

# 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 5, 2025

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The theme acquiring and maintaining faith lies at the heart of today's Gospel.

"Lord increase our faith," said the apostles. Elsewhere they asked him, "Lord teach us how to pray" (Lk 11:1). In essence the two requests were the same. To pray is to focus our heart on God, to have faith in God's concern for us. Every prayer renews our trust in God, and whenever we turn to God in faith, we are praying. It is no more possible to have faith without prayer than to swim without water. But we need to pray in the right spirit. Too often we just want to bring God around to our way of thinking rather than putting ourselves under God's guidance.

Jesus did not just *teach* his friends how to pray, he *showed* them by his own example. Often, he would turn to God and address him as Father. Early in the morning he would go up the hillside, his favourite place for quiet prayer. When visiting Jerusalem, he spent nights at prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane, so Judas knew where to find him on the night of his arrest. His prayer in the garden is clearly reported. "Father, if it is your will, take this cup away from me. Nevertheless, let your will, not mine be done" (Lk 22:42f). Well, the Father did not take away the cup of suffering from Jesus. But by embracing the will of God, something greater was to follow for Jesus, ultimately his resurrection and ascension. "Unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain. But if it dies, it yields much fruit."

Faith is a gift that God gives freely, but this precious gift can be rejected by us and lost through our failure to nurture it and grow in it. Today's Scriptures encourage us to persevere in faith until the end, remembering that God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control. With the gift of faith, and the help of the Holy Spirit, we can do great things for God.

## WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday - 7:00pm

Sunday - 11:00 am

Sunday - 4:00 pm

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES: Tuesday to Friday 12:10pm

## CONFESSIONS:

Friday 11:30am to 12:00pm

Saturday 6:15 - 6:45pm

## BAPTISM

Please email: [hcsbpbaptismalprep@rcdvictoria.org](mailto:hcsbpbaptismalprep@rcdvictoria.org)

## CONFIRMATION & FIRST COMMUNION

Please email: [mbristow@rcdvictoria.org](mailto: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

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL

24/7 Adoration in our side Chapel

Call or visit the office for an entry code

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesday to Friday from 11:00am to 3:00pm

FUNERALS: Please contact the Parish Office

## PARISH STAFF

Office: 250-592-7391

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**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

## MASS INTENTIONS

Sat Oct 4 - 7:00pm (Int) Louis D'Cunha  
 Sun Oct 5 - 11:00am + Laura Harrison-Connely  
 Sun Oct 5 - 4:00pm + Fred Schemitsch  
 Tues Oct 7 - 12:10pm + Agnes Hatch  
 Wed Oct 8 - 12:10pm  
 Thurs Oct 9 - 12:10pm (Int) Joshua Thomson  
 Fri Oct 10 - 12:10pm + Una O'Connell

## PARISH CONTACTS

### Parish Council Chair:

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 250-370-0558

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## ST. PATRICK'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL KINDERGARTEN TO GRADE 7

For information on registrations for 2025/2026 school year, please contact the school.

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 Angela McLeish - Vice Principal  
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## PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

You are invited to attend the Jubilee 2025 Eucharistic Celebration, presided over by Bishop Gary Gordon **Thursday, October 9th at 12:10pm** at St. Patrick's Church, 2060 Haultain Street. Consecrated men and women from Vancouver Island would be very pleased to have you join them for Noon Mass in the context of their day – long gathering on the theme: "Pilgrims of Hope on the Path to Peace." All welcome.

## 2025 Annual Bishop's Appeal, Love & Unity

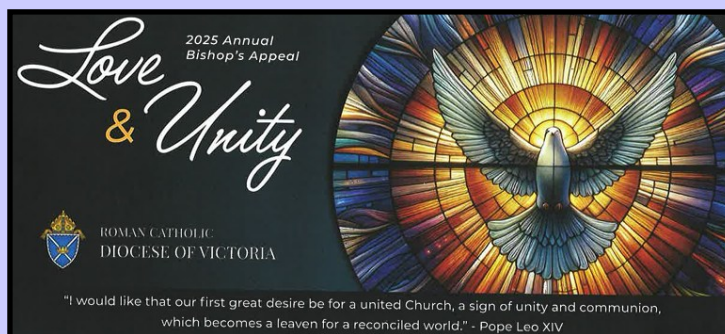
### Kickoff Weekend October 4 - 5th

Parish Goal: \$50,000.00

The Bishop's Appeal begins today! The 2025 Bishop's Appeal theme is Love and Unity. Inspired by Pope Leo's words, *"I would like that our first great desire be for a united Church, a sign of unity and communion, which becomes a leaven for a reconciled world"*.

This year our parish project is the **Legacy Building Fund**. Every gift strengthens our parishes and reaches far beyond, bringing the love of Christ to our communities and the world. Watch Bishop Gary's video and learn more about the 2025 Appeal here:

[www.rcdvictoria.org/bishops-appeal](http://www.rcdvictoria.org/bishops-appeal)



**Signs of Grace Sacramental Preparation Program:** Children 7+ years old, with participation of a parent, can prepare for the sacraments of First Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Communion in this 2-year program. All classes take place at St. Patrick's Parish; the program continues into the next year at Holy Cross Parish. A pre-requisite program, called FORGIVEN, provides catechesis for Parents. The first session begins on Oct 4 at 5:15-6:15pm at St Patrick's Parish (2060 Haultain St). For more information, contact the Sacramental Prep Coordinator - Michele Bristow [mbristow@rcdvictoria.org](mailto:mbristow@rcdvictoria.org). Registration forms are available online: <https://s3.amazonaws.com/media.cloversites.com/cf/cf43cd4b-2408-4957-a83c-d18c6511d74a/documents/Registration Form 2020 SP - Yrs I II - FILLABLE.pdf>



**CWL General Meeting for all members** - Wednesday, Oct 8, 2025 at 1:00pm in Our Lady of Lourdes Hall. Bring your own bag lunch and we will provide tea, coffee and treats. Ladies new members are always welcome to attend.

**Development and Peace Fall campaign workshop: "Turn Debt into Hope"** will be held at St. Patrick's Parish Hall, 2060 Haultain Street on **Saturday, Oct. 18 from 9:30-1:30pm**. We will be offering a light lunch at the end of the workshop, to give time to socialize and exchange ideas for your parish activities. Our animator, Raphael Freston, will lead the workshop. All are welcome to attend. Please contact **Nancy Stuart** at [nancystuart7@gmail.com](mailto:nancystuart7@gmail.com) if you plan to attend.

## COLLECTIONS SEPTEMBER 28, 2025

Envelopes	\$ 1,950.00
Loose Change	\$ 831.80
Bldg. Maint. Fund	\$ 95.00
Canada Helps	\$ 0.00
PAD	\$ 688.00
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,564.80</b>

Refugee Fund	\$ 10.00
Needs of the Church in Canada	\$ 512.00

## FINANCIAL NEWS

	Sept 28, 2025	YTD
Received	\$ 3,564.80	\$ 208,462.61
Budgeted	\$ 4,945.00	\$ 197,800.00
Difference	-\$ 1,380.20	\$ 10,662.61



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## NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE

**Horizons of Hope:** Sacred Heart Parish (4040 Nelthorpe St, Victoria) is hosting Horizons of Hope, a four-part series exploring Catholic approaches to end-of-life care, including palliative care, discernment, and compassionate accompaniment. Sessions held on Tuesdays, October 7, 14, 21, and 28, led by Dr. Felipe Edora and Angela Spencer. To register, please email or call Sacred Heart Parish at [sacredheart@rcdvictoria.org](mailto:sacredheart@rcdvictoria.org) or 250-479-1611.

Following the conclusion of the **2025 Plenary Assembly**, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) is pleased to announce the results of its **biennial elections for new members** of the Executive Committee and Permanent Council. The full list of elected members and the official press release can be found: <https://www.cccb.ca/media-release/canadian-conference-of-catholic-bishops-elects-new-members-of-the-executive-committee-and-permanent-council/>

All are invited to the **Atrium Blessing & Open House**, celebrating the opening of the first Catechesis of the Good Shepherd site in the Diocese of Victoria, on Sunday, October 19, 2025. The day begins with 9:30 am Mass at St. Edward's Parish with Father Roger, followed by a blessing from Bishop Gary, an open house, and an appreciation tea at Queen of Angels School (2085 Maple Bay Road, Duncan).

All are invited to join the **Public Square Rosary Rally** on Saturday, October 11 at 12 noon at the corners of Belleville and Government Streets. Parishioners of St. Andrew's and the Diocese are encouraged to take part in this prayerful witness; for details, contact Paul J. S. Beaubien at 250-384-6047 or [pauljsbmaps@telus.net](mailto:pauljsbmaps@telus.net).

On October 17, the Esquimalt United Church (500 Admirals Road) will host an ecumenical prayer session in **The Way of Taizé** at 6:00 pm. All are invited to join in this evening of prayer and song.

**Sacred Heart Catholic Women's League Garage Sale** is on **Saturday, October 18** from **9:00am**. Table rentals: \$30. Contact Miriam for more details: [mirpod@yahoo.com](mailto:mirpod@yahoo.com)

## LIVESTREAM MASSES

**Live Mass broadcast this weekend!** Mass is livestreamed this week on Sunday, October 5th at St. Patrick's at 11:00am. Click the link here: <http://www.youtube.com/c/StPatricksHolyCrossChurch>

## NEXT WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday Oct 6	Tuesday Oct 7	Wednesday Oct 8	Thursday Oct 9	Friday Oct 10	Saturday Oct 11	Sunday Oct 12
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	11am Sunday Mass
	12:00pm Angelus & Mass	11:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary, Mass	12:00pm Jubilee 2025 Eucharistic Celebration & Mass Presider, Bishop Gary Gordon. All welcome.	11:30am - Confes- sions	3pm - Couples for Christ	Children's Liturgy
	7pm Oak Bay Toastmasters Mtg.	1pm CWL General Meeting		12:00pm Angelus & Mass	5:15pm - Sacramental Prep Class	Refreshments after Mass
7pm AA Peace	7pm AA-Clue	7pm AA Peace	7pm AA Peace	3pm Divine Mercy Devotion	6:15pm Confessions	4pm Sunday Mass
				5pm - Couples for Christ	7pm Saturday Evening Mass	
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