

Holy Cross Catholic Parish

Twinning with St. Patrick's Parish

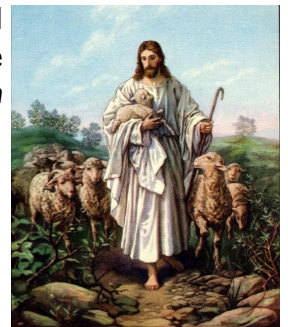
SUNDAY - April 30th, 2023
Fourth Sunday of Easter

Today, April 30th, is the Fourth Sunday of Easter and one of the most familiar Psalms is part of today's scripture readings. *The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.* It is thought that Psalm 23 was written about 3000 years ago by King David. David had been a shepherd before he became King and had cared for his flocks, leading them to shelter and food and protecting them. He knew personally how much sheep depended on their shepherd and wrote the beautiful words of Psalm 23 sharing his trust and conviction in God's faithful love and care.

In John's gospel, Jesus used the image of a shepherd looking after his sheep to help us realize how deeply God cares for us. Jesus did not choose the image of a king or captain of a regiment of soldiers. He did not choose the image of a high priest or wealthy landowner. He chose the image of a shepherd! The shepherd lives intimately with the sheep, leads them to water and green grass. He protects them from wolves and snakes. When injured he carries them on his shoulders. We know from Bishop Gary that sheep smell and are dirty, that they can kick and bruise and cut you even if you are trying to help them. The shepherd must care very deeply for his sheep to choose to share their everyday so closely. What a contrast to the king or high priest who have servants and slaves to bring them food and drink, look after their many belongings and to protect them. Our God is the creator of the universe and all powerful. But he is also our gentle parent who comforts us, loves us and is willing to carry us when we are struggling. How beautiful and consoling are Jesus' words. *The sheep hear his voice. . . the sheep follow him because they know his voice.*

We are reassured that we hear and recognize Jesus' voice. We can trust that in moments of anguish or confusion, we hear his voice, bringing us comfort, guidance, and peace. We are his people! Moreover, remarkably, everyone can hear his voice, not just believers. *For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.* And God calls everyone, whether they realize it or not. Everyone hears the voice of the shepherd whether they recognize its source or not. Jesus promises with complete confidence that we hear God's voice, that everyone hears God's voice. *The sheep follow him because they know his voice.*

Tanya Taft



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](https://www.rcdvictoria.org/Responsible-Ministry) or call 1-800-968-3146
To report sexual abuse or cover-up by a Catholic Bishop, visit [BishopReportingSystem.ca](https://www.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>

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

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 hcsbp baptismalprep@rcdvictoria.org for further information.

Volunteers are needed to join the Outreach Ministry Team. If you are interested please call the office to leave your name. 250-477-5321

The Arbutus Singers awed us all at the concert at St. Patrick's Parish on April 26th. Over 50 singers, led by Director Jack Boomer, took us down memory lane with many of their tunes. Admission was by donation, with all proceeds going to The Ukrainian Canadian Cultural Society of Vancouver Island in support of Ukrainian refugees. If you could not attend the concert and wish to donate, donations can still be made through <http://www.stnicholasparish.org/donate-to-help-ukrainians-arriving-on-south-vancouver-island/> or by writing a cheque to "St. Nicholas Parish – the Newcomers Fund". Funds will be matched up to \$5,000 by a generous donor.

Congratulations Tony and Darlene Southwell on your Diamond Anniversary!

Warmest wishes and congratulations as you celebrate 60 years of marriage. You are an inspiration to us all!



Island Catholic Schools is accepting applications for the following position:

Part-time Homestay Coordinator for the International Student Program at St. Andrew's Regional High School
Detailed job posting available on the CISDV website: <http://cisdv.bc.ca/employment-opportunities.php>

Diocesan Bursaries and Awards - deadline for application is July 15, 2023

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 Catholic Island Schools or a parish catechist serving in children, youth or adult ministry.

Find applications for these at the following link: <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/bursaries>

2023 World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Pope Francis has just released his message for the 2023 World Day of Prayer for Vocations, which is held this year on Sunday, April 30. A copy of the message may be found at <https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/vocations/documents/20230430-messaggio-60-gm-vocazioni.html>

Prayer Reflection

It is the part of a good shepherd to shear his flock, not to skin it.

—Latin proverb

Suddenly I heard the words of Christ and understood them, and life and death ceased to seem to be evil, and instead of despair I experienced happiness and the joy of life undisturbed by death.

—Leo Tolstoy

You are my sheep, the sheep of my pasture, and I am your God, says the Lord God.

—Ezekiel 34:31

Fourth Sunday of Easter - April 30, 2023 - World Day of Prayer for Vocations

The Good Shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them. Is He asking you to help others to find Him? Pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life, especially for our diocese, that God will raise up good shepherds in our midst. 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

Roots of Reconciliation Workshop will be held at Holy Cross Parish from May 29th to June 1st from 9 - 4:30. If you are curious and open minded about what reconciliation can look like on a personal level you are invited to register at www.returningtospirit.org

Summer Faith Study:

Seven Deadly Sins, Seven Lively Virtues

St. Andrew's Cathedral is pleased to offer another *Summer Faith Study* this year. The course is Bishop Robert Barron's study on sin and virtue. Over 8 weeks, the course will look at what the Catholic tradition calls the Seven Deadly Sins and contrasting them with what Bishop Barron refers to as the Seven Lively Virtues. The study is designed to increase understanding, promote reflection, and encourage practical action in people's lives to strengthen our wills against the many temptations to sin. Together we will explore how to combat pride with humility, turn envy into admiration, anger into forgiveness, sloth into zeal, avarice into generosity, gluttony into asceticism, and combat lust with chastity. The facilitator is Bernadette O'Connor email: det.oconnor@gmail.com or phone: 250-896-4136.

Classes will be available both in-person and online each week and run for 8 weeks. In person sessions will be at 2:00 pm on Wednesdays at the Parish Office (740 View Street), starting June 7th. Online sessions will be on Zoom at 7:00 pm on Thursday evenings, starting June 8th. There is a fee of \$25 to cover participant workbook and access to Bishop Barron's video recording (a subsidy is available if the fee is not affordable). Please email det.oconnor@gmail.com to register or phone the parish office at 250-388-5571.

OUR LITURGICAL LIFE

SATURDAY, April 29th

4PM Mass: Denis St. Denis+

SUNDAY, April 30th

9AM Mass: Cam Dunphy+

MONDAY, May 1st

NO MASS

TUESDAY, May 2nd

9am Mass: Peter Montgomery+

WEDNESDAY, May 3rd

NO MASS

THURSDAY, May 4th

9AM Mass: Patrick O'Connell+

FRIDAY, May 5th

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 24th 2023

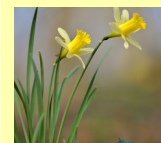
WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS

Envelopes	\$ 2,495.00
Loose	\$ 300.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$ 1,370.00
Canada Helps	\$ 202.51
TOTAL	\$ 4,367.51



Thank you

Thank you to the team of gardeners that continues to work through the unseasonable weather to spruce up the grounds.



News from the Chancery

- 1) The Centre for Studies in Religion and Society at the University of Victoria is holding a colloquium on “Land, Law, Religion, and Reconciliation” on May 4 – 6, 2023. This workshop will explore the implications of the existential shifts in religious life for the stewardship of religious property in contemporary Canada. What are the moral and religious obligations of a religious community that has a lot of assets, deeply-felt religious and social commitments, but few congregants? For more information, to register to attend in person, or for links to participate remotely, please visit <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/land-law-religion-and-reconciliation-a-colloquium-registration-590378316437>
- 2) National Family & Life Week, May 7 - 14, 2023, is an invitation from the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops to the faithful in Canada to celebrate the joy and beauty of family and life. CCCB has prepared a number of resources for families and groups to use, including [daily prayers and activities](#) and a [catechesis](#). For more information and links to all the resources, please visit <https://www.cccb.ca/faith-moral-issues/family-and-life/national-family-and-life-week/>.
- 3) On May 14, Voices in Motion Choral Society will present their spring concert at the Dave Dunnett Theatre in Victoria. Voices in Motion is a non-profit organization that offers a choral experience uniquely designed for people with memory loss/dementia, their caregivers, friends, and students. They are supported by St. Andrew's Regional High School, and students from the school participate in the choir. For more information and to purchase tickets, please visit <https://voicesinmotionchoirs.org/events/>
- 4) There are some upcoming changes to the livestream schedule. Please visit the website for updates: <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/events/dailymasslivestreamed>

Fund Raiser for Mount St Mary's

ALERT, ALERT, five more baskets available (staff miscounted) still some nice lettuce, plenty of flowers, with all plants and baskets available for pickup between May 15 and May 29. Phone for viewing or pickup, 250-477-6754. As usual, ALL PROCEDDS to the hospital. Thank you, Ellis.

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. Please contact Peggy at 250.478.5372 or 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.** Please see our Plant Sale Poster or go online for more details. <https://birthrightvictoria.org/garden-babies-for-birthright-plant-sales/>

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.

Pastor: Fr. William Hann

250-477-5321

250-294-9615 (after hours)

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spchsacramentalprep@rcdvictoria.org

Baptismal Preparation: Beverly Pulyk

hcsbpbaptismalprep@rcdvictoria.org

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 sjtwwparish@rcdvictoria.org.

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.