

Holy Cross Catholic Parish

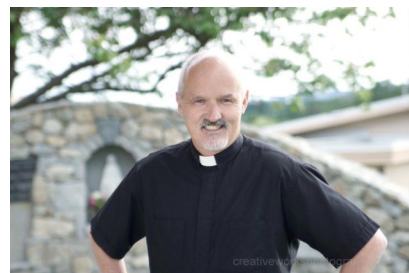
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SUNDAY August 28th, 2016

Twenty – Second Sunday in Ordinary

From Fr. William's Desk

There is an immediate tension in today's Gospel. Who's welcomed into God's presence, the old Israelite assembly or the new one formed by Christ's sacrifice? Luke offers an answer: *Everyone is invited*. Jesus overturns what the people of his time would have expected at a table—seating by social rank and no unclean folks at all. Where *humility* is needed is to be open to the possibility that at God's table everyone gets in, specifically those in *humble circumstances*, and there's no reserved seating. Gathering around God's table doesn't involve a seating chart or a recommended dress code. What counts is not how others perceive us, but on the degree of care and compassion that we offer to them. Gathering around God's table simply requires hungry people longing to be fed.



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Do we believe what Jesus said at that Pharisee's Sabbath table? Do we believe we are the recipients of God's great mercy? Our culture is addicted to celebrity, prestige, power, and attention. It is not a place where humility is cultivated or valued. The word "humility" has its root in the Latin word "**humus**," which means "soil" or "earth." From this root meaning, "humility" gets its connotations of lowly or close to the earth, modest, rooted in reality, comfortable just being oneself. Quite literally, a humble person, like soil, has gone through a process which has involved some dying and transformation - a loss of ego and self-centered energy - and has grown to become a marvelously nurturing, for-others type of person

Here's the heart of the Gospel for us. Jesus is offering us communion with him in his mission, his mission from the Father. He is guiding all our choices, our very way of life, so that we include those he includes, we embrace those he embraces, we advocate for those he advocates for, and we let ourselves be broken and given, as food, as banquet, for all those to whom he gives himself. And, he promises us that this communion with his very heart "will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous." Pope Francis said: *If there is no humility, love remains blocked.*

Thank you workers of the world

Father William

MASS TIMES

SATURDAY	5:30pm
SUNDAY	8:30am 10:30am
Tuesday	9:00am
Wednesday	9:00am
Thursday	9:00am
Friday	9:00am
Confession: Saturday	4:30pm- 5:15pm

This Week:

- ◆ **There will be no adoration in the month of August while Fr. William is away.**
- ◆ **Fr. Dean Henderson will be presiding over weekday morning masses this Tuesday-Thursday. Fr. Ian Stuart on Friday.**

PASTORAL CARE VISITS WHILE IN HOSPITAL

We remind the faithful that privacy legislation in BC prevents the release of information regarding hospital admissions. If you or someone you love are admitted to hospital and would like a visit from your pastor or Eucharistic Minister, please call your parish office or VGH/RJ hospital emergency pager **250-889-3761** and ask for **Fr. Ian Stuart** to make this request.

INTERESTED IN EXPLORING THE CATHOLIC FAITH?

Are you interested in finding out more about the Catholic faith? The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a process that begins to explore faith issues for those who may be considering following the Catholic Christian way of life. If interested, please contact Father William at 250-477-5321 or email Phil and Sheila Wall walls_in_holland@hotmail.com. The journey begins in late September!

HEALING GIFTS FOR WOUNDED HANDS - A RECEPTIVE ECUMENISM WORKSHOP

In the last decade new ideas in ecumenical thinking have given the ecumenical movement new and exciting momentum. This workshop will be an opportunity for participants to learn how these new ideas serve to revitalize our desire for Christian unity and in doing so revitalize the broader Christian community of Victoria. **9:00am-12:00 noon Saturday, October 1st.** For information or to register please email: tmarner@uvic.ca

CATHOLICISM FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM

A Video/Participant Discussion Series

With creator and host Father Robert Barron, you will learn *what* Catholics believe and *why*, while being immersed in the art, architecture, literature, beliefs and practices of the Catholic tradition. Date: 10am until noon, Fridays, Oct 7, 14, 21 and 28 and Nov 4, 18, 25 and Dec 2. Place: Holy Cross Church 4049 Gordon Head Road Victoria, B.C. Cost : participant workbook \$30.00 To register: Phone/email: Jona De Jesus at 250 - 479-7479 Jonadj@shaw.ca For more information please refer to poster in foyer of the church.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SOCIAL GROUP

The Wednesday afternoon Social group recommences on September 7th @ 1pm., in the Parish Hall. **New members are always welcome**, come on out for an afternoon of bridge, card games, good conversation followed by refreshments. For more information please contact Irene at 250-477-7380.

UNIVERSITY CHAPLAINCY INFORMATION

The UVic/Camosun Chaplaincy, Catholic Students Association and Catholic Christian Outreach are busy preparing for the new academic year with lots of plans to expand our fellowship, faith and fun with new students. We are looking forward to welcome all new students to UVic or Camosun this year, in a personal way. Note that our offices have now been relocated to the UVic Interfaith Chapel. Sunday Masses continue at Holy Cross Church at 4:00 p.m. Sundays. Please contact: Fr. Dean Henderson at catholic@uvic.ca, or CSA President: Sarah Kopriva koprivasarah@gmail.com or CCO Team Leader: Chantal Castelino chantal.castelino@cco.ca

Dates of interest to note and make available:

Sept 6th: UVic Chapel first daily Mass at 11:30am.

Sept 11th: First Sunday Mass at Holy Cross at 4p.m. followed by Soup and Soul

September 18th Welcome BBQ following the Mass.

Sept 23 to 25: Fall Retreat at Pioneer Pacific on Thetis Island with Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia.

PRAYER REFLECTION

“When you have pity on the poor, you lend to God; and whoever gives to the least, gives to God.”

—*Saint Cyprian of Carthage (third century)*

AT THE LIBRARY

(in the Parish Centre –Tue- Fri: 9-12:30)

Who said these extraordinary lines?

Lord make me chaste, but not just yet

Love and do as you will

Restless till we rest in You

Too late have I loved You: Oh beauty so ancient, Oh beauty so new

The church consists of the communion of the whole earth

St Augustine (354-430), bishop, philosopher, theologian, author of Confessions, the most read autobiography of all time. Feast day is August 28th. His life and books and wisdom are on our Library Suggestion Shelf

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE: YOUR GIFT TO YOUR FAMILY

(For those who could not attend previous workshop given in June)

When: Saturday, October 1st from 1:00 – 2:30 **Where:** Holy Cross Parish Hall. How many times have we said, “We really should plan our funeral” or “I am not sure how to plan a funeral for one of my loved ones?” There are *two aspects* to a funeral – the church service and the funeral home arrangements. While many of us may have made our burial arrangements, we might not have planned the Mass or memorial service. There are many details to consider when planning a funeral. Come and join us at this short ‘how to’ workshop as we learn how to plan and prepare for the wishes of a family member, friend or ourselves.

“Preparing a funeral for yourself or someone you love is an act of love.”

We ask that you register so that we can plan. For more information and to register please call the parish office.

COULD YOU EVER COME BACK TO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH?

Date: 7:00 to 8:30pm, Tuesday evenings, Oct 4 to Nov. 1, 2016 **Place:** Holy Cross Parish, 4049 Gordon Head Road Victoria, B.C. To Register or for any questions: Call 250 477-5321 (parish office) or email: fatherwilliam@shaw.ca or gpalahicky@gmail.com

JOB OPPORTUNITY—ISLAND CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Are you a university student and would like part-time work (3 hours/day)? Do you like working with children? **Island Catholic Schools** is looking for responsible adults to be After School Care Workers (3:00-6:00 Mon-Fri) for schools in Victoria and Chemainus. Interested persons are invited to view our website for application forms and application requirements. <http://cisdv.bc.ca/employment-opportunities.php>

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH:

SUNDAY, August 28th

8:30 am Mass:

10:30 am Mass: **Amaro Martins(+)**

***Holy Cross service award presentation after mass.**

MONDAY, August 29th

OFFICE CLOSED

TUESDAY, August 30th

9:00 am Mass: **Mark Jusevic (int)**

WEDNESDAY, August 31st

9:00 am Mass: **Ollie Willden (+)**

THURSDAY, September 1st

9:00 am Mass: **Josef Lang (+)**

6:30 pm Rosary Prayer Group

FRIDAY, September 2nd

9:00 am Mass: **Mrs. Zielinski (+)**

SATURDAY, September 3rd

4:30-5:15 Sacrament of Reconciliation

5:30 pm Mass: **Ursula Barry (+)**

SUNDAY, September 4th

8:30 am Mass

10:30 am Mass: **Bradley Graham (+)**

Fr. Jim Bekkema will be here for weekend ministry. *For after hours emergency **only** contact him at 250-588-3128 or jimbekkema@shaw.ca.*

Thank You Corner!

Thank you to those who are finishing their long and dedicated service to the liturgical ministries. In their commitment and participation they have strengthened and built our community.

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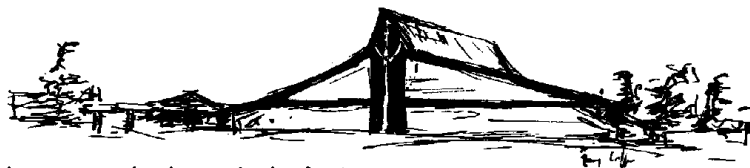
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HOLY CROSS MINISTRIES

MINISTRY	COORDINATOR	PHONE
Liturgy	Anna Mendonca	250-477-3552
Liturgical Ministers		
Usher / Greeter	Maria Arruda	250-477-5526
Altar Server	Fr. William Hann	250-477-5321
Music	Various Choirs	250-477-5321
Altar Linens	Marg McDonnell	250-477-6332
Flowers/Art Envir.	Ann Francis	250-477-8650
Sun. Coffee, 8:30	Darlene Southwell	250-477-5738
Sun. Coffee, 10:30	Yvonne Hsieh	250-385-8322
Bulletin Folders	Vicki Ponsioen	250-383-0654
Sacramental Wine	Alan Bailey	250-721-5339

SERVING OUR HOLY CROSS PARISH COMMUNITY

Responsible Min.	Martha Oleson	250-477-6455
	Janita McHugh	250-220-4778
Parish Council	Esther Gormley	250-360-0107
Finance	David Begg	250-658-0870
Maintenance/Bldg.	Ed Boomars	250-881-8124
Cleaning Kitchens	Loretta MacDonald	250-477-6682
Annual Shed Clean	Jack Ponsioen	250-383-0654
Parish Grounds	Joe Mendonca	250-888-8930
Social/Comm. Life		
Baptism Prep.	Cynthia Watson	250-477-5321
Marriage Prep.	Fr. William Hann	250-477-5321
Mom's/Tots	Partnership with St. Patrick's	
Children's Rel. Ed.	Giacinta Bewley	250-704-0204



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COLLECTION August 21st, 2016

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS:

Envelopes	\$1,862.00
Loose	\$ 350.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$ 900.00
TOTAL	\$3,112.00

Children's Liturgy of the Word	Bobbi Bartle-Clar	250-995-1891
Catholicism	Jona De Jesus	250-858-5924
Library	George Murphy	250-658-6061
Outreach/Visiting	Anna Mendonca	250-477-3552
Bereavement / Funeral / Follow-Up	Pat Protti	250-477-7507
Funeral Reception	Fr. William Hann	250-477-5321
	Barb McKrow	250-477-8322

SERVING COMMUNITIES BEYOND OUR DOORS

Diocesan Appeal

Could You Ever Come Back To The Church	Fr. William Hann	250-477-5321
RCIA	Glenn Palahicky	250-479-1331
	Phil / Sheila Wall	778-265-2134
RCIC	Dan Taft	250-721-0821
Ecumenism	Terry Marner	250-380-0157
Social & Eco. Justice	Trish Westwood	250-477-6032
Anawim	Alan Bailey	250-721-5339
Christmas Project	Coordinated by the Parish Office	
D&P/Share Lent	Sheila Wall	778-265-2134
Refugees	Trudy Holden	250-472-1079
St. Vincent De Paul	Martin Fletcher	250-592-9297
Univ/Camosun Bursaries	Tony Southwell	250-477-5738
Uvic/Camosun Outreach	John Oleson	250-477-6455