



Holy Cross Catholic Parish

Twinning with St. Patrick's Parish

SUNDAY - April 16th, 2023

Divine Mercy Sunday

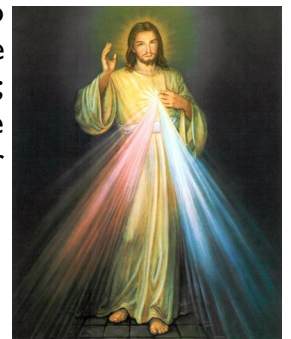
If we hope to recover the depths of that original faith of the early disciples, our friend Thomas shows us how. Many things can—and have—been said about the apostle Thomas and his infamous demand to see the risen Christ in person rather than rely on the reports of the other disciples. Some have vilified him as the arch doubter, while others have praised him for his persistence in seeking out the risen Christ for himself. Poor Saint Thomas the Apostle! He's held up as the poster child of doubt—the one who had to see and touch the wounds of the risen Jesus before he would believe in the resurrection—and he's also the straw man for Jesus' words, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me?" But give Thomas a break: He was only asking for what the other apostles had—they believed because they had seen the Lord already! Thomas is also the set-up man for an even more important teaching: "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." Only the first generation of Christ's followers would know him in the flesh. The rest of us believe through hearing the good news about him. By his doubting, he strengthened faith. Because Thomas was bidden to see and hear in person, I learn to believe unswervingly and with steady faith that human death was overcome by the death of Christ crucified.

In the end, Thomas got on board! From the start Jesus calls disciples for the expressed purpose of going on a fishing expedition for his sake. It's significant, then, that Peter's first post-Resurrection decision is to go fishing. The roll call of those who got in the boat with Peter is not random: Thomas the confessor, Nathaniel the reformed cynic, Zebedee's now humbled sons, and two mysterious "others"—one of whom is the Beloved Disciple. No point in spilling more ink in the controversy of who the Beloved Disciple is, which won't be solved here. It's more intriguing to consider who the other "other" might be: Does that leave room for you or me in the boat? If we hope to recover the depths of that original faith of the early disciples, our friend Thomas shows us how. His ability to believe in Jesus, shattered at the cross, is reaffirmed and illuminated when he reaches out and touches the wounds of Christ. Now he no longer needs to rely on hearsay reports of the Risen Lord. Nor does he depend on seeing to believe. No, when he dares to encounter the sacred wounds, to put his hand into that gaping side, what he experiences is enough to dredge up one of the greatest professions of faith in the New Testament: "My Lord and my God!"

Divine Mercy Sunday is a good time to remember how we bear witness to mercy through these merciful acts: *Corporal*: Feed the hungry; give drink to the thirsty; clothe the naked; shelter the homeless; visit the sick; tend to the imprisoned; bury the dead. *Spiritual*: Instruct the uninstructed; counsel the doubtful; admonish the sinner; bear wrongs patiently; forgive offenses willingly; console the afflicted; pray for the living and the dead.

Divine Mercy blessings

Father William



OFFICE HOURS

Saturday, Sunday, Monday: Closed
Tuesday/Wednesday: 9am—2:00pm
Thursday/Friday: 9am—2:30pm
Fr. William Hann, Pastor

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.

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LIVESTREAM MASSES

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

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

Returning to Spirit welcomes Vancouver Island residents to register for our upcoming one-day *Seeds of Reconciliation* event on Friday, April 21st, 2023 from 9 - 4:30 at Holy Cross Parish. When registering, you will need to **toggle "open to general public"**. [Seeds of Reconciliation Registration \(google.com\)](#) For more Info: 204-889-4579

The Arbutus Singers will be holding a 25th Anniversary concert at St. Patrick's Parish on Wednesday, April 26th at 7:30 PM. Tickets by donation. Up to \$5,000 will be donated to match proceeds from the concert. Proceeds are going to the Ukrainian-Canadian Cultural Society of Vancouver Island. Come enjoy an evening of musical selections with highlights from *The Greatest Showman*, *Dear Evan Hansen*, *Jesus Christ Superstar* and *Neil Diamond*.

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 sessions for Baptismal Preparation are scheduled for:

- Sat, May 13 (10:00 am – 12 noon)
- Sat, June 10 (10:00 am – 12 noon).

Please call the parish office to leave your name and contact information and to request a registration form. Also, please indicate which course for which you would like to register. Please email hcsbaptismalprep@rcdvictoria.org for further information.



National
Family & Life Week
May 7-14, 2023 *Love one another*
www.cccb.ca



"Love one another.
Just as I have loved
you, you also should
love one another."
(Jn 13:34)



Canadian Conference
of Catholic Bishops

Office Assistant Job Posting St. Andrew's Cathedral is seeking a full-time, customer-service oriented Office Assistant to assist with the clerical duties of a busy parish office. We're looking for someone with a friendly attitude and strong work ethic, with an eye for detail, who can comfortably prioritize duties and work diligently under pressure. A full job description is available on our website or by email: saintandrewsoffice@gmail.com. Only those candidates who most closely match our requirements will be contacted. Please send your resume and covering letter to Rita Fichtner, Office Manager, at the parish office no later than April 22nd.

Prayer Reflection

Faith without doubt is nothing but death.
—Miguel de Unamuno

Every Christian meal reveals aspects of the kingdom of God, where guests are welcomed, people share with one another, broken covenants are renewed, and all are reconciled.
—Father Eugene LaVerdiere, S.S.S., Dining in the Kingdom of God

I have . . . learned as a member of the Christian community what is the nature of God's mercy, which does not leave me to overcome my sin by my own effort.
—Archbishop Rowan William

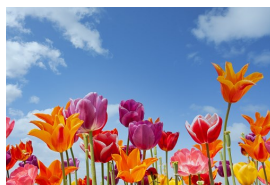
Second Sunday of Easter - April 16, 2023 “As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” Will you respond to God's call to be sent as priest, deacon, sister or brother? If God is calling you, contact Fr. David Hogman or Fr. Harrison Ayre, Directors of Vocations in the Diocese of Victoria.

Fr. David Hogman: dhogman@rcdvictoria.org **Fr. Harrison Ayre:** hayre@rcdvictoria.org

Garden Babies for Birthright Plant Sale at St. Patrick's Parish

Saturday, May 20: 9AM – 1PM

Mark your calendars: Birthright's Annual Plant Sale is coming up May 20! We're moving back inside to the parish hall and will have all the usual plants, from perennials and ground covers to shrubs and edibles. We'd also love to have your plant donations. Plant donations can be dropped off to the Hall on Friday, May 19, from 3 – 5PM. (This is a great time to start dividing or growing from seed.) Please contact Peggy at 250.478.5372 or [in-fo@birthrightvictoria.org](mailto:info@birthrightvictoria.org) to offer plants or plant sale help. **We are also taking pre-orders now for pick-up at the Plant Sale or during set-up on Friday, May 19.** This is the best option if you're wanting specific varieties from our Edibles page or are unable to attend the Saturday sale. (Our Perennial and Shrub pages are also now open for pre-orders.) Please see our Plant Sale Poster or find us online for more details.



Fund Raiser for Mount St Mary's

The warmer weather is having a positive effect on everything and everyone. Plants and people much happier. While all baskets have been sold still have plenty of geraniums, marigolds and daisies for mid may pickup. As to vegetables, three types of tomatoes, two types zucchini and free pumpkins for juniors. **SPECIAL OFFER OF ALREADY MATURE AND POTTED GERANIUMS.** 12 inch wide pots available for \$10 each thanks to my over planting in September. Great weather for planting lettuce, three types now ready. Get in touch with Ellis to place your order.



OUR LITURGICAL LIFE

SATURDAY, April 15th

4PM Mass: Don Moulton+

SUNDAY, April 16th

9AM Mass: Marie Arsenault+

MONDAY, April 17th

NO MASS

TUESDAY, April 18th

9am Mass: Patrick Hann+
Jessica Qualley

WEDNESDAY, April 19th

NO MASS

THURSDAY, April 20th

9AM Mass: Ivor Williams+

FRIDAY, April 21st

NO MASS

The Church will be open for private prayers this week from Tuesday to Friday, 9am—noon

Adoration in the Mercy Chapel - is held on the First Friday of the month

Masks are no longer mandatory indoors. We do encourage those who feel more comfortable to wear them as needed. If you are feeling unwell please stay home.

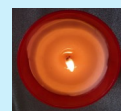
COLLECTION for April 10th 2023

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS

Envelopes	\$ 5,701.00
Loose	\$ 1,260.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$ 1,370.00
Development & Peace	\$ 35.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 30.00
Social & Eco Justice	\$ 100.00
Needs of the Church	\$ 985.00
TOTAL	\$9,481.00

Thank you

Thank you to Shanthie Akmimana for all of your efforts toward cleaning the candle stand and votives. What a difference this has made!



News from the Chancery

1) The Diocese of Victoria is now accepting applications for the position of UVic / Camosun College Chaplain. We seek a Chaplain who is committed to helping students grow and flourish within the Catholic faith tradition while living and learning in a secular campus environment. The job posting may be viewed at <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/employment>, and all applications must be received by May 19, 2023.

2) Registration is still open for *Seeds of Reconciliation*, a one-day overview of the Returning to Spirit (<https://www.returningtospirit.org/>) intensive program. This workshop explores the concepts of what reconciliation is by discovering what it is not. The tools and resources that are presented provide individuals with valuable insights into themselves, while also giving them the essence of the Returning to Spirit workshop process. It can also serve as a refresher for those who have taken the complete workshop long ago. There are two sessions in April to choose from:

- Friday, April 21, 2023 at Holy Cross Parish in Victoria
- Saturday, April 22, 2023 at Queen of Angels School in Duncan

Each workshop runs from 9:00 am – 4:30 pm. For more information or to register, please visit <https://www.returningtospirit.org/workshopcalendar>, email info@returningtospirit.org, or call 204-889-4579 or 1-855-244-3963. We hope all people in the Diocese of Victoria will be able to participate in this powerful and potentially life-transforming experience.

3) Diocesan livestream updates: <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/events/dailymasslivestreamed>

4) On Monday, April 17 from 3 – 5 pm PDT, Cardus will be livestreaming the release of their Indigenous Voices of Faith booklet (<https://www.rcdvictoria.org/indigenous/indigenous-voices-of-faith>). Speakers will include Fr. Cristino Bouvette of the Diocese of Calgary, Mohawk leader Dr. Rose-Alma McDonald, and National Post columnist Melissa Mbarki. For more information and to register for this free event, please visit <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/indigenous-voices-of-faith-tickets-585966490547>.

Knights of Columbus Bottle Drive and Food Drive Save your bottles and bring non-perishable food items APRIL 15, 9am to 1pm, St. Patrick's Church Parking lot. No sorting required! Drop off any refundable cans, bottles and milk containers. Containers can be dropped off before April 15th in the Church Hall lobby coat closet. Proceeds supporting bursaries & SVDP Society.

* **April 28th & 29th (Fri./Sat.) St. Patrick's CWL SPRING GOOD USED CLOTHING SALE:** now includes the Treasured Book & Jigsaw Puzzles Sale to their Spring venue. **Donations needed and gratefully accepted!** * Men's, women's, children's clothing and shoes along with household linens; * Book and puzzle donations are now being accepted; but please note - we're unable to accept magazines, text or reference books. All items can be left: 1) at St. Pat's - on the marked carts in the hall closet area (just before the Office). Or 2) in the Holy Cross Office (Joanie will transport to St. Pat's). Please note we are NOT accepting any other items at this time. Thank you for your kind support. - Theresa Smith, theresasmith1225@shaw.ca

Mass Times: Holy Cross Parish - Saturday 4pm, Sunday 9am, Weekday Masses Tuesday and Thursday, 9am. St. Patrick's Parish - Sunday 11am and 4pm. Weekday Masses Wednesday and Friday at 12:10pm.

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Job Opening at St Joseph the Worker Parish:

Administrative Assistant Position at St. Joseph the Worker Parish, Victoria, 3 to 4 days a week (7 hrs/day) Start Date: July 4, 2023. Please send a resume and covering letter to Fr. A. Monacelli, at 753 Burnside Road West, Victoria, BC, V8Z 1M9 or via email at sjtwparish@rcdvictoria.org.

The **CWL at St. Joseph the Worker** are holding a **garage sale** on Saturday, April 29th from 9:00 AM to 2:00PM. A few tables are still available. For further information, contact Gerry stjoegaragesale@outlook.com

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.