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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 8, 2026
THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Greetings of peace and love in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

I hope you are all doing well. I would like to inform you that I will be away from the parish office from November 10–20, as I will be attending a retreat with my religious order in Mexico. During my absence, if you need assistance with parish matters, please reach out to Mark Redchurch, Chair of the Parish Council, or Denise Smith, Vice-Chair of the Parish Council. Although I will be away, please know that you will remain in my thoughts and prayers. I assure you of my prayers for you and your families, and I ask you to keep me in your prayers as well.

November is a special month in the life of the Church. As the leaves fall from the trees, the days become shorter, and the nights grow longer, we naturally turn our thoughts to the deeper and more lasting values of life**.**

The readings during these final weeks of the Church year invite us to reflect on some of life's most important questions: What truly matters? How are we living our lives? Are we prepared to meet the Lord?

In the first reading from the Book of Wisdom, we hear: "Wisdom is readily perceived by those who love her and found by those who seek her" (Wisdom 6:12). True wisdom is not beyond our reach. It is a gift we must seek and welcome into our lives. A wise person does not simply worry about tomorrow but learns to live each day with faith, hope, and trust in God. Even when facing difficulties and uncertainties, such a person can find peace in the assurance that God is always present.

As the Psalm reminds us, *"Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me" (Psalm 23:4).*

In the second reading, St. Paul comforts the Thessalonians, who are worried about those who have died before the Lord's return. He reminds them that death does not have the final word. Through Jesus Christ, we have the hope of resurrection. Those who have died in Christ will rise, and those who remain alive will share in the glory of the Lord. What a beautiful reminder that our Christian faith is rooted in hope, not fear! The Gospel presents us with the parable of the ten bridesmaids: five wise and five foolish. All ten were waiting for the bridegroom, but only five had brought enough oil for their lamps. When the bridegroom arrived unexpectedly at midnight, the wise bridesmaids were ready, while the foolish ones were not. The message of this parable is simple but profound: **We must always be prepared to meet the Lord.** *(continued on next page)*

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 WSÁNEĆ peoples whose historical relationships with the land continue to this day.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat Nov 7 – 7:00pm	Pro Populo
Sun Nov 8 – 11:00am	(Int) Chris Mooney & Sarah Molly
Sun Nov 8 – 4:00pm	(Int) Loretta Fonseca
Tue Nov 10 – 12:10pm	+ Phyllis Clarke
Wed Nov 11 – 12:10pm	+ Faith Collins
Thu Nov 12 – 12:10pm	+ Norma Dechene
Fri Nov 13 – 12:10pm	+ Faith Collins

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Remembrance Day ~~Lest We Forget

This year's Remembrance Day, **Wednesday, November 11th**, a special Liturgy of the Word with Communion will be held at **10:30am** at our parish.

Everyone is invited to attend this service that honours those who died in service to our country and to pray for our military men and women who are in active service or retired. A wonderful way to say Thank You.

OUR PARISH

The lamps represent our faith, and the oil reminds us of the prayer, love, good works, and faithfulness that keep our spiritual lives alive. The wise bridesmaids could not share their oil with the others because readiness for the Lord is a personal responsibility. We can encourage one another, pray for one another, and support one another along the journey of faith, but no one can live our relationship with God on our behalf.

We cannot depend entirely on someone else's faith. We must nurture our own relationship with Jesus through prayer, the celebration of the Eucharist, the Word of God, acts of charity, forgiveness, and a life of Christian service.

There is another important lesson in this Gospel. The bridegroom arrived later than expected. None of the bridesmaids knew the exact time of his arrival. Similarly, none of us knows the day or the hour when the Lord will call us home. We cannot postpone our faith, our forgiveness, our love, or our conversion until tomorrow. The time to prepare our hearts is today.

Jesus concludes the parable with these words: "Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour" (Matthew 25:13).

My dear brothers and sisters, as we journey through November and remember those who have gone before us, let us not be afraid of death. Rather, let us live each day with wisdom, faith, and hope, knowing that our final destination is not the grave but eternal life with God.

May we never allow the lamps of our faith to go out. May our hearts always be filled with the oil of prayer, love, compassion, and good works. And when the Lord comes to meet us, may He find us ready to welcome Him.

Let us live each day in such a way that we are always ready to meet the Lord. May God bless you and your families.

In Christ,

Fr. Silvichan Dominic
Pastor, St. Patrick's Parish

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: $40,647 Number of Gifts: 87

World Day of the Poor - Food Drive on November 14/15th
This weekend please take a grocery bag from members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul St. Patrick's Conference, fill it with canned goods and non-perishable food items, and **return it next week** in support of World Day of the Poor. Please consider making a gift at: https://give-can.keela.co/ssvp_donation_form and specify '**St. Patrick's Conference'**. If you or anyone you know needs assistance, please contact us at **stpatricks@svdpvictoria.com**

FINANCIAL NEWS

COLLECTION – Nov 1st, 2026

Envelopes	$2,520.00
Loose Change	808.50
TipTap	135.00
Bldg. Maint. Fund	350.00
PAD	513.00
GRAND TOTAL	**$4,326.50**

Evangelization of The Nations	$50.00

	Nov 1st, 2026	YTD
Received	$4,326.50	$251,311.23
Needed to Cover Expenses	$7,685.00	$345,825.00
Difference	-$3,358.50	-$94,513.77

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

OUR DIOCESE

Mass of Remembrance - Friday, November 13th
On Friday, November 13th, Bishop Gary will celebrate a **Mass of Remembrance** for the clergy and religious who served in our Diocese who have died in the past year. The Mass will be held at 12pm noon; all are invited to participate, either in person at St. Andrew's Cathedral in Victoria (740 View Street), or via the Diocesan livestream at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dTQixY-wYAw

Seminar: Dying with Christ, A Christian Response to MAiD
St. Andrew's Cathedral is hosting a seminar with Deacon Larry Worthen from Halifax, NS entitled***: "Dying with Christ, Heading for Heaven: A Christian Response to MAiD"*** on Saturday, November 14th. The day will start with Mass at 8:30 am, followed by the seminar from 9:30 am - 3:00 pm which will be held in the Cathedral. Registration is $25 and will include lunch. Please contact the parish office at 250-388-5571 or by email at standrewscathedral@gmail.com for more information or to register.

Aid to the Church in Need is a Catholic and Pontifical organization that supports poor, oppressed, and persecuted communities. Each year, ACN hosts "Red Wednesday," an event that raises awareness about the persecution and injustice suffered by Christians, while promoting respect, tolerance, and religious freedom for people of all faiths. This year's event will take place on **Wednesday, November 18, 2026**. Information and resources are available online at: https://acn-canada.org/red-wednesday/

LIVESTREAM MASSES – Mass is livestreamed this week on **Saturday, November 7th** from Holy Cross Church at **4:00pm**. Click the link here**:** https://www.youtube.com/c/stpatricksholycrosschurch

NEXT WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Mon Nov 9	Tue Nov 10	Wed Nov 11	Thu Nov 12	Fri Nov 13	Sat Nov 14	Sun Nov 15
CHURCH & OFFICE CLOSED 7PM AA CLUE	11am to 3pm Church & Office Open **Confessions cancelled** **11:40am Rosary** **12pm** **The Angelus** **12:10pm Liturgy of the Word with Communion** 7pm Toastmasters 7pm AA Peace	Office CLOSED Church opens at 10am for 10:30am service **Remembrance Day Service:** **10:30am Liturgy of the Word with Communion** **Confessions cancelled** 7pm AA-Peace	11am to 3pm Church & Office Open **Confessions cancelled** **11:40am Rosary** **12pm** **The Angelus** **12:10pm Liturgy of the Word with Communion** 6pm Couples for Christ, Choir Practice 7pm AA-Peace	11am to 3pm Church & Office Open **9:30am CWL Used Clothing Sale** **Confessions cancelled** **11:40am Rosary** **12pm Angelus** **12:10pm Liturgy of the Word with Communion** 3pm Divine Mercy Devotion 5:30pm Marriage Enrichment Retreat 7pm CA	CHURCH & OFFICE CLOSED 8:30am Pastoral Care Training **9:30am CWL Used Clothing Sale** 5:30pm You Are Forgiven Session 1 **Confessions cancelled** **7pm Saturday Mass**	CHURCH & OFFICE CLOSED **11am Sunday Mass** *Coffee after Mass* **4pm Sunday Mass** 5pm COR Gathering

CISDV – AGM: The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Catholic Independent Schools Diocese of Victoria (CISDV) Society will be held on **Tuesday, November 17, 2026**. There will be a private ballot **election for a position to the CISDV Board of Directors** at this meeting. The position is for a three-year term. Nomination forms may be requested from schools@cisdv.bc.ca and must be completed and sent to the Nomination Committee at schools@cisdv.bc.ca no later than Tuesday, November 10th. Potential Board Members must meet the following requirements for nomination:

- *Be a practicing Catholic and an active member of a Catholic Parish in the Diocese of Victoria.*
- *Not be an employee of the CISDV, an immediate relative of an employee of the CISDV, nor a student of a school under the jurisdiction of CISDV.*
- *Read and understand the constitution and bylaws, policies 200 and 201 and the method of election.*
- *Have a signed nomination form which includes two sponsors and Parish Priest.*

For further information, contact Island Catholic Schools office at 250-727-6893 ext. 240

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***.

Join Us for 2026 Faith Day!

November 21st, 2026 is Diocesan Faith Day on Vancouver Island, bringing together community for a time of reflection, learning, and spiritual growth. This year this inspiring day is being co-hosted with the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul.

Date: **Saturday, November 21st, 2026**

Mass: **9:00 am**, with Bishop Gary Gordon at **Sacred Heart Parish** (4040 Nelthorpe Street)

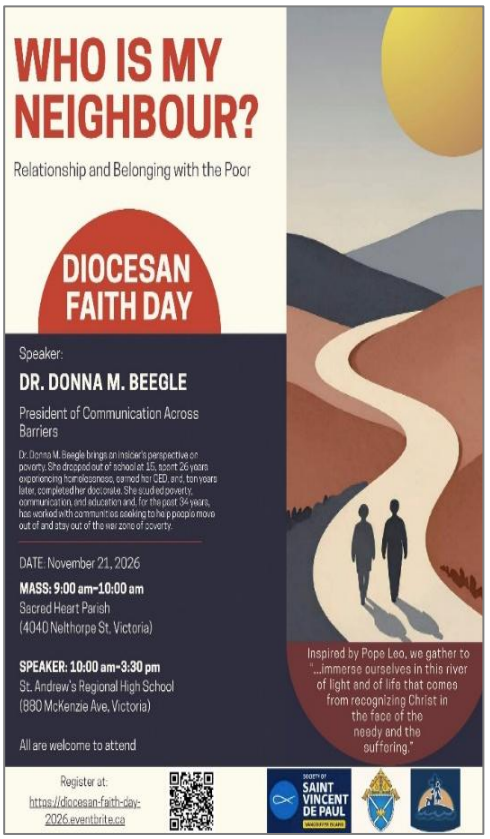
Event: **10:00 am** at **St. Andrew's High School** (880 McKenzie Avenue)

Cost: **Free**

Register: https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/diocesan-faith-day-who-is-my-neighbour-tickets-2003518720426

The guest speaker is Dr. Donna M. Beegle, on the topic of: '***Who is My Neighbour? Relationship and Belonging with the Poor'***

Dr. Beegle inspires and educates individuals, organizations, politicians, and entire communities with proven models to better outcomes for people in poverty. Born into a migrant-labour family and married at 15, she is the only member of her family who has not been incarcerated. She is an authentic voice from poverty that speaks, writes, and trains across the country to break the iron cage of poverty for others.



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