



Holy Cross Catholic Parish

Twinning with St. Patrick's 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 - April 10, 2022

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Leadership—whether it's exercised in families, government, business, or religious institutions—is largely wielded from the top down. At the Last Supper, the disciples of Jesus are still arguing about leadership and authority in terms of who gets to be on top. They are trying to define greatness as the capacity to lord it over their peers, to be granted distinguishing titles and special powers of authority. Meanwhile Jesus, contemplating the hour of his death, asks them to consider leadership from the bottom up—from the viewpoint of service. From the servant's perspective, leadership is not about control but about surrender. This kind of leadership doesn't concern itself with honors and titles but remains focused on smaller, immediate details like serving at table, washing feet, and breaking bread. The servant leader does not get out in front of the crowd but leads by example at its feet. Such leadership doesn't require special skills or even charisma. Humility and love will suffice.

How does Jesus' lead? By exercising what the church calls works of mercy, which are the paramount acts of service. Throughout his ministry, Jesus instructs the ignorant, forgives the sinner, heals the sick, feeds the hungry. Even during the excruciating hours of his final Passion, we find Jesus still teaching his disciples, praying for Peter's repentance before his denial, warning the arresting elders of their wrongdoing, and comforting the sorrowful women on the way of the cross. In Luke's account of the Crucifixion, Jesus' three last acts are to forgive his persecutors, encourage a sinner, and surrender his spirit to God. When the prevailing attitude is mercy, every act is one of gentle concern for the well-being of others. How often did Jesus say that the least are the greatest and the last will be first? His final act of service on the cross is to demonstrate what that looks like.

Needless to say, not many people are rushing forward to assume this kind of leadership. The servant who does not shield his face from spitting is a far cry from the contemporary despot who organizes a press conference to "spin" the latest accusation in his favor. Jesus, before high priest and governor alike, is mostly silent when others testify falsely against him. If the Lord God is his help, the faithful servant cannot be disgraced by human testimony. The one who refused to lord it over others will one day be confessed as Lord by every creature on bended knee in heaven, on Earth, and under the Earth. Humility is the only way to genuine exaltation.

What happens when leaders serve others rather than seeking to control them? Without the age-old pattern of dominance and submission, the very nature of society changes. Family members are no longer divided into categories of powerful and powerless, the generations pitted against each other in a contest for survival. Hierarchies melt and become genuine communities. Warring classes become allies. The ancient struggle for control dissolves into a mutual desire for cooperation. When power is viewed as the necessary tool for enabling the last and the least, not for gaining and consolidating wealth and control for the few, we will have different leaders and a different kind of society.

Eyes on the horizon of hope,

Father William

OFFICE HOURS

Saturday, Sunday, Monday: Closed
Tuesday/Wednesday: 9am—2:30pm
Thursday/Friday: 9am—2:00pm
Fr. William Hann, Pastor

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.

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HOSPITAL EMERGENCY CALLS: If you or someone you love is admitted to hospital and would like a visit from our VGH/RJH hospital chaplain, please call the emergency pager **250-889-3761** and ask for **Fr. Sean Flynn** to make this request.

LIVESTREAM MASSES

Live Mass broadcast this weekend! Mass is livestreamed this week from Holy Cross Parish on Saturday at 4pm. Click the link here: <http://www.youtube.com/c/StPatricksHolyCrossChurch>

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE HOLY CROSS AND ST. PATRICK'S PARISH

14 April, Thursday Holy Thursday: Holy Cross 7:00pm (livestreamed)

15 April, Friday, Good Friday:

Station of the Cross: St. Patrick's 9:00am
Holy Cross 11:00am

Good Friday Service: Holy Cross 2:00pm
St. Patrick's 4:00pm (livestreamed)

16 April, Saturday, Easter Vigil: Holy Cross 8:10pm (livestreamed)

17 April, Sunday, Easter Sunday Liturgy: Holy Cross 9:00am
St. Patrick's 11:00am (livestreamed)



SHARE LENT - SOLIDARITY SUNDAY!

Thank you for giving from the heart to Share Lent 2022!

Development and Peace — Caritas Canada thanks you for supporting the *People and Planet First* campaign with your Share Lent donation. Thanks to your generosity, our parish collected \$1,530.00. This sum will help support our sisters and brothers in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East.

If you have not had a chance to donate, there is still time to place your Share Lent envelope in the offertory or to donate online at devp.org/give.

Thank you for continuing to pray for all those who are working to build a world of peace and justice.



REMEMBERING LOVED ONES AT EASTER



The Arts and Environment Ministry Team welcome donations for the Easter floral display. If you would like to contribute and remember a loved one, please pick up an envelope in the foyer. When completed drop it in the collection basket or bring it to the office.

Deadline is April 14.

NOTE FROM THE UNIVERSITY CHAPLAIN

The academic year is wrapping up and things on campus are winding down over the next few weeks, but the light of God in students' lives need not be dimmed with the end of the final semester. There are still a few things to put on the calendar:

- Our final student campus confessions and mass will be held on April 12th at 11:30 am at Multifaith. *Everyone is welcome.*

God bless all students as you prepare for final exams, the end of an academic year and transitions thereafter. Happy Easter to you all! Thank you to all the students I have come to know and serve over the last few months. It's been a joyful experience! Your University chaplain, Lydia Foch

PRAYER REFLECTION

We must learn how to die to the last traces of clinging to anything less than God’s sustaining love. —James Finley

We are told that Christ was killed for us, that his death has washed out our sins, and that by dying he disabled death itself. . . . That is Christianity. That is what has to be believe. —C.S. Lewis (1898-1963)

We are not human beings having a spiritual experience. We are spiritual beings having a human experience. —Pierre Teilhard de Chardin , S.J.

NOTE FROM THE DIOCESE

Please note the following changes to the Diocesan livestream schedule in April. We have also posted these changes at <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/events/dailymasslivestreamed> and <https://www.youtube.com/c/RCDVictoriaLiveOne/about>.

- Sunday, April 10: Livestream at 10 am from St. Joseph’s in Tahsis
- Thursday, April 14: Holy Thursday livestream at 7:30 pm from St. Andrew’s Cathedral
- Friday, April 15: Good Friday livestream at 3:00 pm from St. Andrew’s Cathedral
- Saturday, April 16: Easter Vigil livestream at 8:00 pm from St. Andrew’s Cathedral
- Sunday, April 17: Easter Sunday livestream at 11 am from St. Mary’s in Port McNeill
- Friday, April 22: Livestream cancelled

On all other days, the regular schedule is in effect: 7 pm on weeknights, and 9:30 am on Sundays from St. Andrew’s Cathedral in Victoria.

The latest General and Liturgical Directives pertaining to Covid-19 are now available on [our website](#) and the [Diocesan website](#).

There are several bursaries and awards available for students and others available through the Diocese. Anyone interested can access them on the diocesan website www.rcdvictoria.org under Programs/ Bursaries and Awards.

REFUGEES SPONSORSHIP GROUP REQUEST

We expect our sponsored Newcomer family of three to arrive within the next few months. Thanks to the generosity of Holy Cross Parishioners, a lot of the logistics for their provision have been worked out. Having a **doctor** who is willing to take on the Newcomer family is next on the list. If you are aware of a GP who is taking new patients or one who might take this family by exception, please contact Martha Oleson olesonmartha@gmail.com or 250-858-2767) or Sheridan Cooper (text/phone 250-598-0248).

OUR LITURGICAL LIFE:

SATURDAY, April 9th

3:00pm-3:45pm: Confession
4pm Mass: Margaret Prior

SUNDAY, April 10th

Palm Sunday

9am Passion Sunday Mass

MONDAY, April 11th

Office Closed/No Mass

TUESDAY, April 12th

9am Mass: David Ruddy +

WEDNESDAY, April 13th

9am Mass: Deceased Members of the McIntyre Family

THURSDAY, April 14th

Holy Thursday

No 9am Mass

7pm Mass followed by Adoration

FRIDAY, April 15th

Good Friday/Office Closed

9am: Stations of the Cross (no Mass)
2pm Good Friday Service



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COLLECTION for April 3, 2022

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS:

Envelopes	\$ 2,405.00
Loose	\$ 260.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$ 1,677.00
TOTAL	\$ 4,342.00

CHURCH ENVELOPES

There are still a number of unclaimed donation envelopes in the office. If you are no longer using collection envelopes to make your offering please inform the office so your number can be removed. *Reducing print is a simple way to steward the earth and help cut costs for the parish. Unused envelopes are a huge environmental and financial waste.*

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NEWS FROM ST. PATRICK'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The students of St. Patrick's Elementary were back at it this week, enjoying the outdoor classroom and some sunshine: <https://www.facebook.com/St.PatricksSchool/>

FLOWERS FOR ANAWIM GARDEN

The garden at Anawim needs a little pep in it's step, and the garden volunteers are wondering if you can help support the beauty of the outdoor space with donations of hardy plants that don't need too much tending. Heather was mentioned as an example. If you are able to help call the parish office or drop donations off during office hours. Thank you!



A ROOF FOR EVERYONE

For anyone who missed the **A Roof for Everyone Workshop** (on the Saanich Housing Crisis) held at Holy Cross on Feb. 26, an identical event will be held at **Broad View United** (2625 Arbutus Road) on **Sat. April 23 (1 - 3:30 pm)**. Click [here](#) to read the invitation and to register. The first workshop earned rave reviews from all participants. Don't miss this chance to find out more about the current housing crisis and what you can do to help resolve it.

SARHS TALENT SHOW



St. Andrew's Regional High School Grad Class of 2022 presents "**Dancing Among the Stars!**"

Join the 2022 graduating class in celebrating their fashion and finesse! Where the students themselves will sing, dance and perform for a talent-filled night of fun!

Friday, April 22, 2022 - St. Andrew's Regional High School gym - Doors open at 6:30pm. Show starts at 7pm.

\$10 at the door (All proceeds going towards a safe and sane After Grad)

SYNOD ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Have you participated in any Synod activities yet? If no, you have until the end of April.

Let your voice be heard. You can still participate in the Synod by:

Join the **last in-person Parish Synod Listening Circle** session scheduled for **Sunday, April 24** at 10:30 in the church. **Call the parish office to register.**

OR - Join a **virtual Diocesan Synod Listening Circle** session by clicking on the link below to register for the upcoming session being held on April 12th 6:30-8:30 pm

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/310548808847>

OR - Respond to a survey: Paper survey is available at the back of the church. Paper surveys can be dropped off or mailed to the church or Diocesan Office **OR** [Click here to complete the form online.](#)

You may visit the diocesan website for more information on the Synod, www.rcdvictoria.org/synod.