

# 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 8, 2023 TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus tells the story of the vineyard yet again in a parable delivered before the chief priests and elders. This time, he casts his present audience of religious leaders into the song in the roles of tenants hired to work the land. In this updated version of the old love song, it's the vineyard owner squaring off against the tenants, not the vines themselves. There is no indication of the walls of the property not being sound, or the vines being at risk, or the grapes being soured. It's the religious leaders themselves who stand between the rightful owner and his harvest. These wretched tenants are even willing to kill the owner's son to remain in possession of the grapes. Some of us may feel relief that, when Jesus tells the story, the religious leaders are cast in the role of the bad guys. Thank goodness: We don't get the blame this time! If somebody done somebody wrong, it wasn't us. But alas: Who is in charge of the vineyard today if not for us? We are the community charged with the responsibility of the gospel and the riches of the kingdom of heaven. If the harvest is not being delivered to its rightful owner today, whose fault could it be but yours and mine?

This song ends on a note sad enough to be eligible for the country-western jukebox. The Kingdom will be removed from the custody of bad tenants and given to better ones. That's certainly the way the song finishes in Jesus' day. But how will it end in ours? With so much violence in the news, our mind could be overcome with the powers of evil. We need what St Paul asks of us! Saint Paul invites us to step up a little higher than the tenants in Jesus' version of the Vineyard Song. He urges us to turn toward whatever is true, honourable, just, pure, lovely, gracious, excellent, and worthy of praise. Turn, in other words, toward the God of peace. If we do, we might fill the world with a few more love songs. And what's wrong with that? Today's parable of the wicked tenants highlights the mistreatment and rejection that the messengers of God receive at the hands of those to whom they are sent. Have you ever felt that a message you delivered, perhaps in a homily, met with strong rejection? How do you handle rejection? Are you able to move beyond rejection and come back stronger? Has it perhaps left some wounds that still need healing? Can you see in it an opportunity for strengthening your convictions? We are branches of that vine that has been lovingly cared for by our God. God is the one who gives us all that we need to produce the best fruit possible. When we realize that so much has been given to us, we know that so much is expected of us.

Richard Wilbur writes "I feel that the universe is full of glorious energy ... and that the ultimate character of things is comely and good. I am perfectly aware that I say this in the teeth of all sorts of contrary evidence, and that I must be basing it partly on temperament and partly on faith." Believe in the ultimate goodness, regardless of any evidence to the contrary! Winston Churchill said...All the great things are simple, and many can be expressed in a single word: freedom; justice; honour; duty; mercy; hope. On this feast, as a community of believers, we reflect on Eucharist as thanksgiving, as our thanksgiving. . . When we give thanks, we acknowledge the gift in everything. We see ourselves, not as entitled to what has happened, but as the recipient of a gift, a grace. When we teach our children to say, "Thank you," it is not just because it is the polite thing to do. Gracious people are those who expect nothing and so receive everything with gratitude. And so, we come to give thanks, so that we might be transformed. We celebrate a feast of Thanksgiving to remind us of the importance of approaching every day with gratitude, of receiving everything as gift.

Living and giving thanks for faith, family, and friends,  
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: [hcsbp baptismalprep@rcdvictoria.org](mailto:hcsbp baptismalprep@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

### 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

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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. 1, 2023

Envelopes	\$2,715.00
Loose Change	\$ 490.05
Capital Fund	\$ 220.00
PAD	\$ 577.00
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$4,002.05</b>
Needs of the Church in Canada	\$ 150.00

## FINANCIAL NEWS

	OCT. 1	YTD
Received	\$4,002.05	\$202,082.11
Needed	\$4,700.00	\$188,00.00
Difference	-\$ 697.95	\$ 14,082.11

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

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

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## FROM OUR PARISH:

### Prayer Reflection

Holiness is not the accumulation of virtues. Holiness is being possessed by God.

—Father John Riccardo

All the great things are simple, and many can be expressed in a single word: freedom; justice; honour; duty; mercy; hope.

—Winston Churchill

The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

—Psalm 118:22-24

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

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

### 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

### 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://stpatsvictoria.com/religious-education>

**The Parent Information Meeting** is on **Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:15 am** at the Patrick's Parish 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 library.

In the St. Patrick's Parish usual way, parishioners have responded most generously and enthusiastically to the CWL call for donations of items for our upcoming Bazaar & Used Clothing Sale. We are now overflowing with items and cannot accept any more! The CWL is most grateful for your support. Thank you to all who donated! We look forward to seeing everyone come out, and have fun, and find some great and interesting bargains next week at our two big parish events: **Good Used Clothing & Book Sale and Fall Bazaar - See details on attached Poster.**



**KNIGHTS  
OF COLUMBUS**

### The Knight of Columbus 62<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://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!

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

Buy your winning Tombola Raffle Ticket after Mass on this Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup>. Don't miss out on winning a **CASH** prizes of **\$300, \$200 or 100**. All proceeds support local charities.

The CWL is kindly 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 7- 11:00am + Elizabeth Lo  
 Sun Oct 7- 4:00pm + Joseph Lo  
 Wed Oct 11- 12:10pm Funeral Mass - Robert Riendeaul  
 Fri Oct 13 - 10:45pm + Alejandro Beltran and + Gloria Beltran  
 Sun Oct 15- 11:00am + Ollie & Oliver Piven  
 Sun Oct 15- 4:00pm + Cecilia Bourgeois

**FROM OUR PARISH AND THE DIOCESE**

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, on Saturday, November 4 from 8:30 am – 3:30 pm, followed by Mass with the Holy Cross community at 4:00 pm. Any questions can be directed to Margaret Gwyn <https://DofVRedeemingConflict.eventbrite.com>; or 250-479-1331 ext 227.

**The Final Report for the 2022 Bishop's Appeal: *Growing Together***, has been inserted in this week's bulletin. This report outlines in detail on how funds from this Appeal were disbursed to support Catholics of all generations while striving to heal and grow the Church.



GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD  
*for He is good*

**WE'RE HIRING!**

Are you looking for a work environment that makes for a great day? Look no further ~ Island Catholic Schools is recruiting! We are in search of enthusiastic people who are certified, talented, love what they do and wish to work in vibrant school environments! **If you are interested in this fabulous job opportunities please visit:** <https://cisdv.bc.ca/employment-opportunities/> or see their poster on the parish bulletin boards.

**WORLD FOOD DAY** is Monday, October 16, and starting next Sunday, October 15, **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. This will occur every Sunday until November 19 which is the World Day of Prayer for the Poor. Parishioners who would like to join in this gesture of solidarity over the next 6 weeks are asked to bring non-perishable food item to the church'

**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-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**



Listen for the voice of God. Are you being called to be 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](mailto:dhogman@rcdvictoria.org) **Fr. Harrison Ayre:** [hayre@rcdvictoria.org](mailto:hayre@rcdvictoria.org)

**LIVESTREAM MASSES**

**Live Mass broadcast this weekend! Mass is livestreamed this week, Saturday, October 7th 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. 9	Tuesday Oct. 10	Wednesday Oct. 11	Thursday Oct. 12	Friday Oct. 13	Saturday Oct. 14	Sunday Oct. 15
 <b>A Very Happy Thanksgiving!</b> St. Patrick's Church and Parish Office are Closed  7:00pm AA Peace	9:00am Mass - Holy Cross Church  11:00am to 3:00pm Church Open for Prayer & Visitation Parish Office Open  7:00pm Toastmasters  7:00pm AA Clue	11:00am to 3:00pm Church Open for Prayer & Visitation Parish Office Open  12:10pm <b>Funeral Mass - Robert Riendeau</b>  6:30pm Arbutus Singers  7:00pm AA Peace	9:00am Mass - Holy Cross Church  11:00am to 3:00pm Church Open for Prayer & Visitation Parish Office Open  7:00pm AA Peace	9:30am - 4pm CWL - Used Clothing & Book & Puzzle Sale  10:45am <b>St. Patrick's School Mass - "World Food Day"</b> <b>All Are Welcome!</b>  11:00am to 3:00pm Church Open for Prayer & Visitation Parish Office Open  3:00pm Divine Mercy Devotion  6:00pm Couples for Christ Choir Practice  7:00pm CA Meeting	 <b>9:30am - 2pm CWL FALL BAZAAR</b>  St. Patrick's Church and Parish Office are Closed  4:00pm Mass - Holy Cross Church "Live Streaming"	9:00am Mass - Holy Cross Church  10:15am Sacramental Prep. Parent Information Meeting  11:00am Mass - St. Patrick's Church  12:pm Refreshments after Mass  4:00pm Mass - St. Patrick's Parish



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**2022 Bishop’s Appeal: *Growing Together*  
Final Report**

*Growing Together* dedicated funds to support Catholics of all generations while striving to heal and grow the Church. Details on how funds from this Appeal were disbursed are below:

2022 Appeal Distribution of Funds	Amount \$
Parish Community and Relationship Building Grants	60,000.00
Catholic Schools Capital Plan	325,000.00
Clergy and Seminarian Support	65,000.00
Indigenous Community and Relationship Building	50,000.00
Twenty Percent Given to Parishes for Local Projects	162,000.00
Overhead fees	65,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>727,000</b>

**2022 Bishop’s Appeal: *Growing Together*  
Community and Relationship Building Grants - List of Events**

As part of the 2022 Appeal, Parishes can apply for grants from the Diocese to undertake projects that support community and relationship building. Some wonderful events have taken place to date:

- \$12,860.18 was reimbursed to Holy Cross Parish for their Called and Gifted workshop.
- \$10,000 was provided to the Our Lady of the Rosary Parish to assist in the emergency repair and relocation of the parish office, meeting rooms and chapel.
- \$5000 was granted to Christ the King to facilitate the creation of a food hamper plan to support local Ukrainian families.
- \$3000 was given to St. Peter’s Parish to hold a Parish Reorganization Retreat.
- \$2500 was provided to Sacred Heart Parish to host a meal for the Feast of The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.

More information and images are available on the website at:  
<https://www.rcdvictoria.org/2022-appeal-parish-community-building-grants>

[ FALL & WINTER ]

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Anawim House, ANCOP, Birthright, Development and Peace, Cdn Foundation for the Children of Haiti, Coady International, Missions in Canada and abroad, Mount St. Mary Hospital, Oak Bay Volunteers Services Society, St. Patrick's/St. Andrew's Schools and Student Bursaries, St. Vincent de Paul Society, Sandy Merriman House, The Soup Kitchen, Youth at risk charities, St. Patrick's Parish needs

St. Patrick's Parish Centre 2060 Haultain St.



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- 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize** \$30,000    **4<sup>th</sup> Prize** \$ 5,000
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize** \$10,000    **5<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup>** \$ 1,000 each! --> *Early Bird Draws*



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 Nov 20 (2x\$1000), Dec 2 (2x\$1000)  
 Main Draw Saturday December 16, 2023, 8:01pm

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