

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PARISH

MOST HOLY TRINITY

June 15, 2025

OUR LITURGICAL LIFE

SATURDAY, June 14
4PM MASS

SUNDAY, June 15
9AM MASS: Dorothy and
Alastair MacIsaac+

MONDAY, June 16
7PM MASS

TUESDAY, June 17
9AM MASS

WEDNESDAY, June 18
7PM MASS

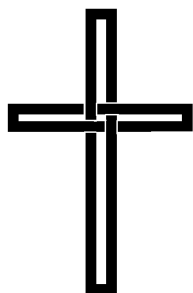
THURSDAY, June 19
9AM MASS

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CHAPEL

Open 9am-12pm
TUESDAY to THURSDAY

RECONCILIATION
SATURDAY, June 14
3:30PM

LIVESTREAMING
SUNDAY, June 15, 4PM
[https://www.youtube.com/
@StPatricksHolyCross-
Church](https://www.youtube.com/@StPatricksHolyCross-Church)



How does one explain Trinity? If it took the church 1400 years to define it and endless books written and debates galore... what to say? God is the ultimate math problem. One plus one plus one equals . . . one. If we try to solve the problem with arithmetic, we're bound to fail. The logic of God isn't mathematical but theological. And if that answer doesn't satisfy, please be assured it's no answer. It's an efficient statement of a mystery. How do we arrive at Trinity? The progression is organic. The Holy Spirit joins the theological party as a latecomer. Scripture uses some Triune formulas but doesn't develop them much. It would take Athanasius and Basil the Great to combine their arguments after the Nicene Council (which formally defined the divinity of Jesus in A.D. 325) to affirm the divinity of the Spirit: If we welcome folks into the church in the name of the Father, Son, and Spirit, then the sanctifying Spirit is also divine.

This relationship between Father, Son, and Holy Spirit that we call the Trinity—are so dynamic; so powerful, and so intimate and so near, that no matter how frightened, fragmented, or isolated we become, we will never ever be alone. That is God's promise to us; we will never be left alone. "And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now.

God's artistry is the key to today's readings. Theologians have written about God's nature for centuries, yet we call it a mystery. Today's celebration of the Holy Trinity reminds us of our rootedness in this God, the Father who created everything, the Son who shows us the Father, and the Spirit who teaches and guides. The last word on the Trinity goes to Anne Lamott; *I do not need to understand the hypostatic unity of the Trinity; I just needed to turn my life over to whoever came up with redwood trees.* As we stare at beauty at the start of summer and as we celebrate Father's Day all we need to do is trust our God who defines love and who for Christians is love, in flesh and spirit from the beginning, now, and ever shall be. Perhaps it is better to accept the reality of this Trinity and experience it through that love God shares with us rather than try to explain it.

How do we embrace this mystery daily? The Trinity is what makes Christianity tick, and yet we honour the concept with a solemnity and then seem to put it in mothballs until next year. At the Last Supper Jesus admits he has more to teach his disciples, "but you cannot bear it now." Trinitarian theology may be more than any assembly gathered for worship can bear. But we who are a little less than the angels have been entrusted with the knowledge that God took on flesh so that flesh might take on divinity. We must trust John in the Gospel today... *the Spirit of truth will guide us in proportion to our wisdom, age, and grace.* This is our goal: to creep ever closer to full participation in this mystery. The Trinity is a family of love.

Happy Father's Day as we live the mystery,
Father William

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.

Report Sexual Abuse

To report sexual abuse at
[RCDVictoria.org/Responsible-Ministry](https://www.rcdvictoria.org/Responsible-Ministry)
or call 1-800-968-3146.

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

Canada Day BBQ

Holy Cross Parish is hosting a Canada Day BBQ on Sunday, June 29th for Holy Cross Parishioners.

- ⇒ 9am Mass
- ⇒ 10am Coffee/Tea
- ⇒ 11am Lunch in the Church Hall and Gardens

Please RSVP your family's attendance in the Foyer by June 15th, including any allergies. RSVP is not required but encouraged to help us estimate food quantities. To volunteer to support the event, please also sign up in the foyer, and Sloane will contact you with volunteering details. This event is FREE. Donations to contribute to costs are welcome!



Not Getting the Bulletin by Email Anymore?

Many email chain companies (Yahoo, Gmail, Shaw etc.) have updated their security settings and 'mass emails' are frequently sent to people's spam or junk folders in order to keep people safe from hackers and scammers. Many parishioners have contacted the office about this issue. However, it is up to each parishioner to mark their preferences in the settings of their email. **HOW TO:** Find an email from the Holy Cross Office in either your Junk or Spam folders. Go to the three dots on the right side of the email, you should be able to "Mark Sender as Not Spam" or "Mark as Not Phishing." Select either option. For ongoing issues, bring your device to the office for support from Sloane.



Knights of Columbus Presents: "K of C Multicultural Festival 2025"

A **Potluck Festival** will be held on Saturday, July 5th from 5:30pm to 9:30pm at the Sacred Heart Parish Hall (4040 Nelthorpe St., Saanich). Bring your family's most delicious ethnic specialty (between 5:00pm - 5:30pm) and then watch & listen to colourful Mexican dancers, Philippine bamboo dancers, Persian & Belly Dancers, Hawaiian Hula Girls & other ethnic performing groups. Join us in celebrating Canadian multiculturalism on the week of Canada Day! Call 778-265-0013 or email perezdetagleoscar@gmail.com for more information.

Prayer for the Children Celebrating Confirmation and First Communion at Holy Cross

The Year 2 group will celebrate the sacraments on Saturday June 21, 2025 at the 4pm Vigil Mass, celebrating the Feast of Corpus Christi at Holy Cross with the Bishop. A reception will follow in the Hall. All are welcome. Thank you for keeping the children of St Patrick's and Holy Cross in your prayers!

Lord Jesus Christ, bless the children ready to receive Confirmation and First Holy Communion. Come Holy Spirit and rest upon them - the Spirit of wisdom, understanding, counsel, might, knowledge, reverence, and fear of the LORD. Lord Jesus, welcome them to your sacred table to nourish their bodies and souls with Yourself, true bread of eternal life. Amen.

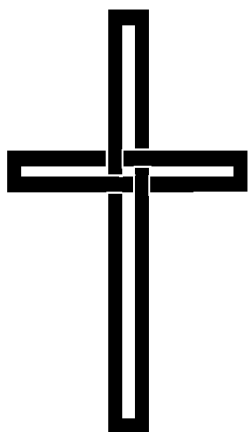


An Invitation from the Gospel Gals

Monday, June 23, 2025, 9:00am, in the Church

You are invited to enter deeply into the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary, meditating through Scripture, song and light, on Monday, June 23 at 9:00am in the Church. During the Jubilee Year as Pilgrims of Hope please join us for these Mysteries of hope and stay afterwards for fellowship and community. All are welcome.

PLEASE NOTE: The Office will be closed Friday, June 20th.



QUOTATIONS OF THE WEEK

“When the Spirit dwells in us, the Word who bestows the Spirit is in us too, and the Father is present in the Word. “

—Saint Athanasius

“And so in our making, God almighty is our loving Father, and God all wisdom is our loving Mother, with the love and goodness of the Holy Spirit, which is all one God, one Lord.”

—Julian of Norwich

“There is a holy and perfect Trinity, acknowledged as God in the Father and the Son and Holy Spirit...The Father does all things through the Word in the Holy Spirit. Thus the unity of the Trinity is safeguarded...”

—Saint Athanasius

St Vincent de Paul



Holy Cross Conference of St. Vincent de Paul warmly invites parishioners to provide direct, person-to-person support, offering financial aid and essential resources to those in need. For more information, contact Don Rose at 250-891-5607.

Goodbye Fr Edward: Thank You

Fr Edward is moving to Alberta to serve at a retreat center and two parishes. Thank you to him for serving our community these past few months. We wish him the best in his new endeavors. This last mass will Thursday, June 19th.



Job Opportunity: Pastoral Administrator for Holy Cross Parish

The Diocese is seeking a Pastoral Administrator for Holy Cross Parish in Victoria, to maintain and grow the community and its service to the people of Gordon Head while it awaits the appointment of a Pastor. The successful applicant will bring a grounded, spiritual life, supported by theological education and practical experience as a community leader. For more information and how to apply, please visit <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/employment>. Applications must be received by June 21.



Donate to Maryam's Education

Maryam, our Holy Cross newcomer, has enrolled at Camosun College in the social work program. She continues to work full-time while pursuing her studies. Some parishioners have requested the opportunity to help with her course fees. Hence, donors who wish to contribute to her education may now do so through the Holy Cross Refugee Fund. Checks must be made out to the “Holy Cross Refugee Fund: Maryam's Education”. Tax receipts will be issued. If you have questions, call Martha at 250-477-6455 or the Holy Cross Office.

Holy Cross Library

The Holy Cross Library, located in the Parish Centre, contains approximately 1800 books concerning all aspects of our Catholic faith, liturgy, and church history. The collection can be browsed during office hours, unless the room is booked for a meeting, and books can be signed out (except for the reference collection). We will try to keep some books on display in the church foyer that relate to themes in the liturgical year and can also be signed out right there. Please let us know if there are recently published books you feel should be added to the collection. We also welcome the donation of recently published books in good condition that are relevant to the collection and its purpose. Contact John or Martha Oleson for information by emailing the office.



Library Corner

NEWS FROM THE CHANCERY & ICS

1) On June 20, Broad View United Church (3703 St Aidens Street, Victoria) will host an ecumenical prayer session in The Way of Taizé at 6:00 pm. All are invited to join in this evening of prayer and song.

2) Register for the 11th Annual Diocesan Family Camp! <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/family-camp>

3) The planning committee for the Diocesan Family Camp is seeking volunteers to assist with child-care. Kindly email Kristy at familycamp@rcdvictoria.org

A Call for Volunteers

Interested in volunteering, email us at office@holycrossvictoria.org! Check out the open positions:

- ⇒ Liturgical ministry: 2 Gift Bearers (one for the 2nd & 4th Saturday of the month - 4pm Mass) and Eucharistic Ministers (Body and Blood)
- ⇒ Social Committee Members
- ⇒ Building Maintenance Coordinator

Pastoral Care Telephone Visits

Are you feeling lonely or know someone who would appreciate a friendly conversation? Our Pastoral Care volunteers are available to telephone those who are lonely, homebound, isolated, or simply in need of a listening ear. These calls are a gentle reminder that no one is ever alone and that our parish community is here to accompany, encourage, and support one another. To request a telephone call for yourself or a loved one, please contact the parish office at 250-477-5321 or email: office@holycrossvictoria.org.

Hearing Loop System & Headphones

If you wear hearing aids, switch your hearing aid to T-Coil and you will be connected to the hearing loop system. See: www.advancedlistening.ca If your hearing aids can't support this looping system, we have two headsets available in the kitchen foyer wired to the microphones to allow you to listen to the readings, homily and the music.



THANK YOU

Thank you to Bishop Gary Gordon who celebrated mass this week with us on his Birthday! How lovely of him to spend the time with us here at Holy Cross on his special day. Thanks for all those who joined after mass for cake! Happy Birthday Bishop!



COLLECTIONS

June 8, 2025

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS

Envelopes	\$1,190.00
Loose	\$ 235.00
Anawim for Men	\$ 70.00
Needs for the Church	\$ 20.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$1,064.34
Total	\$2,579.34

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OFFICE HOURS

Saturday, Sunday, Monday: Closed

Tuesday-Friday: 8:30am-3:30pm

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WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesdays & Thursdays: 9AM

Saturday 4PM

Sunday: 9AM