

St. Patrick's Parish

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Our Mission

To witness the presence of God by loving and caring
for each other and living the Gospel of Jesus Christ.



FEBRUARY 21, 2021 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus invites us to an exciting journey. "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near: repent and believe in the Good News." We are not invited to a trip to Disneyland, Maui, or Mexico (bad example in these Covid times). Rather, we are called to explore the great depths of God's Kingdom which is close at hand, which is here and now, waiting for us to move in and live God's Spirit. We are invited to change to go into the desert or basement of our lives and ask some particularly important questions. Questions like, am I living a life worthy of my calling? Am I an ambassador for Christ? Do I love like I should love?

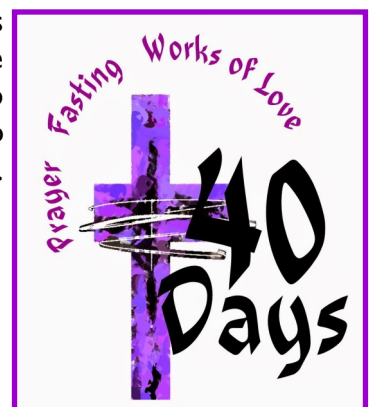
Well, if you find yourself stuck, at a dead-end street and wondering where to go may I suggest you take a chance on God? Jesus was driven into the desert to seek, clarify and gain focus. Lent is our time to seek, clarify and "as Jean Allen writes..." the place for is to recognize and be able to let go of everything that we have mistaken for the face of God. Just let it go!! Pope Francis says Jesus never tires of wanting to bestow his mercy on us and forgiving us. It is our opportunity to leave behind the things, behaviors and habits that hold us captive. It is now or never!!

There are always two sides to starting over: an attractive one and a frightening one. Most people enjoy beginning anew, whether it is getting married, welcoming a child into the family, starting new work, meeting new friends... these can all be exciting experiences. But new beginnings can also be frightening, because usually they involve risks. New beginnings call us from our familiar, comfortable world into unknown territory. We hesitate when we must break new ground. Wherever we stand with our response to God's choice of us, Lent is the time to measure it. We are summoned to reconsider our baptismal beginnings, to rededicate ourselves to a continuing conversion. For what is conversion but our progressive acceptance of God's choice for us? Our ever-increasing acceptance of that choice will make us into new and women, into Easter people. This is the Easter hope and the Lenten possibility.

"Repentance" is turning our ordered, "that's how it's always been done" lives around to embrace the Word Jesus proclaims ... today. We are called to live in a kingdom "not of this world", not because creation is "evil", or we are "sinful", but because Jesus offers us something better. Jesus calls us to life, to live in the Kingdom of God and to choose to embrace the Beatitudes he taught us. So, this Lent, let us give up anger, and turn to compassion, let us give up possessiveness, and turn to sharing, let us give up being self-centered, and turn to community, let us give up our grudges and hard feelings, and turn to loving. Let us give up all, and treasure God's kingdom! This is the time of fulfillment.

The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel.

Father William



COMMUNITY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday - 6:00 pm (cancelled)
Sunday - 11:00 am (cancelled)
Sunday - Vietnamese Mass Cancelled

CONFESSION

By appointment only with Father William

SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION: BAPTISM,

FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION:

Contact Barb Shenton: barbshenton@ics.rcdvictoria.org

HOSPITAL VISITS - RJH/VGH

Hospital Emergencies: 250-889-3761

Chaplain - Fr. Sean Flynn

After hours Parish Emergencies ONLY: 250-294-9615

Other health concerns, non-emergency: call 811

EURCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL

24/7 Adoration in our side Chapel;

Call the office for an entry code

FUNERALS: Contact the Parish Office

PARISH STAFF

Pastor: Fr. William Hann

Administrative Assistants:

Deborah Mackay

Brian Zawacki

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OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesday to Friday 11:am to 3:00 pm

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FROM OUR PARISH:

Quotes to ponder:

When you fast, see the fasting of others. If you want God to know that you are hungry, know that another is hungry. If you hope for mercy, show mercy. If you look for kindness, show kindness. If you want to receive, give. - Saint Peter Chrysologus

Baptism is related not only to momentary experience, but to lifelong growth into Christ. . . . As they grow in the Christian life of faith, baptized believers demonstrate that humanity can be regenerated and liberated.

- Baptism, Eucharist and Ministry document from the World Council of Churches

When . . . the Earth was flooded, Wisdom again saved it, piloting the righteous man on frailest wood.

- Wisdom 10:4

MASSES SUSPENDED INDEFINITELY: As per the Feb 5th announcement by the BC Public Health Officer, all in-person Masses & Church services are further suspended and the order will stay in place indefinitely. The office will remain open from Tuesday to Friday 11am - 3pm. Masks are mandatory before entering. The Church will be open Tuesday to Friday from 11am - 3pm. **CONTACT TRACING:** Anyone entering the Church and/or the Office and the Chapel will be required to sign in. This will allow us to contact you if someone who has used the space or visited has tested positive with Covid-19.

Live Stream Masses for the First Sunday in Lent

Saturday February 20th - 4:00pm Father William Hann - Holy Cross Parish

Link: <http://www.youtube.com/c/StPatricksHolyCrossChurch>

Sunday February 21st - 10:00am - Bishop Gary Gordon - St. Andrews Cathedral

Link: - <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/diocese-of-victoria-live-stream>

OFFERTORY AND A NOTE ON GIVING: As you know with all Masses cancelled indefinitely there is no means of Offertory at Mass. **You can mail or drop off your weekly church envelope offering to the Parish Office.**

To make it more convenient for those that are able to contribute there are: direct deposit, e-transfer, credit card and online options available.

Automatic Debit (PAD) : If you need to add, change or cancel your automatic debit payments, please contact the parish office at 250-592-7391 or email: stpat190@telus.net

E-transfers: Can be made to St. Patrick's Parish by this email: stpat190@telus.net

Credit Cards: Email: developmentoffice@rcdvictoria.org. This is the Diocese of Victoria email address and they will transfer your credit card offering to St. Patrick's Parish.

Please include your Name and St. Patrick's Parish in the email for credit card offerings.

Online through Canada Helps: Can be made with your credit card.

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<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/register/tier-two/>

**2020 Donation Tax Receipts for offertory contributions to:
St. Patrick's Parish are now available for pick in the Church Hall
lobby. Tuesday to Friday from 11:00am to 3:00pm**

ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS WITH OUR WEEKLY PARISH BULLETIN

Our bulletin reaches about 450 readers each week. Space is available for weekly or bi-weekly advertising. This is a great way to have your business known in our Parish community and at the same time you are supporting the Parish.

Email or call the Parish Office for more details.

"Annual" Advertising Rates are: \$150.00 bi-weekly or \$300.00 weekly



MASS INTENTIONS

OUR SPIRITUAL LIFE

Sat Feb 20 Int Frances Cornish
 Sun Feb 21 Int Lucille & Dan Killoran
 Tues Feb 23 + Daniel Herman
 Wed Feb 24 + Charlotte Girard
 Thur Feb 25 Int Miclat Family
 Fri Feb 26 Int For Family Member
 Sat Feb 27 Int Eglee Paskuliam
 Sun Feb 28 + Gordon Yearwood

FINANCIAL NEWS

2021 COLLECTIONS RECEIVED

	February 14th	Year to Date
Received	\$2,599.00	\$32,191.87
Needed	\$4000.00	\$28,000.00
Difference	-\$1,401.00	\$4,191.87

Capital Fund Contributions: \$80.00

ST. PATRICK'S ELEMENARY SCHOOL

CATHOLIC STUDENTS - KG TO GRADE 7

For information on registrations for 2021/2022 school year, please contact:

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St. Patrick's St. Vincent de Paul Conference would like to thank parishioners for their support in food and financial contributions. With the cancellation of in-person liturgies, our donations have been reduced considerably.

We are asking parishioners to consider St. Vincent de Paul Society as a recipient of their Lenten alms giving. Your contributions support the food bank at the Social Concerns Office on Yates Street as well as ongoing support for our twin Conference in Haiti, and monthly contribution to a food program for Kyuquot and Checlesht First Nations on the West Coast.

You can make your contributions using your monthly St Vincent de Paul envelope and dropping it off at the church or more conveniently, by donating online.

To donate online go to: <https://www.ssvpvancouverisland.ca> and scroll down to DONATE ONLINE. This will take you to the "Canada Helps" site which identifies St Vincent de Paul of Vancouver Island. Below the space for amount, there is a heading FUND.

Scroll down from "General Fund" to find St. Patrick's Conference.

Thank you again for your support & have a good Lent.

ALL BROTHERS AND SISTERS: EXPLORE POPE FRANCIS' SOCIAL ENCYCLICAL, FRATELLI TUTTI.

In "Fratelli Tutti" Pope Francis underlines that in our common home we all live as one family, and proposes concrete actions to restore the world. **Every Thursday beginning February 18th from 7:30 -8:30pm via a Zoom Webinar** we will break open this transforming document which will help us envision how to live in social friendship in our parishes, our schools, our communities, our diocese and in our world. During this Lenten series, Diocesan Leaders will cover the following:
 Week 2 *A Stranger on the Road*: Fr. Monacelli & Katja Groves
 Week 3 *An Open World & Open Heart*: Fr. Tran & Rachelle Warman
 Week 4 *A Better Kind of Politics*: Fr. Poblete & Kathy Korman
 Week 5 *Dialogue & Friendship in Society*: Fr. Santos & Glen Palahicky
 Week 6 *Paths of Renewed Encounter*: Bishop Gordon & Bev Pulyk

Register in advance for this webinar:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_cP_ElltThCp9uUIQncMDA

ST. PATRICK'S ELEMENTARY SILENT AUCTION

The Parent Support Group at St. Patrick's Elementary School is holding its first every **Silent Auction Fundraiser**. The auction opens at noon on Sunday February 21st and closes on March 7th. There are over 90 items to make bids on, ranging from romantic local getaways, to gift certificates for local businesses, electronic devices, and more! Fr. William has also offered a stay at his home in Newfoundland as a big ticket item! All funds raised from this action will go directly to benefit programs for the children at the school. **Help support your local elementary school! Auction on "line only" website:** <https://www.32auctions.com/PSG2021>

NEXT WEEK IN OUR PARISH:

Monday Feb 22	Tuesday Feb 23	Wednesday Feb 24	Thursday Feb 25	Friday Feb 26	Saturday Feb 27	Sunday Feb 28
St. Patrick's Parish Church & Office is Closed every Monday	12:10pm Mass Cancelled	12:10 pm Mass Cancelled	12:00pm Mass Cancelled	12:10pm Mass Cancelled	4:00pm Mass Father William "Live Streaming" St. Patrick's Parish	9:00am Sunday Mass - Holy Cross Parish - Cancelled
7pm Mass Bishop Gary Gordon "Live Streaming"	11am to 3pm Church Open for Prayer & Visitation & Office Open 7pm Mass Bishop Gary Gordon "Live Streaming"	11am to 3pm Church Open for Prayer & Visitation & Office Open 7pm Mass Bishop Gary Gordon "Live Streaming"	11am to 3pm Church Open for Prayer & Visitation & Office Open 7pm Mass - Bishop Gary Gordon "Live Streaming"	11am to 3pm Church Open for Prayer & Visitation & Office Open 7pm Mass - Bishop Gary Gordon "Live Streaming"	6:00pm Sunday Mass St. Patrick's Parish Cancelled	10:00am Sunday Mass Bishop Gary Gordon "Live Streaming"
7pm AA Peace	7pm AA Clue	7pm Mass at Holy Cross Parish Cancelled 7pm AA Peace	7pm Peace			11:00am Sunday Mass St. Patrick's Parish Cancelled



All Brothers & Sisters: Explore *"Fratelli Tutti"*

WEEK 1

*Dark Clouds Over
a Closed World*

Fr. Hann &
Deanne Paulson

WEEK 2

*A Stranger on
the Road*

Fr. Monacelli &
Katja Groves

How
do we live
this new vision
of social
friendship?

WEEK 3

*An Open World &
Open Heart*

Fr. Tran &
Rachelle Warman

WEEK 5

*Dialogue &
Friendship in Society*

Fr. Santos &
Glen Palahicky

WEEK 4

*A Better Kind
of Politics*

Fr. Poblete &
Kathy Korman

WEEK 6

*Paths of Renewed
Encounter*

Bishop Gordon &
Bev Pulyk

Thursdays in Lent: Feb. 18 - Mar. 25, 2021
7:30 - 8:30 pm via Zoom
Register at <http://bit.ly/ExploreFratelliTutti>



WEBINAR SERIES

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