



# Holy Cross Catholic Parish

## Parish Mission Statement:

*Rooted in the community of Gordon Head and the University, in communion with the Roman Catholic Church, Holy Cross Parish serves the people of God by sharing, teaching and living the Gospel of Jesus Christ.*

**SUNDAY September 25th, 2016**

***Twenty – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time***

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## From Fr. William's Desk

The parable in today's Gospel refers to a change of fortunes by offering a simple, conventional morality tale that tells of the reversal of earthly roles after death. The story reflects the classic Lucan theme of "great reversals," by which Luke sees God turning things upside down in order to compel us to look at a particular truth, in this case, how we use wealth.



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It was not the wealth of the rich man that Jesus condemned, it was his self-indulgence that Jesus condemns. He belonged to a group who didn't believe in afterlife so "here today, gone tomorrow; live it up." Sound familiar? His eating, a symbol of self-indulgence, makes him oblivious to the poor around him. His "eating" literally "eats him up." Lazarus (which means God helps), on the other hand, doesn't want riches. He just wants something to eat - he "longs for the scraps." But later he enjoys companionship with God. The difference is this: The rich man was complete in himself with his glad rags and prime cuts. Material things, alone, filled him up. When they were gone he didn't know what to do.

What saved Lazarus was not that he was poor. What saved him was that he "could long for more." "Longing" is a key word in Luke. When a person has a sense of longing, there is a sense of oneself as being incomplete, unfulfilled. Lazarus knew there were places in his heart that could be filled only by God. Lazarus has no food, but he has a spirit. He was capable of faith and hope. The rich man was satisfied. Nothing left to long for. And when longing in life is absent, we're doomed to live in the present.

How far is our love and compassion obliged to go? Someone once asked Jesus: "Who is my neighbor?" The response wasn't comforting: essentially, everyone, including my enemy. Jesus takes down those walls brick by brick with teachings about loving enemies, blessing those who curse us, returning good for evil and forgiveness for injury. When Jesus forgives his murderers from the cross, there's nowhere to hide from the truth: We can't wash our hands of anyone. Charity may begin at home, but it can't stay there.

Blessings,  
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:

- ◆ **The Sacramental Prep meeting is on Tuesday Sept. 27th, at 7pm in the church.**
- ◆ **There will be a liturgy meeting on Thursday Sept. 29th at 6pm in the hall.**

**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 the VGH/RJ hospital emergency pager **250-889-3761**.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2016/2017 REGISTRATION**

Hello families with children in Sacramental Preparation A & B! We will be having a parent meeting at 7pm on Tuesday, September 27th in the church with Fr. William. You can register your child then if you haven't already. Classes will officially begin October 2nd at 9:30 am in the church hall. Looking forward to seeing you there! Giacinta Bewley—Coordinator of Religious Education **250- 889-0879**.

**LITURGICAL MINISTRIES SCHEDULE 2016/2017**

The liturgical ministries second year schedule is now posted on the bulletin board in the foyer, as well as on our website. If you have any questions please contact Anna Mendonca at: [pastoralassistant@holycrossvictoria.org](mailto:pastoralassistant@holycrossvictoria.org) or 250-477-5321. There is still a need for Eucharistic ministers, ushers and particularly for Sacristans at all three masses, if you are interested in volunteering please notify

**IMPORTANT VOLUNTEER INFORMATION**

If you are a volunteer in any capacity at Holy Cross and have never filled out an application or signed a covenant of care form, please do so at your earliest convenience. The Diocesan Responsible Ministry and Safe Environment Policy now requires that we keep records for all volunteers. New volunteers have been complying with this requirement for over a year now but many of our long-term volunteers have not done so. You may download the forms from the Holy Cross web site or pick them up in the foyer of the Church or from the office. Once you complete the forms, drop them at the Church Office. If you have questions, please contact Martha Oleson at [moleson@shaw.ca](mailto:moleson@shaw.ca) or Janita McHugh at [bjmchugh@telus.net](mailto:bjmchugh@telus.net)

**AT THE LIBRARY**

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

♪ *And I find that I'm smiling gently*

♪ *In the golden warm September of my years*

More September thoughts on the Suggestion Shelf by well known writers:

- Jean Vanier, Befriending the Stranger
- Ron Rolheiser, The Restless Heart
- Henri Nouwen, With Burning Heart
- Richard Rohr, Everything Belongs

**REFUGEE UPDATE**

Please refer to the refugee information board in the foyer of the church to keep updated on our sponsor family, as well as recent developments from the refugee committee!

**DUPLICATE BRIDGE**

Men's Duplicate Bridge : the current season gets underway, Wednesday, October 19th. The level of bridge varies among the players with the emphasis on good bridge and even better fellowship, all in a friendly and enjoyable environment. If you are interested in joining this group or would like further information please contact Tony Southwell via email or telephone at: [tsouthwell@shaw.ca](mailto:tsouthwell@shaw.ca) 250-477-5738 or Dan Taft at: [taft.dan007@primus.ca](mailto:taft.dan007@primus.ca) 250-479-1357

### **PRAYER REFLECTION**

This earth indeed is the very Body of God, and it is from this body that we are born, live, suffer, and resurrect to eternal life.

—Richard Rohr, O.F.M

### **FALL PROGRAMS 2016**

- ◆ Could You Ever Come Back to the Catholic Church?
- ◆ Planning for the Future: Your gift to your family
- ◆ **Healing Gifts for Wounded Hands\***: A receptive ecumenism workshop:
- ◆ Catholicism Faith Formation Program: A video/participant discussion series

More information, dates and sign up sheets are in the foyer of the church and at the parish office.

\*The receptive Ecumenism workshop entitled “**Healing Gifts for Wounded Heart**” on Saturday, Oct 1, from 9am until noon at Holy Cross will be led by Terry Marner, a former Ecumenical Officer at the Archdiocese of Regina. In the last decade new ideas in ecumenical thinking have given the ecumenical movement new momentum. This workshop will be an opportunity for participants to explore these ideas and revitalize our desire for Christian Unity. For more info contact [tmarner@uvic.ca](mailto:tmarner@uvic.ca). *There is no cost. All welcome.*

### **AROUND THE DIOCESE**

More information and details on bulletin board or parish office

- \* **SACRED HEART PARISH FALL SALE**: Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 2pm in the Parish Hall at 4040 Nelthorpe St. See bulletin board for details *All proceeds go to charity.*
- \* **PASTORAL OUTREACH TRAINING SESSION 1**: Saturday October 22, 2016, 9am-2pm at Trinity Parish, Nanaimo. More info is on the bulletin board or call Trinity Parish to register or for more info: 250-390-2612 email: [trinitycatholic@shaw.ca](mailto:trinitycatholic@shaw.ca) \* please bring a bag lunch.
- \* **DIOCESAN MARRIAGE OFFICE**: There is an announcement from the Diocesan marriage office posted on the bulletin board. Please call the Marriage Tribunal with any questions.
- \* **THE PIVOTAL PLAYERS**: This new inspirational DVD series by Bishop Robert Barron explores the lives of 6 extraordinary Catholics (St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Francis, St. Catherine of Siena, Bl. John Henry Newman, G. K. Chesterton, and Michelangelo). The 12 week series will begin on Monday, October 17 (7 – 9 pm) at St. Joseph the Worker Parish and requires a study guide (\$35/each). Contact Michael Watkins via email at [michaelnwatkins@gmail.com](mailto:michaelnwatkins@gmail.com) to register or call 250-858-1731 for more information.

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

#### **SUNDAY, September 25th**

- 8:30 am Mass: **Vergilio & Luciana Lima (+)**  
10:30 am Mass: **Mike Caputo (+)**  
10:30 am **Baptism**: Nolan Nelson  
4:00 pm Mass

#### **MONDAY, September 26th**

OFFICE CLOSED

#### **TUESDAY, September 27th**

- 9:00 am Mass: **Marge Jusevic (+)**  
7:00 pm Sacramental Prep meeting (Church)

#### **WEDNESDAY, September 28th**

- 9:00 am Mass: **Ann Reilly (+)**  
1:00 pm Wednesday Afternoon Social Group

#### **THURSDAY, September 29th**

- 9:00 am Mass: **Rita Gagnon (+)**  
6:00 pm Liturgy Committee meeting  
6:30 pm Rosary Prayer Group

#### **FRIDAY, September 30th**

- 9:00 am Mass: **Jose Pacheco (+)**

#### **SATURDAY, October 1st**

- 4:30-5:15 Sacrament of Reconciliation  
5:30 pm Mass: **Donald Gregg (+)**

#### **SUNDAY, October 2nd**

- 8:30 am Mass: **D'Archy Lawrence +**  
10:30 am Mass: **Foster Taft (+)**  
4:00 pm Mass

### **THANK YOU CORNER!**

Thank you to the VOX Choir (our very own Saturday night choir) for their generous donation of \$1000 to our refuge fund!

## CONTACTS

### **PASTOR: Fr. William Hann**

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### **Pastoral Assistant: Anna Mendonca**

250-477-5321 pastoralassistant@holycrossvictoria.org

### **Administrative Assistant: Valentina Boyd**

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

egorm@uvic.ca

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

250-721-8339 (office) 250-882-2151 (cell)

catholic@uvic.ca

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

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

250-813-3402

## 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 September 18th, 2016**

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

<b>Envelopes</b>	\$4,306.50
<b>Loose</b>	\$ 592.00
<b>Pre-Authorized Debit</b>	\$ 900.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,798.50</b>

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

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