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 28, 2025 TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dear Friends in Christ,

Today's liturgy confronts us with one of the greatest challenges of Christian life: how we respond to the poor, the suffering, and those in need.

In the Gospel, Jesus tells the parable of the rich man and Lazarus. The rich man lived in luxury, "dressed in purple and fine linen", while Lazarus, poor and covered with sores, sat at his gate, longing for scraps. This story is not simply about wealth versus poverty — it is about the danger of indifference, the spiritual blindness that makes us ignore the cries of those around us.

This is echoed by Amos in the first reading when he says: "Woe to the complacent in Zion!"

The prophet condemns those who indulge in comfort and luxury while ignoring the suffering of others. They "lie on beds of ivory... drink wine from bowls... anoint themselves with oils," yet they are blind to the wounds of society.

The rich man in the Gospel is not condemned because he was wealthy but because he failed to love. His sin was not seeing Lazarus — ignoring him, stepping over him, and failing to act were his sins. Through Lazarus and the poor man, Jesus teaches us that salvation and compassion are inseparable. To love God is to love His children, especially the vulnerable.

Life on earth is temporary; our actions have eternal consequences. May we choose today to live with compassionate hearts, so that one day we may hear the Lord say: "Come, you blessed of my Father... inherit the kingdom prepared for you." (Matthew 25:34)

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 27 - 7:00pm (Int) Mary Kennedy
Sun Sept 28 - 11:00am + Brendan Henry

Sun Sept 28 - 4:00pm (Int) Chris Atkinson

Tues Sept 30 - 12:10pm + Ray Latham
Wed Oct 1 - 12:10pm + Serafim, Fernando, &

Elmira Botelho

Thurs Oct 2 - 12:10pm + Kevin D'Cunha

Fri Oct 3 - 12:10pm + Florence & William

Blake

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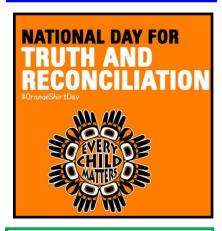
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ST. PATRICK'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL KINDERGARTEN TO GRADE 7

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

You are invited to attend the Jubilee 2025 Eucharistic Celebration, presided over by Bishop Gary Gordon Thursday, October 9th at 12:10pm at St Patrick's Church, 2060 Haultain Street. Consecrated men and women from Vancouver Island would be very pleased to have you join them for Noon Mass in the context of their day – long gathering on the theme: "Pilgrims of Hope on the Path to Peace." All welcome.

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. This year all classes take place at St Patrick's Parish; the program continues into the next year at Holy Cross Parish. A pre-requisite program, called FORGIVEN, provides catechesis for Parents. The first session begins on Oct 4 at 5:15-6:15pm at St Patrick's Parish (2060 Haultain St). For more information, contact the Sacramental Prep Coordinator - Michele Bristow mbristow@rcdvictoria.org. Registration forms are available online: https://s3.amazonaws.com/media.cloversites.com/cf/cf43cd4b-2408-4957-a83c-d18c6511d74a/documents/Registration Form 2020 SP - Yrs I II - FILLABLE.pdf

IT's ALMOST HERE...CWL's **Fantastic FALL BAZAAR** being held on Saturday, October 4th, 2025 from 9:30am to 2:00pm, at St. Patrick's Parish, 2060 Haultain Street. Come and experience all the fun of a CWL Bazaar with this year's large variety of kiosks, Quality Silent Auction and Tombola Raffle and so much more! There is something for everyone! *All proceeds will support CWL Charities* Click here to view the <u>Fall Bazaar POSTER</u>.

TIME IS RUNNING OUT - TOMBOLA TICKETS ARE GOING FAST!!!!!

Bring your money - \$1 for one ticket, or \$10 for a book of ten tickets for a chance to win \$300, \$200 OR \$100 dollars! All proceeds go towards St. Vincent de Paul – Rosalie's Village, Mt. St. Mary's Hospital, and The Oak Bay Volunteers Society. Tickets are available before and after weekend Mass at St. Patrick's and Holy Cross Churches from CWL members on the day of the Bazaar Saturday Oct. 4th.

On Tuesday, September 30th, the Parish office will be closed. However, the church will be open for Angelus and Mass as follows:

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30th:

12:00pm - Angelus
12:10pm - Liturgy of the Word with Communion
(doors open at 11:30am)



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.



COLLECTIONS SEPTEMBER 21, 2025

Envelopes \$ 1,740.00
Loose Change \$ 750.68
Bldg. Maint. Fund \$ 75.00
Canada Helps \$ 164.05
PAD \$ 2,438.00

Grand Total \$ 5,167.73

Refugee Fund \$ 25.00

FINANCIAL NEWS

	Sept 21, 2025	YTD		
Received	\$ 5,167.73	\$ 204,897.81		
Budgeted	\$ 4,945.00	\$ 192,855.00		
Difference	\$ 222.73	\$ 12,042.81		



Vancouver Island Retreat: Nov 7-9, 2025

Find out more: rachelsvineyardvancouverisland@gmail.com 250-514-3973 www.rachelsvineyardvanisland.org

Rachel's Vineyard Vancouver Island - Transformative Retreats For more information, click here to view the brochure

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops has released the **Day One video update** from the annual Plenary Assembly. We invite you to view the update here.

September 30 marks the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, a time to mourn the painful legacy of the former Indian Residential Schools and to stand in solidarity with Indigenous Peoples. On this day, we reaffirm our commitment to walk with them on the journey of healing and reconciliation, listening with open hearts, honouring the stories shared, and embracing the path of truth and hope for the future. Find resources to learn more about residential school experiences here: https://nctr.ca/

Join **Development & Peace – Caritas Canada** to learn about their **"Turn Debt into Hope" Fall Campaign**, focusing on partners in Peru and Ethiopia and inviting Canadians to stand for debt justice in this Jubilee Year.

Victoria area: Saturday, Oct. 18, 9:30 am–1:30 pm (lunch included),

St. Patrick's Parish Hall, 2060 Haultain Street.

Nanaimo area: Sunday, Oct. 19, 11:00 am-3:00 pm (brunch included),

Holy Trinity Parish Hall, 6234 Spartan Road.

Horizons of Hope: Sacred Heart Parish (4040 Nelthorpe St, Victoria) is hosting Horizons of Hope, a four-part series exploring Catholic approaches to end-of-life care, including palliative care, discernment, and compassionate accompaniment. The sessions will be held on Tuesdays, October 7, 14, 21, and 28, led by Dr. Felipe Edora and Angela Spencer. To register, please email or call Sacred Heart Parish at sacredheart@rcdvictoria.org or 250-479-1611 - all are welcome.

Planet Positive Tip: Season of Creation, Sep. 1-Oct.4 Reaffirm your vocation as stewards of creation. In 'Laudato Si', Pope Francis brings attention to our "throwaway culture", which "quickly reduces things to rubbish". In your daily life, try to identify the ways in which you can choose reusables, rather than disposables, such as coffee mugs, reusable bags, or cloth napkins, and commit to making one change during this month.

Sacred Heart Catholic Women's League Garage Sale is on Saturday, October 18 from 9:00am. Table rentals: \$30. Contact Miriam for more details: mirpod@yahoo.com

LIVESTREAM MASSES

Live Mass broadcast this weekend! Mass is livestreamed this week on Saturday, September 27th at Holy Cross at 4:00pm.

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

NEXT WEEK IN OUR PARISH								
Monday Sept 29	Tuesday Sept 30	Wednesday Oct 1	Thursday Oct 2	Friday Oct 3	Saturday Oct 4	Sunday Oct 5		
Church & Office CLOSED	11am to 3pm Office CLOSED	11am to 3pm Church & Office Open	11am to 3pm Church & Office Open	11am to 3pm Church & Office Open	Church & Office Closed	11am Sunday Mass		
	National Day for Truth and	11:30am Exposition	12:00pm Angelus & Liturgy of the Word	10am - Anointing the Sick	9:30am - CWL	Children's		
7pm AA Peace	Reconciliation of the Blessed	of the Blessed	with Communion	11:30am - Confessions	E.1Enm	Refreshments		
	12:00pm—Angelus, Liturgy of the Word	Sacrament, Liturgy of the Word with Communion 7pm AA Peace	6pm - Couples for Christ Choir Practice	12:00pm Angelus & Mass		after Mass		
	with Communion 7pm Oak Bay Toastmasters Mtg.		7pm - Knights of Columbus General Mtg	3pm Divine Mercy Devotion, social event to follow	6:15pm Confessions	4pm Sunday Mass		
	7pm AA-Clue		7pm AA Peace	7pm CA	7pm Saturday Evening Mass			

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 distrbuted equally among:

Mount St. Mary Hospital - Marie Esther Society
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