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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.

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and choose option #3**

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 18, 2026

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

My dear people in Christ,

Greetings of peace and love! This Sunday, we celebrate World Mission Sunday, a reminder that the mission of the Church extends far beyond our parish and reaches people throughout the world. Through evangelization, education, healthcare, charitable works, and pastoral care, the Church continues to bring the love and hope of Christ to those in need. Each of us is called to take part in this mission through our prayers, generosity, and service. Thank you so much for listening to Bishop Gary Gordon's Appeal and I believe that your generosity helps us serve others and share the Gospel. Please also keep Pope Leo in your prayers, asking the Lord to grant him a successful recovery following his lung surgery and to strengthen him in his ministry. As we reflect on this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus invites us to look beyond outward appearances and ask a deeper question: *Whose image do we bear?*

Thomas Merton, in his book 'New Seeds of Contemplation', reminds us that human beings have the freedom to choose who they become. Unlike a mountain or a tree, we can choose to live authentically or falsely, to reflect God's goodness or turn away from it. The choice is ours. In the Gospel, Jesus asks whose image and inscription are on the coin. When told that it belongs to Caesar, he replies, *"Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."* But this raises a deeper question for each of us: *Whose image do we bear?* While Caesar minted coins bearing his image, God created each of us in his own image and likeness. Our lives, hearts, gifts, and talents are therefore meant to reflect God's love. The question is not simply how much we owe God, but how faithfully our lives reflect the One who created us.

In the first reading, the prophet Isaiah reminds us that God calls us by name and declares, *"I am the Lord, there is no other."* Whether we recognize God's presence or not, we belong to him. We are created in his image and called to live out that identity through love, compassion, generosity, and service. When we recognize God's image in ourselves, we also learn to recognize it in others. We begin to see Christ in the lonely, the forgotten, the poor, and those who are struggling. Our faith then becomes more than words or Sunday worship; it becomes a living witness to Christ in our homes, our parish, and our world.

As we celebrate World Mission Sunday, may we remember that the mission of the Church begins with each one of us. We are called to give not only from our resources but also from our hearts, our time, and our talents. May our lives reflect the image of God so clearly that others may encounter his love through us.

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat Oct 17 – 7:00pm	+ Phyllis Clarke
Sun Oct 18 – 11:00am	+ Bob Attwell
Sun Oct 18 – 4:00pm	Pro Populo
Tue Oct 20 – 12:10pm	(Int) Mary Martin & Family
Wed Oct 21 – 12:10pm	+ Phyllis Clarke
Thu Oct 22 – 12:10pm	+ Valerie Adamson
Fri Oct 23 – 12:10pm	(Int) Josephine Mooney

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ST. PATRICK'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL KINDERGARTEN TO GRADE 7

For information on registrations for 2026/2027 school year, please contact the school.

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OUR PARISH

Prayers for the Holy Father

We ask you to join the faithful across Canada and the world in praying for the swift and complete recovery of His Holiness Pope Leo XIV following his surgery on October 13, 2026. To read the release, including a letter to the Holy Father, from the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops on behalf of the Catholic faithful of Canada, visit: <https://www.cccb.ca/media-release/prayers-for-the-holy-father-and-letter-from-the-ccb-president/>

The Bishop's Appeal will extend support beyond our Diocese through Aid to the Church in Need. Together we will help fund projects like supporting the **Maronite Catholics of Sidon** (*a mission in Lebanon*) feed 7500 people displaced by war. Through your gift, our light reaches the global Church. Learn more about this project at www.rcdvictoria.org/bishops-appeal
Our Parish Goal: \$49,000 Actual to Date: \$3,320 Number of Gifts: 22



Infant Baptism - Baptismal Prep for the Parents

Is it your hope to have your infant welcomed into the family of God through baptism? If so, to prepare to have your child baptized, parents must participate in a Baptismal Prep course and complete a baptism registration form. Please note that the next sessions available to take a Baptismal Prep course are November 7 and December 12 (10:00 am – 12 noon). Please email hcsbp baptismalprep@rcdvictoria.org with your name and contact information. The coordinator will then contact you with more details about baptism and forward you the baptism registration form.

Children's Sacramental Preparation for Confirmation ONLY

Has your child received Holy First Communion and ready to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation? Register for Sacramental Preparation classes by November 22. Forms are available on the Religious Education page on the parish website.

https://s3.amazonaws.com/media.cloversites.com/cf/cf43cd4b-2408-4957-a83c-d18c6511d74a/documents/Registration_Form_2020_SP_-_Yrs_I_II_-_FILLABLE.pdf This year all classes and the sacrament will take place at **Holy Cross Parish**. For more details, contact Michele Bristow at: mbristow@rcdvictoria.org.

Fall Bazaar ~ Thank You to Our Donors

The Catholic Women's League of St. Patrick's Parish thanks the following generous donors: **Acacia Landscape, Butchart Gardens, Rob and Mira Cvitanovic, Renee Derksen, Thérèse Gerein, Jennings Florist, Joan Wallace Driving School, Oak Bay Florist, Old Farm Market, Pearlman and Lindholm Law Corporation, Power West Athletic Studio, Mena Westhaver, Paul and Eileen Redchurch, Saanich Recreation Centre, Save On Foods, Sharpmobile, Union Club of Victoria, Lorrie Van Somer, and Victoria Symphony.** *Thank you for your support of our Bazaar!*

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.

FINANCIAL NEWS

COLLECTION – October 11th, 2026

Envelopes	\$2,445.00
Loose Change	907.00
TipTap	145.00
Bldg. Maint. Fund	370.00
CanadaHelps	100.95
E-Transfer	250.00
PAD	1,158.00
GRAND TOTAL	\$5,375.95

	Oct 11, 2026	YTD
Received	\$5,375.95	\$238,354.98
Needed to Cover Expenses	\$7,685.00	\$322,770.00
Difference	-\$2,309.05	-\$84,415.02

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

Calling all Men! AI is a hot topic this year. This **Sunday, Oct 18th**, at **5:00pm** in Our Lady of Lourdes Hall, St. Patrick's COR group will be doing a deep dive into AI and Magnifica Humanitas by viewing a video by Father Casey Cole OFM and having a discussion afterwards. What does the wisdom of the church have to say about this contemporary issue? Come join us and participate in this formation and discussion. Stay for fellowship afterwards and enjoy pizza, beverages (beer!) and fraternity with your brothers at St. Patrick's Parish. St. Patrick's COR is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council 7934 but is open to all men of the parish and St. Patrick's School.

Hearing Healthcare and Why it Matters

A free information session by the Victoria Seniors Business Network. **Wednesday, October 28th at 1:30pm** in the Parish Hall. Register at <https://VSBNHearingHealthCare2026.eventbrite.ca> or email tony@primeteam.ca. Please see poster on our bulletin boards.

Fall 50/50 Cash Raffle – Our Lady of the Rosary Church in Langford

The link to buy Fall 50/50 tickets is: <https://rafflebox.ca/raffle/oltrp/> Sales end December 31, 2026. Ticket proceeds will support the construction of their new church and parish complex. Jackpot is at \$1,460.

100th World Mission Sunday

This weekend marks the 100th annual World Mission Sunday. Watch Pope Leo's video message and find resources on how to celebrate World Mission Month this October here: <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/global-catholic-news/100th-world-mission-sunday-message>

LIVESTREAM MASSES – Mass is livestreamed this week on **Sunday, October 18th** from St. Patrick's Parish at **11:00am**. Click the link here: <https://www.youtube.com/c/stpatricksholycrosschurch>

NEXT WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Mon Oct 19	Tue Oct 20	Wed Oct 21	Thu Oct 22	Fri Oct 23	Sat Oct 24	Sun Oct 25
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
7PM AA CLUE	11:30am Confessions	11:30am Confessions	11:30am Confessions	National Gathering for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd	National Gathering for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd	11am Sunday Mass <i>Coffee after Mass</i>
	11:40am Rosary	11:30am Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament	11:40am Rosary	11:30am Confessions	9am Special Mass Catechesis of the Good Shepherd	4pm Sunday Mass
	12pm The Angelus	11:40am Rosary	12pm The Angelus	11:30am Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament	6pm Confessions	
	12:10pm Mass	12pm The Angelus	12:10pm Mass	11:40am Rosary	7pm Saturday Mass	
	4:30pm St. Clare Villa Event - OktoberFest	12:10pm Mass	7pm AA-Peace	12pm The Angelus		
	7pm Toastmasters	7pm AA-Peace		12:10pm Mass		
	7pm AA Peace			3pm Divine Mercy Devotion		
				7pm CA		

2026 Bishop's Appeal: Be the Light

Supporting Our Twin Diocese in the North

Through a twinning partnership established by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, our Diocese has been blessed to support the Diocese of Whitehorse as it serves the faithful across Canada's North.

The Diocese of Whitehorse spans an immense geographic area, often causing challenging travel conditions. In addition, the maintenance of church buildings and pastoral outreach across such a large region presents significant financial challenges. In fact, nearly 80% of the Diocese of Whitehorse's funding comes from external partners.

Support from dioceses like ours plays a vital role in ensuring that Catholic communities in the North continue to thrive.



One parish benefiting from this support is Our Lady of Sorrows in Ft. Nelson, BC - A church with a vibrant multi-generational, multi-cultural community. Today, their church is facing significant building issues caused by water infiltration around its foundation. Without repair, the ongoing moisture threatens to cause further damage to the structure and encourage mold growth. Funds raised will help them address drainage improvements head-on and ensure the building can continue serving the community for years to come.

When you give to the Bishop's Appeal, your gift helps sustain Catholic life in the North by supporting vital ministry, maintaining places of worship, and ensuring the sacraments remain accessible to those living in remote communities.

Through your generosity, Christ's light continues to shine in even the most distant corners of our country.



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