

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 17, 2023 TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Forgiveness may be the most challenging work of Christians, but it comes with the greatest reward: the peace of Christ. Those who have suffered the most are often our greatest teachers in the practice of forgiveness. Consider forgiveness as the currency of eternity. It's absolutely free, so spend as much as you'd like. It's like having your own money printing press in the cellar. Go on: Forgive seventy-times-seven times and it won't cost you a penny! The great thing about forgiveness is that it's the gift that keeps on giving. Forgive people extravagantly, unilaterally, and relentlessly, and what does that get you? The same kind of abundant pardon on the far side of life. The Lord's Prayer expresses the bargain: "Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us." The more we hit the ATM of forgiveness to spend on the people around us, the more is added to our account. It's a bewilderingly sweet deal.

Given the remarkable benefits of the practice of forgiveness, you'd think Christians would be all over it like ants at a picnic. We should be bumping into each other in our haste to demonstrate compassion for our fellow sinners, as anxious to say *I'm sorry* as to declare *I forgive you*. We should seek to be the first to love. If we made each decision with that intent, seeking and offering forgiveness would be as natural as breathing. Surprisingly, however, the thought of forgiveness often stifles our breath. We've developed very bad habits conforming us to the world rather than to Christ. We hug wrath and anger tight, though they're hateful and can only make us sick, in body and soul.

Unforgiveness is the number-one reported ailment in the offices of counselors both secular and pastoral. It leads to anger, depression, uncontrollable sadness, judgmentalism, and a host of other crippling diseases. We don't know how to let go of injuries and injustices. We heap so many preconditions on forgiveness that it becomes impossible to exercise. That free and abundant currency of eternity? We lock it all up in a Swiss bank account and throw away the key. Withholding forgiveness means staunching the supply available to ourselves. How could we not forgive others, when God has forgiven us so much? The Lord challenges us not to make serious damaging mistakes, but he also tells us that our mistakes are not forever—they are not even for a lifetime—and that time and grace wash clean, that nothing is irrevocable. Another way of putting it, scripture says this week, is that if we do not show others forgiveness, it cannot be shown us. How does the reciprocity of forgiveness—forgive as you are forgiven, and as you want to be forgiven—show itself in your life and the lives of those around you? A wise man wrote... *He or she who cannot forgive breaks the bridge over which they must pass.*

On this commissioning Sunday, let's recall too the role of parents and indeed all parishioners in modeling a life rich in love, generosity, compassion, and forgiveness. Catechists literally "echo" the example of Jesus. Deliver your echo boldly!

Abundant blessings,

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: hcsbpaptismalprep@rcdvictoria.org

CONFIRMATION & FIRST COMMUNION

Please email: 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

Office: 250-592-7391

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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. 10, 2023

Envelopes	\$1,907.00
Loose Change	\$ 487.20
Capital Fund	\$ 150.00
PAD	\$2,328.00
Grand Total	\$4,872.20
Needs of the Church in Canada	\$ 50.00

FINANCIAL NEWS

	SEPT. 10	YTD
Received	\$4,872.20	\$190,429.31
Needed	\$4,700.00	\$173,900.00
Difference	\$ 172.20	\$ 16,529.31

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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[Visit the school's Facebook page](#)



FROM OUR PARISH:

Prayer Reflection

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

He who cannot forgive breaks the bridge over which he himself must pass.

—George Herbert

If, then, you are looking for the way by which you should go, take Christ, because he himself is the way.

—Thomas Aquinas

In recognition of the International Day of Peace, everyone is invited to join the CWL members in the church on Thursday, Sept 21st at 1pm for a special Prayer Service and Rosary to pray for peace in the Holy Land. Special prayers will also be offered for Catholic Missions in Canada and the CWL National Faith Day. Tea and coffee will be served in the hall immediately following for some socializing time.

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.



If you can spare **one** Sunday a month for less than **one** hour, St. Patrick's Parish's is calling on YOU to join their Ministry of Ushers. Consider sharing your talent and time to serve as an Usher at 11am or 4pm Sunday Mass. Please join them, it is easy, enjoyable, and a tremendous way to serve your parish. Please contact the 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 that prepare children to receive their First Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Holy Communion.

<https://stpatrvictoria.com/religious-education>

<https://www.holycrossvictoria.org/education.php>

It is important that parents attend the Parent Information Meeting being held on Sunday October 15th at 10:15 am at Patrick's Parish in their 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 in their Library.

TOMBOLA TICKETS – NOW AVAILABLE!!! DRAW DATE: Oct. 14th

Tickets for our tombola draw at the annual St. Patrick's Catholic Women's League Good Used Clothing Sale & Fall Bazaar will be available after the 11AM & 4PM Masses on Sundays - September 17th, 24th and October 1st and 8th. CWL ladies will be available to help you purchase your opportunity to win **\$300, \$200, or \$100** on Saturday Oct. 14th at 2:00pm.

All proceeds will be split between St. Vincent de Paul (Rosalie's Village), Mount St. Mary (Marie Esther Society) and Oak Bay Volunteers Society.

For more information, contact Barb Shenton at bjeens958@gmail.com



MASS INTENTIONS

Sun Sept 17 - 11:00am + Serafim Botelho
 Sun Sept 17 - 4:00pm + Serafim Botelho
 Wed Sept 20 - 12:10pm + Venice Toth
 Fri Sept 22 - 12:10pm + Mickey Girard
 Sun Sept 24 - 11:00am + Jaime Rivadelo
 Sun Sept 24 - 4:00pm + Morag Mochan

FROM OUR PARISH AND THE DIOCESE

Greetings From The Beloved Catholic Women's Ministries Team! We are excited to announce our 5th annual Women's Retreat Nov. 17- 19 2023, at Camp Homewood on Quadra Island. All women 19+ are invited. Our theme this year is "Flourish". Our keynote speaker is the very popular Fr. Chrysostom Mijinke, OP, who will also be our chaplain. Come for rest, prayer, adoration, outdoor activities, fabulous meals, and fellowship. Registration is now open! <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/beloved-catholic-womens-retreat-registration-718046916657> Please email us with any questions at vicatholicwomensretreat@gmail.com

The next Baptismal Preparation date is **October 21st from 10:00am to 2:00pm**. Please email hcsbpaptismal-prep@rcdvictoria.org with your name and contact information. The coordinator will email you a registration form.



FEATURE FILM NIGHT

Celebrate the Feast of St. Francis. The film, "The Sultan and the Saint" will be shown at St. Patrick's Parish in Lourdes Hall, on Wednesday, October 4th, at 7 pm. This is a remarkable film about Muslim-Christian peace. All are welcome, popcorn will be provided. This concludes the Season of Creation in which Pope Francis called us to Care for our Common Home

LACARNO CONCERT

All parishioners are invited to attend a concert at Holy Cross Parish on Sunday, September 24th from 2pm - 4pm featuring "Locarno". Locarno is an award winning Mexican/Latin band, so expect the entertainment to be lively and toe tapping. A sample of their music can be found at the following link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DiifntG94yQ>



Vocations To the Priesthood - Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's." Consider service as 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

Fr. Harrison Ayre: hayre@rcdvictoria.org

LIVESTREAM MASSES

Live Mass broadcast this weekend! Mass is livestreamed this week Sunday, September 17th from St. Patrick's Church at 4:00 PM. Click the link here: <http://www.youtube.com/c/StPatricksHolyCrossChurch>

NEXT WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday Sept. 18	Tuesday Sept. 19	Wednesday Sept. 20	Thursday Sept. 21	Friday Sept. 22	Saturday Sept. 23	Sunday Sept. 24
St. Patrick's Church and Parish Office are Closed	9:00am Mass - Holy Cross Church	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 Church Open for Prayer & Visitation Parish Office Open	St. Patrick's Church and Parish Office are Closed	9:00am Mass - Holy Cross Church
	11:00am to 3:00pm Church Open for Prayer & Visitation Parish Office Open	12:10pm Mass - St. Patrick's Church -	1:00 pm Church CWL Prayers for Peace	11:30 Confession	9:00 am	11:00am Mass - St. Patrick's Church
		12:00pm Royal Jubilee Auxiliary Meeting		12:10pm Mass - St. Patrick's Church	11:00am - Mass Feast of Our Lady of Penafranca	12:pm Refreshments after Mass
7:00pm AA Peace	7:00pm Toastmasters		7:00pm AA Peace	3:00pm Divine Mercy Devotion	4:00pm Mass - Holy Cross Church "Live Streaming"	4:00pm Mass - St. Patrick's Parish
	7:00pm AA Clue	7:00pm AA Peace		7:00pm CA Meeting	5:30pm Couples for Christ	



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— 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 Kittlelson 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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