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Mission:

We gather as a welcoming community to worship,
grow in faith and serve as Jesus served.



SEPTEMBER 7, 2025 TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dear Friends in Christ,

Today's Gospel invites us into one of the most challenging teachings of Jesus. Large crowds were following Him, excited by His miracles and teachings, but Jesus stops and tells them: "Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple... Anyone who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple." (Luke 14:27, 33)

These words are not meant to discourage us, but to awaken us. Following Jesus is not a casual decision; it is a radical commitment. To "carry our cross" is not merely to endure suffering but to choose Christ above all else — above comfort, wealth, career, and even family when necessary. This doesn't mean neglecting loved ones, but putting God first so that we can love others rightly.

In the second reading, St. Paul writes to Philemon about Onesimus, a runaway slave who became a Christian. Paul asks Philemon to receive him no longer as a slave, but as a brother. This is what true discipleship looks like: it transforms relationships. When Christ becomes our center, we no longer judge by social status, wealth, or power. We see each other as equal members of God's family. Be that as it may, the first reading reminds us that human reasoning alone cannot grasp God's plan in matters like these: "Who can know God's counsel, or who can conceive what the Lord intends?"

Left to ourselves, we falter. But God sends us His Spirit to guide our steps. Discipleship requires constant prayer, discernment, and trust in God's wisdom — not our own.

May we, therefore, pray for the grace to choose Christ above all things, to carry our crosses with courage and love, to walk faithfully as true disciples, live reconciled, and seek God's wisdom in all we do.

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: hcsbp baptismalprep@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

EUCCHARISTIC 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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Custodian: Dean Riches

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat Sept 6 - 7:00pm (Int) Mary Kennedy
Sun Sept 7 - 11:00am + Vicki Hertz
Sun Sept 7 - 4:00pm + Ludwig Hitz
Tues Sept 9 - 12:10pm
Wed Sept 10 - 12:10pm (Int) Chris Atkinson
Thurs Sept 11 - 12:10pm
Fri Sept 12 - 12:10pm + Joseph Leung

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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.

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PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

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 hcsbp baptismal-prep@rcdvictoria.org with your name and contact information. The coordinator will then contact you with more details about baptism and forward you the baptism form.

Sacramental Preparation Classes for Children - Is your child aged 7 to 17 yrs old and ready to receive the sacraments? Registration forms are available on the Religious Education page on the parish website. This year all classes take place at St Patrick's. Please attend the Parent Info Session at St Patrick's on Sunday, Sept 14, after the 11am Mass in the St. Ann Library.

Liturgy of the Word for Children at St. Patrick's Parish

Children's Liturgy of the Word is back! Starting on Sunday, September 7th, 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 starting August 30th, and continuing 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 2:30pm at the Fall Bazaar.



University of Victoria & Camosun College Students:

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. The community currently includes Catholic Student Association and Catholic Christian Outreach. Fr. David Shulist can be reached at dshulist@uvic.ca or 778-350-1002, or at the UVic Multifaith Centre at 250-721-8338.

RCIA Program

Register for RCIA 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 AUGUST 31, 2025

Envelopes	\$ 2,069.00
Loose Change	\$ 586.20
Bldg. Maint. Fund	\$ 20.00
CanadaHelps	\$ 24.00
PAD	\$ 1,010.00
Grand Total	\$ 3,709.20
Refugee Fund	\$10.00

FINANCIAL NEWS

	August 31, 2025	YTD
Received	\$ 3,709.00	\$ 187,766.81
Budgeted	\$ 4,945.00	\$ 178,020.00
Difference	-\$ 1,236.00	\$ 9,746.81



NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE

Protecting Children in an Age of Influencers and Exploitation:

On September 27th from 9:00am until 3:00pm, St. Andrew's Cathedral (Seghers Hall) will host a 1-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. [Click HERE for poster.](#)

Prayer in the style of Taize resumes FALL 2025 at Esquimalt United Church

500 Admirals Road, 6pm on Friday, September 19th, October 17th and November 21st.

'Prayer gives strength to stand firm in the face of the most complex situations.'

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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 Diocese will host a series called **Pastoral Care Training**. I took this training last spring and found it very informative and rewarding. Now I am more comfortable with speaking with friends, family, and parishioners who reach out for a listening and supportive ear. I plan to revisit two or three of these sessions. I am so blessed to now be able to bring Communion to parishioners, members of our parish community, who are unable to come to Mass.

The Pastoral Care Training begins Sept. 27th and will run on Saturday mornings, 9:30am–noon, until Nov. 29th. See the bulletin for details or contact me. I can help you register by Sept 19th. You can take all nine sessions or just one or two. [Click here for POSTER.](#)

Barb Shenton
Pastoral Care Coordinator
St. Patrick's Parish Council
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LIVESTREAM MASSES

Live Mass broadcast this weekend! Mass is livestreamed this week on Sunday, September 7th at St. Patrick's at 11:00am.

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

NEXT WEEK IN OUR PARISH

<u>Monday Sept 8</u>	<u>Tuesday Sept 9</u>	<u>Wednesday Sept 10</u>	<u>Thursday Sept 11</u>	<u>Friday Sept 12</u>	<u>Saturday Sept 13</u>	<u>Sunday Sept 14</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	11am Sunday Mass
	12pm Angelus and Mass	11:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Angelus & Mass	12pm Angelus and Mass	11:30am - Confessions	11am - Mass Our Lady of Penafrancia	Children's Liturgy
7pm AA Peace	7pm Oak Bay Toastmasters Mtg.	1pm - Finance Committee Meeting	7pm - Knights of Columbus General Meeting	12pm Angelus & Mass		Refreshments after Mass
	7pm AA-Clue	7pm AA Peace	7pm AA Peace	3pm Divine Mercy Devotion	6:15pm Confessions	12pm—Sacramental Preparation (Parent Information Session)
				7pm CA	7pm Mass — Sunday Liturgy	4pm Sunday Mass

Pastoral Care Training

Nine free online sessions

Saturdays from 9:30 am–12:00 pm

Sept 27–Nov 29, 2025 (*no session Oct 11 - Thanksgiving*)

Session 1
**Basics of
Pastoral Care**
Sept 27

Session 2
**The Healing
Ministry of Christ**
Oct 4

Session 3
**Active and
Compassionate
Listening**
Oct 18

Session 4
**Elderly Isolation,
Loneliness, and
the Journey with
Dementia**
Oct 25

Session 5
**Palliative Care
and the Healing
Ministry for the
Dying**
Nov 1

Session 6
**The Grieving
Process**
Nov 8

Session 7
**Bereavement:
Ministering to
Families**
Nov 15

Session 8
**Ministry of God's
Presence and
Compassion**
Nov 22

Session 9
**Spouse Caregiving,
Healthy Boundaries,
and Self-Care**
Nov 29

For further
information,
please contact:
Moira King, Chair

Diocese of Victoria Health Care Committee: moiraking@shaw.ca



**THE NINE FREE PASTORAL CARE SESSIONS
TO BE HELD VIA ZOOM FOR CONSECUTIVE SATURDAYS
SEPTEMBER 27, 2025 @ 2.5 HOURS EACH (9:30 – NOON)
TO CONCLUDE NOVEMBER 29
(EXCEPT FOR OCTOBER 11 – THANKSGIVING WEEKEND)**

Session 1 – Basics of Pastoral Care – SEPTEMBER 27

It is hoped that, with the help of the Holy Spirit, disciples of Christ will have a desire to learn basic contemporary tools that focus on a compassionate and relational approach to connect with those who are vulnerable and whose paths cross our own.

“God calls us to touch the lives of our aging, lonely, ill, palliative and dying sisters and brothers with accompaniment, kindness and compassion as the hands and face of Christ. In these sessions, you learn basic tools necessary to more effectively accompany those who are in need of the healing ministry of Christ.” – Most Reverend Gary Gordon, Bishop of Victoria.

Session 2 – The Healing Ministry of Christ – OCTOBER 4

The parable of the Good Samaritan is a reminder that practical compassion for those in need is at the heart of the Christian mission (Luke 10:30 – 37). When we visit the lonely, the ill, the elderly and the dying – in their homes, hospitals, and long-term care facilities we are living out our baptismal identity nurtured by the love and the pastoral heart of Christ.

NO SESSION OCTOBER 11 (THANKSGIVING WEEKEND)

Session 3 – Active And Compassionate Listening – OCTOBER 18

Active and compassionate listening is one of the most important skills we can have. Learn skills that help to build trust, respect and a deeper connection– whether you are a parish visitor or interested in this ministry, caring for family members, or just considering these sessions as a personal undertaking. You can help to create opportunities where compassion and understanding can flourish.

Session 4 – Elderly Isolation, Loneliness and the Journey with Dementia – OCTOBER 25

Social isolation and loneliness are serious yet underappreciated public health risks that affect a significant portion of the older adult population. Dementia is one of the most important issues we face as our population ages. This session will also touch on how important it is not to forget the person behind these risks and the illness.

Session 5 – Palliative Care and the Healing Ministry for the Dying – NOVEMBER 1

Death is a universal human experience. Participants will hear about the foundational teachings for the ministry of care in our parish communities that are rooted in the teachings and example of Jesus. They will better understand the experience of dying and death, the unique aspects of palliative care, hear about *Horizons of Hope – A toolkit for Catholic Parishes on Palliative Care (CCCB)*, and the personal exchange of gifts in their final days of their earthly lives.

Session 6 – The Grieving Process – NOVEMBER 8

Experiencing grief is a normal part of living – in our personal growth and in the way we grow in our faith. This workshop will identify the stages of grief and explore personal experiences with grief and loss. Grief reactions vary depending on whether a loss was anticipated or unexpected.

Session 7 – Bereavement: Ministering to Families – NOVEMBER 15

Participants will experience storytelling and knowledge from a former hospital Coordinator of Pastoral/Spiritual Care and learn ways to help others such as children and teens. Some knowledge is gleaned on how to also connect and cope with their emotions. A focus is also on a somewhat forgotten area - loss of siblings, a deeply painful and often overlooked experience that can significantly impact a person's life

Session 8 – Ministry of God's Presence and Compassion – NOVEMBER 22

Visiting the elderly, the homebound/shut-ins, the grieving, the sick and the dying reminds us that we have been called to "love one another." In this session, we learn how to bring God's healing love and compassion to people by journeying with them. We learn about visiting tools and tips for those sacred moments spent when accompanying others just as God is 'with us' in Jesus Christ (Immanuel — Matthew 1:23). Additionally, we learn how those we visit can become our teachers about the human heart.

Session 9 – Spouse Caregiving, and Healthy Boundaries & Self-Care – NOVEMBER 29

Their sacrifices are significant in caring for a spouse. Participants learn how to step forward to not just survive but thrive. Healthy boundaries are covered as well and how our own needs can influence our understanding as we help the people we visit in their walk with Christ. Even Jesus "often withdrew to lonely places and prayed" (Luke 5:16). Are boundaries selfish? When we exercise and eat healthily, we act as good stewards of the gifts God has given us – our bodies and minds – "God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to perform good works" (Eph. 2:10).

A beautiful Certificate of Completion is awarded to those who attend all nine sessions (refer to poster and description of each session).

Need to miss up to three of them? No problem. We offer easy catch up homework. Or consider attending the balance of missed sessions in the winter 2026 series (January 24–March 28 (with no session on March 7).

If you can only attend a few sessions for now, we recommend Session 2, 3 and 8.



Fantastic Fall Bazaar

OCT 4, 2025
9:30 - 2pm

Accepting Donations
from **Aug 15** to **Oct 3** at noon

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

2 FAITH

No donations needed

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

4 HOBBY GROUP

Hand made items, fabric, scrapbook paper, craft supplies and beads.

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.

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 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

Need one-of-a-kind new items, product, or Contribution of Service

12 TEA ROOM

13 TOMBOLA RAFFLE

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

***NOTE**

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

DROPPING OFF ITEMS?

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

QUESTIONS?

Lorrie 250-595-5981 or Susie 250-595-1382



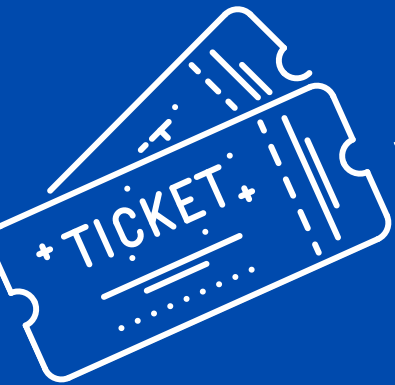
SPECIAL NOTE:

Fall Clothing Sale Nov 14-15

Always collecting clean clothing donations!

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Tickets will be on sale after mass starting August 30

**WINNERS WILL BE DRAWN
SAT. OCT 4 @ FALL BAZAAR
at 2:30 pm**

**1ST PRIZE \$300.00
2ND PRIZE \$200.00
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