

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.**

MASS TIMES

Saturday: 7:00pm
Sunday: 11:00am & 4:00pm
Tuesday to Friday: 12:10pm

CONFESSIONS

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
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FUNERALS, BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS

Contact the Parish Office

CONFIRMATION & FIRST COMMUNION

Email: mbristow@rcdvictoria.org

EUCCHARISTIC 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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OCTOBER 11, 2026

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

My dear people in Christ,

Greetings of peace and love! This weekend, as we celebrate Thanksgiving, the Word of God invites us to pause and recognize that life itself is a gift from God. The prophet Isaiah gives us a beautiful image of God's Kingdom: "On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food and well-aged wines" (Isaiah 25:6). The Kingdom of God is pictured as a banquet, a celebration prepared for everyone. I sometimes wonder why we can make our experience of faith seem so serious, difficult, or even boring. Jesus certainly did not live that way. He went to weddings, shared meals with friends and strangers, visited the homes of both the respected and the rejected and brought joy wherever He went.

Today's Gospel, however, reminds us that God's invitation to the banquet is both a gift and a choice. Some people were invited but were too busy to come. Others came but were not prepared to participate fully in the celebration. Perhaps this speaks to us as well. We can become so busy with work, responsibilities, appointments, worries, and the demands of daily life that we forget to stop and enjoy the gift of life itself. We may be physically present in church, but sometimes our hearts and minds are somewhere else.

Thanksgiving is a beautiful opportunity to stop and say: "Thank you, Lord." St. Paul gives us a wonderful lesson in gratitude. He says that he has learned "the secret of being well fed and of going hungry, of having plenty and of being in need." His secret was not that everything was always easy. His secret was that Christ was always with him: "I can do all things through him who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:12-13). That is Christian gratitude: not simply thanking God when everything goes well but trusting Him in every circumstance.

As we gather around the Eucharistic table this Thanksgiving, let us remember that the Eucharist itself means thanksgiving. We come with grateful hearts and receive Jesus, the greatest gift the Father has given us. May the joy and gratitude we experience at the Lord's table overflow into our homes, our families, our parish, and our community. On behalf of St. Patrick's Parish, I wish you and your families a very blessed and joyful Thanksgiving.

With prayers and blessings,
Fr. Silvichan Dominic, CFIC

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 Oct 10 – 7:00pm	Pro Populo
Sun Oct 11 – 11:00am	+ Elizabeth Lo
Sun Oct 11 – 4:00pm	+ Jun Aniban
Tue Oct 13 – 12:10pm	+ Linnea & Don Fouracre
Wed Oct 14 – 12:10pm	(Int) Mary Martin & Family
Thu Oct 15 – 12:10pm	+ Luke O'Connell
Fri Oct 16 – 10:45am	Mass with St. Patrick's Elementary School + Sophie Kess

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OUR PARISH

It is with sadness that we announce the passing of Hermina (Minca) Smaak, a parishioner of our parish, who passed away on Sunday, October 4th. We wish to extend our sincere condolences and prayers to her family and friends. A Prayer Vigil for Hermina will be held on Friday, October 9, 2026, at 7:00pm and her Mass of Christian Burial Funeral will be on Saturday, October 10th at 11:00am. May she rest in peace, and may perpetual light shine upon her.

The Bishop's Appeal

The 2026 Appeal *Be the Light* is now in full swing and I am happy to announce that 13 registered households from St. Patrick's Parish have contributed thus far and we have raised **\$900** towards our goal. Your support of the Bishop's Appeal helps foster vocations and sustain clergy and religious life. Together, we support future priests and pastoral leaders, while also caring for retired priests who have served faithfully. Please consider giving to this Appeal that has a real impact on our people and parishes. All gifts, no matter what the size, matter. Donations may be made once, or as a pre-approved monthly withdrawal.

Our Parish Goal: \$49,000 Actual to Date: \$900 Number of Gifts: 13



Thank you from the CWL – Fabulous Fall Bazaar

Thank you to everyone for your support of our CWL Fabulous Fall Bazaar. We are blessed with the community of St. Patrick's Parish, St. Patrick's School, Knights of Columbus and our CWL members for all that was done for our Fall Bazaar. The bazaar was a great success - gross sales over \$19,000.00!

Tombola Tickets Winners!

Congratulations to the winners of the Tombola Draw on Saturday October 3rd, 2026, at 2:00pm. A BIG thank you to all who supported this fundraiser for the St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank, the Oak Bay Volunteers and Mount St. Mary's.

- **First Prize of \$300** went to **Mary Galbraith**
- **Second Prize of \$200** went to **Bob Higdon**
- **Third Prize of \$100** went to **Brigitte Sobkin**

- Barb Shenton (Tombola/Raffle Convenor)

SAVE THE DATE: Good Used Clothing Sale on November 13th & 14th

The St. Patrick's Catholic Women's League will be hosting their annual Good Used Clothing Sale on **Friday, November 13th** and **Saturday, November 14th** from **9:30am-2:00pm** on both days. Offering a large selection of Men's, Women's, and Children's clothing, accessories and shoes. Special Kiosks for jewellery, Christmas decorations, and fresh household linens.

Children's Offertory: Little Hearts, Big Gift: Fr. Silvichan has initiated a Children's Offertory entitled *"Little Hearts, Big Gifts"* where the children are invited to participate in the Mass by **contributing a small gift such as a dime, or any spare change** and placing their offering in the basket at the front of the altar. During the Offertory when the regular collection begins the **children are invited to come forward and place their offering in the basket**; then return to their seats. Parents are welcome to accompany younger children.

FINANCIAL NEWS

COLLECTION – October 4th, 2026

Envelopes	\$2,200.00
Loose Change	970.25
TipTap	215.00
Bldg. Maint. Fund	270.00
CanadaHelps	136.38
PAD	5,144.00
GRAND TOTAL	\$8,935.63
Needs of Church in Canada	\$10

	Oct 4, 2026	YTD
Received	\$8,935.63	\$232,979.03
Needed to Cover Expenses	\$7,685.00	\$315,085.00
Difference	\$1,250.63	-\$82,105.97

2026 National Gathering for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

The Diocese of Victoria is delighted to be hosting the 2026 National Gathering for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd on **October 23rd and 24th** at St. Patrick's Parish. Registration link:
<https://www.cgsac.ca/national-gathering>

OUR DIOCESE

The Soup Kitchen Needs Volunteers! The Soup Kitchen, operating in the basement of St. Andrew's Cathedral in Victoria, is looking for volunteers for its dine in service, Monday to Friday from 7:30 am to 10:30 am. Please consider volunteering just one morning a week Monday through Friday. Lots of ways you can help out - making sandwiches, serving soup, offering coffee and tea, dishwashing, etc. Keen to learn more? Contact Marilyn Simmons info@thesoupkitchen.ca or visit thesoupkitchen.ca/volunteer

World Mental Health Day

October 10 is World Mental Health Day, an opportunity to pray for those experiencing mental health challenges and to learn about resources that support mental wellness in our communities. Explore faith-based resources that promote mental wellness, hope, and accompaniment at:

<https://catholicmhm.org/canada-chapter>
<https://sanctuarymentalhealth.org/catholics/>

Canadian Jesuits International are hosting a guest speaker, Brex Arevalo from the Philippines. He is an environmental planner and climate justice advocate. He will speak on destructive impacts of waste-burning facilities and supporting safe and just energy transition in the Global South.

His talk is entitled “**Margins at the Centre: navigating a just transition in the Wild Wild Waste**”. It will be held on **Sunday, November 1st**, at **10:15am** (after 9:00am Mass) at Holy Cross Church, 4049 Gordon Head Road. Please see attached poster for more information.

LIVESTREAM MASSES – Mass is livestreamed this week on **Saturday, October 10th** from Holy Cross Church at **4:00pm**. Click the link here: <https://www.youtube.com/c/stpatricksholycrosschurch>

NEXT WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Mon Oct 12	Tue Oct 13	Wed Oct 14	Thu Oct 15	Fri Oct 16	Sat Oct 17	Sun Oct 18
CHURCH & OFFICE CLOSED	11am to 3pm Church & Office Open	11am to 3pm Church & Office Open	11am to 3pm Church & Office Open	11am to 3pm Church & Office Open	CHURCH & OFFICE CLOSED	CHURCH & OFFICE CLOSED
HAPPY THANKSGIVING	11:30am Confessions	11:30am Confessions	11:30am Confessions	10:45am St. Patrick's School, World Food Day Mass <i>Everyone is welcome to attend</i>	8:30am Pastoral Care training	11am Sunday Mass <i>Coffee after Mass</i>
7PM AA CLUE	11:40am Rosary	11:30am Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament	11:40am Rosary	Confessions & 12:10pm Mass are cancelled for today	6:15pm Confessions	1:30pm Couples for Christ
	12pm The Angelus	11:40am Rosary	12pm The Angelus	3pm Divine Mercy Devotion	6:30pm Forgiven, Episode 2: An Encounter with Mercy	4pm Sunday Mass
	12:10pm Mass	12:10pm Mass	12:10pm Mass	5:30pm Couples for Christ	7pm Saturday Mass	5pm COR Gathering
	6pm Choir Practice		6:30pm Liturgy Committee Mtg	7pm CA – Spiritual Lines		
	7pm Toastmasters		7pm AA-Peace			
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+ SAT NOV 14
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FREE PUBLIC TALK

Margins at the centre: Navigating a just transition in the Wild Wild Waste

GUEST SPEAKER: BREX AREVALO

Brex Arevalo is an environmental planner, climate justice advocate, and researcher who has dedicated his career to promoting environmental and social justice in the Asia-Pacific region. Brex has more than nine years of experience working on climate change, pollution, air quality, and sustainable development.

After spending years at Ecojesuit — the global communications platform and online resource centre for the Global Ignatian Advocacy Network — where his work was guided by Ignatian values, Brex now works with urban poor communities in Manila, Philippines, as Climate and Anti-Incineration Campaigner for the Global Alliance for Incinerator Alternatives (GAIA). He supports the advocacy efforts of these communities, whose homes, livelihoods, and dignity are threatened by a destructive waste-burning facility. He also advocates for policies that support a safe and just energy transition in the Global South.



Sunday, November 1, 2026
10:15 a.m. (after the 9 a.m. mass)



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