

# 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 14, 2025 EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Dear Friends in Christ,

Today, we celebrate the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross — a feast that calls us to contemplate the mystery of salvation accomplished through the suffering and death of Jesus on the Cross. For many, the cross represents pain, defeat, and shame. But for us as Christians, the Cross as an instrument of salvation is the greatest sign of love, victory, and hope.

Foreshadowing the salvific cross of Christ, in the first reading (Numbers 21:4-9), we hear about the people of Israel in the desert. They murmured against God and Moses, and poisonous serpents bit them. God instructed Moses to raise a bronze serpent on a pole, and whoever looked at it in faith was healed. Just as the Israelites were healed by looking up at the bronze serpent, we are healed and saved by looking up at Christ crucified, lifted on the Cross.

This organic truth of Revelation is made clear in the Gospel (John 3:13-17) as Jesus tells Nicodemus: “Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that everyone who believes in Him may have eternal life.”

Here, the Cross is not a symbol of humiliation but a sign of exaltation. On the Cross: Jesus embraces our sins, He turns an instrument of torture into the tree of life. As St. Paul says in Philippians 2:6-11, Christ “emptied Himself” and “became obedient unto death, even death on a cross”. Because of this, God exalted Him above every name.

While teaching us that true glory comes through self-giving love, the Cross also challenges us to bear life’s challenges with faith and perseverance, love even when it costs us, forgive when it’s hard, sacrificing for the sake of others. Today’s feast, therefore, is not about glorifying suffering but a celebration of God’s triumph of love.

God is good, all the time!

Father Samuel

### 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: [hcsbpaptismalprep@rcdvictoria.org](mailto:hcsbpaptismalprep@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

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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 Sept 13 - 7:00pm + Michele Cannon  
Sun Sept 14 - 11:00am + Kevin D'Cunha  
Sun Sept 14 - 4:00pm + Mark E. Thompson  
Tues Sept 16 - 1:30pm + Richard Barrie  
Wed Sept 17 - 12:10pm  
Thurs Sept 18 - 12:10pm  
Fri Sept 19 - 12:10pm (Int) Ursula Gajawska

## PARISH CONTACTS

### Parish Council Chair:

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250-370-0558

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John Shenton  
250-595-0828

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Colin Scott  
250-995-3227

## St. Patrick's School Mass

All are invited to join the students of St. Patrick's Elementary School for their Opening School Mass being held on Tuesday, September 16th at 1:30pm. Fr. Alfredo Monacelli will celebrate this Mass.

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**Please note Tuesday's 12:10pm Mass has been cancelled**

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

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

Patrick Card - Principal  
Angela McLeish - Vice Principal  
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## PARISH NEWS & EVENTS



21<sup>st</sup>.

*All of us here at St. Patrick's Parish would like to give a very warm welcome to Father Samuel Atta Okyere. Father Samuel graciously agreed to be our shepherd while Fr. Benson is on holiday. We are very grateful for his spiritual support and guidance. Fr. Samuel will be with us until Sunday, September*

### Baptismal Preparation:

Do you want to have your child welcomed into the family of God through baptism? To prepare you must complete a Baptismal Prep registration form and participate in a Baptismal Prep course. Please note that the next sessions available to take a Baptismal Prep course are Sat, Sept 27 (10:00 am – 12 noon). Please email [hcsbp baptismal-prep@rcdvictoria.org](mailto:hcsbp baptismal-prep@rcdvictoria.org) with your name and contact information. The coordinator will then contact you with more details about baptism and forward you the baptism form.

### Sacramental Preparation Classes for Children - Is your child aged 7 to 17 yrs old and ready to receive the sacraments?

Registration forms are available on the Religious Education page on the parish website. This year all classes take place at St Patrick's. Please attend the Parent Information Session at St Patrick's on Sunday, September 14th, the after the 11:00 am Mass in the St. Ann Room.

### Liturgy of the Word for Children at St. Patrick's Parish

Children's Liturgy of the Word is back!  
Please join us during the 11am Mass. All children who have not yet received their First Communion and Confirmation are welcome to attend. Children under the age of three should attend with an adult. We look forward to seeing you again!



## FANTASTIC

**CWL ANNUAL FALL BAZAAR - October 4th:** Accepting donations until October 3rd.

The St. Patrick's CWL will be **selling tickets Tombola tickets** after all Masses at both church entrances and will continue to do so until the day of the Fantastic Fall Bazaar. Tickets are \$1.00 each or booklet of 10 for \$10.00. Winners will be drawn on October 4th at 2:00pm at the Fall Bazaar.



### RCIA Program

Register for RCIA to become Catholic Are you interested in becoming Catholic? Parishes in the city of Victoria are collaborating to offer an opportunity to come together to learn more about our faith through the RCIA program. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of the 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. Sessions will be held on Thursday evenings at St. Joseph the Worker Parish beginning in the fall, starting September 18th. For more information or to register for the 2025–2026 year, please contact the parish office at: [stpatricks-vic@rcdvictor.org](mailto:stpatricks-vic@rcdvictor.org) or 250-592-7391.

## COLLECTIONS SEPTEMBER 7, 2025

|                    |                    |
|--------------------|--------------------|
| Envelopes          | \$ 2,475.00        |
| Loose Change       | \$ 506.32          |
| Bldg. Maint. Fund  | \$ 410.00          |
| CanadaHelps        | \$ 67.30           |
| PAD                | \$ 4,987.00        |
| <b>Grand Total</b> | <b>\$ 8,445.62</b> |

## FINANCIAL NEWS

Sept 7, 2025 YTD

|            |             |               |
|------------|-------------|---------------|
| Received   | \$ 8,445.62 | \$ 196,212.43 |
| Budgeted   | \$ 4,945.00 | \$ 182,965.00 |
| Difference | \$ 3,500.62 | \$ 13,247.43  |



## NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE

### Protecting Children in an Age of Influencers and Exploitation:

On September 27th from 9:00am until 3:00pm, St. Andrew's Cathedral (Seghers Hall) will host a one day symposium titled **"NOT IN MY CITY"**. This symposium will focus on protecting children in an age of influencers and exploitation. Registration is \$25 per person. Lunch is provided. Register at St. Andrew's Cathedral at 250-388-5571. [Click HERE for poster.](#)

### University of Victoria & Camosun College Students:

Students who want to connect with the Catholic community at UVic or Camosun College should contact Fr. David Shulist, S.J., the Diocese of Victoria Campus Chaplain. The community currently includes Catholic Student Association and Catholic Christian Outreach. Fr. David Shulist can be reached at [dshulist@uvic.ca](mailto:dshulist@uvic.ca) or 778-350-1002, or at the UVic Multifaith Centre at 250-721-8338.

**Pastoral Care Outreach Training:** Do you or someone you know have an interest/need in supporting persons and their families who are homebound, in long-term care, assisted living or will be facing these challenges? The Pastoral Care Training begins September 27th on Saturday mornings, 9:30am–noon, until November 29th. You can take all nine sessions or just one or two. [Click here for POSTER.](#) Please contact Barb Shenton, Pastoral Care Coordinator, St. Patrick's Parish Council at [bjeens958@gmail.com](mailto:bjeens958@gmail.com) for more info.

### DONATION REQUEST from Saint Vincent de Paul Thrift Store on Cloverdale Avenue:

An arson attack on the Saint Vincent de Paul Thrift Store on Cloverdale Avenue has resulted in a loss of a significant amount of their inventory. SVDP at 735 Cloverdale Avenue needs **gently used household items and clothing** to restock their inventory. Donations can be dropped off at the 735 Cloverdale Avenue location, from Monday to Saturday, 9:30am to 4:00pm. Got a large truck load? The store may be able to offer a pick-up service. Contact the Retail Manager, Al Cox, at **250-590-8390** for arrangements.

## LIVESTREAM MASSES

**Live Mass broadcast this weekend!** Mass is livestreamed this week on Saturday, September 13th at Holy Cross at 4:00pm. Click the link here: <http://www.youtube.com/c/StPatricksHolyCrossChurch>

## NEXT WEEK IN OUR PARISH

| Monday Sept 15         | Tuesday Sept 16                                      | Wednesday Sept 17   | Thursday Sept 18                      | Friday Sept 19                    | Saturday Sept 20          | Sunday Sept 21                                 |
|------------------------|--|---|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|--|
| 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                               |
|                        | 12:10pm Mass Cancelled                               | 11:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Angelus & Mass | 12:10pm Angelus and Mass              | 11:30am - Confessions             |                           | Children's Liturgy                             |
|                        | 1:30pm - St. Patrick's School Mass - All are welcome |   | 6pm Couples for Christ Choir Practice | 12:10pm Angelus & Mass            |                           | Refreshments after Mass                        |
| 7pm AA Peace           | 7pm Oak Bay Toastmasters Mtg.                        | 7pm AA Peace  | 7pm AA Peace                          | 3pm Divine Mercy Devotion         | 6:15pm Confessions        | 1:30pm Couples for Christ Kids Family Assembly |
|                        | 7pm AA-Clue  |   |                                       | 6:00pm - Couples for Christ Youth | 7pm Saturday Evening Mass | 4pm Sunday Mass                                |
|                        |  |   |                                       | 7pm CA                            |                           |  |





# Fantastic Fall Bazaar

**OCT 4, 2025**  
**9:30 - 2pm**

**Accepting Donations**  
from **Aug 15** to **Oct 3** at noon

*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

**2 FAITH**

No donations needed

**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

**4 HOBBY GROUP**

Hand made items, fabric, scrapbook paper, craft supplies and beads.

**5 HOME BAKING**

Bread, muffins, pies, cookies, candy, Gluten free baking in demand, (please divide into small packages and label all baking)  
NOTE: No cream filled items please.

**6 HOME DECOR & ESSENTIALS**

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

**7 JEWELLERY**

Jewellery of any kind, watches, any silver or gold (broken pieces welcome). Also, collecting cardboard jewellery display boxes

**8 KIDS' ZONE**

Games, puzzles, books, new and like-new toys, cakes for Annual Cake Walk (no-cream cakes please)

**9 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SNACK BAR**

**10 LUCKY 7 GAME OF CHANCE**

Prizes needed \$3.00 minimum value

**11 SILENT AUCTION**

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

**12 TEA ROOM**

**13 TOMBOLA RAFFLE**

Book of 10 Tickets \$10.00 with prizes of \$100, \$200, and \$300

**\*NOTE**

There are some donations we are unable to accept, like old computers, furniture and electronic equipment, so please read each listing carefully.

**DROPPING OFF ITEMS?**

Donations can be dropped off in the cloakroom by **Lady of Lourdes Hall**  
**Open: Tuesdays to Fridays 11am to 3pm**

**QUESTIONS?**

Lorrie 250-595-5981 or Susie 250-595-1382



**SPECIAL NOTE:**

**Fall Clothing Sale Nov 14-15**

Always collecting clean clothing donations!

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# ST. PATRICK'S CWL TOMBOLA



\$1.00 EACH **OR** BOOKLET  
OF TEN FOR \$10.00

*Tickets will be on sale after mass starting August 30*

**WINNERS WILL BE DRAWN  
SAT. OCT 4 @ FALL BAZAAR  
at 2:00 pm**

**1ST PRIZE \$300.00  
2ND PRIZE \$200.00  
3RD PRIZE \$100.00**

**The proceeds are distributed equally among:**

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