

Holy Cross Catholic Parish

Twining with St. Patrick's Parish

SUNDAY - April 2nd, 2023

Passion Sunday

...and so our Lenten journey continues as we enter into the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ and the holiest of weeks. Let us walk with Jesus, being fully present, fully aware, fully accountable as we *celebrate* His entrance into Jerusalem; *gather together* around the table at the last supper, *sharing* in the body and blood; *staying attentive* for one hour in the Garden of Gethsemane; *accompanying* and *attending* to Jesus throughout his arrest, trial, suffering, and crucifixion; *keeping vigil*; and *celebrating* new life.

We begin by waving palms and welcoming Jesus into our hearts. We know Him; we've heard Him preach and have seen His merciful love. We shout "*Hosanna to the Son of David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!*" The word *hosanna* comes from a Biblical Hebrew phrase meaning "**Pray, save us.**" To shout loud hosannas is to be both dependent upon the One who can save completely (surrender) and to joyously proclaim that this salvation can happen (trust).

As we move into Jesus' passion, the jubilant praises turn to taunting, mocking jeers of 'let Him be crucified.' Light gives way to a concealment of darkness. The word passion comes from the Latin word for suffering, to endure, undergo, experience. It implies great intensity and compelling action. Jesus embraced children, delighted in doing the will of the Father, healed the sick, loved the lost, lifted up the marginalized, dined with friends and sinners, and completely poured Himself out for all. His whole life, death and resurrection portrays a deep tenderness, a willingness to suffer for what He loves. The Passion of Christ is God's undying love for us.

As Jesus walks to the cross, we encounter a number of players along the way. Their reactions offer us an opportunity to examine our conscience. Do we betray, desert, deny, fail to make time, and falsely accuse Jesus? Are we jealous, dishonest, and spiritually blind? Do we wield our power over others and offer a superficial faith? Pilate asks us if we want Barabbas or Jesus, hatred or love, selfishness or selflessness, darkness or light. What is our answer?

When the curtain of the temple was torn in two, do we understand that Jesus' death on the cross removes the barrier between heaven and earth revealing the unconditional love of God for us? All sin was transformed through the outpouring of Jesus' love for us. Can we embrace the power of that love? Will we let the forgiveness, mercy, grace, and love flowing from the side of Jesus heal us, free us, empower us? And do we welcome the gift of the Holy Spirit into our lives? It's our turn to accept the passion, the inner spark entrusted by the Holy Spirit, to ignite us to our God-given purpose here, now!

Palm Sunday is the opening of Holy Week. By identifying ourselves with the 'mystery' of Jesus' suffering, death and resurrection, we experience a great liberation, a 'Passover' from various forms of sin and enslavement to a life of joy and freedom.

Welcome to Holy Week. Here we are, and here is our God!

With much love, Mona



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

 <i>Holy Week Schedule</i> 		
Thursday, April 6 th Holy Thursday	St. Patrick's Parish	7 PM
Friday, April 7 th Stations of the Cross	St. Patrick's Parish Holy Cross Parish	9 AM 11 AM
Good Friday Services	Holy Cross Parish St. Patrick's Parish	2 PM 4 PM
Saturday, April 8 th Easter Vigil	St. Patrick's Parish Please note there is no 4PM Mass at Holy Cross	8:00 PM
Sunday, April 9 th Easter Sunday Masses	Holy Cross Parish St. Patrick's Parish Please note there will be no 4 PM Mass at St. Patrick's	9 AM 11 AM

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

Children's Liturgy

No Liturgy will run on Easter Sunday April 9th as children are invited to stay in the Church for Easter Mass.


Did you know that in preparation for Divine Mercy Sunday, April 16th, a novena can be recited beginning on Good Friday. www.thedivinemercy.org/message/devotions/pray-the-chaplet



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. Refundable containers can be dropped off before April 15th in the Church Hall lobby coat closet. Proceeds supporting students' bursaries & St. Vincent de Paul Society.

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 \(google.com\)](http://www.seedsaregrowing.com) For more Info: 204-889-4579

Note from John Seale - Garden Time! Attention all parishioners, spring has sprung and that means it is once again time to work on beautifying the gardens at Holy Cross. We will hold two hour gardening sessions on Wednesday's, our first session will be held April 5. Tasks will include: weeding, pruning, planting and watering. If this is something that you would be interested in returning to, or joining for the first time, please email jseale1234@gmail.com to sign up and to receive weekly reminders. When you do email me, please state whether you would prefer the time of the session to begin at 10 am, or would you rather it be held at 1 pm, which is when we met the last two years.



Prayer Reflection

But Palm Sunday tells us that it is the cross that is the true tree of life.

—Pope Benedict XVI

To endure the cross is not tragedy; it is the suffering which is the fruit of an exclusive allegiance to Jesus Christ.

—Dietrich Bonhoeffer

I can say that I never knew what joy was like until I gave up pursuing happiness, or cared to live until I chose to die. For these two discoveries I am beholden to Jesus.

—Malcolm Muggeridge

Passion (Palm) Sunday - April 2, 2023 Vocation Note

“Blessed is the one who comes in the Name of the Lord!” Are you being called to proclaim Jesus as a 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

Doctrine of Discovery Statement

A joint statement was issued today by the Dicastery for Culture and Education and the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development in Rome, addressing the concept of the “**Doctrine of Discovery**”. [Click here to read the joint statement](#)

The joint statement affirms:

“In no uncertain terms, the Church’s magisterium upholds the respect due to every human being. The Catholic Church therefore repudiates those concepts that fail to recognize the inherent human rights of indigenous peoples, including what has become known as the legal and political ‘doctrine of discovery.’”

More information, including the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops’ response to the joint statement, may be found online at

<https://www.rcdvictoria.org/indigenous/statement-from-the-vatican-on-the-doctrine-of-discovery>

Start digging the garden plot as you can plant lettuce starters first week of April.

Six packs of lettuce, (three varieties) \$5 pick up now. Geraniums, 4 colors, plus lemon scented, \$6 order now for May 15 pickup

Hanging baskets, 5 left \$50, again May 15 pickup. Don’t forget the best tomatoes in Gordon Head, 3 varieties \$4, May 20 planting

Assorted flowers, daisies, marigold and sunflower for planting May 15

And of course zucchini green and yellow, \$4 and the **FREE PUMPKINS** for little people! Happy to plant your patio pots...seems to be popular and keeps me busy and out of the kitchen!!

THANKS in advance for your support, **ALL PROCEEDS FOR MT.ST.MARY HOSPITAL**

Ellis 250-477-6754 or by email eachtem@shaw.ca



Thank you to the hard workers on the floral team at Holy Cross. What amazing displays you create that enhance greatly the beauty of the church!

OUR LITURGICAL LIFE

SATURDAY, April 1st

3-3:45pm: Confession

4pm Mass: Salvatore Ciccone+
Seny Narciso+

SUNDAY, April 2nd

9am Mass: Tony Hann+

MONDAY, April 3rd

NO MASS

TUESDAY, April 4th

9am Mass: Hilary Ribeiro+

WEDNESDAY, April 5th

NO MASS

THURSDAY, April 6th

No 9AM Mass

Holy Thursday 7pm St. Patrick’s
Parish

FRIDAY, April 7th

11am: Stations of the Cross

2pm: Friday of the Passion of the Lord

SATURDAY, April 8th

No 4PM Mass

Easter Vigil at St. Patrick’s Parish at
8PM

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 March 26th, 2023

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS

Envelopes	\$ 2,790.00
Loose	\$ 405.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$ 1,370.00
Development & Peace	\$ 1,800.00
Anawim - Men	\$ 155.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 325.00
TOTAL	\$6,845.00

News from the Chancery

The **Triduum and Easter liturgies** will be livestreamed on the Diocesan YouTube channel (<https://www.youtube.com/RCDVictoriaLiveOne>) as follows:

Holy Thursday (April 6): 7:30 pm from St. Andrew's Cathedral

Good Friday (April 7): 3:00 pm from St. Andrew's Cathedral

Easter Vigil (April 8): 8:00 pm from St. Andrew's Cathedral

Easter Sunday (April 9): 11:00 am from St. Mary's, Port McNeill

This information is also posted at <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/events/dailymass> livestreamed and <https://www.youtube.com/c/RCDVictoriaLiveOne/about>.

All people in the Diocese of Victoria are invited to attend **Seeds of Reconciliation**, a one-day overview of the Returning to Spirit (<https://www.returningtospirit.org/>) intensive program. It 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 you will be able to participate in this powerful and potentially life-transforming experience!

Mark your calendar! Fashion Show with a Difference - Tuesday April 11th at 1:00pm in St. Patrick's Church

Hall. No charge. Everyone welcome! Join the CWL ladies for a fun and informative fashion show featuring items available at our upcoming sale (April 28th & 29th). As we watch the models in their beautiful curated outfits, the Social & Eco Justice Committee will present interesting and thought provoking information about the origins and lifecycle of our clothes. Be entertained and educated while getting fashion ideas!

* **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. Not to be missed!

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

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The CWL at St. Joseph the Worker are holding a

garage sale on Saturday, April 29th from 9:00 AM to 2:00PM. There will be food and coffee. Please come to our event or sell the stuff you've been trying to get rid of. A few tables are still available. For further information, contact Gerry

at: stjoegaragesale@outlook.com . Looking forward to seeing you and your friends

Sunday Social Bridge is held on the first Sunday of the month from 7 - 10 pm in the Parish Hall. Contact Tony Southwell at (250) 477-5738 to register.

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.