

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.

OCTOBER 15, 2023 TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today's gospel parable focuses on those who, for a variety of reasons, chose to ignore or reject the invitation to a wedding banquet. In today's gospel Jesus taps into the powerful symbol of clothing as revealer of our interior disposition when he talks about the wedding guests who uninvite themselves by showing up in the wrong clothes—that is, unprepared to join the celebration. Today's gospel reading, like last Sunday's, is addressed to the religious leaders of the people. But the parables are told publicly. There is a message in them for us. Jesus emphasises that this wedding-banquet is open to all people indeed, that God sends his messengers out to scour the highways and byways to fill his house with guests. It is a comforting thought that God wants us to be saved, even more than we do ourselves. On the other hand, there is a special regalia or wedding-garment that must be worn. This is the level of personal commitment required, to accept our place at the wedding feast. I like to think that this refers primarily to community spirit, an ability to share our well-being with other people, in the presence of God. Though founded on faith in God's creative love, Christian hope retains a strong ethical dimension. Our wedding-garment is therefore being woven daily, by the quality of our interaction with others. In this sense, we hold tomorrow in our own hands, as with the help of God's grace we build our own eternal future.

That is why we are invited this week in the readings to raise our sights, and our hearts, when thinking of the future. Beyond this present life, God has planned a great future for all of us. Isaiah's prophecy of the heavenly banquet is an invitation to think of our eternal destiny. There is more to live for than what we see in this present world, interesting and challenging though it is. What really counts, indeed, is whether we succeed in reaching our eternal happiness with God. In our Eucharist today, we are united with Christ and with one another. And beyond this place we are united with more than a billion people all over the world. And beyond this time, we are united with the billions of people who have gone before us marked with the Sign of Faith. And into the Future we are united with the billions of people who will follow in our own footsteps of faith. Let us pray that all of us may find and respond to our own invitation to the fullness of life.

Dear friends, if we look deep into our hearts, we will discover that among our many longings there is one for good relationships with other people. We long to be at peace with them, to be at home with them, to live in peace and harmony, to get on well with them, to cooperate with them, to be, to support them, and to enjoy their company. Rebecca Davis writes...*we are all of us from birth to death guests at a table which we did not spread. The sun, the earth, love, friends, our very breath are parts of the banquet. . . . Shall we think of the day as a chance to come nearer to our Host, and to find out something of him who has fed us so long?*

*Living Thanks,
Father William*

Weekend Mass Times

Sunday - 11:00 am

Sunday - 4:00 pm

Weekday Mass Times: - Wednesday & Friday 12:10pm

CONFESION:

Friday 11:30am to 12:05pm - no appointment necessary

BAPTISM

Please email: hcspbaptismalprep@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 OCT. 8, 2023

Envelopes	\$1,785.00
Loose Change	\$ 573.00
Capital Fund	\$ 75.00
PAD	\$4,877.00
Grand Total	\$7,310.00

FINANCIAL NEWS

	OCT. 8	YTD
Received	\$7,310.00	\$209,392.11
Needed	\$4,700.00	\$192,700.00
Difference	\$2,610.00	\$ 16,692.11

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

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FROM OUR PARISH:

Prayer Reflection

To accept the invitation . . . is to be taken into Christ's living Body, finding there a company of unlikely people who have received and answered the same invitation.

—Rowan Williams

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—Rebecca Harding Davis

Please join His Holiness Pope Francis for His Prayer Intention for the month of October.

<https://youtu.be/nqglrvcEKe8?si=hKqEukNdCRI0MCSg>

Kickoff Week October 14-15

This week we kick off the Bishop's Appeal along with all other parishes and missions throughout our Diocese. The 2023 Appeal theme, **Tapestry of Faith**, provides opportunities for parishioners to build faith relationships, support Local Mission Parishes, and support our Clergy, Sisters, Seminarians and Vocations as together we weave a *Tapestry of Faith* for our Diocese. Please pledge to the Bishop's Appeal: <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/bishops-appeal>

Parish Goal: \$51,000.

Our parish project this year is to update our audio-visual system in the Church

WORLD FOOD DAY Monday, October 16th. Starting Sunday, October 15th, St. Vincent de Paul members will show their solidarity with those in need of food by preparing a basket of food donated by parishioners. The basket will be presented to foot of the altar when the gifts are brought forward at Mass every Sunday until November 19th which is the World Day of Prayer for the Poor. Parishioners who would like to join in this gesture of solidarity are asked to bring non-perishable food items to the church.

Redeeming Conflict: One Messy Situation At A Time

On Saturday, November 4, Catholic speaker and author Ann Garrido will present our Diocesan Conference "Redeeming Conflict: One Messy Situation at a Time". As Christians, we tend to associate conflict with sin, but how we handle our tensions with one another can be one of the most profound witnesses we offer in the world. Speaking out of her own experience as a part-time theology nerd and part-time conflict mediator, Ann will share insights into how we can make our tensions part of our spiritual journey. The conference will be held at Holy Cross Parish, Victoria from 8:30 am – 3:30 pm, followed by 4pm Mass. For more information & to register please visit: <https://DofVRedeemingConflict.eventbrite.com>. Questions can be directed to Margaret Gwyn mgwyn@rcdvictoria.org or 250-479-1331 ext. 227.

PLEASE NOTE that the parish office will closed on **Wednesday, October 18th** for the Parish Support Staff Meeting & Retreat. **Fr. William will celebrate Mass at 12:10pm**, and the church also will be open from 11am to 3pm on that Wednesday.



**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS**

The Knight of Columbus 62nd Annual Charity Appeal Raffle
15 prizes totalling \$100,000: Grand Prize is a Toyota RAV4

Tickets are \$5 each, 10 for \$25 or **50 for \$50!**

Two \$1,000 Early Bird draws every two weeks starting October 9

Get your tickets at our Knights of Columbus Website: kofcBcraffle & [click here](#)

Proceeds support our local charities. When you buy tickets we're working together to make our communities better. Thank you for your support!

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun Oct 15 - 11:00am + Ollie & Oliver Piven
 Sun Oct 15 - 4:00 pm + Cecilia Bourgeois
 Wed Oct 18 - 12:10pm + Nela Leja
 Fri Oct 20 - 10:45pm + Dr. Michael O'Neill
 Sun Oct 22 - 11:00am + Marion Copping
 Sun Oct 22 - 4:00 pm + Mark Whitehead



Monthly Sunday Bridge at Holy Cross

"A warm welcome is extended to all Bridge Players to join this friendly group as we prepare for the start of our 42nd year of Social Bridge which begins Sunday, November 5th at 7pm in the Parish Centre. For more information please contact Tony Southwell at (250) 477-5738 or email tonysouthwell@hotmail.com F

FROM OUR PARISH AND THE DIOCESE

WE'RE HIRING!

Are you looking for a work environment that makes for a great day? Look no further ~ Island Catholic Schools are recruiting! We are in search of enthusiastic people who are certified, talented, love what they do and wish to work in vibrant school environments! We are currently searching for:

- Administrative Assistant - Queen of Angels School
- Educational Assistants - Queen of Angels School
- One-on-One Support Worker - Queen of Angels School
- After School Care Worker - Queen of Angels School
- After School Care Worker - St. Joseph's School
- After School Care Worker - St. Patrick's School
- Teachers on Call
- Educational Assistants on Call
- Casual Bus Drivers

If you are interested in joining one of our teams, please visit:

<https://cisdv.bc.ca/employment-opportunities/>

Please help spread the word! page!

Toxic Drugs In Victoria is a three evening series discussing the challenges and what's being done about the drug crisis in Victoria. Speaker include people from the frontlines of the crisis and have the most up-to-date information and research on how to address this humanitarian crisis in our neighbourhoods. Further information please see the enclosed poster.

Navigating Senior Lifestyle Supports in Today's World is a free session on homecare services, housing options and downsizing tips. October 25th, 1:30pm-3:30pm in Lourdes Hall. Hosted by the Victoria Seniors Business Network. Further information please contact Tony Joe 1-778-200-3387 to reserve your seat.

Vocations To the Priesthood - Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

How has Jesus touched you and made you whole? Ask Him how He would like you to respond. Could Jesus be calling you to follow Him as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? If God is calling you, 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, October 15th from St. Patrick's Church at 11:00AM. Click the link here: <http://www.youtube.com/c/StPatricksHolyCrossChurch>

NEXT WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday Oct. 16	Tuesday Oct. 17	Wednesday Oct. 18	Thursday Oct. 19	Friday Oct. 20	Saturday Oct. 21	Sunday Oct. 22
St. Patrick's Church and Parish Office are Closed	9:00am Mass - Holy Cross Church	Parish Office is closed for Support Staff Meeting & Retreat	9:00am Mass - Holy Cross Church	11:00am to 3:00pm Church Open for Prayer & Visitation Parish Office Open	St. Patrick's Church and Parish Office are Closed	9:00am Mass - Holy Cross Church
7:00pm AA Peace	11:00am to 3:00pm Church Open for Prayer & Visitation Parish Office Open	11:00am to 3:00pm Church Open for Prayer & Visitation Parish Office Open	11:00am to 3:00pm Church Open for Prayer & Visitation Parish Office Open	11:30 Confessions	2:00pm Private Function	9:45am Sacramental Preparation Class
	7:00pm Toastmasters	12:10pm Mass St. Patrick's Church	7:00pm AA Peace	12:10pm Mass St. Patrick's Church	4:00pm Mass - Holy Cross Church "Live Streaming"	11:00am Mass - St. Patrick's Church followed by refreshments
	7:00pm AA Clue	6:30pm Arbutus Singers		3:00pm Divine Mercy Devotion		12:00pm RCIC Reconciliation Class
		7:00pm AA Peace		6:00pm Couples for Christ Choir Practice		4:00pm Mass - St. Patrick's Parish
				7:00pm CA Meeting		



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- 1st Prize** 2023 Toyota RAV4 Hybrid
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- 3rd Prize** \$10,000 **5th to 14th** \$ 1,000 each! --> *Early Bird Draws*



Limited Tickets!
BUY TODAY for Council 7934

Total Prizes \$100,000

Sales Oct 1, 2023 to Dec 16, 2023, 8pm
 Early Bird Draws
 Oct 9 (2x\$1000), Oct 23 (2x\$1000), Nov 6 (2x\$1000)
 Nov 20 (2x\$1000), Dec 2 (2x\$1000)
 Main Draw Saturday December 16, 2023, 8:01pm

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[**Main Draw Dec 16, 2023** : BC Gaming Licence #144568]

Toxic Drugs in Victoria

A three-evening series discussing the challenges and what's being done about them

Monday, October 16, 2023

7:00pm-8:30 pm

(Location below)

“Understanding the Big Picture”

Aids Vancouver Island and SOLID Outreach

describe the scope of the issue in Victoria.

Monday, October 23, 2023

7:00pm-8:30 pm

(Location below)

“World Café”

Cool Aid, Substance UVic, Island Health and a

community health worker discuss front-line work.

Monday, October 30, 2023

7:00pm-8:30 pm

(Location below)

“The Impact of Toxic Drugs”

Panel discussion with local agencies working to

reduce the harm and death of toxic drug use.

Invited presenters include:

Location: Lutheran Church of the Cross

3787 Cedar Hill Road, Victoria, BC

Admission Free

For more information, visit:

www.lutheranvictoria.ca/events

