



Holy Cross Catholic Parish

Core Values Statement:

The people of Holy Cross Parish believe it is important:
to *welcome* all who come through its' doors.
to *socially engage* the people of the parish
to *serve* the parish and broader community

SUNDAY January 15th, 2017
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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From Fr. William's Desk

Have you ever had an "ah-ah" moment? John the Baptist had one and it all came together. Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. He knew who Jesus was and such clarity makes us ask, *What am I doing?* Not only with this year, but altogether and ultimately. *Why am I here?* It can be a scary question, especially if you have no idea how to answer. You're here to fulfill the divine purposes, to honor God with your labor, your relationships, and your choices. The great scholar and physician Albert Schweitzer said: "I don't know what your destiny will be, but one thing I know: the only ones among you who will be really happy are those who will have sought and found how to serve."



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As we transition from the Christmas season to Ordinary time, we are reminded that the love of the Lord is steadfast. We have eight weeks of "ordinary time" before the beginning of Lent on Ash Wednesday, on March 5th. This is the time in the church's calendar that orients us--"orders" us--to our mission.

The mission of Jesus is also our mission. We cannot be good disciples of Jesus if we are not also good apostles. To be a good Christian necessarily entails being a good evangelizer. John the Baptist was that! He stands between the Old and New Testaments like a "pivot man", he was a key figure announcing a time of radical change. His great grace was that, though he knew he wasn't "the one" to bring about the needed changes, he took what steps he could. John the Baptist recognized Jesus early on--perhaps even before Jesus fully knew the fullness of his own identity and mission. We, too, live in a time of great change. We can learn from John the Baptist by seeing our world with God's eyes, repenting and preparing our own hearts, and recognizing Jesus in our midst--in the Eucharist, in the community of believers, and in the poor and needy that we meet.

Love the Lamb of God
Father William

MASS TIMES

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

Confession:

Saturday 3:45—4:30pm

This week:

- ◆ Thursday, January 19th, 7pm: Ecumenical Service
- ◆ Saturday, January 21st, 11am: Funeral for Bob Peters.

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.

REFUGEE UPDATE

Over Christmas Rebecca Siebert, Refugee Coordinator for the Anglican SAH, sent an email to the Canadian Visa Office in Ankara, Turkey to ask about the status of the linked refugee applications from Holy Cross/SJTW and St. Pat's/Friary. To date she has not received a reply. Her next action is to "put our concern for both linked cases into the IRCC [Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada] "webform" where the public can voice concerns with IRCC. Just another way to get our message to them."

We encourage people to make a comment on the web form about the overly long processing time for our linked applications. You can either Google IRCC and follow the link for IRCC Web form or enter www.cic.gc.ca/english/contacts/web-form.asp into your web browser. The steps to making a complaint are straight forward from there and take just a few minutes.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

There will be an ecumenical prayer service on **Thursday, January 19th** at 7pm at Holy Cross Parish. Reverend Lyle McKenzie, pastor of the Lutheran Church of the Cross of Victoria, will celebrate at Holy Cross for this service and his intern Aneeta Saroop will assist. All are invited to attend. The theme for this year's Week of Prayer is "the love of Christ compels us (2 Cor 5:14-20). This annual week of prayer is a time for the unity of all Christians, to reflect on scripture together, to participate in jointly organized ecumenical services, and to share fellowship. Rev. Lyle McKenzie serves as pastor of Lutheran Church of the Cross of Victoria and Lutheran Chaplain in UVic Multifaith Services. He also serves as Assistant to the National Bishop for Worship in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada. Aneeta Saroop is completing her seventeen month pastoral internship at Lutheran Church of the Cross and preparing for final examinations and preparation for graduation and ordination as a pastor in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada.

SAVE THE DATE SINGLES!

Want a Catholic mate or a Catholic date speed dating style? Coming soon on **February 17th, 2017** from 7:00-9:00pm. Hosted by the Parish office staff and Fr. William's hopes for more weddings and baptisms. This event is for ages 30+. Single folks, young and old, mark your calendar! **Call 250-477-5321 or email: office@holycrossvictoria.org to register!**

AT THE LIBRARY

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

A New Year's Resolution: Rein in the emails, Tether Twitter, Abandon Facebook. Then ... Tread smugly into the New Year with a memorable book in hand.

- The Language of God: Evidence for Belief, by Frances Collins (Head of the Genome (DNA) Mapping Project)
- What is the Point of Being a Christian by Timothy Radcliffe
- A Daughter's Love, How Meg supported her father Thomas More in his later life and execution by Henry VIII, by John Guy
- Brave New Church: From Turmoil to Trust by Wm Bausch

PRAYER REFLECTION

“The Lord was baptized ... to cleanse waters, so that those waters ... might have the power of baptism.”

—*Saint Ambrose of Milan*

AROUND THE PARISH AND DIOCESE

More information and details on bulletin board or parish office

- PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY AT ST. ANDREW'S: Bishop Gary invites you to prayer on Sunday, January 22nd at 2 pm at St. Andrew's Cathedral in union with himself, Bishop Logan McMenamie from the Anglican Diocese of British Columbia and Rev. Dr. Greg Mohr, Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada. A reception will follow.
- JOB OPENING: Two (2) Educational Assistants, St. Joseph's School, Victoria. Application forms and details are posted on <http://cisdv.bc.ca/employment-opportunities.php>
- FINDING GRACE IN UNEXPECTED PLACES: Dr. Rooke, retired Professor, will be at St. Elizabeth's Church, 10030 Third St., Sidney, Sat, January 14th, at 10 am. Coffee and a light snack will be served.
- BELOVED DISCIPLES: Spirituality for the “Autumn of Life”. A five episode DVD mini- course for the over 60's. Starting Tuesday, Feb 21st from 7-8:30 pm at Holy Cross Parish. Come and be nourished. Contact To register email or call the office at 250-477-5321 or pastoralassistant@holycrossvictoria.org.

JANUARY GREEN TIP

In the average Canadian household, one in four produce items gets thrown in the garbage (about \$600 worth in one year). In Toronto, single-family households discard about 275 kilos of food waste each year. Let's buy and cook only what can be reasonably consumed: it'll be better both for the environment and for our pocket book!

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

Thank you for compassion and generosity for all those suffering from conflict and impoverishment in the world, particularly in the Middle East. 4 out of 5 Syrian refugees are women and children. Development and Peace, through its local partners, provides shelter, education, essential medical care, care kits for babies, sets of household items and hygiene kits. 7,750 children benefit from the Education and Protection Program, through our partner, Caritas Jordan. To learn more or to help go to <http://www.devp.org/en/emergencies/syria> or contact 1- 844-DEVP (3387),

OUR LITURGICAL LIFE:

SUNDAY, January 15th

8:30 am Mass: **Rita Maguire +**
9:30 am Religious Ed classes (hall)
10:30 am Mass: **Ann Reilly +**
4:00 pm Mass

MONDAY, January 16th

OFFICE CLOSED

TUESDAY, January 17th

9:00am Mass: **Holy Souls In Purgatory**

WEDNESDAY, January 18th

9:00am Mass: **Joan Antonia de Medeiros +**

THURSDAY, January 19th

9:00am Mass : **Maria & Alfredo Galvao +**

7:00pm **Ecumenical Service**

FRIDAY, January 20th

9:00am Mass : **Thanksgiving**

SATURDAY, January 21st

11:00 am Funeral for **Bob Peters**
3:45—4:30 Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:00 pm Mass: **Agustin Medina +**

SUNDAY, January 22nd

8:30 am Mass: **Chelsea Card (int.)**
9:30 am Religious Ed classes (hall)
10:30 am Mass: **Mike De Meo +**
4:00 pm Mass

The Mercy Chapel will be open from Tuesday through Friday during regular office hours.

THANK YOU CORNER!

Thank you to the Refugee Committee under the guidance of Trudy Holden and Sheila Wall, who have put in countless hours, and are working tirelessly to ensure that our refugee family arrives safely to Victoria.

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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	250-652-0204



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COLLECTION January 8, 2017

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS:

Envelopes	\$ 5, 281.00
Loose	\$ 672.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$ 962.00
TOTAL	\$6, 915.00

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
	Fr. William Hann	250-477-5321
Funeral Reception	Barb McKrow	250-477-8322

SERVING COMMUNITIES BEYOND OUR DOORS

Diocesan Appeal	Ed Chwyl	
Franciscans and Friends Youth	Maritza Chouza	778-533-1736
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	Yvonne Hsieh	250-385-8322
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