

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 22, 2023 TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Pope Francis reminds us on this World Mission Sunday that sharing the Good News is the horizon for all church activity. Our aim is not just to save our souls but to share in the rescue of the world God so loves. "Everyone has the right to receive the gospel. Christians have the duty to announce it without excluding anyone ... as one who shares a joy, signals a beautiful horizon, offers a desirable banquet" (*Evangelii Gaudium*, 14). Embrace the mission! And embracing the mission will be challenging! Jesus experienced that!

The Pharisees went off and plotted how they might entrap Jesus in speech. Jesus snares the Pharisees in their own trap in today's gospel with his brilliant teaching to "render unto Caesar . . ." In today's gospel he is beset by two groups who did not usually see eye-to-eye, the Pharisees and the Herodians, to put him in a double bind. Whichever way he answered, he would lose face: If he said to pay the tax, he would become a collaborator, while saying no would make him a criminal. In the end, Jesus turned the honour tables on all of them, both by questioning their motives as well their very faithfulness.

It is not with kind words that Jesus responds to the attempt of the Pharisees to trap him. The core line of the response: "Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and to God what belongs to God," is often quoted. We may wonder what Jesus is referring to. But we really do not have to look that far. If the coin is to be given to the emperor because it bears the emperor's face, then the reality which bears God's face is of necessity to be given to God. We could still avoid the issue by pretending not to know what bears God's image. It is us! We, human beings are created in God's image, we carry God's face. That is the one source of our dignity, but it is also the basis of the immense task that is ours.

What follows is that we give ourselves back to God. What we owe God is not just an hour a week in church; it is not a church building; it is not primarily beautiful liturgies and endless prayers. All that is good, of course. All that can help, and we should not give up on it. And yet, what God really wants us to give him is a well-organized, a well-cared for human life for all. And this is because humanity, all of us individually and all of us together, are created in God's image. What God wants back from us, the kind of worship God expects from us is a society in which all human beings can live in freedom, in dignity, in justice, and in peace. That is the tax we owe to God. On this World Mission Sunday, we pay for the missions with Caesar's coin. We reap the harvest in Spirit and truth.

Joy and peace,

Father William



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: hcsbpaptismalprep@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 OCT. 15, 2023

Envelopes	\$1,660.00
Loose Change	\$ 411.65
Capital Fund	\$ 50.00
PAD	\$ 613.00
Grand Total	\$2,734.65

FINANCIAL NEWS

	OCT. 15	YTD
Received	\$2,734.65	\$212,126.76
Needed	\$4,700.00	\$197,400.00
Difference	-\$1,965.35	\$ 14,726.76

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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

He has a right to criticize, who has a heart to help.

—Abraham Lincoln

You have enemies? Good. That means you've stood up for something, sometime in your life.

—Winston Churchill

Any day, any minute we bless God for our being or for anything, for food, for sunlight, we do and are what we were meant for, made for—things that give and mean to give God glory.

—Gerard Manley Hopkins

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

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



Baptismal Preparation - Do you want to have your child welcomed into the family of God through baptism? To prepare you must complete a registration form and complete a Baptismal Preparation Course. Please note that the next sessions to choose from for Baptismal Preparation are: **Saturday, Nov 18; and Saturday, Dec 9 from 10am 12pm.**

Please email hcsbaptismalprep@rcdvictoria.org with your name and contact information.

Information Week October 21-22

The 2023 Appeal theme, *Tapestry of Faith*, invites us to trust that the Holy Spirit is working in us and through us. This year's Appeal encourages us all to bring our unique gifts, challenges, and perspectives to our faith community and create a welcoming Church that brings people together in faith. Your pledge will also benefit our parish by updating our antiquated audio-visual system in the Church. **Parish Goal:** \$51,000

Please give prayerful consideration towards our Appeal and know that you are making a significant difference right here at home: <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/bishops-appeal>

For those who have not yet shared the Bishop's Video, please note that it is available in two ways: You can play it directly from the Annual Appeal website at:

<https://www.rcdvictoria.org/bishops-appeal> OR

You can download it from this link: <https://2912651.fs1.hubspotusercontent-na1.net/hubfs/2912651/2023%20Appeal%20Video.mp4>

World Food Day November 19th - Last Sunday members of St. Vincent de Paul presented a basket of food at the foot of the altar during the Presentation of Gifts. This act of kindness and generosity showed their solidarity with those in need of food. Each Sunday, until November 19th, St. Vincent de Paul members will continue to present a basket of food from donations by parishioners. Please join them by bring non-perishable food items to the church and putting them in the St. Vincent de Paul containers located in the church foyers.



The CWL is happy to announce that we raised \$20,790 at last weekend's Bazaar & Clothing Sale!! This is a tremendous amount which will help fund our various charities and parish needs. More importantly, it was a great community event that brought together our parish, elementary school, high school, neighbors, and friends. There were smiling faces everywhere. We are very grateful to ALL who supported this by volunteering, donating, baking, buying or attending. Special thank you to our Knights of Columbus; students, parents and teachers of St. Patrick's School and St. Andrew's Regional HS Athletics Dept., our donors, Father William, Father Alfredo, Acacia Landscape, Jennings Florist, Oak Bay Florist Shop, Renee Derksen, Colin Robinson, & Lori Angelini.

We congratulate the Tombola winners and thank all who bought tickets: 1st prize \$300 Edward Camilleri; 2nd prize \$200 Danielle Shepherd; 3rd prize \$100 Regina Barrett.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun Oct 22 - 11:00am	+ Marion Copping
Sun Oct 22 - 4:00 pm	+ Mark Whitehead
Mon Oct 23 - 12:10pm	Funeral Mass - Pio Gazzola
Wed Oct 25 - 12:10pm	+ Bob Cameron
Fri Oct 27 - 10:45pm	+ Luke O'Connell
Sun Oct 29 - 11:00am	+ Valerie Adamson
Sun Oct - 4:00 pm	+ Morag Mochan

ROSARY FOR PEACE

On Wednesday, October 25, **Development and Peace – Caritas Canada** is hosting an online national multilingual Rosary for Peace in the Holy Land at 4:30 p.m. PT. For more information and to register, please visit <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84487379fkqZGzrKE#/registration>

FROM OUR PARISH AND THE DIOCESE

Opportunities for all of us to deepen and develop in their faith:

- 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 in Victoria from 8:30 am – 3:30 pm, followed by Mass with the Holy Cross community at 4:00 pm. For more information and to register please visit <https://DofVRedeemingConflict.eventbrite.com>
- On Saturday, November 25, all are invited to our Diocesan Faith Day **"Serving with Spirit: Transformation from the Inside out"** with Catholic speaker and author, Leah Perault. Join us for a day of learning in community, as we consider how the Holy Spirit leads us within a changing church and world. The Faith Day will be held from 8:30 am – 3:30 pm at St. Edward's Church in Duncan. For more information and to register please visit <https://DioConferenceServewithSpirit.eventbrite.com>
- On Thursday, October 26th, the Serra Club Victoria (in formation) will be hosting a talk about the Synod's meaning, process, and expectations with guest speaker Fr. Eduardo Da Silva Santos. The talk will be held at Our Lady of Fatima Parish in Victoria (4635 Elk Lake Drive) at 7:00 pm; all are invited to come early and participate in Adoration at 6 pm and Mass at 6:30 pm. For more information please email victoria@serrainternational.org

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-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Give ... to God the things that are God's." That includes you! Is God calling you to service as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? 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 wee, Saturday, October 21st from Holy Cross Church at 4:00 PM. Click the link here: <http://www.youtube.com/c/StPatricksHolyCrossChurch>

NEXT WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday Oct. 23	Tuesday Oct. 24	Wednesday Oct. 25	Thursday Oct. 26	Friday Oct. 27	Saturday Oct. 28	Sunday Oct. 29
St. Patrick's Church and Parish Office are Closed	9:00am Mass - Holy Cross Church	11:00am St. Vincent de Paul Meeting	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
12:10pm Funeral Mass - Pio Gazzola	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	1:00pm Couples for Christ	9:45am Sacramental Preparation Class
7:00pm AA Peace	7:00pm Toastmasters	12:10pm Mass St. Patrick's Church	7:00pm Knights of Columbus Executive Meeting Practice	12:10pm Mass St. Patrick's Church	4:00pm Mass - Holy Cross Church	11:00am Mass - St. Patrick's Church followed by refreshments
	7:00pm AA Clue	1:30pm Victoria Seniors Business Network Presentation		3:00pm Divine Mercy Devotion		12:00pm RCIC Reconciliation Class
		6:30pm Arbutus Singers	7:00pm AA Peace	7:00pm CA Meeting		4:00pm Mass - St. Patrick's Parish "Live Streaming"
		7:00 BC Railway Historical Society				
		7:00pm AA Peace				

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