

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.



MARCH 21, 2021 FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT - SOLIDARITY SUNDAY

None of us needs a reminder that life is full of suffering and loss. We will all have a generous share of sorrow before we are through. We should not have too much difficulty recognizing ourselves in the moving words of Jesus: "now my soul is troubled; ... When we have lived a bit, then we will also have stumbled every so often upon the harsh reality of human suffering, suffering with its many faces. However, varied all the forms of suffering, they all make us wonder about life. What is the sense of it all? We can be so gripped by inner turmoil, so overcome by anguish, anxiety, and pain and our experience of life can be so devastating, that we can only cry out: "Save me from this hour." If that is not our personal experience, I am sure we all know persons to whom this applies.

"Save me from this hour. My soul is troubled." That is the cry of Jesus when he comes face to face with the tragedy of His life and when He must enter the school of suffering. And He wonders out loud: "what shall I say?" It is a question that comes straight from the heart of someone who begins to taste the cruelty and bitterness of life, the inhumane features that mark life for many. It becomes even more paradoxical when we consider that it is Jesus who utters these words. His life has been marked by resisting every form of suffering and He knew Himself called to be the healer of broken persons. But despite His healing commitment He finds Himself up against a power that will also claim Him: the power of suffering and death. He learns first-hand the human situation of suffering and dying. He prays aloud and in silent tears. It is the instinctive reaction of people when confronted with suffering: "Save me from this hour."

But He does not stay there! The gospel today presses on. When Jesus is shaken by the thought of His immanent suffering and death He turns to God, He clings to Him. Precisely at this moment, Jesus cannot and will not let go of God. He continues to believe that, despite contrary evidence, God is His life and his future. When all becomes darkness around Him, He remains tuned into the God who has been the ground of His life-project. He pleads with God: "Father, glorify your name." Mysterious words, no doubt. Words by which we will continue to be puzzled and embarrassed. "Father, glorify your name." In these words, Jesus consents to the fact that in His suffering and death God will show His divine compassion for His people.

The suffering and death of Jesus becomes for God the occasion to show His presence and saving solidarity with us. That is the New Covenant. In the suffering and dying Jesus, God binds Himself irrevocably to us His people. It is a bonding that is marked by love and fidelity. As we face of all these inevitable losses that are integral to life, we are strengthened by the words of Jesus in today's gospel, "When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw all people to myself." We trust and believe that, at the end of the day, after we have struggled through all our losses, the Lord will draw us to Himself, and, when that happens, we will lack nothing.

God is faithful!

Father William



COMMUNITY MASS SCHEDULE

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

CONFESSION

By appointment only - Friday 1:00pm to 3:00pm

SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION: BAPTISM,

FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION:

Contact Barb Shenton: bshenton@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:

We know then that joy is sweetness of contact with the love of God, that affliction is the wound of this same contact when it is painful, and that only the contact matters, not the manner of it.

Simone Weil (French philosopher, mystic and political activist)

The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.

Mahatma Gandhi (anti-colonial nationalist, nonviolent civil rights leader)

I know the power obedience has of making things easy which seem impossible.

Saint Teresa of Calcutta (Albanian-Indian Roman Catholic nun and missionary)

Live Stream Masses for the Fifth Sunday in Lent

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

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

Sunday March 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/>

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE: SOLIDARITY SUNDAY

Mark your calendars! Development and Peace has partnered with Salt & Light Media to broadcast the Solidarity Sunday Mass on this Fifth Sunday of Lent, March 21st. The Mass will be livestreamed at this link: <https://slmedia.org/live> at 10:00am.



Our thoughts and prayers are with Patricia Sainsbury in the loss of her husband Roger.



Roger's private funeral Mass was held on Thursday March 18th. Our sincere condolences to Patricia along with her family and friends from the parishioners of St. Patrick's Parish.



SAINT PATRICK'S PARISH NEW WEBSITE:

We are very excited to share with you that *coming soon*, we will have a new website with a new look, with great information you can find at your fingertips about our parish and our parish history, our community, resources available to us all, groups, ministries and much more. Stay tuned!

Coming Soon!!

MASS INTENTIONS

Our Spiritual Life

Sat Mar 20 + Edi DiBella
 Sun Mar 21 + Jack Redmond
 Tues Mar 23 + Father Chester Kopec
 Wed Mar 24 + Tony Dubauskas
 Thur Mar 25 + Elise Dumont
 Fri Mar 26 + Eileen & Cathy Delaney
 Sat Mar 27 Int Linda Lord
 Sun Mar 28 Int Roberta McAfee-Hasz

FINANCIAL NEWS

2021 COLLECTIONS RECEIVED

	March 14th	Year to Date
Received	\$3,218.00	\$49,068.72
Needed	\$4000.00	\$44,000.00
Difference	-\$782.00	\$4,068.72

Capital Fund Contributions: \$190.00

ST. PATRICK'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

CATHOLIC STUDENTS - KG TO GRADE 7

For information on registrations for 2020/2021 school year, please contact the school

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FROM OUR PARISH & DIOCESE

DIOCESAN BLOG

The Bishops of Canada have reserved the Season of Lent for a collection to assist the Global South through the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace (CCODP). Solidarity Sunday will be celebrated this Sunday, March 21st and parishioners are asked to consider making a donation to Development and Peace projects directly online via the website www.devp.org or by phone at 1-888-234-8533. Please find attached a flyer to the bulletin this week. Through our prayers, fasting and almsgiving during Lent, we express our desire to turn toward God and to assist those in need as we prepare for Easter.



ARE YOU A GRADUATING GRADE 12 STUDENT? If so, you may be interested in the following bursary that is available through the Victoria Diocese CWL: **VICTORIA DIOCESAN CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE BURSARY**, "In Memory of Freda Smith" (\$750.00) Application Deadline: April 15, 2021. In memory of Freda Smith this bursary is awarded annually to a child or a grandchild of members of the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Victoria. -Student must complete the Catholic Women's League Bursary Application Form - available at Parish Office or online at <https://cwlidov.org/bursaries>

LENTEN FOOD COLLECTION Sat March 27th and Sun March 28th

The Knights of Columbus of St. Patrick's Parish invite you to help those in need with a non-perishable food donation to the St. Vincent de Paul Charity Food Bank by participating in: **THE KNIGHTS GREAT FOOD DRIVE AT ST. PATRICK'S PARISH PARKING LOT @ 2060 Haultain Street. WHEN: SAT., MAR.27 & Sun.Mar.28, 11am to 2pm.** Please wear face masks. HOW: 1) Put non-perishables in a bag in your trunk 2) Drive to the church lot & pop the car trunk 3) Volunteers will unload the trunk . 4) Drive on. Thanks for your Support!

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: (two sessions left):

- Week 6 Thursday March 25th 7:30pm - Paths of Renewed Encounter with: Bishop Gary 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.

NEXT WEEK IN OUR PARISH:

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

GET READY FOR SOLIDARITY SUNDAY



Mark your calendar. Development and Peace has partnered with Salt + Light Media to broadcast the Solidarity Sunday mass on **March 21**, the fifth Sunday of Lent.

The Most Rev. Guy Desrochers, Bishop of Pembroke, will preside over the hour-long bilingual mass, which will be preceded by a 30-minute presentation on our mission.

The program will begin at 10 a.m. (Pacific time) on **Sunday, March 21**.

[Watch it live on Salt + Light TV](#)

The mass will also be streamed live [on our website](#).

Please support Development and Peace by donating monthly through our **Share Year Round Program**.

Thanks to a group of generous religious communities, there's no better time to become a monthly donor!

From February 17 to May 23, 2021, new monthly donors will see their contributions matched for a year, dollar-for-dollar, up to a maximum of \$130,000.

If you're already part of our Share Year-Round program, you can also take advantage of this special fund by calling toll free:

1-888-234-8533 to increase your monthly gift!

Your monthly contribution ensures our partners can support marginalized communities in their search for justice and adapt to new challenges like COVID-19.

A [one-time gift](#) online also supports our long-term development programs in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East. www.dev.org

DRIVE-THROUGH



FOOD DRIVE



TO SUPPORT THE
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MARCH 27 - 28 [SAT & SUN]

11am - 2pm

**ST PATRICK'S CHURCH PARKING LOT
2060 HAULTAIN ST.**

Knights of Columbus invite you to help those in need with a non-perishable food donation to the St. Vincent de Paul charity food bank



It's as easy as 1-2-3...

1. Put non-perishable donations in a bag in your trunk
2. Drive to the church & pop the trunk
3. Volunteers unload your donation and you drive on!

Thank you for supporting those in need!



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 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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