

# 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.

## SEPTEMBER 10, 2023 TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Some years ago, a theologian noted that if Jesus were alive today, his enemies wouldn't bother to crucify him. They'd simply make fun of him in the press. There's a deep truth to that. The new execution style is character assassination. Once we've destroyed a person's good name, we have effectively eliminated them.

A long time ago, Jesus argued, with good rabbinic tradition behind him, to settle disputes as privately and reasonably as possible. "Talk to your brother...(sister)," he advised. What a concept. Talk doesn't mean rant or disparage or shame or dominate. It means sharing and listening. But as Jesus knew well, you can't begin to settle serious conflicts by jumping into a dialogue without special training. Matthew 18 is an extended prep course in how Christians should handle their differences. A summary situates today's passage: Learn humility, love the lost, talk to your brother...(sister), and forgive without limits. So, how do we deal with members of the community who have been engaged in wrong, even sinful behavior? It suggests a procedure to be followed. The procedure that is suggested in today's Gospel is very demanding. For is it not true that when we come face to face with behavior that is unacceptable or that we may even call sinful, our first inclination is not to have anything to do with such persons? Or, if we are a bit more broadminded, we may look the other way, and pride ourselves on being tolerant. We prefer to stay out of it. After all, it is their problem. Let them stew in their own juice.

Today's Gospel is not satisfied with either one of these two procedures. It suggests a more creative approach, which is more difficult as well. It suggests we take responsibility for the brothers and sisters among us who fail. The way we take responsibility for them is not by writing them off or by remaining at a safe distance, but by admonishing and rebuking them. But in such a way that it is done discreetly, without intending to hurt, to break or humiliate them, without them having to lose face. To the age-old question of Cain: Am I my brother's or sister's keeper? The Gospel says without hesitation: "Yes you are." To admonish others and to love them, to rebuke others and to respect their freedom: it can only be done by people who are schooled and matured in real Christian charity. The school of Christian charity is one that is lifelong.

I know that I have become a better human being because someone provided a hand to hold onto when I was afraid. I bet there is someone in your own life you helped grow because you patiently loved them. Aren't you glad you never gave up on them? Human beings are so fragile, did you ever stop to think that our simplest acts either display or betray the gospel mission to "love your neighbor as yourself"? Isaac, Cistercian abbot of l'Etoile writes...everything must be done or not done, changed or not changed on account of charity. Charity is the principle by which and the end toward which everything must be guided. There can be no sin in what is accomplished, in all truth, for it, and according to its spirit. September 11th is the anniversary of the largest terrorist attack in American history, is a day to call to mind those who rushed in to help, at great cost. The first certified fatality of the attacks was Father Mychal Judge, Franciscan friar, and New York City Fire Department chaplain, who rushed to the World Trade Center to help. During his life, he was known for ministering to the marginalized and for the words on a prayer card he often distributed: "Lord, take me where you want me to go. Let me meet who you want me to meet. Tell me what you want me to say. And keep me out of your way." Honor his legacy and make his humble prayer ours today.

Charity in all things  
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: [hcspbaptismalprep@rcdvictoria.org](mailto:hcspbaptismalprep@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

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. 3, 2023

Envelopes	\$2,065.80
Loose Change	\$ 408.75
Capital Fund	\$ 180.00
E-Transfer	\$ 50.00
PAD	\$3,342.00
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$6,046.55</b>
Refugee Fund	\$ 40.00

## FINANCIAL NEWS

	SEPT. 3	YTD
Received	\$6,046.55	\$185,557.11
Needed	\$4,700.00	\$169,200.00
Difference	\$1,346.55	\$ 16,357.11

## PARISH CONTACTS

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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

Love is not blind; that is the last thing that love is. Love is bound; and the more it is bound, the less it is blind.

—G.K. Chesterton

And above all, watch with glittering eyes the whole world around you because the greatest secrets are always hidden in the most unlikely places.

—Roald Dahl

Because we are made in God's image, in fleeing from a relationship with a loving God, we are also running from being our most authentic selves.

—Kathleen Norris

Constant kindness can accomplish much. As the sun makes ice melt, kindness causes misunderstanding, mistrust, and hostility to evaporate.

—Albert Schweitzer



**BAPTISMAL PREPARATION COURSE:** Do you want to have your child welcomed into the family of God through Baptism? To prepare, you must complete both a registration form and a Baptismal Preparation course. The next Baptismal Preparation date is **October 21st from 10:00am to 2:00pm**. Please email [hcspbaptismalprep@rcdvictoria.org](mailto:hcspbaptismalprep@rcdvictoria.org) with your name and contact information. The coordinator will email you a registration form.

### RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults is the process by which non-Catholics enter the Catholic Faith. If you're eager to enter the Faith, or just curious about Catholicism, RCIA may be the journey you're called to this Fall. Join us to explore what the Holy Spirit has in store for you! To learn more, start by contacting the pastor of your local Catholic church. People in the Victoria area should then register with Carmelle & Chris Whiteley to sign up for the initial evening on September 21st by calling 250-886-2987 or emailing [carmelle.whiteley@gmail.com](mailto:carmelle.whiteley@gmail.com).

### IT'S ALMOST HERE... CWL Annual Fall Bazaar, Good Used Clothing and Books Sale!!

October 13th & 14th, 2023

Fall would not be same in our Parish without this amazing event that combines great bargains, and warm fellowship for our St. Patrick's Parish community. As in the past, the CWL would appreciate your donations, and have outlined the types of donations needed on their poster attached to this bulletin. *Thank you for ongoing support.*

***We look forward to seeing you at the Bazaar!!***



- \* **The Social and Eco-Justice Committee Meeting** - Wednesday, September 13th at 7:00pm, in Joseph's Boardroom located on the 2nd floor of the St. Patrick's Parish. All are welcome.
- \* **Pope Francis invites us to celebrate the Season of Creation by praying for, learning about and doing something to Care For Our Common Home.** Below are three short, 5 minute videos on Laudato Si, that can be viewed online.  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a\\_lqFTYLc\\_4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a_lqFTYLc_4) - Pope Francis and Laudato Si  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o3Lz7dmn1eM&t=5s> - Animated from CAFOD  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KIVuISZGdug> - Animated from Development and Peace



**Welcome!** If you have recently moved into our area, we welcome you to St. Patrick's Parish, and invite you to pick up a Parish Registration form at the church entrances, and drop off the completed form at the parish office or in the Sunday collection basket. If we may assist you please let us know.

## MASS INTENTIONS

Sun Sept 10 - 11:00am +Joseph Leung  
 Sun Sept 10 - 4:00 pm +Yuki Iijima McLaverty  
 Wed Sept 13 - 12:10pm + Edith Spohn  
 Fri Sept 15 - 12:10 pm + Henry Spohn  
 Sun Sept 17 - 11:00am +Serafim Botelho  
 Sun Sept 17 - 4:00 pm +Serafim Botelho

## FROM OUR PARISH AND THE DIOCESE



**Ushers** are needed for Sunday 4:00 pm Mass. Training will be provided for this easy but rewarding parish ministry. Please contact the office 250-592-7391 or email [stpat190@telus.net](mailto:stpat190@telus.net).



You are welcome to join Holy Cross parishioners in celebrating the *Feast Of The Exaltation of the Holy Cross* this Thursday, September 14th at 7:00pm. Please note the time change for the Mass on that day from 9:00am to

We welcome our new 11:00 am Sunday choir called **"If You've Got Joy"**, that will start next Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>. They will rotate with the Couples for Christ Choir. Join us in worship and song.



Thank you to our Library Volunteers, Mimi Doyle-Waters, Nancy Stuart, Barb Shenton and Ken Ryan-Lloyd, who have worked diligently over the past several months in "weeding out" and re-organizing our parish library. Once all their goals are met you will be invited to visit and borrow books from your parish library. We look forward to this wonderful event!

**The Pastoral Care Outreach Training** - People who are interested in participating in online Pastoral Care Outreach Training sessions are asked to register with their parish by Monday, September 11. The Diocese of Victoria Health Care Committee offers this program for those who wish to learn more about visiting the lonely, sick, injured, elderly, and dying. Participants will learn why those who visit the sick are unique and how they can offer more than a friendly visit – they can be the hands and face of Christ to others. Sessions are held via Zoom on Saturday mornings from 9:30 – noon, starting on September 23 and running until November 25, 2023 (with no session on October 7 for Thanksgiving).

### Vocations To the Priesthood - Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

"For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." The community that gathers needs leadership. If you are considering becoming a priest, deacon, sister or brother, contact Fr. David Hogman or Fr. Harrison Ayre, Directors of Vocations in the Diocese of Victoria.

### LIVESTREAM MASSES

**Live Mass broadcast this weekend!** Mass is livestreamed this week Saturday, September 9 from Holy Cross at 4:00 PM.

Click the link here: <http://www.youtube.com/c/StPatricksHolyCrossChurch>

### NEXT WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday Sept. 11	Tuesday Sept. 12	Wednesday Sept. 13	Thursday Sept. 14	Friday Sept. 15	Saturday Sept. 16	Sunday Sept. 17
St. Patrick's Church and Parish Office are Closed	<b>9:00am Mass - Holy Cross Church</b> 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 <b>12:10pm St. Patrick's Church - Mass</b>	11:00am to 3:00pm Church Open for Prayer & Visitation Parish Office Open <b>7:00pm Mass - Holy Cross Church Exaltation of the Cross Feast Day</b>	11:00am to 3:00pm Church Open for Prayer & Visitation Parish Office Open <b>11:30 Confession</b> <b>12:10pm Mass - St. Patrick's Church</b>	St. Patrick's Church and Parish Office are Closed <b>4:00pm Knights of Columbus - Installation of Officers</b> <b>4:00pm Mass - Holy Cross Church</b>	<b>9:00am Mass - Holy Cross Church</b>  <b>11:00am Mass - St. Patrick's Church "Live Streaming"</b> 12:pm Refreshments after Mass <b>4:00pm Mass - St. Patrick's Parish</b>
7:00pm AA Peace	7:00pm Bazaar - Conveners Meeting 7:00pm Toastmasters 7:00pm AA Clue	4:00pm St. Clare Villa Residents Meeting 7:00pm Social & Eco-Justice Committee Meeting 7:00pm AA Peace	7:00pm AA Peace	3:00pm Divine Mercy Devotion 6:30 Choir Practice - If You've Got Joy 7:00pm CA Meeting	5:30pm Couples for Christ	



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September 1 to  
October 4

# SEASON OF CREATION



Pope Francis invites us to celebrate  
the **Season of Creation** by  
praying for, learning about and doing something to  
**Care for Our Common Home**  
This year's theme is  
**Let Justice and Peace Flow**

The Social and Eco-Justice Committee will meet on  
Wednesday Sept. 13, at 7pm in the Boardroom, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor  
of St. Patrick's Parish Centre.

All are welcome

To celebrate the Feast of St. Francis  
the film "The Sultan and the Saint"  
will be shown in the St. Patrick's Lourdes Hall  
on Wed. Oct. 4 at 7pm

All are welcome. Popcorn provided.

— ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE —

# GOOD USED CLOTHING & BOOKS SALE

OCT 13, 9:30–4pm and OCT 14, 9:30–2pm

+ **FALL BAZAAR** OCT 14, 9:30–2pm

## Your Donations Are Appreciated

We are accepting donations  
from **Aug 1 to Oct 8**

Kiosks and the types of donations needed:

### 1 BOOKS AND PUZZLES

Books, CDs, DVDs, and Jigsaw Puzzles. *\*Note: We cannot accept magazines, text books, reference books, vinyl records, cassette tapes and VCR tapes*

Conveners: **Shannon Turner 250-598-3409 skturner@live.ca,**  
**Leone Parkes 250-658-2249, leoneparkes@gmail.com**

### 2 GOOD USED CLOTHING

Clothing for Men, Women, and Children (unstained and clean), shoes, purses, household linens

Conveners: **Marie Bourgeois 250-385-6647, Dolores Green 250-590-9679, doloresmgreen50@gmail.com**

### 3 HARVEST/GARDEN

Garden produce, fruit, fresh flowers, bouquets, house plants (named and care), garden tools, and accessories. *\*Note: We cannot accept wicker baskets, silk or dried flowers, and Christmas items*

Conveners: **Patricia Robinson 250-889-2995, qlc@shaw.ca**

### 4 JEWELLERY

Jewellery of any kind, jewellery boxes, watches, any silver or gold

Convener: **Rose Harlow 250-479-7462, harlowrm@telus.net**

### 5 HOUSEWARES

Household items, china, pictures, small appliances, and Halloween décor. *\*Note: We cannot accept plastic items, large appliances and cameras*

Convener: **Carol Kittleson 778-678-6788, kittlesoncarol1@gmail.com, Janet Lord 250-588-6304, janet.lord27@gmail.com**

### 6 HOME BAKING

Bread, cakes, muffins, pies, cookies, candy, Gluten free baking in demand, (please divide into small packages and label all baking)

Convener: **Deborah Mackay 250-592-8414, debmackay30@icloud.com, Brigitte Babnik 250-477-6836, bbrigitte465@gmail.com**

### DROPPING OFF ITEMS?

Donations can be dropped off in the cloakroom by "Lady of Lourdes Hall"

### \*NOTE

There are some donations we are unable to accept, like old computers, furniture and electronic equipment, so please read each listing carefully and call the convener if you have questions.

### 7 FAITH AND CHRISTMAS

Christian jewellery, statues, crucifixes— large and small, Only new Christmas items, NO LIGHTS

Convener: **Lorrie Van Somer 250-595-5981**

### 8 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SNACK BAR

Delicious burgers and hotdogs

Convener: **Michael O'Neill**

### 9 KIDS' ZONE

Games, puzzles, books, home-baked cakes (for our Annual Cake Walk), new and like-new toys

Conveners: St. Andrew's Regional High School Athletics Dept.  
**Angela Grohovac, angelagrohovac@gmail.com**

### 10 LUCKY 7 GAME OF CHANCE

Prizes needed \$3.00 minimum value

Convener: **Pauline Scherr 250-886-9434 pischerr@shaw.ca**

### 11 SILENT AUCTION

Need one-of-a-kind new items, product, or Contribution of Service

Conveners: **Mira Cvitanovic 250-216-8463, mirarob@gmail.com**

### 12 TEA ROOM

Homemade squares, tarts, cookies. *\*Note: Please no cupcakes or Rice Krispie Squares*

Conveners: **Susie Nute 250-595-1382**

### 13 TOMBOLA RAFFLE

Convener: **Barbara Shenton 250-580-3475, bjeens958@gmail.com**

### NEED ITEMS PICKED UP?

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**Carol Kittleson 778-678-6788**