

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 26, 2023 CHRIST THE KING - THIRTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

This Sunday, is the feast of Christ the King. In this time of history reactions toward the word 'King' are mixed. Kings in our experience have turned out to be flawed and not always worthy of emulating. But Jesus is the King of the Kingdom of God where peace and joy reign. Jesus is the King of love, of compassion, and of mercy. Jesus is the King of the Universe, of all creation and all people. The moving words of Psalm 23 witness to the tender care that God has for all. *The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.* We refer to Jesus as Christ the King, celebrating the great love and concern he has for us all.

But the Gospel reading for this Sunday by Matthew is a difficult one. It is the well-known description of the final judgement; the righteous will be welcomed by *the king into eternal life* and the non-righteous will be sent *away into eternal punishment*. This reading has often caused fear and uneasiness in many Christians. It has caused confusion and distress. We all know that we fail at times to be loving. Does this mean that we will not be considered worthy of entering heaven? Will Jesus really send people away forever? What do other scriptures tell us? We know that Jesus forgave the adulterous woman and stopped others from stoning her to death (John 8:1-11). We know that Jesus promised his followers that in his Father's house there were many rooms, and he would prepare a place for them (John 14:2-3). And most telling, when Jesus was suffering on the cross, he said: *"Father, forgive them; they do not know what they are doing."* (Luke 23:34) These and numerous other scripture readings demonstrate that Jesus is indeed all merciful and we can trust that he will never abandon us.

So why this last judgement story? What is Jesus telling us? He certainly is trying to get our attention. He wants us to realize the importance of his message. Jesus is asking us to care for all our brothers and sisters, including the least of these. God loves each single person! He loves the marginalized and poor, the rich and the successful. He loves the homeless and the healthy, the despairing and the happy. God loves us all and depends on us to care for everyone, to show them God's love and mercy. *"Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me."* We were created to choose freely to care for each sister and brother, not out of fear, but out of love.

Tanya Taft



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: hcsbpaptismalprep@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

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 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

COLLECTIONS NOV. 19, 2023

Envelopes	\$3,000.00
Loose Change	\$ 525.65
PAD	\$1,883.00
Grand Total	\$5,408.65
Anawim House	\$ 740.00

FINANCIAL NEWS

	NOV. 19	YTD
Received	\$5,408.65	\$235,841.14
Needed	\$4,700.00	\$220,900.00
Difference	\$ 708.65	\$ 14,941.14

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ST. PATRICK'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL KINDERGARTEN TO GRADE 7

For information on registrations for 2023/2024 school year, please contact the school.

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[Visit the school's Face-book page](#)



FROM OUR PARISH:

Prayer Reflection

It is by the works of mercy that we shall be judged.

—Dorothy Day

Jesus shares the life of the poor, from the cradle to the cross; he experiences hunger, thirst, and privation. Jesus identifies himself with the poor of every kind and makes active love toward them the condition for entering the kingdom.

—Catechism of the Catholic Church (no. 544)

Love is the final word.

—Dorothy Day

Baptismal Preparation - 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. Next Preparation Course is **Saturday, December 9th from 10am - 12pm**. Please email hcsbaptismalprep@rcdvictoria.org with your name and contact information.



Prayer for the Children Preparing for First Reconciliation at St Patrick's:

Merciful God, help us to ask forgiveness when we need to. Help us to forgive others who have wronged us. And let us be peacemakers in our school and in our family. We thank you for the gift of your forgiveness and love. Amen.

We have 25 children preparing for their first reconciliation to be held on Saturday December 9, 2023 11am at St Patrick's with a reception to follow in the Parish Hall. All are welcome. Sign-up [here](#) or email Michele Bristow mbristow@rcdvictoria.org to contribute a potluck dish. Thank you for keeping the children of St Patrick's and Holy Cross in your prayers!

An **Advent Reconciliation Service** for St. Patrick's and Holy Cross Parishes will be held at St. Patrick's Parish on **Thursday, December 7, 2023 at 7PM**. Several priests will be in attendance.

Christmas Luncheon



CWL Christmas Luncheon tickets are now available. They will be sold in the foyer after all Sunday Masses on November 19th, 26th and December 3rd. They can also be purchased in the parish office Tuesday to Friday 11am to 3pm. Members \$30, Non-Members \$36. Last day to buy is Wed Dec 6th. Come and join your CWL sisters for some good food, conversation, and a few laughs to celebrate this Advent and Christmas season.

For more Information: theresasmith1225@shaw.ca or 250-213-3304.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

If you're interested in helping those in need, serving our parish, growing in faith, or obtaining exclusive access to top-rated insurance protection for your family, then joining St. Patrick's Council 7934 of the Knights of Columbus is the organization for you. St. Patrick's Council will conduct a membership drive after each Mass on Dec 3rd (11:00 am and 4:00 Pm) Please consider joining our council. For more information, visit kofc.org, or contact Grand Knight Mike O'Neill at mikepmoinvest@gmail.com



Please Come Join St. Patrick's Elementary School For Their Advent Carol Service

On Tuesday, December 12th, at 6:00 pm, at St. Andrew's Cathedral, 740 View Street.

This year's **Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast with Santa** will be held on Sunday December 3rd, in Our Lady of Lourdes Hall from 10am to 1pm. Their Pancake Breakfast are know to be super delicious! Further details are available on their poster in on our bulletin boards.

African Aid Angels will be on sale Sunday, December 3rd. Africa's Aids epidemic continues to impact severely the live of millions. Proceeds from these angels provide food, medicine, seeds and other necessities to widows and orphans, plus assistance in establishing food self-sufficiency in the sub-Saharan Africa.



MASS INTENTIONS

Sun Nov 26 - 11:00am + Peggy Lucas
 Sun Nov 26 - 4:00 pm (Int) Fr. William Hann
 Wed Nov 29 - 12:10pm + Brenda Marin
 Fri Dec 1 - 12:10pm + Ron Tinney
 Sun Dec 3 - 11:00am + Dylan Kerby
 Sun Dec 3 - 4:00 pm + Tim Roche

FROM OUR PARISH AND THE DIOCESE

Take advantage of this upcoming opportunity to build your skills and experience with community organizing. GVAT is offering the 10-hour introductory level course using materials from the Industrial Areas Foundation (IAF) that have been widely applied in many US and Canadian cities for over 60 years to strengthen communities and work for the common good. For those who have never taken IAF training, or who took it many years ago and want a refresher, this is a practical introduction to how GVAT works and the key tools we use to build power and community leadership. The course will be offered in two 2-hour evening on-line sessions, and one 6-hour Saturday in-person session (with COVID precautions). Dates are Nov 30, 6:30-8:30 pm; Dec 1, 6:30-8:30 pm; and Dec 2, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm. A light lunch to be served. The venue of the Saturday workshop will be announced to registrants later this week once it has been confirmed. The course is FREE for GVAT member organizations and their members. Holy Cross and St. Patrick's Parishes are members. [REGISTER HERE](#) – space is limited!

Anawim is asking for your assistance again. There will be a box in our foyer 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. Thank you for your long-term support of Anawim

Development and Peace Let's heed the cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor and let's act!

Pope Francis calls us to hear "the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor" (Laudato Si', 49). Yet, since 2015, the communities of Guapinol and the San Pedro sector in Honduras have been trying in vain to be heard. In their struggle for justice, defenders are attacked, criminalized and even killed. Eight defenders were unjustly imprisoned for over two years, three people have been murdered since January 2023. Please sign the letter to the Honduran ambassador to Canada found at the D&P display at the entrance to the church. Your signature matters!

The Bishop's Appeal, *Tapestry of Faith*, is still accepting 2023 donations. Please consider making a financial commitment to the Bishop's Annual Appeal. Not only are you helping our parish, but you are making a real difference to our greater Diocesan faith community, our religious leaders, and Local Mission Parishes. Donations may be made on-line at: <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/bishops-appeal>
 Our parish project is to update our antiquated audio-visual system in the Church.

Parish Goal: \$51,000. Actual to Date: \$48,125. Number of Gifts: 96

Vocations To the Priesthood - Christ The King - Thirty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Lord, when was it that we saw you...?" Have you heard the Lord as well? If God is calling you to serve as 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, November 26th from St. Patrick's Church at 4:00 PM. Click the link here: <http://www.youtube.com/c/StPatricksHolyCrossChurch>

NEXT WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday Nov. 27	Tuesday Nov. 28	Wednesday Nov. 29	Thursday Nov. 30	Friday Dec. 1	Saturday Dec 2	Sunday Dec 3
St. Patrick's Church and Parish Office are Closed	9:00am - Mass Holy Cross Church 11:00am to 3:00pm Church Open for Prayer & Visitation Parish Office Open 6:30pm Horizons of Hope 7:00pm Toastmasters 7:00pm AA Peace	11:00am to 3:00pm Church Open for Prayer & Visitation Parish Office Open 12:10pm Funeral Mass - Estelita Coching Ostan <i>Reception to Follow</i> 6:30pm Arbutus Singers 7:00pm AA Peace	9:00am - Mass Holy Cross Church 11:00am 11:00am to 3:00pm Church Open for Prayer & Visitation Parish Office Open 7:00pm Knights of Columbus Executive Meeting 7:00pm AA Peace	11:00am to 3:00pm Church Open for Prayer & Visitation Parish Office Open 11:30am Confessions 12:10pm Mass - St. Patrick's Church 1:00 pm Divine Mercy Social Event 6:00pm Couples for Christ Choir Practice 7:00pm CA Meeting	St. Patrick's Church and Parish Office are Closed 9:30am Knights of Columbus - Setting up for their Sunday's Event 4:00pm Mass - Holy Cross Church "Live Streaming"	9:00am Mass - Holy Cross Church 9:30 Sacramental Prep. Rehearsal - First Reconciliation 10am - 1pm Knight of Columbus - Pancake Breakfast. 11:00am Mass - St. Patrick's Church 12:00 RCIC Rehearsal - First Reconciliation 4:00pm Mass - St. Patrick's Parish



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