# 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 9, 2025 DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

1st Reading: Ezekiel 47.1-2, 8-9, 12 † 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 3.9b-11, 16-17 † Gospel: John 2.13-22

THEME: MANIFESTATION GOD'S PRESENCE ON EARTH

Dear People of God,

The Lateran Basilica was built by Constantine and was consecrated by Pope Sylvester in 324. This feast was first observed in Rome, but later, it was extended to the universal Latin Church. There are two important points about today's celebration. First, the physical building, as well as our bodies, is God's dwelling place. Second, both the physical church building and we are evidence and the manifestation of God's presence on earth.

In our first reading, the vision of the prophet Ezekiel about the temple of Jerusalem is presented to us most articulately and dramatically. This reminds us of God's ever-abiding presence within his temple. As a sign of God's presence among his people, the Temple or "Church" is a place from where the river of God's joy flows towards us. That is, to nourish and satisfy us. It is a place of refuge where we find eternal bliss. It is a place where our spiritual hunger and thirst are satisfied, and most importantly, it is a place of healing where we find Jesus who heals our wounded souls.

In the second reading, Paul reminds us of God's special presence within us. We are God's living and mobile temple. Therefore, there is a special call to keep this temple holy, pure, and sacred, because God does not dwell in a flirty temple. If our temple remains sacred, his spirit will continue to dwell therein.

In the gospel, Jesus' action in the temple brings us to the climax and significance of today's celebration. He reminds us of how we ought to treat and reverence God's temple. Hence today's celebration reminds us that our bodies as God's temple were purchased through the water of baptism, and consecrated through the sacred oil of Chrism and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, whereas the physical church is also consecrated by both the presence of the Trinitarian God and the presence of "God's priestly, holy and chosen people" (1 Peter 2:9).

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: <a href="mailto:hcspbaptismalprep@rcdvictoria.org">hcspbaptismalprep@rcdvictoria.org</a>

CONFIRMATION & FIRST COMMUNION Please email: <a href="mailto:mbristow@rcdvictoria.org">mbristow@rcdvictoria.org</a>

**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

**EUCHARISTIC 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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Custodian: Dean Riches

We acknowledge and respect the Lekwungen peoples on whose traditional territory St. Patrick's Parish stands and the Songhees, Esquimalt and  $\underline{W}SANEC$  peoples whose historical relationships with the land continue to this day.

#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

Sat Nov 8 - 7:00pm + Henry Family
Sun Nov 9 - 11:00am (Int) Mary Kennedy

Sun Nov9 - 4:00pm + Florence & William

Blake

Tues Nov 11 - 12:10pm + Thomas Scanlan Wed Nov 12 - 12:10pm + Sharon Wetselaar

Thurs Nov 13 - 12:10pm + Thomas Scanlan

Fri Nov 14 - 12:10pm + Sophie Kess

#### **PARISH CONTACTS**

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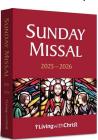
#### St. Vincent de Paul:

Colin Scott 250-995-3227

#### 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.

Patrick Card - Principal
Angela McLeish - Vice Principal

Phone: **250-592-6713** Email: <u>sp@cisdv.bc.ca</u> www.stpatrickselem.ca



Visit the school's Facebook page

#### **PARISH NEWS & EVENTS**



#### Remembrance Day ~~Lest We Forget

A Remembrance Day Mass will be held on Tuesday, November 11th at 10:00am at St. Patrick's Parish. Everyone is invited to attend. This special Mass is to honour and remember those who died in service to our country, and to pray for our military men and women who are in active service or retired.

# The

### 2025 Annual Bishop's Appeal Love & Unity

The Bishop's Appeal, Love & Unity is still accepting 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 benefit our young people and family ministries. When we give, we invest in the faith

and future of the next generation. To receive a tax receipt for 2025, ensure your donation is dropped off at the parish office in plenty of time to get to the Diocese for processing. www.rcdvictoria.org/bishops-appeal

Parish Goal: \$50,000 Actual to Date: \$11,845 Number of Gifts 30 Par-





Weekend of November 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> St. Vincent de Paul Conference of St. Patrick's Parish will be holding a food drive. Your participation is greatly needed to help those in our community who are poor and hungry that rely on the St. Vincent de Paul food pantry. Grocery bags will be available after each Mass this weekend for you to bring your non-perishable food to St. Vincent de Paul Food Drive. Your donation, large or small will be greatly appreciated.

**St. Andrews Regional High School Christmas Poinsettia Fundraiser** Please consider supporting the poinsettia fundraiser to purchase library resources for all students, in all grades, in all subjects for the school library. Order forms may be obtained in both of the church foyers. **Deadline to order is Monday, November 17th.** 



## IT'S ALMOST HERE...St. Patrick's CWL 2025 Fall & Winter GOOD USED CLOTHING, JEWELRY & CHRISTMAS SALE

St. Patrick's CWL will be holding the Fall & Winter Good Used Clothing Sale with Jewelry & Christmas items on Friday, Nov 14 & Saturday Nov 15, 9:30am - 2:00pm. We are now gratefully accepting donation of men's, women's, children's clothing and shoes along with household linens, and jewelry. Items can be left on the marked carts in the hall closet area. We are **NOT accepting any other items at this time.** 

Thank you for your ongoing support! Click for POSTER:

**REMINDER: Turn Debt into Hope** walk on **Thursday, November 13** at **10:00am**. Please meet in the St. Patrick's Parish parking lot. More info at: https://devp.org/en/

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 sessions available to take a Baptismal Prep course are **Saturday, November 15** or **Saturday, December 13** (from **10:00 am – 12 noon**). Please email: hcspbaptismalprep@rcdvictoria.org with your name and contact information.

#### **COLLECTIONS NOVEMBER 2, 2025**

**Envelopes** 2,268.50 \$ **Loose Change** 612.45 Bldg. Maint. Fund \$ 610.00 Canada Helps \$ 67.18 PAD 1,990.00 \$ 5,548.13 **Grand Total** 

#### **NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE**

Mount St. Mary Hospital will host its annual Christmas Market on Saturday, November 29th, from 10:00 am–2:30 pm at 861 Fairfield Road. Browse local vendors offering handmade gifts, baked goods, plants, Christmas décor, and more - plus enjoy live entertainment and a White Elephant Sale.



Admission is free—everyone is welcome! CLICK for POSTER

#### **FINANCIAL NEWS**

	Nov. 2, 2025	YTD		
Received	\$ 5,548.13	\$ 237,199.34		
Budgeted	\$ 4,945.00	\$ 222,525.00		
Difference	\$ 603.13	\$ 14,674.34		

On **Wednesday, November 19, 2025**, 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 noon; all are invited to participate, either in person at St. Andrew's Cathedral in Victoria (740 View St), or via the Diocesan livestream at: https://youtube.com/live/2CT0a1AGN1g?feature=share

Pope Leo XIV has released his message to young people for the **40th World Youth Day 2025**. This year's celebration will take place on **November 23, 2025**, the Solemnity of Christ the King, with the theme: "You also are my witnesses, because you have been with me" (Jn 15:27). Read the Holy Father's full message here: <a href="https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/messages/youth/documents/20251007-messaggio-xl-gmg.html">https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/messaggio-xl-gmg.html</a>

On **Friday, November 21**, the Esquimalt United Church (500 Admirals Road) will host an **ecumenical prayer session in The Way of Taizé** at **6:00 pm**. All are invited to join in this evening of prayer and song.

#### Movember 11th





#### **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)

Proceeds to Support CHOIR KIDS

Birthright will be selling **Specialty Fudges** after both Masses on **November 22/23**. (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 – this is very timely as we prepare for the birth of the Christ Child! Please consider supporting this worthwhile cause. **CLICK FOR POSTER** 

#### LIVESTREAM MASSES

Live Mass broadcast this weekend! Mass is livestreamed this week on Saturday, November 8th at Holy Cross at 4:00pm.

Click the link here: <a href="http://www.youtube.com/c/StPatricksHolyCrossChurch">http://www.youtube.com/c/StPatricksHolyCrossChurch</a>

NEXT WEEK IN OUR PARISH								
Monday Nov 10	Tuesday Nov 11	Wednesday Nov 12	Thursday Nov 13	Friday Nov 14	Saturday Nov 15	Sunday Nov 16		
Church & Office CLOSED	Remembrance Day	11am to 3:00pm Church & Office Open  11:30am Exposition of the Blessed	11am to 3:00pm Church & Office Open 10am - Turn Debt	9:30 CWL Good Used Clothing Sale 11am to 3:00pm Church & Office Open	Church & Office Closed 9:30am CWL Good Used Clothing Sale	SVDP Food Drive  11am Sunday Mass Baptism		
Remem <u>Mass</u> h	10:00am Remembrance Day Mass here at St. Patrick's Parish	0am Sacrament & Mass embrance Day shere at St.	into Hope Walk (parking lot) 12:00pm Angelus & Mass	11:30am - Confessions 12:00pm Angelus & Mass	SVDP Food Drive 6:15pm Confessions	Celebration Children's Liturgy Refreshments after Mass 12:15pm -		
7pm AA Peace	OFFICE CLOSED 7pm AA-Clue	7pm AA Peace	6pm - Choir Practice 7pm AA Peace	3pm Divine Mercy Devotion 5pm Couples for Christ	7pm Saturday Evening Mass	Sacramental Prep Class, Session 1 4pm Sunday Mass		
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## 64th ANNUAL **CHARITY APPEAL**

Click here

For Council 7934

TICKETS

1 for \$5 10 for \$25

50 for \$50

WIN \$100,000 in prizes including a 2025 Ford Maverick XLT AWD Grand Prize

**PRIZES** 

1<sup>st</sup> Prize 2025 Ford Maverick XLT AWD

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize \$25,000

3rd Prize

\$10,000

4th Prize \$ 5,000

5<sup>th</sup> to 14 <sup>th</sup> \$ 1,000

each! --> Early Bird Draws



## **BUY TODAY for Council 7934**

Sales Oct 1, 2025 to Dec 13, 2025, 8pm

Early Bird Draws .....

Oct 6 (2x\$1000), Oct 20 (2x\$1000), Nov 3 (2x\$1000)

Nov 17 (2x\$1000), Dec 5 (2x\$1000)

Main Draw Saturday December 13, 2025, 8:01pm

An annual charity appeal of the Knights of Columbus (BC) Charity Foundation **WORKING TOGETHER TO MAKE OUR COMMUNITIES BETTER** Thank you for your Support!

For general inquiries call 604-216-7272 Raffle Event Licence #: 164447 Chances are 1 in 410,000 (total tickets for sale) to win a grand prize. Actual odds depend on number of tickets sold. 19+ to play. Problem Gambling Help Line 1-888-795-6111 w.w.w.bcresponsiblegambling.ca Know your limit. Play within it. Winners are responsible for cost associated with delivery/claiming of prizes.

2025 FALL & WINTER

# A Simply Smashing

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SAT NOV 15 9:30 - 2pm

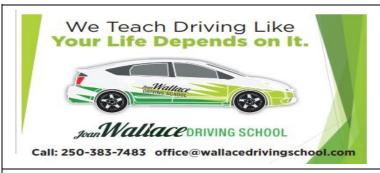




Offering a large selection of Men, Women, and Children's clothing and accessories (yes shoes too!)

**SOME OF THE CHARITIES WE SUPPORT ARE:** African Heritage Assoc., Anawim House, ANCOP (Answering the Cry of the Poor), Birthright, Development and Peace, Coady International, Missions in Canada and abroad, Mount St. Mary Hospital, Oak Bay Volunteer Service Society, St. Patrick`s/St. Andrew's Schools and Student Bursaries, St. Vincent de Paul - Rosalie`s Village, Sanctuary Youth Centre, Sandy Merriman House, The Soup Kitchen, Threshold Housing Society, as well as church needs.







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