2023 ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Today's celebration is the ritual marker of the shift in the way the Disciples of Christ have experienced his risen presence. But the readings look resolutely forward, not back as if to a golden age now lost. In Acts, the disciples are prodded by angelic visitors to get to work: "**Why do you stand looking up toward heaven?** In the Gospel of Matthew, we hear Jesus give to the Eleven the "Great Commission": "Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation ... make disciples ... baptize ... teach." Yes, indeed, today's scripture readings send us in another direction. Of course, the focus is very much on Jesus; how could it be otherwise? But we as His disciples are implicated. His last appearance to his disciples says it all. Jesus speaks then of the authority in heaven and on earth that has been given to Him. Mysterious words perhaps, but if we look at the life that Jesus lived for only a few years only, we get a hint of what kind of authority He is speaking about. It is His limitless obedience to God, and His unconditional life-giving service to others; it is the power of His love; it is the power of His self-giving that filled His life. It is on the basis of that kind of life that the Father accepted Him as the kind of stuff upon which a new humanity is built. If His being raised from the dead and His ascending into heaven mean anything at all, then it must be understood in the sense of this kind of life not being lost on humanity. On the contrary, it is placed by God at the center of humanity, accessible to all who put their trust and hope in Him. Once Jesus is, as it were, patented by God - that is what His resurrection and ascension mean - then Jesus turns the tables on us.

Until His resurrection, the significance of Jesus' way of living was restricted to a small group of people and to a rather limited place. Now it is universalized; now it can become a reality in us as His disciples who let ourselves be driven by the same spirit that drove Him. Jesus suggests as much in his rather abrupt command: "*Go!*" That is also the thrust of the remark in today's first reading when the disciples are told that it is useless to stare into the sky. It is harmless to claim Jesus as Lord, unless we let our admiration for Him spill over into the kind of life we live, patterned after the life of Jesus. From now on, it is by means of our lives, by means of our discipleship that we give concrete evidence of the fact that Jesus is not absent from our world, but still very much present in our world. Without that, the significance of the story of Jesus threatens to be reduced to once upon a time story: beautiful, very moving even, but we remain at a safe distance from it. When Jesus shares with us the Spirit that encouraged Him, it means that He takes us into a partnership with Him on the building of His life project, God's kingdom.

We must be His witnesses. Empowered by Him, and in accepting the task and challenge to change our world in His power, so that it becomes God's kind of world. Whatever makes life more human is what Jesus Christ stood for and so must we stand for. Underneath and from a Christian perspective, though, we recognize every caring action that builds up the life of others, were recognize such action as a kingdom action to which the risen Christ empowers us. And for that empowering us, Jesus is taken up into the sphere of God, where everything that's shortchanges or destroys life is, in the final analysis, overcome. Our actions in the power of Jesus are to be living witnesses to that victory. Congratulations to our children from both parishes confirmed and receiving their first communion this weekend!

I want to be a witness to Jesus.
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

CONFIRMATION & FIRST COMMUNION

Please email 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

Office: 250-592-7391

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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 14

Envelopes	\$1,826.00
Loose Change	\$ 281.95
PAD	\$1,138.00
Grand Total	\$3,245.95
Share Lent	\$ 20.00

FINANCIAL NEWS

	May 14	YTD
Received	\$3,245.95	\$95,100.46
Needed	\$4,700.00	\$94,000.00
Difference	-\$1,454.05	\$1,100.46

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"Spring Fling"

You are invited to St. Andrews Regional High School annual concert featuring the Concert Band, Jazz Band and Choir. Concert takes place at Holy Cross Parish on Wednesday May 31st at 7:00pm. Admission for seniors & students \$5, & adults \$10.

FROM OUR PARISH:

Prayer Reflection

The mission of the Christian in the world is a mission for all, a mission of service, which excludes no one; it requires great generosity. . . . There is so much need for Christians who bear witness to the gospel with joy in everyday life.

-Pope Francis

Stay where you are--find your own Calcutta. Find the sick, the suffering, the lonely, right there where you are, in your own homes and in your own families, in your workplaces and schools.

-Blessed Mother Teresa

It is no use walking somewhere to preach unless our walking is our preaching.

-Saint Francis of Assisi

Congratulations to the children of St. Patrick's and Holy Cross who on Saturday, June 20th, received the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion. May they continue to experience and grow in the graces of our faith.

BAPTISMAL PREP 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 sessions to choose from for Baptismal Preparation are:

Sat, June 17 (10:00 am – 12 noon) - this is rescheduled from June 10

Sat, July 8 (10:00 am – 12 noon)

Sat, August 26 (10:00 am – 12 noon)

Please email hcsbp baptismalprep@rcdvictoria.org with your name and contact information. Also, please indicate which course you would like to register. The coordinator will email you a registration form.

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 4 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.

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 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.

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 21 - 11:00am + Elizabeth Lo
 Sun May 21 - 400 pm + Alexandra & Juan Carlos Moguel
 Wed May 24 - 12:10pm (Int) Pam Boteju
 Fri May 26 - 12:10 pm + Oliver O'Connell
 Sun May 28 - 11:00am (Int) Pam Boteju
 Sun May 28 - 400 pm + Lillian Foster

MUSIC OF PRAYER AND HOPE: Fundraising concert for Syria and Turkey earthquake victims, on June 3rd featuring Maya Zidek, (a St. Andrew's High School Student) and Karl Zidek performing classical music variations on piano and violin. The admission will be by donation. All proceeds will go to the earthquake victims. Further details are posted on our bulletin boards.

SEEKING DONATIONS FOR USED/OLD HEARING AIDS

I am seeking donations for used/old hearing aids from parishioners. This kind gesture would be going to support the Hearing Aid Centre of the St. Patrick's Catholic Hospital, Maase-Offinso, Ashanti, Ghana. Please ask a friend to assist this hospital in its efforts to offer free health care to the poor surrounding communities, within and around Offinso, Ghana. You can drop off at the parish office. 

FROM THE DIOCESE & OUR PARISH

NEWS FROM THE CHANCERY

- ♦ Rachel's Vineyard will be hosting their first retreat on Vancouver Island from August 25-27, 2023 at the Bethlehem Centre in Nanaimo (2371 Arbot Rd). This ministry is a safe place for people to renew, rebuild and redeem hearts broken by abortion. Weekend retreats offer a supportive, confidential and non-judgmental environment where women and men can express, release, and reconcile painful post-abortive emotions to begin the process of restoration, renewal, and healing. For information please contact Nicola at rachelsvineyardvancouverisland@gmail.com
- ♦ A new post has been added to the Diocesan website with an update on Synod 2021-2024. It includes info about the recently released "North American Final Document for the Continental Stage of the 2021-2024 Synod", as well as links to our diocesan, regional, and national reports that were created during the Diocesan Stage of the Synod. To read the post, please visit <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/news/synod-2021-2024-the-journey-continues>

RECOLLECTIONS FOR MEN AND WOMEN

Opus Dei's main activity consists in "offering people the spiritual means they need to live as good Christians in the midst of the world" One of these activities is a recollection, a time we set aside specifically to go deeper into our relationship with God. An evening recollection for women will be held at **Our Lady of Fatima Parish on Monday, May 22nd from 7pm to 9pm.** It will be preceded by Mass at 6pm and confession at 6:30pm.

An evening recollection for men will be offered on **Tuesday, May 23rd at Sacred Heart Parish, from 6pm to 8pm.** It will be preceded by Mass at 5:15pm.

Special Presentation:

Scams and Financial Fraud, Tuesday, June 13, 10am -12pm at Holy Cross Parish Hall

D/Cst Zwaan from the Saanich Police Financial Crimes Section will give a presentation at Holy Cross on the scams and financial frauds we all face these days. We will hear about the common and not-so-common types and how to prevent them. We've all experienced them by phone, email, text or pop up ads. Seating is limited so please register by calling Holy Cross Parish office at 250-477-5321 or Darlene Southwell 250-477-5738.

Vocations To the Priesthood - Ascension of the Lord

Jesus said, "Remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." If you are discerning God's call to become 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

Fr. Harrison Ayre: hayre@rcdvictoria.org

LIVESTREAM MASSES

Live Mass broadcast this weekend! Mass is livestreamed this week Sunday, May 21st, 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 May 22	Tuesday May 23	Wednesday May 24	Thursday May 25	Friday May 26	Saturday May 27	Sunday May 28
St. Patrick's Church and Parish Office are Closed	9:00am Liturgy of the Word, with Holy Communion-Holy Cross Parish	11:00am to 3:00pm Church Open for Prayer & Visitation Parish Office Open	9:00am Liturgy of the Word, with Holy Communion-Holy Cross Parish	9:00am Rachel's Vineyard Training	9:00am Rachel's Vineyard Training	9:00am Rachel's Vineyard Training
7:00pm AA Peace	11:00am to 3:00pm Church Open for Prayer & Visitation Parish Office Open	12:10pm Liturgy of the Word, with Holy Communion	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	St. Patrick's Church and Parish Office are Closed	9:00am Mass at Holy Cross Parish
	6:00pm Couples for Couples for Christ	7:00pm BC Railway Historical Society	7:00pm Knights of Columbus Executive Meeting	11:30am Confession Cancelled	9:00am Rachel's Vineyard Training	11:00am Mass at St. Patrick's Parish
	6:45pm SSVP Meeting "Via Zoom"	7:00pm AA Peace	7:00pm AA Peace	12:10pm Liturgy of the Word, with Holy Communion	4:00pm Mass at Holy Cross Parish - "Live Streaming"	12:00pm Refreshments after Mass
	7:00pm Toastmasters			3:00pm Divine Mercy Devotion		4:00pm Mass at St. Patrick's Parish
	7:00pm AA Clue			7:00pm CA Meeting		

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