



Holy Cross Catholic Parish

Twining with St. Patrick's Parish



SUNDAY - April 9th, 2023
Easter Sunday



Today we're not gathered to enter into an empty tomb. That's "so 2,000 years ago." We come together to enter into a mystery that is, by contrast, full of life. The emptiness of the tomb on Easter Sunday morning might be hollow enough to echo back our fears, suspicions, and doubts. But the glorified life of the Risen Christ that we celebrate this morning, and every Sunday of the year, enables us "to share in the divinity of Christ, who humbled himself to share in our humanity." With Mary, with Peter, and every other disciple named and unnamed, we lift our voices in thanks and praise.

In Jesus, the risen One, God has shown his real face; in him a faithful God has enlightened our darkness. By raising Jesus from the dead, God himself has ruptured our darkness and death. He has broken it open. Light, and life have broken in our world. The resurrection faith is all about not discounting the possibility that God can make new women and men out of us. How? Well, let's look at the Gospel today. Through Mary Magdalene, Peter, and the beloved disciple, we are given three different reactions to the finding of the empty tomb and three different ways of coming to believe in the resurrection of Jesus.

Mary Magdalene finds the empty tomb and runs to the apostles to tell them her astonishing news. St John's is the only account where the apostles are directly involved in finding that the tomb was empty, and where neither Jesus nor angels were there to give any guidance about the meaning of it. The Beloved Disciple was present with Peter to see the discarded burial-cloths within the tomb, and he at once realized what this meant: that Jesus was risen from the dead! Let's remember that this gospel is truly great news, both timeless and very actual for us right here and now. Somehow, we can relate to the first hearers of that good news, if we try to put ourselves within the story as told by Saint John today. Are we like Mary Magdalene who told the others the news of resurrection? Or like the apostles who responded by running to the tomb to see for themselves.

On Easter morning, the stone was rolled away from the mouth of the tomb. Could we think of our heart as a tomb awaiting a resurrection? Can we identify anything akin to a stone that is holding us back from enjoying the fullness of life? It could be an addiction, a compulsion or some hidden and dark secret that we have never shared with anyone. Pope Francis declares, "*We are called to be people of joyful hope, not doomsday prophets!*" Because of the resurrection of Jesus, we can all have hopeful joy, and go out to share it with the world. The message is clear: God waits for each one of us to come home to Him. He invites us in freedom and that is the joy of this day. Pope Francis writes... *There is no identity—and consequently joy of life—without an active and unwavering sense of belonging to God's faithful people. . . Go out and give your people what was entrusted to you, for your people will make you feel and taste who you are, what your name is, what your identity is, and they will make you rejoice in that hundredfold which the Lord has promised to those who serve him.*



Happy Easter,

Fr. 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 St. Patrick's Parish at 7pm Holy Thursday, Holy Cross Parish 2pm Good Friday, and St. Patrick's Parish 11am Easter Sunday. 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

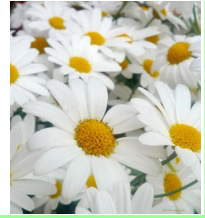
Children's Liturgy
 No Liturgy will run on Easter Sunday April 9th as children are invited to stay in the Church for Easter Mass.

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




"The best I can do for Easter is three together in the ninth row"
 Adapted from *The Tablet* c/o George Murphy

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



Prayer Reflection

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—Pope Francis, *Holy Chrism Mass, Holy Thursday homily, 2014*

To be content, to find true love, is what essentially drives us all, but if found, would it be recognized?

—Saint Ambrose

We do not want a religion that is “outside of life.” Very well. But what is life? It must be taken in its entirety. What life would be worthy of our love and concern if it did not lead to eternal life?

—Henri de Lubac

Easter Sunday - April 9, 2023 “He has been raised from the dead!” Through our baptism He calls us to proclaim new life to the world. Pray for those who herald the Good News as priests, deacons, brothers or sisters. 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

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](#)

* **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

OUR LITURGICAL LIFE
SATURDAY, April 8th
Easter Vigil 8PM St. Patrick’s Church
SUNDAY, April 9th
9am Mass Holy Cross Parish
11am Mass St. Patrick’s Parish
MONDAY, April 10th
NO MASS
TUESDAY, April 11th
9am Mass: Mary Hann+
WEDNESDAY, April 12th
10:45 AM Mass: St. Patrick’s Parish
School Mass
THURSDAY, April 13th
9AM Mass: Ellen Ring+
Ron Maclaasac+
FRIDAY, April 14th
10AM Funeral Mass for Miriam Li

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 3rd, 2023

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS

Envelopes	\$ 3,581.00
Loose	\$ 555.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$ 1,370.00
Development & Peace	\$ 780.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 175.00
TOTAL	\$6,461.00

Thank you
Thanks to all who contributed to providing the floral display this Easter! Awesome!



Thank you
Special thanks go out to all of those people involved in Ministry over this special Easter Triduum weekend. Thank you for sharing your gifts!

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

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. **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.

The Diocesan Family Camp & Conference will be held on August 17th-20th. Registration opens for all families of the Diocese of Victoria on **April 8th**. Register before May 15th for the early bird price! On May 15th, registration will open for all families, including those beyond our Diocese. For more information and to register, please visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/9th-diocesan-family-conference-august-2023-tickets-593430365197>

The annual March for Life will be held in Victoria on Thursday, May 11th. The event will begin with a Mass celebrated by Bishop Gary Gordon at noon at St. Andrew's Cathedral (740 View Street, Victoria). The Bishop hopes that many people will be able to participate in this marvelous opportunity to make a difference. For more information, please visit <http://www.m4lvictoria.ca/>

Bishop Gary Gordon has written a message to the People of God in the Diocese of Victoria on the occasion of Easter 2023. A copy of the message may be viewed online at <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/statements> (under "Pastoral Letters")
Together with the Bishop, the staff of the Pastoral Centre wish you a blessed Triduum and a joyous Easter!

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!

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.

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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.