

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.



NOVEMBER 23, 2025 CHRIST THE KING

1st Reading: 2 Samuel 5.1-3 † 2nd Reading: Colossians 1.12-20 † Gospel: Luke 23.35-43

THEME: EXALT THE UNIVERSAL KING OF GLORY

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On this thirty-fourth and last Sunday of ordinary time, the Mother Church celebrates the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Universal King. Today, we exalt Him as the Sovereign Ruler of the universe. Pope Pius XI instituted the feast of Christ the King in 1925 in response to growing nationalism and secularism with the title "Jesu Christi Regis" (Our Lord Jesus Christ, the King). However, in 1969 Pope Paul VI gave the feast a new title, "Jesu Christi universorum regis." (Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe).

In the first reading of today, the entire Israelites united in making David King. The reason is simple. They saw in him a worthy servant. He did not impose himself on them. Instead, they genuinely and unanimously acclaimed him their king. Our people will bear joyful testimony to our capability to lead them.

In today's gospel, Pilate and the Jews ignorantly conspired to castigate Christ, their king. Rather than accepting him, they hardened their hearts to God's call to share in his kingdom and glory. Our celebration today is not a mockery as the Jews. Instead, it is a genuine celebration of the universal reign of our Lord Jesus Christ. Christ, the universal king, is a role model to all kings, rulers, presidents, decision-makers, and leaders. He cares, loves, and lives in peace with his people. He does not rule with iron fists, military might, or financial strength. He is a good Shepherd, a just judge, and a compassionate king. He is the only king who treats us as his brothers, sisters, and friends.

Christ, our universal King, is divine, yet he shares in our humanity and allows us to share in his kingly and priestly nature (Rev 1:6; 1 Th 2:12). He is ever close, and no special protocols are required to reach him. So, brethren, let us celebrate because the Lord comes to rule his people with fairness. He will reign forever and will give his people the gift of peace.

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

PARISH STAFF

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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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat Nov 22- 7:00pm	+ Florence & William Blake
Sun Nov 23- 11:00am	+ Benjamin Legaspi
Sun Nov 23- 4:00pm	Pro Populo
Tues Nov 25- 12:10pm	+ Margaret (Peg) Hempenstall
Wed Nov 26- 12:10pm	+ Stephen Hughes
Thurs Nov 27- 12:10pm	(Int) Marta Botelho
Fri Nov 28- 12:10pm	(Int) Martha Sauve

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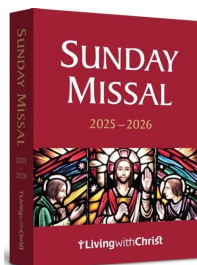
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SUNDAY MISSAL SALE:

We will be selling the Sunday Missal for **\$5 each** on Saturday and Sunday after Mass. It will also be available for sale in the Parish office during office hours.



ST. PATRICK'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL KINDERGARTEN TO GRADE 7

For information on registrations for 2025/2026 school year, please contact the school.

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Angela McLeish - Vice Principal

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Visit the [school's Facebook page](#)

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

Sacrament of Anointing the Sick on Friday, December 5th

On the first Friday of each month, Father Benson will administer the **Sacrament of Anointing the Sick** during the **12:10pm Mass**. The Catholic sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is a rite of healing and spiritual strength for those who are experiencing ailments (physically or mentally), facing surgery, or suffering from old age. This sacrament can be received more than once and is not exclusively for those at the point of death. It offers physical, spiritual, and mental healing, as well as peace and courage.

2025 Annual Bishop's Appeal, Love & Unity

These are the last few weeks to donate to the Bishop's Appeal, *Love & Unity* and receive a tax receipt for 2025. **All donations received before December 31st will receive a tax receipt for 2025.** Every dollar raised helps transform lives. On Vancouver Island, mission churches bring the Gospel to some of the most remote communities. Through the Appeal, you help sustain them — covering operating costs, maintenance, pastoral leadership, and religious support. Your generosity ensures that no community is left without the light of Christ. If you've been waiting to give, now's the perfect time to join in.

DONATE at: www.rcdvictoria.org/bishops-appeal



Parish Goal: \$50,000 Actual to Date: \$45,916 Number of Gifts: 80

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting their annual **Breakfast with Santa**. They will be serving delicious fluffy pancakes with sausages, and scrambled eggs from **10am to 1pm** on **Sunday, November 30th** in Our Lady of Lourdes Hall. All parishioners, families and friends are invited to come and enjoy a deluxe breakfast. Gluten Free pancakes will be available, and cash and credit cards will be accepted. Cost is **\$30 per family or \$10 per person**.



Thank you to everyone for your support of our **CWL Simply Smashing Good Used Clothing Sale** including Jewelry and Christmas. We are blessed with the community of St. Patrick's Parish, the Knights of Columbus and our CWL members for all that was done for our Good Used Clothing Sale. The Sale grossed over **\$12,000.00**. Thank you for your continued support!



Do you want to have your child welcomed into the family of God through baptism? To prepare you must complete a Baptismal Prep registration form and participate in a Baptismal Prep course. Please note that the next session available to take a Baptismal Prep course is **Saturday, December 13 (from 10:00 am – 12:00 noon)**. Please email: hcsbaptismalprep@rcdvictoria.org with your name and contact information.

African Aids Angels will be on sale before and after the 11:00 Mass on Sunday, December 7th. The beautifully crafted angels are made by volunteers using donated fabric, ribbon and jewelry. Funds collected go directly to help support an orphanage in South Africa and one in Zambia. Large standing angels are \$25 and small peg angels are \$10. Sales are cash only. Thank-you so much for supporting this worthy cause.



Knights of Columbus: 64th Annual Charity Appeal for Council 7934

Sales: **October 1st to December 13th**. Tickets: **1 for \$5, 10 for \$25, 50 for \$50**. Cash Prizes and a 2025 Ford Maverick XLT AWD vehicle to be won! Proceeds go to several charities within BC and also supports the Knights of Columbus.

[Click HERE to view poster](#)



Tiptap Donation Update:

We've reached another milestone in the modern age with the introduction of a Tiptap donation device at both church entrances. This makes donating easier and more accessible for everyone who visits our church. For those who may be unfamiliar, the Tiptap device allows you to make quick, contactless donations using your debit card or credit card or phone by simply tapping the device. Donations will be processed securely and it is a safe and convenient option, especially if you don't have cash or your envelopes with you.

Tiptap donations can be included in your tax receipt if you give us a little information. We will need the last 4 digits ONLY of the debit or credit card that you used along with your name and address. This has to be given to the office only once. Thereafter the office will have a record on file for future donations. You can either email the parish office or fill out the information slip by the Tiptap devices. Full instructions are provided at the entrances of the church.

Note that your information is secure as only the last 4 digits of your card information is visible on the payment system. No other information is available. Please contact the office if you have any questions.

Thank you for your generosity in supporting St. Patrick's Parish.



NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE

In recognition of the World Day of the Poor on 16 November 2025, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops has issued a pastoral letter by the Episcopal Commission for Justice and Peace titled **"Our Daily Bread: Food Security and the Call to Solidarity."** Centred on the themes of solidarity, harmony, and harvest, the pastoral letter highlights the current challenges to food security, both globally and in Canada. Read the full pastoral letter here: https://www.cccb.ca/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/Our-Daily-Bread_EN.pdf

The Holy See and the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) released a joint statement on November 15, 2025, announcing that **Pope Leo XIV has gifted 62 Indigenous artifacts to the CCCB.** The CCCB will proceed, as soon as possible, to transfer these artifacts to the National Indigenous Organizations (NIOs). The NIOs will then ensure that the artifacts are reunited with their communities of origin. Read the full press release here: <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/indigenous/pope-leo-xivs-gift-of-indigenous-artifacts-to-the-ccb>

All are invited to attend a **special celebration in honour of Our Lady of Guadalupe** on **Sunday, December 7, 2025.** Bishop Gary Gordon will celebrate Mass alongside Fr. Eduardo de Silva at 12:30 pm at Our Lady of Fatima (4635 Elk Lake Drive, Victoria). Community festivities will follow the Mass.

FESTIVAL IN HONOR OF OUR

LADY OF GUADALUPE

We invite you to join us for a special celebration in honor of the Virgin of Guadalupe! It will be a time of unity, prayer, and joy in our community.

Sunday, December 7th, 2025
Mass at 12:30pm
Festivities after mass

OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH
4635 ELK LAKE DR.

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COLLECTIONS NOVEMBER 16, 2025

Envelopes	\$ 1,800.00
Loose Change	\$ 616.75
Bldg. Maint. Fund	\$ 110.00
Canada Helps	\$ 43.30
PAD	\$ 738.00
Grand Total	\$ 3,308.05

Evangelization of the Nations	50.00
Anawim House	675.00

FINANCIAL NEWS

	Nov 16, 2025	YTD
Received	\$ 3,308.05	\$ 250,064.29
Budgeted	\$ 4,945.00	\$ 232,415.00
Difference	-\$1,636.95	\$ 17,649.29

Mount St. Mary Hospital will host its annual **Christmas Market** on **Saturday, Nov 29th, from 10:00 am–2:30 pm** at 861 Fairfield Road. Browse local vendors offering handmade gifts, baked goods, plants, Christmas décor, and enjoy live entertainment. **Admission is free!**



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ARBUTUS SINGERS Christmas Concert

Wednesday, December 3rd, from 7:00 - 8:30pm at St. Patrick's Parish

Tickets: \$20 each or \$50 Family Pack, Light refreshments to follow

Call Julie at 250-384-2840 ([VIEW website](#)) or see the bulletin boards in Parish.

Advent Mission 2025 at Sacred Heart

Fr. Joseph Yuson will be leading an Advent Mission at Sacred Heart Church from **Sunday, November 30 to Tuesday, December 2**. Mass on each day will be at **6:30 pm**, and will reflect on **"The Humility of Jesus"**. After the Third Sunday of Advent, the Advent Reconciliation Service at Sacred Heart Church will be held on **Thursday, December 18 beginning at 6:30 pm**. [CLICK here for POSTER](#) on the Parish bulletin board.

Next Serra Club Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, November 26th at 6:00pm** at Our Lady of Fatima Parish. Mass for vocations will be at 6:00 pm, followed by an inspiring talk by Fr. David Hogman about his journey to the priesthood. His mother, Rev. Michelle Hogman, will also share the experience of being the mother of a Catholic priest. After the talk, we invite you to stay for treats and fellowship, a chance to connect, share, and learn more about how you can encourage and support vocations in the Church. For more information about Serra Club, please email: victoria@serrainternational.org

Anawim House: Next weekend, decorative Christmas boxes from Anawim House will be in our foyer near Lourdes Hall to accept donations of **NEW CLOTHING** items such as jeans, jackets, socks, underwear, shirts, raingear or any other new items of clothes which we use as gifts to the residents of the two houses and to our guests from the drop-in program. For financial contributions, please donate at www.anawimhouse.com or by mail at: Anawim House, 973 Caledonia Avenue, Victoria, BC V8T 1E7. In addition, their **Annual Christmas Tree Fundraiser** will be held November 24th to December 13th. They will be selling locally sourced fresh-cut trees at 973 Caledonia Avenue Monday-Friday from 2:00-8:00pm, and also Saturdays from 9:00am-3:00pm. [SEE POSTER HERE](#)



LIVESTREAM MASSES

Live Mass broadcast this weekend! Mass is livestreamed this week on Saturday, November 22nd at Holy Cross Parish at 4:00pm. Click the link here: <http://www.youtube.com/c/StPatricksHolyCrossChurch>

NEXT WEEK IN OUR PARISH

<u>Monday Nov 24</u>	<u>Tuesday Nov 25</u>	<u>Wednesday Nov 26</u>	<u>Thursday Nov 27</u>	<u>Friday Nov 28</u>	<u>Saturday Nov 29</u>	<u>Sunday Nov 30</u>
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	10am - Pancake Breakfast with Santa
	12:00pm Angelus & Mass	11:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Angelus & Mass	12:00pm Angelus & Mass	11:30am - Confessions	9:30am - Couples for Christ Senior Kids Entry Camp Program	11am Sunday Mass
7pm AA Peace	7pm AA-Clue 7pm - Toastmasters	7pm - Social & Eco- Justice Committee meeting 7pm - BC Railway Historical Society 7pm AA Peace	7pm - Knights of Columbus, Exec Meeting 7pm AA Peace	3pm Divine Mercy Devotion 5pm Couples for Christ - Youth Group 7pm CA	5pm - Couples for Christ (Gabriel Room) 5:30pm - Knights of Columbus (Hall) 6:15pm Confessions 7pm Saturday Evening Mass	Children's Liturgy (refreshments after Mass) 12:15pm - Sacramental Prep Class, Session 3 4pm Sunday Mass

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