

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 6, 2026

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

My dear Brothers and Sisters,

Greetings of peace and love in the name of Jesus Christ!

I hope you had a wonderful summer with your family and friends. As we begin a new season

I have started the “Blessing Song” for those who are celebrating their birthdays and wedding anniversaries on the weekends, right at the beginning of Holy Mass. The reason is simple: our parish is a family, and in a family, we celebrate life and love together. We want everyone to feel that they truly belong and that they are an important part of our parish

At the same time, we should remember that there may be people among us who do not have family or many people around them to remember or celebrate their special days. For them, a simple blessing and the prayers of their parish family can mean a great deal.

We are all called to be a blessing to one another. Through Baptism, we share in the priesthood of Christ as a royal priesthood. Beginning Mass in this way gives us a beautiful opportunity to pray for members of our community and to place their lives, their families, and their intentions before the Lord.

Therefore, if you are comfortable doing so, I invite you to gently raise your hands and join in blessing those who are celebrating. If you prefer not to let the congregation know about your birthday or anniversary, you are most welcome to remain anonymous. And if you are not comfortable raising your hands, that is perfectly fine. Please simply keep those who are celebrating in your prayers.

As our children return to school this September, let us also remember that St. Patrick's School is an important part of our parish family and parish life. Let us continue to support our school, our teachers, our staff, and especially our children, most importantly, through our prayers.

May our parish always be a place where people feel welcomed, loved, remembered, and blessed.

Jesus tells us in the gospel this weekend “Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.” What a beautiful assurance! Jesus is present when we gather as a parish family, not only when everything is peaceful and easy, but also when we come together with our differences, our wounds and our struggles.

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Report Sexual Abuse

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat Sep 5 – 7:00pm	+ Joan Bartlett-Roche
Sun Sep 6 – 11:00am	Pro Populo
Sun Sep 6 – 4:00pm	+ Anne Kavanagh
Tue Sep 8 – 12:10pm	+ Karolina Kess
Wed Sep 9 – 12:10pm	(Int) Naomi Carvalho
Thu Sep 10 – 12:10pm	+ Oliver & Una O'Connell
Fri Sep 11 – 12:10pm	+ Martha Wagner

PARISH CONTACTS

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250-370-0558

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ST. PATRICK'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL KINDERGARTEN TO GRADE 7

For information on registrations for 2026/2027 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](#)



Seventh Annual Mass for Our Lady

of Penafrancia: In the spirit of fellowship, the Bicolanos of Vancouver Island would like to invite everyone from the Diocese to join our 7th annual Eucharist Celebration of Unity at St. Patrick's Parish on **Saturday, September 12th**. Rosary at 10:00am, Mass at 11:00am, and potluck lunch at 12pm noon.

Fr. Silvichan's Refection cont'd

Perhaps today Jesus is asking each of us:

Is there someone with whom I need to make peace?

Is there someone I need to forgive?

Is there someone I need to approach with love rather than judgment?

Let us remember that winning an argument is not as important as winning a brother or sister back through love. Our calling as Christians is not to build walls between one

May Christ always be at the centre of our families and our parish community. Whenever we gather in His name, may we recognize His presence among us and allow Him to make us one family in His love.

God bless you all.

Fr. Silvichan Dominic CFIC

On behalf of Father Silvichan Dominic and the parishioners of St. Patrick's, we wish to extend our sincere condolences and prayers to the family and friends of Faith Collins who passed away Saturday, August 22, 2026. Faith was an active member of the parish who will be remembered for her kindness, dedication, her contributions, and for her years of service on various parish committees. May she rest in peace, and may perpetual light shine upon her.

Her Funeral Mass will be held on Saturday, September 26th at 1:00pm at St. Patrick's Church. A Reception will follow in Our Lady of Lourdes Hall.

Baptismal Preparation – Do you want to have your child welcomed into the family of God through Baptism? To prepare you must complete a registration form and complete a Baptism Preparation Course. Please note that the next session for the course is **Thursday Sept 10th** from 6pm to 8pm or Saturday Oct 10th from 10am to 12pm. Please email hcsbp baptismprep@rcdvictoria.org with your name and contact information. The coordinator will then contact you.

Children's Sacramental Preparation for St. Patrick's and Holy Cross Parishes

– Is your child aged 7 to 17 years old and ready to receive the sacraments? Please register your child for Sacramental Preparation Classes by September 30th. Forms are available on the Religious Education page on the parish website www.stpatsvictoria.com. This year all classes take place at Holy Cross. For more details, contact Michele Bristow mbristow@rcdvictoria.org.

Mark your calendars for our **CWL Fantastic Fall Bazaar on Saturday, October 3rd from 9:30am to 2:00pm**. We are accepting donations now for all stalls, please see our attached Fall Bazaar poster.

Calling All Men! COR (Latin for Heart) is a gathering of men that seek to build a Christ-centred 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. You are invited to join us at our next COR gathering in Our Lady of Lourdes Hall, St. Patrick's Church, **Sunday, September 20 at 5:00 p.m.** We will be watching a short video and having a discussion on the topic of Artificial Intelligence. Pizza, beverages and fellowship time will follow.

FINANCIAL NEWS

COLLECTION – Aug 3 to 30, 2026

Envelopes	\$6,995.00
Loose Change	3,447.60
TipTap	420.00
Bldg Maint Fund	600.00
CanadaHelps	312.25
PAD	7,926.00
E-Transfer	310.00
GRAND TOTAL	\$20,010.85

	Aug 3-30	YTD
Received	\$20,010.85	\$200,755.74
Need to Cover Expense	\$30,740.00	\$276,660.00
Difference	-\$10,729.15	-\$75,904.26

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 continued:

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 **4pm**, presided by Bishop Gary. All are welcome and invited to attend this Eucharist in honor of St Francis. A limited number of places are available for the dinner that follows. If you would like to attend the dinner registration is taking place this weekend in the lobby near Lourdes Hall.

Thank you to the **St. Patrick's Knight of Columbus members**, many of whom are members of Couples for Christ, who volunteered in the August heat to repaint the faded parking lots lines for the Parish. You cannot help but notice that they did an absolutely fabulous job!



LIVESTREAM MASSES – Mass is livestreamed this week on Sunday, September 6th from St. Patrick's Parish at 11:00am. Click the link here: <https://www.youtube.com/c/stpatricksholycrosschurch>

NEXT WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Mon Sep 7	Tue Sep 8	Wed Sep 9	Thu Sep 10	Fri Sep 11	Sat Sep 12	Sun Sep 13
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	11:30am Confessions 11:40am Rosary 12pm The Angelus 12:10pm Mass 7pm Toastmasters 7pm AA Peace	11am Royal Jubilee Hospital Auxiliary Meeting 11:30am Confession Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament 12:10pm Mass 1pm CWL General Meeting 7pm AA-Peace	11:30am Confessions 11:40am Rosary 12pm The Angelus 12:10pm Mass 3:30pm St. Clare Villa Residents meeting 7pm AA-Peace	11:30am Confessions 11:30am Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament 12:10pm Mass 3pm Divine Mercy Devotion 5:30pm - Couples for Christ - Collective Assembly	11:00am Mass for Our Lady of Penafrancia 12pm Potluck Lunch 6:15pm Confessions 7pm Saturday Mass	11am Sunday Mass <i>Coffee after Mass</i> 12pm Knights of Columbus – District Meeting 4pm Sunday Mass

Couples for Christ of Victoria – St. Patrick's Chapter is warmly inviting you to join our **Christian Life Program (CLP)**. Sessions will start **September 11, 2026**, Fridays from **5:30PM to 8:30PM**, venue will be at Lourdes Hall of St. Patrick's Parish located at 2060 Haultain Street. Come and discover God's love, strengthen your faith and grow together with other couples and families in the community.

For more information, please contact Brother Roger and Suzette Cahanding at phone numbers 778-678-9809 or email at roger.zet888@yahoo.ca

OUR DIOCESE

Season of Creation 2026

September 1 marks the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation and marks the beginning of the Season of Creation, a special season of ecumenical solidarity where Christians come together in prayer and action to protect our common home. Learn more about this season, read the Holy Father's message, and see how you can get involved at: <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/diocesanblog/season-of-creation-2026-living-water>

New Zoom Marriage Preparation Course Schedule

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Victoria Marriage Office is pleased to announce the following dates in 2026-2027 for the Zoom Synchronous Marriage Preparation Courses: **October 2 & 3, 2026 on Friday, 7-10pm PT and Saturday, 9am-4pm PT** (*Couples must attend both Friday and Saturday sessions in order to receive a certificate of completion.*) For details or to register please check our website: <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/marriage-prep>

Inaugural GLORIA Christmas Market - Seeking Vendors

St. Joseph the Worker Parish is hosting the inaugural GLORIA Christmas Market on **Saturday, December 5, 2026**. They are seeking local artisans, makers, and small businesses offering thoughtful Christmas gifts including pottery, handmade soaps and candles, artwork, jewelry, baked goods, or other beautiful artisanal products. Vendor tables are \$50. For more information email: awalkercollins@gmail.com

Nepal Flooding Relief Efforts - Caritas Canada

A catastrophic flash flood triggered by a glacial collapse has devastated the Nepal-Tibet border, taking the lives of over 1,000 people, and leaving thousands more missing. We are encouraging our community to pray and support relief efforts through Development and Peace – Caritas Canada, which has launched an emergency collection. To learn more about they are doing on the ground visit: <https://devp.org/en/nepal-floods-necessitate-a-deluge-of-solidarity/>
To donate click here: , scan the attached QR code, or call 1-888-234-8533 toll-free to donate

The local Development and Peace animator, Raphael Freston, will be hosting two Fall workshops for anyone interested in the work of Development & Peace - Caritas Canada. All are welcome to attend either workshop, please invite friends and new people. More info about the organization at: www.devp.org
Queen of Peace Church Hall, 849 Old Esquimalt Rd., Saturday, September 19th, 9:30-1:30, please bring a brown bag lunch
For info: Nancy Stuart 250-580-4444

Fr. Silvichan Final Reflection

On September 8, we celebrate the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary—our beloved Mother's birthday.

Gracious God, we thank You for the gift of Mary, the Mother of Jesus and our loving Mother. Through her humble "yes," she became an instrument of Your love and salvation.

Dear Mother Mary, lead us always closer to your Son. Teach us to trust God, to follow His will, and to keep His Word in our hearts.

Happy Birthday, dear Mother Mary! Pray for us, our families, and our parish community. May your loving presence always guide us to Jesus. Amen. 🙏

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Fantastic Fall Bazaar

OCT 3, 2026

9:30 - 2pm

Accepting Donations
from **Aug 1 to Sep 27**

***NOTE**

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

Kiosks and the types of donations needed where applicable:

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

Statues, pictures, bibles, Catholic Jewellery

3 HARVEST/GARDEN

Garden produce, fruit, vegetables, fresh flowers, bouquets, regular-sized decorative pots, house plants (named and care), garden tools, and accessories. *Note: We cannot accept wicker baskets, silk or dried flowers, and Halloween or Christmas items

4 HOBBY GROUP

Hand made items, fabric, scrapbook paper, craft supplies, thread and wool.

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.

***NOTE**

Baking donations accepted on Oct 2 & 3 only!

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 the 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

We are looking for donations of one-of-a-kind new items, products or services

12 TEA ROOM

13 TOMBOLA RAFFLE

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

DROPPING OFF ITEMS?

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

QUESTIONS?

stpatscwlbaazar@gmail.com



SPECIAL NOTE:

Fall Clothing Sale Nov 13-14

Always collecting clean clothing donations!

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St. Patrick Parish Pastoral Care Ministry

COME & SEE VISITING MINISTRY INFORMATION MEETING

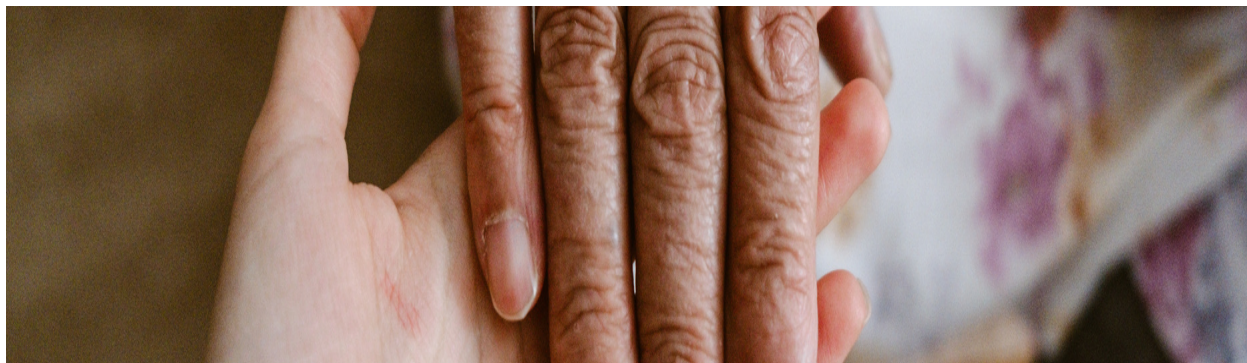
September 19, 2026, 10:00am - Noon

Pope Francis invited us to be “a church capable of walking at people’s side, which accompanies them on their journey.”

Will You be Open to Jesus’ Invitation to Make a Difference?

We pray for new parish volunteers to join our Pastoral Care Visiting team members to help bring comfort, prayer, and connection to those in our community who need it most. We are looking for individuals with compassionate hearts and open ears.

Our parish visiting volunteers help act as a bridge between the community and those who are ill, the lonely and isolated, the palliative, and the dying—in hospitals, extended health care facilities, and homebound. Your visit as compassionate minister would offer a listening ear, emotional support, and a comforting spiritual presence.



So... What is a Compassionate Pastoral Care Ministry?

Pastoral Care is a wonderful reflection of the heart of ministry in the Catholic Church. As Disciples of Christ, we are called to serve others, to reach out to those in need and to ensure that all people come to understand their inherent dignity and value. It is most fundamentally a relationship—a **ministry of compassionate presence**. This was Jesus' caring stance toward all people, especially those who were hurting or in need. Pastoral care enables healing and growth to take place within individuals and their relationships.

Are you a compassionate listener? Do you have a heart to deliver God’s word, to those in our community going through difficult seasons of their lives? We are witnesses to Christ’s own love and caring. Every person deserves great care and compassion since it sends a message of hope.

Why Your Visits Matter

- **Reduces Isolation:** Many individuals in care facilities rarely receive outside visitors.
- **Dignity:** Your presence reminds parishioners in hospital or if homebound or in care facilities that they are valued and not forgotten.
- **Provides Comfort:** A confidential, non-judgmental space allows people to process deep life changes.



Info Meeting Details

Date: Saturday, September 19, 2026

Time: 10:00 - Noon

Location: St. Ann's

Refreshments: Coffee and refreshments provided

What we will cover:

- **The "Why"** behind Pastoral Visitation
- **Where We Serve:** Overview of local hospital, hospice, and home visitation programs.
- **Time Commitment:** Can you spare 2 to 4 hours per month, which usually equates to 1 or 2 visits to bring the joy of Christ to someone experiencing isolation? Flexible scheduling is possible.
- **Training and Support:** No prior experience is needed as the Diocese of Victoria provides training. Details including the diocesan requirement of appropriate screening regarding the Responsible Ministry and Safe Environment (RMSE) Policy.

Join Us

If you have a heart for listening and a desire to support parishioners in hospitals, care facilities, or their homes, this compassionate ministry could be your calling. If you offer your time in this Pastoral Care Ministry, know that you are truly living your Baptism. For when you care for the most vulnerable, you are indeed caring for Jesus himself.

We encourage you to consider joining this important ministry. **RSVP Deadline: Sept. 15th.** If you plan to attend or have any questions prior to the meeting, please contact the parish office 250. 592-7391 or email stpatricks-vic@rcdvictoria.org