

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PARISH

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

April 12, 2026

OUR LITURGICAL LIFE

SATURDAY, April 11

4PM MASS:

Hilary Riberio+

SUNDAY, April 12

9AM MASS: Pro Populo

2PM-3:30PM DIVINE
MERCY SERVICE

TUESDAY, April 14

9AM MASS: Leo

MacIntyre+

WEDNESDAY, April 15

5:30PM-6:30PM

ADORATION

6:30PM MASS

THURSDAY, April 16

9AM MASS: David Ruddy+

FRIDAY, April 17

9AM MASS

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CHAPEL

Open 9AM-12PM

TUESDAY-FRIDAY

RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY

3:30PM - 4PM

TUES, THURS, FRIDAY

8:30AM - 9AM

WEDNESDAY

5:30 PM - 6:30 PM

LIVESTREAMING

SATURDAY,

April 11, 4PM

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My dear Brothers and Sisters in the Risen Christ, This Sunday, we reflect on the powerful encounter between the Risen Christ and His disciples. The Gospel narrative takes us from the fear of closed doors to the expansive mission born of the Holy Spirit.

The Greeting of Peace

The scene begins on Easter Sunday evening. In the midst of fear and isolation, Jesus appears among His disciples with a transformative greeting: "Peace be with you." This is not a simple greeting, but the profound Hebrew Shalom a gift of wholeness, healing, and total well-being. By showing His wounds and offering peace, Jesus reveals that He has conquered death and invites us to share in His victory.

The New Creation: Breath and Spirit

In the Gospel of John, the Resurrection and the gift of the Holy Spirit occur in one singular, divine moment: "He breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit.'" (John 20:22) This moment echoes Genesis 2:7, where God breathed life into Adam. By breathing on the apostles, Jesus inaugurates a New Creation. While St. Luke, in the Acts of the Apostles, presents Pentecost as occurring fifty days later, St. John highlights that the Risen Life and the gift of the Spirit are inseparable.

Commissioning and Divine Mercy

Jesus not only consoles His disciples; He commissions them. They are sent into the world as bearers of His peace and witnesses of His Resurrection. He entrusts them with the authority to forgive sins a divine mission that continues in the life of the Church through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

On this Divine Mercy Sunday, instituted by St. John Paul II, we are reminded of God's boundless mercy. Through St. Faustina, the Lord assures us that no sin is greater than His mercy when we approach Him with a repentant heart. May we open the doors of our hearts to the Risen Christ, receive His peace, and become instruments of His mercy in the world.

In Christ Jesus,

Your pastor,

Fr Silvichan Dominic CFIC

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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[RCDVictoria.org/Responsible-Ministry](https://www.rcd.victoria.org/Responsible-Ministry)
or call 1-800-968-3146.

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

From the Pastor's Desk

My dear friends in the Risen Christ, Greetings of peace and love!

I hope you had a grace filled and joyful celebration of Holy Week and Easter with your family and friends. These sacred days invited us to walk closely with the Lord from the Upper Room to Calvary, and finally to the empty tomb. I, too, was quite engaged with the many liturgical celebrations, and I sincerely thank you for your prayerful support and active participation. Because of your cooperation, everything went beautifully. If you have any observations or suggestions, please feel free to share them. Your insights will help us grow and prepare even better celebrations in the future.

This Sunday, the Church celebrates Divine Mercy Sunday, a day that reminds us that God's mercy is greater than our sins, failures, and weaknesses.

The Divine Mercy Image Explained

The Divine Mercy image, revealed to St. Faustina, carries deep meaning:

- Jesus' right hand is raised in blessing, reminding us that He continually pours out grace upon us.
- His left hand touches His heart, from which flow two rays:
- The white ray symbolizes water - Baptism and the gift of new life.
- The red ray symbolizes blood - the Eucharist and the sacrifice of Christ.
- One foot is placed slightly in front of the other, as if Jesus is stepping toward us. This signifies that He does not remain distant; He comes to meet us in our brokenness, taking the initiative to offer His mercy.
- The inscription, "Jesus, I trust in You," is an invitation to place complete confidence in His mercy.

Tradition of Adoration and Confession

It is a beautiful and meaningful tradition in many parishes to gather on Divine Mercy Sunday afternoon for:

- Eucharistic Adoration, spending quiet time with the Lord present in the Blessed Sacrament.
- The Chaplet of Divine Mercy, praying for the whole world.
- Confessions, offering everyone the opportunity to receive God's mercy in a personal way

I warmly invite all of you to participate in these devotions at 2 pm on this Sunday and open your hearts to the abundant mercy of God. May the Risen Lord fill your hearts with peace, and may His Divine Mercy transform our lives.

Stay blessed,
Your Pastor, Fr. Silvichan Dominic CFIC

The Regina Caeli



In the Catholic tradition, The Regina Caeli is traditionally prayed or sung during the Easter season from Easter Sunday until Pentecost in place of the Angelus. It celebrates the Resurrection of Jesus and the joy of the Virgin Mary.

The Prayer

V. Queen of Heaven rejoice, alleluia
R. For He whom you merited to bear, alleluia,
V. Has risen as He said, alleluia.
R. Pray for us to God, alleluia.
V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.
R. Because the Lord is truly risen, alleluia.

Let us pray. O God, who by the Resurrection of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, granted joy to the whole world: grant we beseech You, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may lay hold of the joys of eternal life. Through the same Christ our Lord. R. *Amen.*

St Patrick's Parish CWL Bazaar

The CWL will be holding the Spring Good Used Clothing, Jewelry & Books Sale on April 17th & 18th in the Lourdes Hall!

SARHS Performs Annie!

Come see St Andrew's High School perform Annie Jr! Tickets are \$20. Limited tickets are available at the door for purchase. Bring cash. All shows are at Spectrum Theater.

Diocese of Victoria Family Camp and Conference - August 2026



Join us on August 20th-23rd, a fun, faith-filled weekend of fellowship, play, and prayer in a beautiful West Coast setting. All families are welcome. The 2-3 night camp is held at Nanoose Bay Camp (2531 Nanoose Beach Road, Nanoose Bay, BC) where you can choose to stay in a dorm, camp in a tent, or bring your camper! Registration includes all meals, activities, and your choice of dorm, tent, or RV spot. <https://12thAnnualVictoriaDioceseFamilyCampandConference.eventbrite.ca>

Joy of Music Concert

You're invited to the annual Joy of Music Concert at the UVic Farquhar Auditorium on Tuesday, April 14, 2026, at 6 pm. This special evening showcases the musical talents of students from St. Patrick's, St. Joseph's, and St. Andrew's, bringing our communities together in celebration through choir, band, and musical theatre performances. Purchase tickets here: <https://purchase.tickets.uvic.ca/EventAvailability?EventId=12601> or call the UVic Box Office at (250) 721-8480.



Celebrating the Divine Mercy Sunday

You are invited to join Fr. Silvan on Sunday, April 12, from 2:00-3:30 PM for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions. This will be followed by the Divine Mercy Chaplet, veneration of the Divine Mercy image, and a closing blessing.

Baptismal Preparation for the Parents

The next Baptismal Prep course is on Saturday, April 25 (10:00am-12pm noon). Please email hosp-baptismalprep@rcdvictoria.org - the coordinator will then contact you with more details about baptism and forward you the baptism registration form.

Reminder: Sunday Bridge has been rescheduled for Sunday, April 12th @ 1:30 in the Parish Centre.

Breakfast for HealthCare workers

St. Patrick's Church in Our Lady of Lourdes Hall on Sunday April 19 from 10:00 am until 1:00 pm. All are welcome. There will also be at St. Patrick's Parish an 11am special mass for health care workers, & volunteers. Cost for breakfast is between \$10-30. See the poster on the bulletin in the foyer.

BASKETS ARE NOW BEING PLANTED FOR MT. ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL

Last year proceeds from 75 baskets and other plants helped the hospital care for many people. While all costs (except labour) have increased, prices remain the same. Of course extra \$ are accepted. In addition to baskets we have lettuce, squash, tomatoes, geraniums, lemon-scented pelargoniums and daisies available. PLEASE ORDER ASAP, as we sold out last year. Call Ellis, to order at 250-477-6754. Thank you for supporting the hospital! PS. Yes, we (I) will plant your pots and containers. PPS. If you prefer, \$ will be delivered to Ukrainian Church for war effort support.



Social & Ecological Justice Ministry Project: UVIC Food Insecurity

Thank you for your generous donations to the UVIC Food Insecurity Project over the past 8 months. We are pausing our project over the summer and will start collecting donations in August 2026 to stock the shelves for the student's return in September. Once again, thank you for your donations!

Pastoral Care Home Visits

Would you or someone you love benefit from a friendly visit? Our Pastoral Care Ministry offers in-person visits to those living at homes, in care facilities, or in hospitals. These visits provide the comfort of companionship, a listening ear, and the ministry of presence, bringing warmth and encouragement to those who may be feeling alone or disconnected. When requested, Holy Communion and time for prayer can be included as part of the visit. To arrange a visit, please call 250-477-5321 or email: office@holycrossvictoria.org.

COLLECTIONS

April 5 2026

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS

Envelopes	\$3,380.00
Loose	\$1,882.00
Needs of the Holy Land	\$ 910.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$1,362.91
Total	\$ 7,534.91

Thank You

Last weekend we thanked the numerous volunteers who contributed so much to our beautiful liturgical celebrations. This week let us thank the people whose work supports the functioning of the parish and those who reach out to the wider community on behalf of Holy Cross! We thank the volunteers on the Parish Council, the Finance committee, the Social/Eco justice committee, the Pastoral Care outreach team, the St. Vincent de Paul Chapter, the counters and tax-receipt data entry technicians, the gardeners, the electrician, the librarians, and the funeral reception team. Without all of your contributions it would be difficult to continue! We are so grateful!

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WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:00 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am

See front page for daily Mass times.

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