

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.**

MASS TIMES

Saturday: 7:00pm
Sunday: 11:00am & 4:00pm
Tuesday to Friday: 12:10pm

CONFESSIONS

Friday: 11:30am to 12:00pm
First Friday of the month: 11:00am to 12:00pm
Saturday: 6:00 to 6:45pm

After hours EMERGENCIES requiring THE PASTOR

Example: Last Rites, etc.

**Call 250-592-7391
and choose option #3**

FUNERALS, BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS

Contact the Parish Office

CONFIRMATION & FIRST COMMUNION

Email: mbristow@rcdvictoria.org

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL 24/7

Call or visit the office for an entry code

CHURCH & OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday to Friday 11:00am to 3:00pm

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SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

My dear people in Christ,

Greetings of peace and love to each one of you. This Sunday, the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, is a special day for our parish and for our Diocese as we celebrate Commissioning Sunday. As I look around St. Patrick's, I am deeply grateful for the many people who quietly and generously give their time, gifts, and hearts to serve our parish. Today, we pray for them and formally commission them for their ministries.

I want to say a sincere thank you to each of you who serve. Whether you are a lector, Eucharistic minister, usher, greeter, sacristan, music minister, catechist, baptism or sacramental preparation volunteer, Finance Committee, Parish Council, money counters, St. Vincent de Paul, Couples for Christ, bereavement committee, pastoral care minister, or serve in any other way, your ministry matters. Through your service, you help make our parish a welcoming and living expression of Christ's love.

The Gospel today gives us a beautiful message: It is never too late with God.

We see this in the Good Thief who was crucified beside Jesus. At the very end of his life, he turned to Jesus in faith, and Jesus promised him, "Today you will be with me in Paradise." He had only moments left, yet it was not too late. God's mercy reached him even there. That message is also for us.

Some of us were introduced to Jesus as children through our parents and families. Others discovered Him much later in life. Perhaps it was through a difficult moment, a personal struggle, a crisis, or simply a deep longing in the heart for something the world could not provide.

God's call comes to each person differently. And whenever that call comes, it is grace.

Sometimes we are surprised when someone who once had little interest in the Church suddenly begins coming to Mass, praying, and even serving others. We may wonder what happened. The answer is simple: grace. God never stopped calling that person.

And perhaps that is true for us as well.

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Report Sexual Abuse

Sexual Abuse Reporting to an Independent Reporting Agency 1-800-968-3146

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat Sep 19 – 7:00pm	+ Sabina & Zygmunt
Sun Sep 20 – 11:00am	Pro Populo
Sun Sep 20 – 4:00pm	+ Sister Judi Moran
Tue Sep 22 – 10:45am	St. Patrick's School Mass (Int) Caryl Wijesinghe
Wed Sep 23 – 12:10pm	+ Jun Aniban
Thu Sep 24 – 12:10pm	+ Bill Hogan
Fri Sep 25 – 12:10pm	+ Captain AFx John + Agapito John

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There may have been times when we wandered away, made mistakes, became distant from God, or simply became too busy to listen to His voice. But the beautiful truth is this: when we turned away from God, God did not turn away from us. He continues to come into the “marketplace” of our lives and say, “Come and work in my vineyard.”

Perhaps today He is calling someone here at St. Patrick's to take a new step in faith. Perhaps He is calling someone who has been away from the Church to come home. Perhaps He is calling someone who has been sitting quietly in the pew to discover a gift they can share. And perhaps He is calling those of us who are already serving to renew our commitment and serve with greater love.

It is never too late to begin again. It is never too late to return to God. It is never too late to say “yes” to His call. And it is never too late to become a blessing to someone else. As we commission our ministries today, I hope we will see them not simply as jobs that need to be done, but as opportunities to love and serve Christ through one another.

St. Patrick's is becoming a home for all of us. I am grateful for the warm welcome you have given me, and I am grateful for the many ways you are helping build our parish community. Let us continue this journey together—not as people simply filling positions, but as disciples walking together, serving together, praying together, and bringing Christ to one another. May the Lord bless every person who serves in our parish. And may He give each of us the courage to hear His call and the generosity to answer, “Here I am, Lord. Send me.”

With prayers and blessings, Fr. Silvichan Dominic

OUR PARISH

St. Patrick's School will attend Mass on **Tuesday, Sept 22nd at 10:45am**. All are welcome to attend. The **12:10pm Mass will be cancelled** on that day.

CWL Parish Fall Bazaar - Saturday, October 3rd from 9:30am to 2:00pm. Plan to come and experience the fun and community of our annual Bazaar with a large variety of kiosks including a Silent Auction and a Kids Zone with games for kids - young & old! We are still accepting donations for the various stalls: Harvest (including fresh produce, herbs, house plants), Hobby Group craft items, Jewelry, Books & Puzzles. Please no clothing at this time. Thank you for your support of this big parish and school event!

REMINDER: St. Vincent de Paul Meeting on Wednesday, September 23rd at 10:00am in the St. Ann's Room.

We would like to remind you that the **Funeral Mass for Faith Collins** will be held on **Saturday, September 26th at 1:00pm**. Reception to follow in the Lady of Lourdes Hall.

Anointing of the Sick – Friday, October 2nd during the 12:10pm Mass.

Baptismal Preparation To prepare you must complete a registration form and a Baptism Preparation Course. The next session for the course is Saturday Oct 10th from 10am to 12pm. Please email hcsppbaptismprep@rcdvictoria.org with your name and contact information.

Anointing of the Sick



FINANCIAL NEWS

COLLECTION – September 13th, 2026

Envelopes	\$1,745.00
Loose Change	936.85
TipTap	105.00
Bldg Maint Fund	20.00
CanadaHelps	52.95
PAD	1,158.00
GRAND TOTAL	\$4,017.80

	Sept 13, 2026	YTD
Received	\$4,017.80	\$214,863.34
Needed to Cover Expenses	\$7,685.00	\$292,030.00
Difference	-\$3,667.20	-\$77,166.66

Development and Peace - Caritas Canada

(DPCC), is the official international development organization of the Catholic Church in Canada and a democratic movement for global solidarity rooted in Catholic Social Teaching. Our Diocesan Fall workshop will take place at Queen of Peace Church Hall, 849 Old Esquimalt Rd., Saturday, September 19th, 9:30-1:30, please bring a brown bag lunch. It will be led by our animator, Raphael Freston, from Vancouver. All are welcome. For info call Nancy Stuart at 250-580-4444.

OUR PARISH

Signs of Grace Sacramental Preparation Program: Children 7+ years old, with participation of a parent, can prepare for the sacraments of First Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Communion in this 2-year program. A pre-requisite program, called FORGIVEN, provides catechesis for Parents.

The first session begins on **Saturday, October 3, 2026**. For more information, contact the Sacramental Prep Coordinator - Michele Bristow at: mbristow@rcdvictoria.org. Register by September 30th. *Registration form here:* https://s3.amazonaws.com/media.cloversites.com/cf/cf43cd4b-2408-4957-a83c-d18c6511d74a/documents/Registration_Form_2020_SP_-_Yrs_I_II_-_FILLABLE.pdf

Calling All Men! COR (Latin for Heart) is a gathering of men that seek to build a Christ-centered brotherhood through intentional Prayer, Formation and Fraternity. **St. Patrick's COR** is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council 7934 but is **open to all men of the parish and St. Patrick's School**. Join us at our next COR gathering in Our Lady of Lourdes Hall, St. Patrick's Parish on **Sunday, Sept 20 at 5:00pm**. We will be watching a video and having a discussion on AI. Pizza, beverages and fellowship time will follow.

Liturgy of the Word for Children will continue on Sundays during the 11:00am Mass. All children who have not yet received their First Communion and Confirmation are welcome to attend. Children under 3 years old should attend with a parent or caregiver. Please come to the front of the church when Father calls you.

LIVESTREAM MASSES – Mass is livestreamed this week on **Sunday, September 20th** from St. Patrick's Parish at **11:00am**. Click the link here: <https://www.youtube.com/c/stpatricksholycrosschurch>

NEXT WEEK IN OUR PARISH

<u>Mon Sep 21</u>	<u>Tue Sep 22</u>	<u>Wed Sep 23</u>	<u>Thu Sep 24</u>	<u>Fri Sep 25</u>	<u>Sat Sep 26</u>	<u>Sun Sep 27</u>
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	CHURCH & OFFICE CLOSED
7PM AA CLUE	10:45am St. Patrick's School Mass <i>All are welcome to attend</i>	10am St. Vincent de Paul Meeting	11:30am Confessions	11:30am Confessions	1pm Funeral Mass for Faith Collins <i>Reception to follow</i>	11am Sunday Mass <i>Coffee after Mass</i>
	12:10pm Mass cancelled today	11:30am Confessions	11:40am Rosary 12pm The Angelus 12:10pm Mass	11:30am Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament 12:10pm Mass	6pm Confessions	4pm Sunday Mass
	7pm Toastmasters	11:40am Rosary Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament 12:10pm Mass	7pm Knights of Columbus Exec Mtg	3pm Divine Mercy Devotion	7pm Saturday Mass	
	7pm AA Peace	7pm BC Railway Historical Society 7pm AA-Peace	7pm AA-Peace	7pm CA – Spiritual Lines		

OUR DIOCESE

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul Vancouver Island: Hearts for Homes Gala

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul Vancouver Island warmly invites you to the Hearts for Homes Gala — an evening of compassion, community, and impact in support of affordable housing on Vancouver Island. Join Bishop Gary and others on October 3 at the Union Club of Victoria (805 Gordon Street) for a memorable evening of fundraising featuring a three-course dinner, musical entertainment, guest speakers, and silent and live auctions.

Limited tickets available at: <https://www.hibid.ca/events/hearts-for-homes>

St. Francis of Assisi — A city-wide Mass of commemoration of the 800th Anniversary of the death of St Francis of Assisi will be celebrated here at St. Patrick's Parish on **Sunday, October 4th at 4:00pm**, presided by Bishop Gary. All are welcome and invited to attend this Eucharist in honor of St Francis.

Recollections for men and women: Join us for a recollection! Although we may spend time in prayer each day, at a recollection we go deeper into our relationship with God — in conversation with Him — guided by meditation and an examination of conscience. A priest of Opus Dei will be available for confession and/or spiritual direction.

- An evening recollection for women will be held this **Monday, September 21st from 6:15-8:00pm** at St. Joseph the Worker Parish, 753 Burnside Road West, in Victoria. It will be preceded by Mass at 5:30pm.
- An evening recollection for men will be held this **Tuesday, September 22nd from 6:00-8:00pm** at Sacred Heart Parish, 4040 Nelthorpe Street, in Victoria. It will be preceded by Mass at 5:15pm.

CCCB The Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada

The Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada will take place next weekend. It helps support the mission of our diocese and joins the gifts of Catholics across the country in supporting the shared work of the Bishops of Canada - from providing catechetical resources for families, young people and parishes, to promoting respect for human life and the dignity of every human person, and accompanying migrants and refugees. Your gift helps strengthen the Church here at home and supports its mission across Canada. Please give prayerfully and generously next weekend.

To donate online visit cccb.ca/donate

CCCB Plenary Assembly

Next week the members of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) will gather for the annual meeting of the Plenary Assembly. This meeting is bringing together members of the CCCB from across Canada for discussion on a broad range of topics affecting the Catholic faithful in Canada. Please keep Bishop Gary Gordon and all the bishops of Canada in your prayers during this important gathering. May the Holy Spirit guide their discussions and decisions, granting them wisdom, unity, and courage as they seek to respond faithfully to the needs of the Church in Canada.

2026 National Gathering for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

The Diocese of Victoria is delighted to be hosting the 2026 National Gathering for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Oct. 23 and 24 at St. Patrick's parish in Victoria. This year's theme is Praying with Children with keynote speakers Fr. Kevin Belgrave and Anna Boyagoda from the Archdiocese of Toronto. You are cordially invited to discover this beautiful method of faith formation for children based on Sacred Scripture and Liturgy with a Montessori foundation. Saturday, Oct. 24 is open to parishioners who are interested in learning about CGS as it continues to unfold throughout our Diocese. Registration link:

<https://www.cgsac.ca/national-gathering> For more information, please contact Joelle Dressler at jdressler@rcdvictoria.org

The Catholic Way of Dying with Dignity: A Day of Faith, Accompaniment, Preparation, and Love

St. Andrew's Cathedral invites the whole Diocesan community to come for a day of reflection and conversation about approaching the end of life with faith, compassion, dignity, and hope. Hear personal testimonials and practical details about this important topic. Please see the poster for registration and further information. See attached poster to share with your communities.

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