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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 28, 2021 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

The second Sunday of Lent always tells the story of the Transfiguration of Jesus. There is the appearance of Moses and Elijah on the mountain. They represent the Law and the Prophets, respectively and connect this story to the people of Israel. Mark's narrative has three of the apostles, Peter, James and John, to witness this supreme mystery of life, the Transfiguration of Jesus. They see Jesus as fully human, praying and then watch as his face becomes altered and his clothes become dazzling white. The Transfiguration is genuinely a mystery of light. The glory of Jesus, the son of God, shines forth, and the light of God is seen in the face of Christ. The Father then proclaims to the astounded apostles, "This is my son, the beloved; listen to him!"

In this season of Lent, we Christians take time to reconnect with God quietly. In the fullness of our humanity, we may intentionally read, pray and reflect as we discover ways to draw closer to God. What would we do with a mystical experience like this? Can we capture it? Can we hold it in our hearts and souls? Will we take the time away from the business of life and joyfully acknowledge God? In trying to be a good disciple of God, many say they find Him in nature. It is through moments such as seaside walks, enjoying the forest, watching our hummingbirds, and loving our children and the people of this world that give us a glimpse of the love of God.

I refer to the light of God as the "Great White Light." It is whiter than any white we have seen on earth. It is brilliantly white but doesn't hurt your eyes. With a mystical experience such as this, we would want to hold on to it, recall it, and share it with others. Listen carefully for the voice of God. He will speak to your mind, heart and soul. I like to say, "Speak Lord, I am listening!"

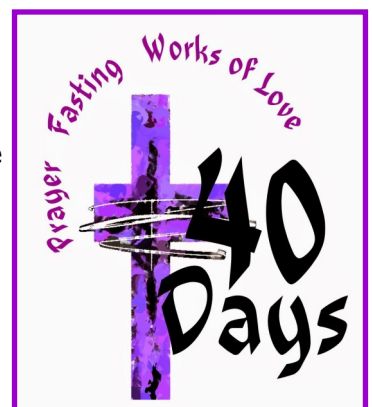
The revelation of the Glory of God climaxes with a voice from a cloud. I have often described my most difficult times as being under a big dark cloud. It is during these times that I prayed with my very soul. I shared these dark days with friends and loved ones by saying that I had my "work to do." Prayer time became a daily habit. It helped me stay more in the here and now. I did not know what lay beyond the moment of prayer, but there always seemed to be a Presence. No vision, no voice but a spark of God in me and I in Him.

As children of God, we are all called to share the divine life. To get past the dark and heavy clouds in life and go to the light beyond. Though we have never seen our Lord Jesus Christ transformed like this, we have seen the transforming radiance of His presence on the faces of others.

My prayer for all:

Jesus, those who listen to you are always transformed by your word. Even in suffering, you show us the joy of the resurrection and a life transformed by the Holy Spirit.

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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

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FROM OUR PARISH:

Quotes to ponder:

I'm only asking you to stop every so often and turn off your mobile device, put down the Angry Birds and the Words with Friends and take a moment. Stop to look up and look around. Pause and check in . . . and spend a moment there.

-Maria Shriver (American journalist, author, member of the Kennedy family)

By virtue of Isaac who offered himself as a sacrifice on top of the altar, the Holy One . . . will resurrect the dead in the future.

-Mekilta of Rabbi Simeon (Ancient study of the Torah)

God is transfiguring the world right this very moment through us because God believes in us and because God loves us. - Archbishop Desmond Tutu (Anglican cleric - theologian)

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 27th - 4:00pm Father William Hann - St. Patrick's Parish

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

Sunday February 28th - 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 for St. Patrick's Parish that were not picked up have been mailed out by Canada Post on Friday February 26, 2021. Thanks for your ongoing support of our Parish.

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 27 Int Eglee Paskuliam
 Sun Feb 28 + Gordon Yearwood
 Tues Mar 2 Int Jim O'Connell
 Wed Mar 3 + Fernando Botelho
 Thur Mar 4 Int Tran Family
 Fri Mar 5 + Ignatius Kapila Boteju
 Sat Mar 6 + Jack Redmond
 Sun Mar 7 Int Betty Novak

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.

FINANCIAL NEWS

2021 COLLECTIONS RECEIVED

	February 21st	Year to Date
Received	\$5,006.85	\$37,198.72
Needed	\$4000.00	\$32,000.00
Difference	\$1,006.85	\$5,198.72

Capital Fund Contributions: \$302.00

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 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

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email to join the webinar.

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 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 Mar 1	Tuesday Mar 2	Wednesday Mar 3	Thursday Mar 4	Friday Mar 5	Saturday Mar 6	Sunday Mar 7
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" Holy Cross 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	11am to 3pm Church Open for Prayer & Visitation & Office Open	11am to 3pm Church Open for Prayer & Visitation & Office Open	11am to 3pm Church Open for Prayer & Visitation & Office Open		10:00am Sunday Mass Bishop Gary Gordon "Live Streaming"
	7pm Mass Bishop Gary Gordon "Live Streaming"	7pm Mass Bishop Gary Gordon "Live Streaming"	7pm Mass - Bishop Gary Gordon "Live Streaming"	7pm Mass - Bishop Gary Gordon "Live Streaming"	6:00pm Sunday Mass St. Patrick's Parish Cancelled	11:00am Sunday Mass St. Patrick's Parish Cancelled
7pm AA Peace	7pm AA Clue	7pm AA Peace	7pm Peace			



WEBINAR SERIES

During Lent **Development and Peace** is hosting a series of webinars for Canadian Catholics. Sign up each week to find out about the work of Development and Peace and how you can support their work.

Share Lent, week 1: Development and Peace's mission and Catholic Social Teaching

Date: Saturday, 20 February, 2021

A recording of the session can be found here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OLWzUwVzkSk&>

Share Lent, week 2: Humanitarian intervention - realities from the field

Date: Saturday, 27 February, 2021

Time: 8 a.m. - 9 a.m. PST

Place: Click here to register: [Zoom \(registration link\)](#)

Contact:

Rebecca Rathbone, rrathbone@devp.org

Stefany Dupont, sdupont@devp.org

Special instructions:

Join Rebecca Rathbone, animator for South-West Ontario, Dominique Godbout, international programs officer and Abdullah Fuad, representative of Development and Peace's partner Caritas Bangladesh as they discuss the Rohingya refugee crisis and the way Caritas has been working to alleviate consequences on affected communities, as well as Development and Peace's unique philosophy when it comes to humanitarian responses.

Abdullah Fuad is the head of program for the emergency response for the Rohingya refugees based in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh.

The webinar will last one hour and will be recorded.



WEBINAR SERIES

Share Lent, week 3: Changing structures and encouraging community development through partnerships

Date: Tuesday, 2 March, 2021

Time: 4 - 5 p.m. PST

Place: Click here to register: [Zoom \(registration link\)](#)

Contact:

Emily Lukasik, elukasik@devp.org

Stefany Dupont, sdupont@devp.org

Special instructions:

Join Emily Lukasik, animator for Central Ontario; Mary Durrán, international programs officer; and Jose Mario Lopez, member of the territorial defense team of Development and Peace's partner, Fundación Eric - Radio Progreso. Find out how this people-led partnership in Honduras is having a positive long-term impact on community development and advocacy in the country, which is one of the poorest and most dangerous for human rights defenders in Latin America.

The webinar will last one hour and will be recorded.

Share Lent, week 4: National THINKfast

Date: Thursday, 11 March, 2021

Time: Starting at 12 p.m. PST on March 11 until 1 p.m. PST March 12

Place: Click here to register: [Zoom \(registration link\)](#)



WEBINAR SERIES

Share Lent, week 6: Advocacy - For the Love of Creation

Date: Saturday, 27 March, 2021

Time: 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. PDT

Place: Click here to register: [Zoom \(registration link\)](#)

Contact:

Luke Stocking, luke.stocking@devp.org

Stefany Dupont, sdupont@devp.org

Special instructions:

Advocacy for global justice is something that the members of Development and Peace see as integral to their faith commitment. As humanity faces an unprecedented ecological crisis in the decade ahead, advocacy that cares for our common home is vital. Join deputy director of public engagement at Development and Peace Luke Stocking and senior policy analyst at Citizens for Public Justice Karri Munn-Venn for a conversation with our movement on the 4 policy pillars of For the Love of Creation. You will leave ready to put your faith in action by urging the federal government to place these 4 pillars at the heart of their own policy decisions in the years ahead.

The session will last one hour and will be recorded.

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