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.

MASS TIMES
Saturday: 7:00pm
Sunday: 11:00am & 4:00pm
Tuesday to Friday: 12:10pm

CONFESSIONS
Tuesday to Friday: 11:30am to 12:00pm
First Friday of the month: 11:00am to 12:00pm
Saturday: 6:00 to 6:45pm

After hours EMERGENCIES requiring THE PASTOR
Example: Last Rites, etc.
Call 250-592-7391 and choose option #3

FUNERALS, BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS
Contact the Parish Office

CONFIRMATION & FIRST COMMUNION
Email: mbristow@rcdvictoria.org

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL 24/7
Call or visit the office for an entry code

CHURCH & OFFICE HOURS
Tuesday to Friday 11:00am to 3:00pm

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NOVEMBER 15, 2026
THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

My dear people in Christ,

Greetings to all of you from Cancún! As I sit here looking out at the ocean and enjoying the beauty of nature, I am reminded once again of how generously God has blessed us. The beauty of creation, the gift of life, and the many opportunities we receive each day are all signs of God's goodness and generosity.

In this Sunday's Gospel (Matthew 25:14–30), Jesus tells us the parable of the talents. The parable is often understood as an invitation to use our natural abilities, such as music, public speaking, leadership, or organizational skills. While these are certainly gifts from God, the message goes much deeper.

The talents in this parable represent everything God entrusts to us: our faith, our spiritual gifts, our time, our opportunities, our relationships, and our ability to love and serve others. God gives generously, not simply for our own benefit, but so that we may grow closer to Him and become a blessing to those around us.

St. Paul reminds us that the fruits of the Spirit are love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control (Galatians 5:22–23). These are the qualities that should grow within us as people of faith. St. Peter encourages us to support our faith with goodness, understanding, self-control, perseverance, devotion, brotherly kindness, and love (2 Peter 1:5–8). Our faith is meant to be lived, shared, and put into action.

One detail in the Gospel is particularly important: the master entrusts his possessions to his servants according to their abilities. Even so, the gifts are remarkably generous. A talent in biblical times was a considerable amount of money, equivalent to thousands of days' wages. Jesus wants us to recognize just how generously God entrusts His gifts to us.

But there is another important lesson. The master does not ask his servants simply to preserve what they have received. He expects them to take responsibility, make good use of what has been entrusted to them, and bear fruit.

The first two servants respond with confidence and initiative. The third servant, however, allows fear to take control. Instead of using what he has received, he buries it in the ground. His greatest failure is not that he has less than the others, but that he does nothing with what has been entrusted to him.

My dear friends, God does not want us to bury our gifts under fear, excuses, indifference, or a lack of confidence. He invites us to take risks in faith. Sometimes we may be afraid of making mistakes, failing, or not being good enough. But Christian life is not about playing it safe; it is about trusting God enough to take the next step.

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Report Sexual Abuse

Sexual Abuse Reporting to an Independent Reporting Agency 1-800-968-3146

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat Nov 14 – 7:00pm	+ Lucille Trousil
Sun Nov 15 – 11:00am	+ Jackson Leung
Sun Nov 15 – 4:00pm	Pro Populo
Tue Nov 17 – 12:10pm	+ Sophie Kess
Wed Nov 18 – 12:10pm	+ Faith Collins
Thu Nov 19 – 12:10pm	+ Phyllis Clarke
Fri Nov 20 – 12:10pm	Thanksgiving Carvalho Family

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Patrick Card - Principal
Angela McLeish - Vice Principal
Phone: **250-592-6713**
Email: sp@cisdv.bc.ca
www.stpatrickselem.ca
Visit the school's Facebook page

Infant Baptism / Baptismal Preparation

Is it your hope to have your infant welcomed into the family of God through baptism? If so, parents must participate in a Baptismal Prep course and complete a baptism registration form. The next session available to take a Baptismal Prep course is **Dec 12th** (from 10:00 am – 12:00pm). Email **hcspbaptismalprep@rcdvictoria.org** with your name and contact information to get started.

Father Silvichan's Reflection…continued

God continues to sow generously, just as the sower in another of Jesus' parables scatters seed on different kinds of soil. The response may vary, but God's generosity never runs out.

As a parish community, we are all entrusted with gifts and responsibilities. Some serve through liturgical ministries, others through pastoral care, outreach, prayer, teaching, hospitality, and countless acts of kindness that often go unnoticed. Every contribution matters. What is important is not how much we have received, but how faithfully we use it.

Let us never forget that God does not measure us against one another. He asks us to be faithful to what He has entrusted to us.

May we have the courage to step forward, to take risks in faith, and to put our gifts at the service of God and one another. Let us not bury our talents but allow them to grow and bear fruit.

May the Lord one day welcome each of us with those beautiful words: "Well done, good and faithful servant… enter into the joy of your master." (Matthew 25:21)

With prayers and blessings,

Fr Silvichan

OUR PARISH

The Bishop's Appeal

We've almost reached our goal of $49,000! We've received ***donations from 87 households*** in the amount of **$40,647.11** which is 83% of our goal. Thank you to everyone who has donated! '**The Bishop's Appeal, Be the Light'** is still accepting donations until December 31st. Please consider making a financial commitment to the Bishop's Annual Appeal. Not only are you helping our parish, but you are helping build faith communities in our Diocese. When we give, we invest in the faith and future of this and the next generation. Info & payment forms and envelopes are at the church entrances. You can place your donation envelope in the collection basket or drop it in the mailbox in front of the parish office, or at: www.rcdvictoria.org/bishops-appeal

Parish Goal: $49,000 Actual to Date: $44,742.11 # of Gifts: 101

World Day of the Poor Message at St. Patrick's Parish

On Sunday, November 8th, Rob Johnson, President of the Vancouver Island Particular Council of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul, thanked the parishioners of St. Patrick's Parish for their outstanding generosity in support of those in need. Over the past year, parishioners contributed more than $13,000 in financial donations and approximately $5,000 worth of food and essential items, helping local families, seniors, and individuals experiencing hardship.

The presentation included a moving story from the St. Patrick's Conference's Downtown Victoria Food Pantry, where Vincentians welcomed an unhoused mother seeking a place to charge her phone after leaving a shelter. By offering hospitality, a listening ear, and information about community resources, they helped restore hope and dignity to a woman facing tremendous challenges.

As the Church prepares to celebrate the World Day of the Poor on November 15, parishioners were encouraged to reflect on this year's theme, "Be a Refuge of Hope!", by supporting those in need through prayer, generosity, volunteer service, and simple acts of compassion. The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul also welcomes new members who wish to put their faith into action through service to their neighbours.

Thank you, St. Patrick's Parish, for being a true refuge of hope in our community

FINANCIAL NEWS

COLLECTION – Nov 8th, 2026

Envelopes	$11,450.00
Loose Change	866.10
TipTap	150.00
Bldg. Maint. Fund	140.00
CanadaHelps	144.25
PAD	5,739.00
GRAND TOTAL	**$18,489.35**

	Nov 8, 2026	YTD
Received	$18,489.35	$269,800.58
Needed to Cover Expenses	$7,685.00	$353,510.00
Difference	$10,804.35	-$83,709.42

SAVE THE DATE:
St. Patrick's CWL
Christmas Luncheon & Retrospective

Saturday, December 12th at **11:30am**
Our Lady of Lourdes Hall

Members: **$35** Non-Members: **$40**

Tickets available until November 30th

Please Update Your Information

The 2027 pre-numbered donation envelopes will be available **SOON**. You are kindly asked that if your contact information has changed, i.e. your home address, to please inform the parish office by email at: stpatricks-vic@rcdvictoria.org. If you are new to the parish or would like to start using pre-numbered donation envelopes, please contact the parish office by email to have a box aside for

SUNDAY MISSAL SALE: We will be selling the Sunday Missal for **$6 each** on Saturday and Sunday after Mass. It will also be available for sale in the Parish office during office hours

Please be advised that the office will be closed on Thursday November 19th for all employees of the Diocese of Victoria to attend 2026 Diocesan Faith Day. Office will re-open on Friday November 20th at 11am.

OUR DIOCESE

To mark the occasion of the annual **Feast of St. Francis Xavier**, famous 'Apostle of the East', come join us for a time of prayer, procession, presentations & potluck. St. Francis Xavier, patron saint of Missions is credited with claiming more souls for heaven travelling east; while St. Paul headed west. The theme for this year is *"deepen our faith, shape our lives, celebrate our faith, and abide in Jesus".*
When & Where: **After Mass at 11:00 AM** on **Saturday, November 28th** at **St. Patrick's Parish Hall**. All are welcome to attend.

Birthright will be selling specialty Fudges after Masses on Nov 28/29th. *(The packets make great stocking stuffers or gifts for the holiday table and freeze well!)* Birthright assists women in difficult or crisis pregnancies, offering hope and encouraging Mothers to give the precious gift of Life to their babies – how fitting as we prepare for the birth of the Christ Child! Please consider supporting this worthwhile cause.

LIVESTREAM MASSES – Mass is livestreamed this week on **Sunday, November 15th** from St. Patrick's Parish at **11:00am**. Click the link here**:** https://www.youtube.com/c/stpatricksholycrosschurch

NEXT WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Mon Nov 16	Tue Nov 17	Wed Nov 18	Thu Nov 19	Fri Nov 20	Sat Nov 21	Sun Nov 22
CHURCH & OFFICE CLOSED 7PM AA CLUE	11am to 3pm Church & Office Open **11:40am Rosary 12pm Angelus** **12:10pm Liturgy of the Word with Communion** 7pm Toastmasters 7pm AA Peace	11am to 3pm Church & Office Open **11:40am Rosary, Angelus** **12:10pm Liturgy of the Word with Communion** 7pm AA-Peace	**Office Closed for the day** **11:40am Rosary, Angelus** **12:10pm Liturgy of the Word with Communion** 7pm AA-Peace	11am to 3pm Church & Office Open **11:40am Rosary, Angelus** **12:10pm Liturgy of the Word with Communion** 3pm Divine Mercy Devotion 5pm Prayer Assembly 7pm CA	CHURCH & OFFICE CLOSED 8:30am Pastoral Care Training 9am CFC Milestone 5:30pm You Are Forgiven Session 2 **6pm Confessions** **7pm Saturday Mass**	CHURCH & OFFICE CLOSED **11am Sunday Mass** *Coffee after Mass* 1pm CFC Family Assembly **4pm Sunday Mass**

Knights of Columbus: 65th Annual Charity Appeal for Council 7934 Sales: until **December 19th, 2026**
Tickets: **1 for $5, 10 for $25, 50 for $50** *Cash Prizes including **2026 Toyota Rav4 LE AWD vehicle** to be won!*
Proceeds go to several charities within BC and also supports the Knights of Columbus.
Tickets will be available before & after each weekend Masses.

BIRTHRIGHT FUDGE IS COMING SOON!

Birthright is selling specialty Fudges after all Masses **Nov 28/29**. The Fudges freeze well and make lovely stocking stuffers or gifts for the holiday table.

All **Birthright Fudges*** are **$7** (each package = 1/4 of an 8 inch square pan).



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a ribbon of maple sandwiched between layers of dark chocolate



CLASSIC CHOCOLATE
softer, sweeter, more traditional (no nuts~trace amounts may be present)



ROCKY ROAD
walnuts, marshmallow in a traditional sweet chocolate fudge



ROOT BEER FLOAT
a very pretty fudge, decadent chocolate with the taste of Root Beer over ice cream!



CHOCOLATE APRICOTS
for those who like their chocolate a little less rich ***(6 good-size dipped apricots for $3.50)***



CARAMEL CORN & CARAMEL CORN LIGHT
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A CENTURY OF SERVICE

St. Patrick's CWL

Christmas Luncheon & Retrospective

Saturday, December 12th at 11:30am

Our Lady of Lourdes Hall

Members $35 | Non-Members $40

Gluten-free meal: extra $5

Tickets available after Sunday Masses
or in Parish Office (Tue to Fri 11am to 3pm)

FINAL DAY TO BUY TICKETS
Monday, November 30th

For more information:
Theresa: 250-213-3304
or tgsmith1225@outlook.com

BROUGHT TO YOU BY **ST. PATRICK'S KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

Santa's Pancake Breakfast

Proceeds to go towards St. Patrick's School Roof Repair

SUNDAY
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6th

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Fluffy golden pancakes with sauteed sausages, steaming scrambled eggs, and the tastiest golden hash browns. Fresh coffee, tea, and juice.



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