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 9, 2022 TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

This time of year is the beginning of harvest time in many parts of the world, and every culture celebrates it on different days and with different traditions - going back to the beginning of human history. Think of it as a giant, collective "Thank God, we made it! "In this time of harvest we have much to be thankful for and in the scheme of our lives, too, we have many reasons to be grateful - though we don't always focus on them. Saint Paul says: "Give thanks in all circumstances." And the poet E. E. Cummings brings thanks and praise together when he says: "I thank You God for most this amazing / day: for the leaping greenly spirits of trees / and a blue dream of sky; and for everything / which is natural which is infinite which is yes." Happy Thanksgiving!

On this feast, as a community of believers, we participate in Eucharist ("Eucharist" means "give thanks") as thanksgiving, as our thanksgiving. Why do we forget to live and give thanks? In the gospel story nine lepers went out, perhaps not fully aware it was Jesus who even healed them. But one does know, and comes back, and this faith saves him. The leper who returned to Jesus to say "thanks" enters a relationship with God. The others stood far off, negating even the possibility that something could happen. They stood on the fringe of life because they could not, in their hearts, find time to give thanks. Their spirits remained leprous. It is as if they took for granted that they would be cured, as if that were their right. Their bodies were now whole, their souls still marked with decay.

I think we are those nine lepers and at times we are the one: the "nine" represent most Christians. We enjoy being freed from leprosy (all that ails us) but forget so often grace at work in our lives and we go back to being humdrum Christians. We might be grateful, but they are not sure grateful for, or what and we forget so easily.

The "one" represents each of us when coming to our senses; we get in touch with what it means to be redeemed by Jesus. We come together as a Eucharistic community for celebration of our encounters with Jesus. We share in the creative words and food/nourishment with which we live transformed. What does this transformation look like? It is

most helpful to recall the observations of non-Christians in the first century. As they observed Christians they said to one another, "See how they love one another!" This is what makes us different; this is what transforms us; this is how we transform all creation. One sure path to deepening your faith is to see everything as gift good as well as bad. To trace all that happens back to God. To be accepting of everything as grace. Peace and Joy at your Table, Father William



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.

<u>Weekend Mass Times</u> Sunday - 11:00 am Sunday - 4:00 pm <u>Weekday Mass Times</u>: -Wednesday & Friday 12:10pm

 CONFESSION

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

 SACRAMENTS of INITIATION: BAPTISM,

 24/7 Adoration in our side Chapel

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**FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION:** Please contact the parish office: 250-592-7391 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 Assistants: Deborah Mackay Brian Zawacki Office: 250-592-7391 Email: stpat190@telus.net PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday to Friday 11:00am to 3:00 pm Custodian: Dean Riches

### PARISH CONTACTS:

Parish Council Chair: Mark Redchurch 250-370-0558 Finance Chairman: Peter Bray peter.bray@telus.net 250-382-4209 Knights of Columbus: Michael O'Neill mikepmoinvest@gmail.com Catholic Women's League: Theresa Smith 250-213-3304 theresasmith1225@shaw.ca St. Vincent de Paul: Colin Scott 250-995-3227 cljscott@telus.net

## FROM OUR PARISH:

## **PRAYER REFLECTION**

If the only prayer you said was thank you, that would be enough. -Meister Eckhart

While the world changes, the cross stands firm.

-Saint Bruno

I used to believe in God. Now I believe in God alone.

-Gustave Thibon



2022 CWL CLOTHING SALE & FALL BAZAAR - News Update

The CWL is happy to announce that we raised \$16,847.60 at last weekend's Clothing Sale & Bazaar!! This is a tremendous amount which will help fund our various charities. More

importantly it was a great community event with smiling faces everywhere. We are very grateful to everyone who supported this by volunteering, donating, baking, buying or attending. We congratulate the Tombola winners and thank all who bought tickets: 1st prize \$300: Sherry Airaksinen; 2nd prize

\$200: Brooke Scherr; 3rd prize \$100: Ann Francis. \*Donor acknowledgements to follow in next week's bulletin.

## **28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - THANKSGIVING WEEKEND**

- Saturday October 8th 4:00pm Holy Cross
- Sunday October 9th 9:00 am Holy Cross
- Sunday October 9th 11:00am St. Patrick's
- Live Streaming Mass at 11:00am from St. Patrick's Parish with Father William Hann Link: <u>http://www.youtube.com/c/StPatricksHolyCrossChurch</u>
- Sunday October 9th 4:00pm St. Patrick's
- NEXT WEEK: Weekday Mass - Wednesday Oct 12th 12:10pm
- Friday Oct 14th Mass 10:45am St. Patrick's School Mass World Food Day at St. Patrick's Church -No 12:10pm Mass
- All parishioner's and families of the school children are welcome to attend this special Mass
- Next Week 'only' Confessions Friday 12Noon to 12:30pm no appointment necessary
- Parish Office and Church open for private prayer & visitation: Tuesday to Friday 11:00am to 3:00pm

## Knights of Columbus Ukraine Solidarity Fund

"Your gift today will provide temporary shelter, food, medical supplies, clothing, religious supplies, and other humanitarian needs as identified as the situation continues to change. 100% of your donation goes directly to support those effected by the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine.

"https://www.kofc.org/secure/en/donate/ukraine.html It is possible to make the donation in US\$ or Cdn\$ - be sure to select CAD.

## **MUSICAL HELP WANTED**

St. Patrick's Parish is in need of an Apprentice/Substitute Choir Director and Keyboard Player for the 11 am Sunday Mass and occasional special services. Do you know someone who might be

interested, or are you yourself an intermediate-level keyboard player willing to: a) work with a dedicated, foundation-ability choir, and b) gain experience with liturgical music? Guidance, training and honorarium



per practice/Mass are available. Please get in touch with the office or contact Susan Smedley, choir director and musician, at 250-208-3834.

## **Baptism and Sacramental Preparation**

Baptismal Prep: Our course is offered the first -Saturday of the month in person or online.

Sacramental Prep: Children must be in grade 2 for first Confession and in Grade 3 for Confirmation and First Eucharist. Children in grades 4 and above are welcome to complete de RCIC (Rite of Christian Initiation for Children) programme. For more information please contact Barb Shenton bshenton@rcdvictoria.org Forms are available at: https://stpatsvictoria.com/religious-education

A Note from your Catholic Students' Association: Your Catholic Student's Association offers more opportunities to participate in building a community of faith and making new friends. Indigenous Culture Nights continue at Royal Roads, Dogwood Auditorium every Monday evenings from 7-10pm (please bring a snack to share) ! Please keep your calendars open and join us for our second Mass and meal, Saturday October 15th Mass at Holy Cross Parish will be celebrated at 4:00pm followed by a delicious spread provided by our generous parishioners. We have a dynamic guest speaker to meet! All are welcome! Please contact Lydia at lfoch@rcdvictoria.org for further details. more information visit cathuvic.wordpress.com







## MASS INTENTIONS

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Sun Oct 16 I Iam Ann Reilly

Sun Oct 16 4pm Rosa & Carlos

## FINANCIAL NEWS

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	October 2nd	Year to Date
Received	\$3,229.72	\$175,818.88
Needed	\$4,403.00	\$176,120.00
Difference	-\$1,173.28	-\$301.12

Capital Fund Contributions: \$390.00

## 2022 COLLECTIONS RECEIVED

Thank you for your continued financial support this past year of St. Patrick's Parish

### ST. PATRICK'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

CATHOLIC SCHOOL - KG TO GRADE 7 For information on registrations for 2022/2023 school year, please contact the school. Patrick Card - Principal Angela McLeish - Vice Principal 2368 Trent Street - Victoria, BC V8R 4Z3 Phone: 250-592-6713 Fax: 250-592-6717 Email: sp@cisdv.bc.ca www.stpatrickselem.ca Visit the school's Facebook page



## FROM THE DIOCESE

## RCIA INFORMATION

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO HAS EXPRESSED AN INTEREST **IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?** Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist? Parishes in the city of Victoria have come together to offer an opportunity to gather in a small group to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season.

You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights and your faith story in a warm accepting setting. For information please contact your local pastor (Father Dino, Father William, Father Alfredo). To register for the 2022-23 year starting October 6, 2022 at Saint Joseph the Worker parish email Carmelle to register at carmelle.whiteley@gmail.com.

### WORLD FOOD DAY - St. Patrick's School :

St. Patrick's School will be honouring World Food Day on Friday, October 14th. We are collecting food items for the less fortunate through the St. Vincent

de Paul Society. If you would like to donate tins of food, please bring them to the St Patrick's Parish hall and we will be sure to transport them back to our school for pick up.



Parishioners are most welcome to attend our World Food Mass this Friday, October 14th at 10:45am at St. Patrick's Church. The deadline for drop off of non-perishables food items is Friday October14th. The staff and students of St. Patrick's School wish you and your families a very blessed Thanksgiving!

## WORLD YOUTH DAY:

We are having our first major world youth day meeting on Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at Our Lady of Fatima in Victoria. There is still time to register. If interested, please fill out this form found at https:// forms.gle/ZzAw42o26U8zoqv17. If you have any other questions please reach out to Fr Harrison at havre@rcdvictoria.org

## 40 DAYS FOR LIFE:

40 Days for Life is ongoing in Victoria until November 6, holding a daily prayer vigil near the General Hospital. Please join with us and thousands around the world defending unborn babies from abortion in a prayerful, peaceful and positive fellowship, either in prayer or in person.

All interested, contact Glenda 250-661-2613

https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/

NEXT WEEK IN OUR PARISH						
Monday Oct 10	Tuesday Oct 11	Wednesday Oct 12	Thursday Oct 13	Friday Oct 14	Saturday Oct 15	Sunday Oct 16
Thanksgiving Day	No Service or Mass	12:10pm Mass	No Service or Mass	10:45am Mass St. Patrick's School World Food Day Mass	4:00pm Sunday Mass Holy Cross Parish	9:00am Sunday Mass Holy Cross Parish
St. Patrick's Parish Church & Parish Office	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 11:00am to 3:00pm	All Parishioners & Families are welcome to attend.	"Live Streaming"	9:30am Mass Bishop Gary Gordon "Live Streaming
Closed every Monday				No 12:10pm Mass		, i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i
7pm Mass Bishop Gary Gordon "Live Streaming"	1:30pm Sisters of St. Ann Meeting	6:45pm Arbutus Singers 7pm Mass Bishop	7pm Mass Bishop Gary Gordon "Live Streaming"	12Noon to 12:30pm Confessions		11:00am Sunday Mass St Patrick's Parish
7pm AA Peace	7pm Toastmasters 7:00 pm Mass Bishop Gary Gordon	Gary Gordon "Live Streaming" 7pm AA Peace	7:30 pm Choir Practice	11:00am to 3:00pm Church 7 Office Open for Prayer & Visitation 3pm Divine Mercy		Coffee after Mass 4:00pm Sunday Mass
	"Live Streaming" 7pm AA Clue		7pm AA Peace	Devotion 7pm Mass Bishop Gary Gordon "Live Streaming" 7pm CA		St. Patrick's Parish



**St. Patrick's and Holy Cross Parishes** Invite you to a HARVEST CELEBRATION Sunday October 16th Noon - 3:30pm **At Holy Cross Parish** 4049 Gordon Head Road Come and enjoy a BBQ lunch and entertainment provided by "South Island Harmony" Please sign up on the sign-up sheets in the foyer or Call the Parish Office: 250-592-7391 Email: stpat | 90@telus.net

## 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 joining one of our teams, please use this link: <u>https://cisdv.bc.ca/employment-opportunities/</u>

Please help spread the word! Share this ad with your friends, acquaintances and even post it to your Facebook page!



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## Job Posting: Superintendent (CISDV)

The Diocese of Victoria is searching for a dynamic individual for the position of Superintendent of the Catholic Independent Schools of the Diocese of Victoria (CISDV), with duties to commence January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023. Our Catholic Schools are located on beautiful Vancouver Island in British Columbia, from Victoria to Port Alberni, and serve approximately 1,600 students in 5 schools (3 elementary, 1 elementary/middle, and 1 high school).

We are seeking a practicing Catholic who will lead with visionary impact, guide our schools with a strong Catholic identity, strive for academic excellence, and nurture a safe and caring environment. Our Catholic Schools pride themselves on engaging learners with a dedicated staff who provide highquality educational experiences for all students. The successful candidate will have the ability to improve student achievement, provide leadership, manage employees for success, and communicate openly and clearly with all stakeholders.

The ideal candidate should:

- be an active member of a Catholic parish community who understands integrating the Catholic Worldview and values throughout the learning experience
- · demonstrate exceptional collaborative leadership ability
- possess effective communication, interpersonal, and public relations skills
- have the ability to lead, attract, recruit and retain high quality Catholic school employees
- be a person of integrity, have a strong moral character and a high level of energy
- have demonstrated successful administrative experience and commitment to the aims and goals of Catholic Education
- possess a Master's Degree or higher (preferably in educational administration)
- possess a BC teaching certificate (or be eligible for one)

A full description of the role of the Superintendent is available at: https://cisdv.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/301\_Superintendent\_Role\_Mar\_2012.pdf

Interested applicants are invited to forward a cover letter, a current resume, two letters of reference, and a letter of recommendation from their pastor by **October 15, 2022** to:

Diocese of Victoria – Superintendent Search Committee Attention: Fr. William Hann, Episcopal Vicar for Catholic Schools 4044 Nelthorpe Street Victoria, BC V8X 2A1 Email: jobs@rcdvictoria.org

We thank all applicants for their interest, only those short-listed for an interview will be contacted.



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# M E M O

Date:	October 4, 2022
To:	Clergy, Religious, Parishes, Schools, Staff
From:	Bishop Gary Gordon
Re:	Appointment of Vice-Chancellor

Bishop Gary Gordon has, in consultation with the Bishop's Advisory Council, appointed Gwen Jahelka as Vice-Chancellor of the Diocese of Victoria, effective October 4, 2022.

Gwen Jahelka is well known in the Diocese, having previously served as a teacher, Religious Education Coordinator, and Administrator with Island Catholic Schools. After fulfilling the role of Chaplain at a Catholic High School in Calgary from 2013-2018, Gwen returned to the Diocese of Victoria to serve as the Assistant to the Director of Faith Formation and Evangelization in 2018. Gwen was later appointed Co-Director in 2019 and has been the Director since 2020. Gwen has a Master's Degree in Religious Education and lives her faith with authenticity, integrity and joy, and will be a valuable addition to the Office of Bishop and Chancellor.

Gwen may be contacted at the Pastoral Centre at (250) 479-1331 ext. 230 or via email at: gjahelka@rcdvictoria.org.

As a result of this new appointment, please find attached a job posting for the position of Director of Faith Formation and Evangelization that you are encouraged to share.



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## Job Posting: Director of Faith Formation & Evangelization

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Victoria is seeking a dynamic, faith-filled candidate to serve as the Director of Faith Formation and Evangelization.

## Duties and Responsibilities:

- Oversight of the various responsibilities pertaining to the Office of Faith Formation & Evangelization, including: Religious Education for parishes & schools; Preparation of the Sacraments; Youth Ministry; Adult Education; Social Justice and Ecology; Lay Organizations; Ecumenism, Christian Unity; Interfaith Dialogue; Sunday Celebration of the Word
- Provide faith formation opportunities for catechists, teachers, and staff
- Review and evaluation of diocesan programs
- Develop and mentor Catholic leadership capacity in the parishes and schools with an understanding of the (new) Directory for Catechesis
- · Collaborate with parishes and schools on ecumenical and interfaith initiatives
- Coordinate and facilitate social justice initiatives with parishes & schools
- Animate projects which continue our journey toward truth, healing and reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples

## Position Requirements:

- Post Graduate degree in Theology, Religious Education, Divinity or equivalent
- An active member of a Catholic parish community with a vocational sense of missionary discipleship and experience in active ministry such as faith formation, catechesis, social justice, evangelization, etc.
- A self-starter possessing excellent communication, organizational, and time-management skills
- · Collegial, collaborative, and relates easily to a wide variety of people of different ages & cultures
- Excellent command of the English language and strong interpersonal skills
- · High level of initiative, judgment, confidentiality and discretion
- Ability to work flexible hours including some evenings and weekends
- Proficiency working with Microsoft Office applications, communication platforms such as Zoom, and a computerized work environment

Interested applicants are invited to submit a cover letter, résumé, and current pastor's reference letter by October 31, 2022 to:

> Diocese of Victoria c/o Fr. William Hann, Episcopal Vicar of Faith Formation & Evangelization 4044 Nelthorpe Street, Victoria BC V8X 2A1 Email: jobs@redvictoria.org Website: <u>https://www.rcdvictoria.org/employment</u> Please note that only those short-listed for an interview will be contacted.



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October 6, 2022

"Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?"

He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.'" (Matthew 22:26-39)

Dear People of God,

Our faith in Jesus calls us to love our neighbour in family, workplace, and social encounters, and in our liturgical life. When doing so, we must remember that Christ's response to the question "who is my neighbour?" was the parable of the Good Samaritan. Encounters with the poor and wounded are the very essence of our encounter with the living body of Christ.

Loving our neighbour in our liturgical action during the Covid pandemic continues to be challenging as we seek to keep people safe and healthy, especially the vulnerable and immunocompromised. I want to thank the pastors, parish support staff, parish pastoral councils, and countless individuals in our liturgical assemblies for the huge efforts they make to provide a safe and healthy environment for gathering. I know how difficult it has been at times to meet provincial health authority requirements and to assist people in working together for the common good.

It is indeed beautiful to see and experience the efforts people make to think of others, when radical individualism and personal preference often want to disrupt the harmony and good will of the Body of Christ gathered in liturgy. Thank you so much to the pastors and parishioners who have selflessly made every effort in dialogue and prudence to take care of one another.

There is much we have learned and experienced by listening in a synodal way about how best to move forward. After consulting the Diocesan Health Care Committee and the Diocesan Liturgical Committee, I offer the following instructions. These are to replace *General and Liturgical Directives* issued on April 6, 2022.

 The Catholic faith, following the Lord's command "Do this in memory of me", holds the sacred liturgy as the source and summit of the Christian faith. It offers us a way to participate in the love of God as a community, gathered on the day of the Lord's resurrection, the first day of the week. I invite all the faithful to the right and responsibility of participating fully, consciously, and actively in the gathered Christian community celebration of the Eucharist on each Sunday that it is possible and safe to do so.

- If you are sick with symptoms of Covid, the flu, the common cold, upper respiratory infections, or any other communicable disease, please do not come to church. This sacrifice is an act of charity, and a source of blessings for both you and your community.
- Face coverings are highly recommended for all, and especially for priests, deacons, and ministers of Holy Communion.
- 4. Communion from the Chalice remains suspended at this time.
- Ministers of Communion must sanitize their hand before and after the distribution of Communion.
- 6. Communion on the tongue is permitted, as per the norms of the General Instruction of the Roman Missal (2011). I am aware that distributing Communion in this manner will be challenging for many ministers of Communion. The wise and prudent choice for health and safety during flu season is to receive Communion on the hand.
- 7. Holy water may be restored to fonts and baptisteries, with the hope that it is changed frequently.
- Collection of the offering may be resumed with the strong recommendation that the basket should not be passed from hand to hand, but rather presented by ushers and extended by a pole or stick.
- 9. The sign of peace with physical contact (i.e., handshake) may be resumed with people nearby. However, a reverent bow and the spoken words "Peace be with you" are recommended. Please respect your neighbours' comfort levels. Families of course may continue to share the sign of peace in their usual way.
- Hand sanitizer and/or hand washing stations are highly recommended at all entrances to church buildings.

My prayer is that these steps will allow us to wisely and prudently continue taking care of one another during liturgical assemblies and parish gatherings. Early in the pandemic, Pope Francis entrusted the world to the protection of Mary. Our Lady, Health of the Sick, pray for us!

In Communion,

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Most Reverend Gary Gordon Bishop of Victoria

