

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 30, 2025 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

1st Reading: Isaiah 2.1-5 † 2nd Reading: Roman 13.11-14 † Gospel: Matthew 24.37-44

THEME: BE AWAKE

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Advent Season is a season of expectation, preparation and penance, and most importantly of hope. The readings of Advent plunge us back into the times when God's people awaited the coming of the Messiah. The prophets spoke about the coming of the Messiah, thus keeping alive the hopes of the People of God. As we begin this season, let us take time to do a thorough examination of conscience to discern areas of weakness and sin – those “works of darkness” Paul talks about – in our own lives. Then, consider taking up practices that help you to foster the opposing virtues to arm yourself against these temptations. As you grow in these virtues, you'll certainly be on your way up the mountain of the Lord and walking in his light.

Today's Gospel calls us to vigilance. Jesus tells us, “therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come.” While he is speaking about our need to be ready to meet the Lord when he comes at the end of our lives, it's also an invitation for us to always be ready to share our faith with others whenever the opportunity presents itself. We never know the moment when someone will come to us in need of prayer, a word of encouragement, or with questions related to their own spiritual hunger. We must always be ready to meet them where they are and offer a word of hope.

Take a moment to pray this week for those “divine appointments” – those individuals who might come your way – seeking encouragement or insight into the spiritual questions in their lives. Ask for the grace to be “awake” so that you're ready to meet them when they come. We can't always predict when these encounters will happen, but we can prepare ourselves to receive these persons as Christ and offer them our full attention and love. Therefore, we must not serve God with heavy hearts. We must be alive, awake, active in good works faithful servants of Christ our Master.

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: 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

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.

Report Sexual Abuse

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat Nov 29- 7:00pm	+ Michael Jung
Sun Nov 30- 11:00am	Pro Populo
Sun Nov 30- 4:00pm	+ Florence & William Blake
Tues Dec 2- 12:10pm	+ Kevin D'Cunha
Wed Dec 3- 12:10pm	+ Seraphim, Fernando, & Elmira Botelho
Thurs Dec 4- 12:10pm	+ Fr. Frank Franz
Fri Dec 5- 12:10pm	+ Karlina Kess

PARISH CONTACTS

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St. Patrick's Elementary School extends an invitation to all to join them for their Advent Mass at St. Patrick's Parish this **Tuesday, December 3rd at 10:45am**. Please note that the regular weekday Mass at 12:10pm is cancelled.



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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PARISH NEWS & EVENTS



Please join us in praying for the repose of the soul of Fr. Frank Franz, who died following a brief illness on Sunday, November 23, 2025. We all extend our deepest sympathy to his family and friends.

Fr. Frank Franz will be remembered by St. Patrick's Parishioners for generously offering of his time when called upon, and how he openly shared his joy of life. We give thanks to God for his priestly vocation.

A Memorial Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, December 4, at 10:00 am at St. Andrew's Cathedral in Victoria, with Bishop Gary presiding. All are welcome to attend in person or via livestream at:

<https://www.youtube.com/live/NHSiD7VjYOg>

Eternal rest grant unto your servant, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Sacrament of Anointing the Sick on Friday, December 5th

With this being the first Friday of the month, Father Benson will administer the **Sacrament of Anointing the Sick** on **Friday, December 5th** 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.



Congratulations!

St. Patrick's Parishioners have once again with their generous donations succeeded in reaching the 2025 Bishop's Appeal Goal of \$50,000. To date we have raised **\$54,491** from **100 pledges**. Thank you for generosity and support as it is greatly appreciated. If you haven't yet made a donation, please it is not too late! More donations will not only increase our success, and it also ensures that no community is left without the light of Christ.



2026 Pre-numbered Collection Envelopes

Parishioners who are currently using pre-numbered collection envelopes, your 2026 collection envelopes sets will be available on Sunday, December 7th in alphabetical order in front of the Statues of Mary in the lobby. Please note that many box numbers have changed. We remind you to please not use your 2025 pre-numbered envelopes until January 2026, and **do not** use envelopes from previous years as they may now belong to someone else. If you are a new to the parish or would like to start using these collection envelopes, please contact the parish office .

Baptismal Preparation Course the next session will be on Saturday, December 13 from **10:00 am – 12:00 noon** To register please email: hcsbaptismalprep@rcdvictoria.org with your name and contact information.



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**.

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.



Boxes from Anawim House have been placed 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.



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.



Thank you to all who participated in the St. Vincent de Paul Food Drive last weekend. St Patrick's Parish food donations weighed a whopping 382 kg. CONGRATULATIONS!! Your continuous generosity, & support is so greatly appreciated by St. Vincent de Paul foodbank.







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4 th Prize	\$5,000
5 th to 14 th	\$1,000 each --> Early Bird Draws

TICKETS

1 for \$5
10 for \$25
50 for \$50

CWL Christmas Luncheon

This is the last weekend to purchase your CWL Christmas Luncheon that will be sold after each Mass in the foyer. The cost for CWL Members \$32, and for Non-Members \$37. Last day to buy is **Wednesday, December 3rd**. Come and join your CWL sisters on Saturday, December 14th for some good food, conversation, and a few laughs to celebrate this Advent & Christmas Season.

African Aids Angels: These special angels will be on sale before and after the 11:00 mass at St. Patrick's Parish on Sunday, December 7th. The angels are made by volunteers. Fabric and jewelry are donated so all funds collected go directly to our project which is to help support the children at Thembaletu Orphanage in Annerley South Africa.



On Sunday, December 7th after the 4pm Mass you are invited to join the Knights of Columbus in their traditional **Light Up For Christ**. Fr. Benson will bless the outside Nativity. Afterwards, hot chocolate,

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE

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.

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops presents **Journey through Advent** with the Most Rev. Wayne Lobsinger, Auxilliary Bishop of Hamilton. Follow each week's reflection on the Scriptures for the Sundays of Advent 2025: <https://www.cccb.ca/evangelization-catechesis-catholic-education/video-resources/journey-through-advent/>

Providence Living at The Views is seeking a **part-time Spiritual Care Coordinator** for 30 hours bi-weekly. The Spiritual Health Coordinator leads and develops spiritual care and mission effectiveness programs, and also works closely with managers and caregivers in the support and counselling of residents, their loved ones, and staff members. Find the job posting here:

<https://www.rcdvictoria.org/employment>

The **National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples**, an initiative of the Canadian Catholic Indigenous Council (CCIC), is observed each year on December 12, the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. This year's prayer, along with a series of reflection questions prepared by the CCIC, can be found here: <https://www.cccb.ca/document/2025-national-day-of-prayer-in-solidarity-with-indigenous-peoples/>

LIVESTREAM MASSES

Live Mass broadcast this weekend! Mass is livestreamed this week on Sunday, November 30th at St. Patrick's Parish at 11:00am. Click the link here: <http://www.youtube.com/c/StPatricksHolyCrossChurch>

NEXT WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday Dec 1	Tuesday Dec 2	Wednesday Dec 3	Thursday Dec 4	Friday Dec 5	Saturday Dec 6	Sunday Dec 7
Church & Office CLOSED	10:45am - St. Patrick's School Advent Mass All are Welcome	10am - St. Vincent de Paul meeting	10am CWL Decorating Hall	11am to 3:00pm Church & Office Open	Church & Office Closed	11am Sunday Mass Children's Liturgy Coffee After Mass
	11am to 3pm Church & Office Open	10am to 3pm Church & Office Open	11am to 3pm Church & Office Open	11:30am - Confessions	6:15pm Confessions	12:15pm - Sacramental Prep Class, Session 4
	12:10pm Mass is cancelled	11:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Angelus Rosary & Mass	12:00pm Angelus & Mass	12:00pm Angelus & Mass & Anointing of the Sick	7pm Saturday Evening Mass	4pm Sunday Mass
7pm AA Peace	7pm AA-Clue	7pm - Arbutus Singers Christmas Concert	7pm - Knights of Columbus, General Meeting	3pm Divine Mercy Devotion, social event to follow		5:15pm - Knights of Columbus Light Up For Christ
	7pm - Toastmasters	7pm AA Peace	7:30 Couples for Christ Choir Practice	7pm CA		
			7pm AA Peace			



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Heralds of Hope ADVENT CONCERT

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Monday December 8th, 6:00pm

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