



Holy Cross Catholic Parish

Twining with St. Patrick's Parish

SUNDAY - May 5, 2024

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Easter continues to invite us into God's amazing, immeasurable love, abundant joy, and the sacred intimacy of abiding with the Father and the Son. God's love is constant and when we live in God's love, God's joy sings forth from our hearts. We are friends of God because we know God's story; we are invited into the intimate relationship of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

The world creates this hierarchical standard of who's in and who's out, who's deserving of accolades, who's good enough, and who measures up. Isn't it wonderful to know that God's love does not depend on our initiative or on our worthiness? We don't have to reach out to God or even believe in God in order to be loved by God. God showers love on us whether we deserve it or not! So this Easter, are we on the world's hamster wheel or are we walking in the light of the resurrection?

God's love is not passive. God actively gifts us Jesus; God forgives and redeems; God gives us the Holy Spirit to actively engage us; God transforms us; God gives us eternal life. God's love motivates us to be active in the world, so how do we take initiative with our love this day?

We are Easter people. We are all called to be God's beloved overflowing with God's love for all. As Easter people, we desire to give our best, so God commands us to love one another as God has loved us. There is no judgement, no conditions, no favoritism, no prejudices – we are called to lay down our very life for others. If there isn't real love for God's people in our life, then our claim to know God and experience God isn't true. If we want to love one another more, we must draw closer to God and ask God to help us be more Christ-like.

Abiding is such a beautiful word. Common synonyms are *bear, endure, stand, suffer, and tolerate*. While all these words mean 'to put up with something trying or painful,' abide suggests acceptance without resistance or protest. Who does that sound like? The Greek roots of the word means to *dwell, remain, be present, and to be held and kept*. This is Jesus' relationship with His Father. It sounds like home to me, a place to rest in the presence of God, remain in God's Word, and inhale the fruits of God's love in order to go forth renewed and transformed.

Let us immerse ourselves more deeply into a heart and soul relationship with God. Only then will we attune our will to the will of God. God chooses and empowers you...me...to fulfill God's will wherever we are. Do I entrust myself to God? Do I rest in a God who loves me and wants me to live in joy, love, and peace here now and in eternity? Live deeply in God's love and radiate that love to the whole world, bearing much fruit!

Easter Joy, Mona



OFFICE HOURS

Saturday, Sunday, Monday: Closed

Tuesday/Wednesday: 9am—2:00pm

Thursday/Friday: 9am—2:30pm

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**We acknowledge and respect the
Lekwungen peoples on whose
traditional territory Holy Cross Parish
stands, and the Songhees, Esquimalt
and WSÁNEĆ peoples whose
historical relationships with the land
continue to this day.**

Report Sexual Abuse

To report sexual abuse by a clergy member, religious, employee, or volunteer, visit RCDVictoria.org/Responsible-Ministry or call 1-800-968-3146

To report sexual abuse or cover-up by a Catholic Bishop, visit BishopReportingSystem.ca or call 1-866-892-3737

LIVESTREAM MASSES

Live Mass broadcast this weekend! Mass is livestreamed this week from Holy Cross Parish at 4pm Saturday. Click the link here: <http://www.youtube.com/c/StPatricksHolyCrossChurch>

Baptismal Prep 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 Baptismal Preparation course. Please note that the next session for Baptismal Preparation is: Saturday, May 25th (10:00 am - 12 noon). Please email hcsbp baptismalprep@rcdvictoria.org with your name and contact information. The coordinator will then contact you with more details about baptism.

Outreach Ministry Requests for Visits

If you or a person you know would like a visit from an Outreach Ministry Volunteer to bring Holy Communion to someone at home who is unable to get to Mass; or - someone in long-term care, please contact the Office at 250-477-5321, or email: office@holycrossvictoria.org

Prayer for the Children Celebrating Confirmation and First Communion at St Patrick's at Pentecost:

Lord Jesus Christ, bless the children ready to receive Confirmation and First Holy Communion. Come Holy Spirit and rest upon them - the Spirit of Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Might, Knowledge, Reverence, and Fear of the LORD. Lord Jesus, welcome them to your sacred table to nourish their bodies and souls with Yourself, true bread of eternal life. Amen. The Year 2 group will celebrate the sacraments on Sunday May 19, 2024 at the 4pm Pentecost Sunday Mass at St Patrick's with the Bishop's visit and reception to follow. All are welcome to bring a favourite food and share a potluck meal in Our Lady of Lourdes Hall. Sign up [here](#). Thank you for keeping the children of St Patrick's and Holy Cross in your prayers! Potluck Sign up sheet: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1cbTzjXXntfiA7MYBj583v3UsL4TsZGjHXt7jK9M9978/edit?usp=sharing>

Planet Positive Tips

Effective water use in the garden

- Add organic matter to your soil (compost, manure or peat moss) to hold more moisture.
- Add mulch on top of soil to retain water
- Water early in the morning or late at night.
- Deliver water to the root zone.
- Use drip irrigation for slow and effective watering.



South Island Harmony Spring Concert

South Island Harmony presents "Come Together in Harmony" on May 11th at 2pm at the Dave Dunnet Theatre at Oak Bay High School, Oak Bay. Tickets are \$25 for Adults, and \$10 for Students. **A few tickets are available in the office** at Holy Cross Parish or may be purchased on the website: <https://www.southislandharmony.com/>. South Island Harmony choir members are also selling tickets.

Job Opportunity

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Victoria and Island Catholic Schools are seeking a part-time fundraising coordinator for the period of June 3, 2024 to June 30, 2025. We are looking for a dynamic individual with donor relationship experience, and excellent organizational, administrative and communication skills.

The job posting may be viewed at <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/employment>. All applications must be received by May 13, 2024.

St. Patrick's CWL Annual Spring Sale - Mark your calendar!

St. Patrick's Parish CWL will be holding their Annual Spring Good Used Clothing, Jewellery and Book Sale on Friday, May 10th 9:30am to 4:00pm and Saturday, May 11th 9:30am to 2:00pm in Lourdes Hall. All are welcome!

Prayer Reflection

Numbers have immutable rules not instituted by men but discovered.

—Saint Augustine

These angels [in Revelation chapter 1] are seven angels of high rank. The number seven here may show a connection with the seven planets, which in John's time were held to be heavenly beings.

—Adela Yarbro Collins, *The Apocalypse*

The number 1,000 in early Hebrew traditions . . . often simply meant a number too great to be counted.

—John McKenzie, S.J., *Dictionary of the Bible*

I am not my own; I have given myself to Jesus. He must be my only love.

—Saint Kateri Tekakwitha

OUR LITURGICAL LIFE

SATURDAY, May 4, 2024

4PM Mass: Pro Populo

SUNDAY, May 5, 2024

9AM MASS: John Calder+

MONDAY, May 6, 2024

NO MASS

TUESDAY, May 7, 2024

9AM Mass: Trudy Nitsch+

WEDNESDAY, May 8, 2024

NO MASS

THURSDAY, May 9, 2024

9AM Mass: Linda Yale+

FRIDAY, May 10, 2024

NO MASS

Adoration is held on the first Friday of the month.

The Chapel will be open this week Tuesday to Friday 9 - 12

Masks are no longer mandatory indoors. We do encourage those who feel more comfortable to wear them as needed.

Word of the Week: Numerology

The biblical idea, common in the ancient world, was that numbers hold mystical significance. The clue to interpreting the hidden meaning of a text was often in appreciating the numbers associated with it. Significant numbers often recur in the Bible. Knowing that the number three stands for completeness, four for totality, seven for the divine realm, 12 for the whole people helps us understand the biblical narratives in which they appear. From *The Collegeville Pastoral Dictionary of Biblical Theology*: In its use of numbers the Bible often attaches a symbolic value that demands an understanding on the part of the interpreter of the connotation of numbers. The Bible is not an exact timetable that predicts the precise occurrence of future events.

June 8th 'Going-Away for Father William' Sign-up

Plans are underway for the Saturday, June 8th 'Going Away' event to be held following the 4pm Mass (to be said at St. Patrick's Parish that day).

The event will be held at Holy Cross Parish, and parishioners from both Holy Cross and St. Patrick's are invited. Attendees will need to register.

There will be sign-up sheets in the foyer this weekend.

For planning purposes, we ask that you take the time to sign-up early so that we will get a good idea of numbers.

We expect a large crowd, and ask that you make arrangements to carpool.

Details will follow soon regarding the plan for the evening.



COLLECTIONS, April 28, 2024

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS

Envelopes	\$ 1,855.00
Loose	\$ 515.00
Needs of the Church	\$ 20.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$ 1,048.00
TOTAL	\$ 3,438.00



holy cross church garden head rd. victoria, b.c.

Thank you!

Thank you to the Angels of Mercy who have been helping Father William pack, cleaning the font, and teaching the Horizons of Hope. We thank you for your kindness and for sharing your talent!



Mount St Mary Fundraiser

There are 10 hanging baskets left for purchase, along with geraniums available in five different colours - orange, red, salmon, white or hot pink. Drop by Ellis' greenhouse to have a look. Newest additions are six patio pots planted with scented geraniums. Pickup is May 15th. Order yours or arrange a visit at **250-477-6754**.



News from the Chancery

- 1) The planning committee for the 10th Annual Family Life Conference and Camp is looking for volunteers to assist with the camp. If interested in volunteering, please email familycamp@rcdvictoria.org for more information.
- 2) National Family and Life Week (NFLW) takes place this year from May 13 – 19, with the theme “Love hopes all things”. Families are invited to cultivate, deepen, and renew Christian hope by drawing on scriptural reflection, family prayer, and the Sacraments. The NFLW website has resources for families including daily prayers and activities and a catechesis with discussion questions. For more information and to access the resources, please visit <https://www.cccb.ca/faith-moral-issues/family-and-life/national-family-and-life-week/>
- 3) The Canadian Christian Meditation National Conference Retreat will be held at the University of British Columbia from July 5-7, 2024. The theme this year is “From Anxiety to Peace”, and the retreat will be led by Fr. Laurence Freeman OSB, a monk of the Benedictine Congregation of Monte Oliveto Maggiore. Both in-person and remote participation options are available. For more information and to register, please visit <https://www.wccm-canada.ca/>. The deadline to register for in-person participation is May 30.
- 4) Applications are now being accepted for bursaries and awards offered by the Diocese of Victoria to outstanding students and educators. The deadline for applications is July 15th. More information and application forms are available at the following links:
[The Jawl Bundon LLP Bursary](#) (\$2500): for a grade 12 Catholic student who has been accepted to a post-secondary institution. Preference will be given to Indigenous students, and to students who live outside of Greater Victoria and Nanaimo.
[The Blessed Marie Anne Blondin Bursary](#) (\$1000): for a lay woman who is accepted or enrolled in a program or course for ministry in the Church, such as religious education, social justice, liturgy, social action, care of the sick, etc.
[The Char Deslippe Memorial Award](#) (\$500): for a teacher working in Island Catholic Schools or a parish catechist serving in children, youth or adult ministry.

March for Life Victoria - Thursday, May 9, 2024

Annual March for Life: Thursday May 9th. <https://m4lvictoria.ca/>

12:00 pm: Mass will be celebrated at noon by Bishop Gary Gordon, at St Andrew’s Roman Catholic Cathedral, 740 View Street, Victoria, BC
1:45 pm: March will commence at Centennial Square
2:15 pm: Rally commences at BC Legislature
5:30 pm: Gala Dinner at Cedar Hill Golf Course, 1400 Derby Rd.

Gala Guest speakers:

Alex Schadenberg, Euthanasia Prevention Coalition
Angelina Ireland, Delta Hospice Society

Dinner tickets are \$70 each.

Contact for tickets:

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REGULAR MASS TIMES

Mass times - Holy Cross Parish:

4pm Saturday, 9am Sunday

9am Tuesday and 9am Thursday

Mass times - St. Patrick’s Parish:

11am Sunday, 4pm Sunday

12:10pm Wednesday and 12:10pm Friday

Confessions are at 3:00pm on Saturdays at Holy Cross Parish and at 11:30am on Fridays at St. Patrick’s Parish.

HOSPITAL EMERGENCY CALLS:

If you or someone you love is admitted to hospital and would like a visit from our VGH/RJH hospital chaplain, please call the emergency pager **250-889-3761** and ask for **Fr. Sean Flynn** to make this request.