



# Holy Cross Catholic Parish

## Vision Statement:

*Holy Cross Parish strives to be a welcoming, dynamic, vibrant, inclusive Catholic community that gathers in unity and reaches out to attend to the needs of others.*

**SUNDAY October 23rd, 2016**

***Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time***

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## From Fr. William's Desk

So what is the difference between these men? It is not their faith, because both are found at prayer in Temple. It is not their poverty or riches, because both would have been quite wealthy people. It is not age or education either. No. The difference is that one knows his need of God, and the other does not. One is aware of his failings, while the other is aware only of the failings of others. One can name his sins, while the other can name only sinners. One is full of contrition, while the other is blinded by pride. The Pharisee believes his goodness comes from his own efforts, while the tax collector knows that it is only the grace of God which can send him home in peace. Within these two characters lie you and I and may I suggest all of humanity.



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Both the Pharisees and the tax collector in the temple were sinners. But the tax collector, by admitting it, is the one upon whom Jesus will show mercy. We are all sinners. We need to place our sins honestly before our God, who loves us and treats us with mercy. God knows no favorites, Sirach tells us. He judges justly and affirms the right. Jesus surprised and upset his listeners when he told the parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector.

In these two figures of the Pharisee and the tax-collector, Jesus has characterized all of us. He does not put the Pharisee down, nor does he put the tax-collector on a pedestal. But he makes a judgment that goes contrary to our religious expectations. Because, humanly speaking, the Pharisee lives honestly and very conscientiously, while the tax-collector clearly has chosen the wrong path and breaks the religious code. And yet Jesus overturns our judgment and in doing so he forces us to take a good look at ourselves: are we intent on making ourselves perfect or do we acknowledge the correct relationship with God: "God be merciful to me, a sinner." God has mercy on repentant sinners. The New Testament does not make that guarantee for the self-proclaimed righteous. What does the world need? ***The world needs to see Christians burning, not with self-righteous fury at the sliding morals in our country, but with passion for God.***

Just saying

**Father William**

## MASS TIMES

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

## Confession:

Saturday 4:30pm- 5:15pm

### **This week:**

- ◆ Friday, October 28th: 10am Catholicism Faith Formation course in library.
- ◆ The new 2016-2017 missals will be on sale for \$5 after all masses this week and next.

### **Update on Our Refugee Family - Martin, Sandra and their children, Aneeta (5 years old) and Aytala (3 years old)**

The Refugee Family that we are hoping to successfully bring to Victoria is still waiting in Turkey for their turn to be interviewed by Canadian officials at the Ankara Visa office. We are hoping that this interview will take place within the next couple of months and if successful will be the first step in the process of their new journey, followed by medical assessments and then another wait for Exit Visas to be issued by Turkey. We are still uncertain when they will be here - but, we have preparations underway! In addition, we continue to be in contact with both Elizabeth May and Hon. John McCallum in an effort to do what we can to expedite the interview process for this family.

Working with St. Patrick's Parish, whose sponsored family includes Martin's brother and his family, as well as their Mother, ESL lessons have been taking place four days a week via Skype for all of the adults. Recently Aneeta has started some literacy skills as well. The ESL teachers report that they are all working hard and showing good progress.

Members of both Parishes have monthly Skype calls with both families. It is good to see and hear that they are all well. They have been able to find some work to be able to provide for their basic needs while they wait.

If you have volunteered to help out once the family arrives, thank you, and stand by! More volunteers are needed so if you are able to help out, please leave your name at the office and we'll be in touch.

### **HOLY CROSS ANAWIM FUNDRAISER**

Holy Cross Parish is hosting ***An Evening of Irving Berlin*** as a benefit for Anawim House on **Friday, November the 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 7:00pm**. It will be a 75 minute program of songs, stories, anecdotes, musical history, and jokes. There will be six professional performers to entertain you. Tickets are \$15 for adults and students pay what you can. Tickets will be available at the office and at the door. *All proceeds will go to Anawim House directly.*

### **ALL SOULS MASS**

An All Soul's mass for our loved ones who have died will be held on **Wednesday November 2nd, at 7pm**. Please bring a framed photo of your loved one to this mass.

### **DEVELOPMENT & PEACE**

Be at the heart of the action! Development and Peace thanks you for your ongoing commitment and for rallying to the cause of the world's most vulnerable people. When we act together, change is possible! Join a dynamic cross-Canada movement that is taking action for global peace and justice. Become a member of Development and Peace today! Without you, there would be no action, no change, no justice. For more information, go to [devp.org/membership](http://devp.org/membership).

### **ANNUAL FAMILIES FOR CHILDREN SALE**

**Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup> at Holy Cross Parish, 9:30 – 2:30pm**. Sale includes fine jewellery (pearls and semi-precious stones) costume jewellery, scarves, handbags, silk laptop, mini and iPad bags. Items for children, babies and much more. Fantastic prices! Proceeds go to benefit children in Canadian Families Orphanages in S. India and Bangladesh. *Cash/Cheques only*. Free coffee, tea and goodies. For more information: [www.familiesforchildren.ca](http://www.familiesforchildren.ca) or call Judy Begg at 250-658-0870.

### **PRAYER REFLECTION**

“Never forget that justice is what love looks like in public.”  
—Cornel West

### **DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL 2016**

The 2016 Appeal theme, *Rock the Mission!*, invites us to look outward to where needs exist and provides a practical means to offer help, and to support projects that allow us to serve people more fully. Your pledge to the Appeal will assist us to reach our parish goal of \$65, 000, which will truly benefit our parish goal of supporting Anawim House in opening a house for women, and also the ministries and programs throughout Vancouver Island and our surrounding islands. By now all households should have received information and a request for support of the Appeal. When you have made your decision, please return your gift to the parish or mail it directly to the Diocese. Please give prayerful consideration towards our Appeal and know that you can truly make a difference.

### **AROUND THE DIOCESE**

More information and details on bulletin board or parish office

- \* **DISCOVERY OF FAITH COURSES:** The popular Discovery Faith Course is being offered again at St Andrews Cathedral for 6 weeks from **Oct 27<sup>th</sup>**. Classes will be on Thursday nights at 7pm at the Cathedral Parish Centre. This course is free but donations are appreciated. To register for the Discovery Course, please contact Bernadette O'Connor by email [det.oconnor@gmail.com](mailto:det.oconnor@gmail.com) or phone **250-896-4136**.
- \* **DIOCESAN MASS OF REMEMBRANCE:** A Diocesan Mass, with Bishop Gary Gordon presiding, will be celebrated at the Cathedral on **Thursday, November 3rd at 12 noon** for all deceased priests, bishops and religious of the diocese. A reception will follow. Kindly remember in your prayers those who have laboured for the Church in the Diocese and pray that the Lord will send dedicated men and women to continue their work.
- \* **MOVIE NIGHT AT SACRED HEART:** Movie: Risen (PG13 rating); Date: **October 28th**; Time: 7:00pm; Location: Sacred Heart Parish Hall; Admission: FREE. Everyone is welcome.
- \* **INVITATION FROM DIOCESE:** **“Internet Pornography Addiction—a Catholic Approach to Treatment”**: Sr. Marysia Weber, R.S.M., D.O., a Religious Sister of Mercy of Alma, Michigan, is a physician certified by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology. Sr. Marysia will be visiting our Diocese in November and will speak on this topic. All are welcome to attend. **Dates/Locations:** Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm - Church of the Ascension, Parksville. Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm - St. Joseph the Worker Parish, Victoria

### **THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH:**

#### **SUNDAY, October 23rd**

8:30 am Mass: **Bernard McHugh +**  
9:30 am Religious Ed classes (hall)  
10:30 am Mass: **Bradley Graham +**  
4:00 pm Mass

#### **MONDAY, October 24th**

OFFICE CLOSED  
10:00am Joint Wellness (church)

#### **TUESDAY, October 25th**

9:00 am Mass: **Rita Johnson +**

#### **WEDNESDAY, October 26th**

9:00 am Mass: **Anne Reilly +**  
1:00 pm Wednesday Afternoon  
Social Group  
7:00pm Duplicate Bridge (Hall)  
7:00pm Franciscans and Friends  
Youth Group meeting (Church)

#### **THURSDAY, October 27th**

9:00 am Mass: **Anne Reilly +**  
10:00am Joint Wellness (church)  
6:30 pm Rosary Prayer Group

#### **FRIDAY, October 28th**

9:00 am Mass: **Ann Reilly +**  
10:00 am Catholicism Faith Formation  
Session 4

#### **SATURDAY, October 29th**

4:30-5:15 Sacrament of Reconciliation  
5:30 pm Mass: **Ernesto Estrada +**

#### **SUNDAY, October 30th**

8:30 am Mass: **Gertrude Southcott +**  
9:30 am Religious Ed classes (hall)  
10:30 am Mass: **John & Mary Doyle +**  
4:00 pm Mass

### **THANK YOU CORNER!**

A big thank-you to all who contributed food for the UVic student chili dinner. It was a great success and the students were most appreciative. Also, we left all the dishes in the kitchen so when people come looking for their dishes that is where they are.

## CONTACTS

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### **Parish Council: Esther Sangster-Gormley**

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### **University Chaplain: Fr. Dean Henderson**

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### **Refugees: refugees@holycrossvictoria.org**

### **Care Home Chaplain: Fr. Vince Borre**

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## HOLY CROSS MINISTRIES

<b>MINISTRY</b>	<b>COORDINATOR</b>	<b>PHONE</b>
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 October 16th, 2016**

### **WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS:**

<b>Envelopes</b>	\$2,825.00
<b>Loose</b>	\$ 499.00
<b>Pre-Authorized Debit</b>	\$ 900.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,224.00</b>
<b>SVPD</b>	\$1,117.00

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 /	Pat Protti	250-477-7507
Funeral / Follow-Up	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
RCIC	Phil / Sheila Wall	778-265-2134
Ecumenism	Dan Taft	250-721-0821
Social & Eco. Justice	Terry Marner	250-380-0157
Anawim	Yvonne Hsieh	250-385-8322
Christmas Project	Alan Bailey	250-721-5339
D&P/Share Lent	Coordinated by the Parish Office	
Refugees	Sheila Wall	778-265-2134
St. Vincent De Paul	Trudy Holden	250-472-1079
Univ/Camosun	Martin Fletcher	250-592-9297
Bursaries	Tony Southwell	250-477-5738
Uvic/Camosun Outreach	John Oleson	250-477-6455