

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 1, 2023 TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The readings today portray how much God values life, our life, a life in Christ, a life working towards a greater good, fulfilling God's will, and responding to God's call. We see how Christ responds to God's invitation to work in God's vineyard. With humility, surrender, obedience, trust, and a willingness to serve the Other, Jesus places himself into God's hands, asking us to do the same. God's breath fills us with precious life, gifts freely given to us to do God's work here and now! So how do we respond? With a resounding yes as we go into the world ready to do God's work? With empty words, promises, or excuses? Lukewarm...sitting on the fence...hedging our bets? Do we even value the life God has given us?

We are reminded of God's abundant mercy and steadfast love for us, a mercy and love that is beyond our understanding, one that continuously envelops us no matter where we are on the road of life. God's compassion and forgiveness knocks on our *exiled* hearts. What *'barriers'* have we put up that keep us from God's loving embrace? Acts of rebellion, defiance, justification, finger pointing ... casting blame, claiming victimhood, living in the sin of Adam (we don't need God)? Not believing in our goodness and God's goodness? Not trusting and believing that God's sacrificial love destroyed death and all obstacles of separation in our relationship with God? Doubt and despair, darkness and isolation will grip our hearts *AND* God is there loving us through it all.

God challenges us to live life grounded in truth and responsibility. Only when we own up to and accept responsibility for our transgressions will we be free to fall into God's embrace. Repentance is not a burden, it's an active, deliberate, conscious choice to step forward into God's grace. Repentance is choosing life with God. We are people of the light. We know Christ. God urges us to choose life over death. Our foundation is a merciful, steadfast God who loves us, instructs us, and humbly serves, calling us to do the same.

A father asks his sons to 'go and work in the vineyard.' Why would he do that? He is the owner of the vineyard, his sons are the heirs! They don't need to work, do they? What is the purpose of this request? Think about it. How does work benefit us? It enables us to develop our skills and talents; it gives us a sense of purpose and self-respect; it creates friendships, relationships, and gives us a deeper understanding of people and cultures; it fosters unity, a sense of family working together for a greater good. Work is a gift and a blessing. The father knows the value of work. He knows that the work will benefit his sons and the others working in the vineyard.

In this gospel story, both sons respond with disrespect and defiance toward their father. Their words and actions portray a lack of commitment and accountability. Entitlement, maybe fear motivates them. What motivates us to choose life in God or life without God?

Take some time this week to really pray and reflect on your response to God, the barriers you put in place that cause separation, and what motivates you in it all. Look to Jesus, meditate on his response, posture, and motivation. No words are needed.

God's abundant harvest,
Mona

Weekend Mass Times

Sunday - 11:00 am

Sunday - 4:00 pm

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

CONFESSION:

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

BAPTISM

Please email: hcsbaptismalprep@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

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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 SEPT. 24, 2023

Envelopes	\$1,746.00
Loose Change	\$ 557.99
Capital Fund	\$ 205.00
PAD	\$ 913.00
Grand Total	\$3,421.99

Needs of the Church in Canada \$ 320.00

FINANCIAL NEWS

	SEPT. 24	YTD
Received	\$3,421.99	\$198,080.06
Needed	\$4,700.00	\$183,300.00
Difference	-\$ 1,278.01	\$ 14,780.06

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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

Things may not be logical or fair, but when God is directing the events of our lives, they are right.

—Luci Swindel

The willingness to accept responsibility for one's own life is the source from which self-respect springs.

—Joan Didion

You need only to look at the vine to be reminded of your own nature. . . . Each of us has been grafted onto the church by faith the Lord calls branches, and he urges us to bear much fruit.

—Saint Basil the Great



Please join us in praying for the repose of the soul of Fr. William MacDonald, OMI, who passed away Thursday, October 28, 2023 at St. Paul's Hospital in Vancouver.

Fr. William (Bill), an Oblate priest of over 60 years graciously served in our Diocese from 2002 to 2014 in the parish communities of Our Lady of Grace (Salt Spring Island), Sacred Heart (Victoria), St. Patrick's, (Campbell River), and St. Patrick's (Victoria). We give thanks to God for his priestly vocation.

Eternal rest grant unto your servant, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



The CWL Monthly General Meeting will held this Wednesday October 4th at 1:00pm in Lourdes Hall after the 12:10pm Mass. Please bring your own lunch, refreshments and goodies will be provided for you.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION & RCIC

We are hoping to train new Catechists. If you have a desire to grow in and share faith and an awareness of God's grace and desire to respond to that grace, this opportunity is for you. Effective catechists are patient, responsible, confident and creative. You bring a generosity of spirit, respect for diversity and a habit of hospitality and inclusion. We provide training resources to understand Catholic teaching, Scripture and Tradition and skills development to teach children/youth and their families. If you are interested, contact St Patrick's Parish office: stpat190@telus.net or 250-592-7391.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION CLASSES FOR CHILDREN (7+ yrs. Old)

The registration forms are now available online for St. Patrick's and Holy Cross Parishes Sacramental Preparation Classes. <https://stpatvictoria.com/religious-education>
It is important that parents attend the **Parent Information Meeting** being held on **Sunday October 15th at 10:15 am** at Patrick's Parish in their library on the main floor.
First Reconciliation class begins on October 22nd. Confirmation and First Holy Communion will begin this January. All this year's Sacramental Preparation Classes will be held at St. Patrick's Parish in their Library on the main floor.

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SUNDAYS left to buy your winning Tombola Raffle Ticket. Tickets are on sale before and after Mass on Oct. 1st and Oct. 8th. Don't miss out on winning a prizes of **\$300, \$200 or 100**. That winning ticket is waiting for **YOU!**

All proceeds support local charities.

The CWL is asking for donations of home baking for the bazaar such as, squares, tarts, cookies, pies, tea loaves, etc.. Your baking would be very much appreciated! Please deliver your bake goods to Lourdes Hall on Friday, October 13th, 9:30am to 4:00pm. Thank you!



MASS INTENTIONS

Sun Oct 1 - 11:00am + Edna June Riches
 Sun Oct 1 - 4:00 pm + Bede Hyde
 Wed Oct 4 - 12:10pm (Int.) Louis D’Cunha
 Fri Oct 6 - 12:10 pm + Una O’Connell
 Sun Oct 7- 11:00am + Elizabeth Lo
 Sun Oct 1 - 4:00pm + Joseph Lo

The next Baptismal Preparation date is **Oct. 21st, from 10:00am to 12:00pm**. Please email hcsbaptismalprep@rcdvictoria.org with your name and contact information.

The coordinator will email you a registration form.



FROM OUR PARISH AND THE DIOCESE

News From The Chancery

All are invited to our Diocesan Conference “Redeeming Conflict: One Messy Situation at a Time” with Catholic speaker and author, Ann Garrido. The conference will be held at Holy Cross Parish in Victoria on Saturday, November 4 from 8:30 am – 3:30 pm, followed by Mass with the Holy Cross community at 4:00 pm. 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, author Ann Garrido will share insights into how we can make our tensions part of our spiritual journey. For more information and to register please visit <https://DofVRedeemingConflict.eventbrite.com>; any questions can be directed to Margaret Gwyn <https://DofVRedeemingConflict.eventbrite.com>; any questions can be directed to Margaret Gwyn at mgwyn@rcdvictoria.org or 250-479-1331 ext 227.

Celebrate the Feast of St. Francis. The film, "The Sultan and the Saint" will be shown at St. Patrick's Parish in Lourdes Hall, on Wednesday, October 4th, at 7 pm. This is a remarkable film about Muslim-Christian peace. All are welcome, popcorn will be provided. This concludes the Season of Creation in which Pope Francis called us to Care for our Common Home



Thank you to those who volunteered to be usher at the 11am Sunday Mass. **BUT**, ushers are still needed for the 4pm Mass. If you are wondering if this is your calling, speak with an usher, or give it a try, you might be pleasantly surprised!

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. Contact Tony Joe for more information 778-200-3387

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

The invitation to serve often comes more than once; are you prepared with your answer? Consider ministry as a priest, deacon, sister or brother. Are you being invited? 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 from St. Patrick's Church at 4:00 PM. Click the link here: <http://www.youtube.com/c/StPatricksHolyCrossChurch>

NEXT WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday Oct. 2	Tuesday Oct. 3	Wednesday Oct. 4	Thursday Oct. 5	Friday Oct. 6	Saturday Oct. 7	Sunday Oct. 8
St. Patrick's Church and Parish Office are Closed	9:00am Mass - Holy Cross Church	11:00am to 3:00pm Church Open for Prayer & Visitation Parish Office Open	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
	11:00am to 3:00pm Church Open for Prayer & Visitation Parish Office Open	12:10pm Mass - St. Patrick's Church	11:00am to 3:00pm Church Open for Prayer & Visitation Parish Office Open	11:30 Confession	9:00am Couples for Christ	11:00am Mass - St. Patrick's Church
		1:00 CWL General Meeting		12:10pm Mass - St. Patrick's Church		12:pm Refreshments after Mass
7:00pm AA Peace	7:00pm Toastmasters	7:00pm Film Night "Sultan & the Saint"	7:00pm Knights of Columbus - General Meeting	3:00pm Divine Mercy Devotion	4:00pm Mass - Holy Cross Church "Live Streaming"	4:00pm Mass - St. Patrick's Parish
	7:00pm AA Clue	7:00pm Holy Hour	7:00pm AA Peace	4:00pm Divine Mercy Social		
		7:00pm AA Peace		6:00pm Couples for Christ Choir Practice		
				7:00pm CA Meeting		



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