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 21, 2025 TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dear Friends in Christ,

Today's liturgy invites us to reflect deeply on our relationship with material possessions, power, and God. The Gospel from Luke 16 presents one of the most challenging parables: the story of the shrewd steward. At first glance, it seems Jesus is praising dishonesty. But a closer look reveals a profound spiritual lesson — God calls us to be faithful and wise in the use of earthly goods so that we may gain eternal treasures— not selfishly, but in a way that builds relationships, promotes justice, and advances God's kingdom.

The first reading from Amos warns against injustice and exploitation: "Hear this, you who trample on the needy and bring the poor of the land to an end..." God cannot be mocked — He sees when the poor are cheated, when the weak are oppressed, when wealth is pursued at the expense of justice.

In the second reading also, St. Paul urges us to pray for leaders and authorities, that society may be guided by peace, justice, and the common good. Prayer leads us to act with compassion and integrity.

In sum, today's readings remind us that our life on earth is short and our resources are temporary. We are called to use what we have wisely, with integrity and generosity, so that we may gain eternal riches in heaven. May God grant us wisdom to use our gifts well, courage to choose Him over wealth, and faith to seek treasures that will never fade.

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: hcspbaptismalprep@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

EUCHARISTIC 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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We acknowledge and respect the Lekwungen peoples on whose traditional territory St. Patrick's Parish stands and the Songhees, Esquimalt and <u>W</u>SÁNEĆ peoples whose historical relationships with the land continue to this day.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat Sept 20 - 7:00pm + Sheila Joseph

Sun Sept 21 - 11:00am + Jun Aniban

Sun Sept 21 - 4:00pm + Ernest & Betty Novak

Tues Sept 23 - 12:10pm + Isabel Robertson

Wed Sept 24 - 12:10pm (Int) Gary Mitchell

Thurs Sept 25 - 12:10pm + Wayne Hatch

Fri Sept 26 - 12:10pm + Ann Browne

PARISH CONTACTS

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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

Phone: 250-592-6713 Email: sp@cisdv.bc.ca www.stpatrickselem.ca Visit the school's Facebook page



PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

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.

Please contact Barb Shenton, Pastoral Care Coordinator, St. Patrick's Parish Council at bjeens958@gmail.com for more info. **Click here for POSTER.**

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 https://doi.org/10.2007/jhc.nc.//jhc.nc

Attention Students at UVic & Camosun College!

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. Fr. David Shulist can be reached at dshulist@uvic.ca or 778-350-1002, or at the UVic Multifaith Centre at 250-721-8338.



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.

Click here to view the Fall Bazaar POSTER.

Register for the RCIA Program 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 or 250-592-7391.

COLLECTIONS SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE

Envelopes \$ 1,650.00

Loose Change \$ 590.35

Bldg. Maint. Fund \$ 110.00

CanadaHelps \$ 19.30

PAD \$ 1,148.00

Grand Total \$ 3,517.65

Protecting Children in an Age of Influencers and Exploitation: Click HERE for poster 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.

Horizons of Hope: When it comes to a loved one nearing death what are our Catholic options? Our faith in God as the Father, Son and Holy Spirit is challenged by an increasingly common world-view of death and dying. Horizons of Hope: helps us as parishioners, caregivers, and loved ones facing the end of life, by teaching us about palliative care. Through 4 modules, we explore the dying process, including discernment and decision making at the end of life: accompaniment along the journey to the end of life: and the need for compassionate communities to walk with us as we near the end of life. Offered Tuesdays (October 7, 14, 21 & 28) by Dr. Felipe Edora and Angela Spencer.

FINANCIAL NEWS

Sept 14,

2025Received \$ 3,517.65 \$ 199,730.08

Budgeted \$ 4,945.00 \$ 187,910.00

Difference - \$1,427.35 \$ 11,820.08

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For more information, click here to view the brochure

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**

Sacred Heart Catholic Women's League Garage Sale:

for arrangements.

CWL's 4th Annual Community Garage Sale is on Saturday, October 18 from 9:00am. Table rentals are \$30. Contact Miriam for more details: mirpod@yahoo.com

LIVESTREAM MASSES

Live Mass broadcast this weekend! Mass is livestreamed this week on Sunday, September 21st at St. Patrick's at 4:00pm.

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

NEXT WEEK IN OUR PARISH						
Monday Sept 22	Tuesday Sept 23	Wednesday Sept 24	Thursday Sept 25	Friday Sept 26	Saturday Sept 27	Sunday Sept 28
Church & Office Closed 7pm AA Peace	11am to 3pm Church & Office Open 11:30am Angelus & Mass (Fr. Cormier) 7pm Oak Bay Toastmasters Mtg. 7pm AA-Clue	11am to 3pm Church & Office Open 10am - St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 11:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Angelus and Mass (Fr. Cormier) 7pm - SEJC Meeting 7pm - BC Railway Historical Society 7pm AA Peace	11am to 3pm Church & Office Open 12:10pm Angelus and Mass (Fr. Cormier) 7pm - Knights of Columbus Executive Meeting 7pm AA Peace	11am to 3pm Church & Office Open 11:30am - Confessions 12:10pm Angelus & Liturgy of the Word with Communion 12pm - Royal Jubilee Hospital Auxiliary Mtg 3pm Divine Mercy Devotion 7pm CA	Church & Office Closed 6:15pm Confessions 7pm Saturday Evening Mass	11am Sunday Mass Children's Liturgy Refreshments after Mass 4pm Sunday Mass



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