



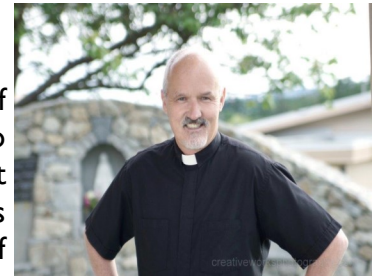
Holy Cross Catholic Parish

Vision Statement

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

SUNDAY April 15th, 2018
Third Sunday of Easter

From the desk of Father William



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It strikes me that this beautiful Gospel story is in fact a description of what we are about here. The parallel is just too obvious. It is not difficult to recognize in those two disciples who are on their way to Emmaus. And look what it is that makes them slowly come to the point of recognizing Jesus as risen, as being very much with them. It is a recognition that enables them to snap out of their dejection and disillusionment so that they can take life up again with a sense of purpose and hope, strengthened and renewed. What makes that possible for them is they're searching of scriptures and their breaking and sharing the bread, in the presence of Jesus.

But those are exactly the activities that we engage in while we are here. Every Sunday as disciples of Jesus have done for centuries, we too come together around the Scriptures and around the bread and wine that we share. And do we not do this in the presence of Jesus, who discloses for us in the Scriptures, so that we find in them a bit of light in our darkness? And do we not follow that up by sharing the bread and wine in which the same risen Jesus continues to give himself to us so that we find nourishment and hope on life's journey? What today's Gospel story describes is what we are doing here. What overcame the first disciples of Emmaus overcomes us as well.

We are here together in Jesus' name. All of us have been baptized in Jesus' name. We recognize him to be present in us and among us; we are very much a Jesus community. Is not one of the reasons why we come together on Sunday that we cherish our belonging to Jesus and that we want to support each other in our holding fast to Jesus. I know that not everything about us as a Jesus community is perfect. The same is true of our life of faith. It has its ups and downs; faith is something that needs to be constantly re-appropriated in the light of new life experiences. While we may pride ourselves in being believers, we know our life of faith can be called into question and challenged at any time. And at other times can be seriously tested and shaken. We have our moments of peace and joy, but also of doubts and questions.

Considering today's Gospel story, may I ask you to be faithful to what we do here, to cherish it and give it all the care it needs and deserves? It is the firm conviction of our Christian tradition that in our coming together, in our searching the scriptures, and in sharing the bread and wine, we are privileged to meet the risen Jesus and to be renewed by him, so that we can get on with life with a sense of purpose and hope. We pray that it may indeed be so. *The Eucharist is not an escape, any more than Emmaus ended up being an escape. The Eucharist is however, a source of peace, not because we escape a troubled world, but because we find in Him who is the Eucharist, a way and the strength to live in that world.* On another note, I am away at Canadian Federation of Priests meetings in Saskatoon from Monday to Wednesday this week.. I fly back to Saskatoon on April 29 until May 4 to give a retreat to the priests of Saskatoon and Prince Albert Diocese. Pray for me as I prepare for this retreat.

Joy this day,
Father William

OFFICE HOURS

Saturday, Sunday, Monday: Closed
Tuesday/Wednesday: 9am—2:30pm
Thursday/Friday: 9am—2:00pm

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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 is 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.

BREAKFAST AT OUR PLACE

On **Saturday April 14**, Holy Cross will be sponsoring another **breakfast at Our Place**, as part of the Starfields Festival of Hope. There is still room for a couple of volunteers to join the team. If you're interested, please contact Yvonne Hsieh at 250-385-8322 or yhsieh@uvic.ca. No heavy work is involved, but we'll need to remain on our feet for about two hours.

AT THE LIBRARY

(in the Parish Centre –Tue- Fri: 9am-2:00pm)

Thomas had to see Christ in order to believe in his resurrection. Centuries later, "Blessed are those who have not seen" but trust in the authentic witnessing by the early followers of Christ and their successors down through the ages.

On the library "Suggestion Shelf"

- Why I am a Catholic by the American columnist, Garry Wills
- Belonging: A Book for the Questioning Catholic Today by Lucinda Vardey
- Surprised by Truth: Biblical and Historical Reasons for Catholics by P Madrid

BISHOP'S GALA

The 2018 Bishop's Gala will be held on **Saturday, May 5, 2018** at Our Lady of Fatima parish hall. It's a terrific evening of fun and fellowship: there's a silent auction with a huge variety of items, and a live auction featuring Fr. Alfie's famous Italian Dinner and a luxury four-day fishing trip with Nootka Wilderness Lodge!

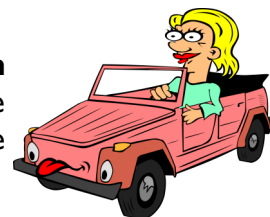
It takes \$165,000 each and every year to continue our mission, and we need your help. With your support, we have been able to consistently be present, through our priests and religious who serve in those communities as they witness tremendous healing. Please help us continue this crucial mission by attending the Gala, and if you're thinking of going, please invite another couple to attend and enjoy a wonderful night out! If you're unable to attend, please consider making a donation—every bit counts. Tickets and donations are available through EventBrite: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2018-bishops-gala-tickets-42924482282?aff=eac2>. Thank you for your support.

STARFIELDS AT HOLY CROSS

Sunday, April 15 ANOTHER WORLD IS POSSIBLE! 1-2pm "The Scandal of Grace" Shane Claiborne 2:15-3:30pm "Another World is Possible" panel discussion With Danny Brock, Rev. Emilie Smith, Shane Claiborne, Fr. Karam Alaban, Linda McRae Holy Cross Church - 4049 Gordon Head Road

PREPARE, BEWARE, DON'T DESPAIR

Steve Wallace from the Wallace Driving School will be here on **Tuesday, May 15th** at 2:00pm to give a seminar on the proactive steps you can take to retain your license as a senior. This free seminar requires registration, and there is a sign up sheet in the foyer. If you have any questions please contact Anna in the office.



PRAYER REFLECTION

Just as the sight of the risen Christ helped the disciples to believe in the church that was to follow, so the spectacle of the same church helps to confirm our faith in the Resurrection of Christ.

—Saint Augustine (354-430)

Decide here and now to love things and [people] as Jesus loved them, that is, to the point of self-sacrifice. Do not bother with the bookkeeping of love; love without keeping accounts.

—Carlo Carreto (1910-1988)

AROUND THE PARISH AND DIOCESE

More information and details on bulletin board or parish office

- **LITURGICAL WORKSHOP:** Want to understand the Mass in a deeper way? Are you involved in liturgical ministries? If yes, this Liturgical Workshop is for you. Why Liturgy Matters Workshop, **Saturday, May 12th**, from 9:30-3:00 at St. Edward's Church in Duncan. Free registration on Eventbrite. Bring your own lunch. Facilitated by the Diocesan Liturgical Commission Team. Contact: Glen Palahicky 250 479 1331 for further questions.
- **SISTERS OF ST. ANN 160TH ANNIVERSARY:** You are cordially invited to join the Sisters of St. Ann as they celebrate 160 years of care, education, and the loving ministry of God's love in the Pacific Northwest on **Saturday, June 2, 2018**. The festivities will begin at 10:30 a.m. with Mass at St. Andrew's Cathedral, 740 View Street. A Reception will follow from 12:30 p.m. at the Royal BC Museum where a boxed lunch will be provided. Please email your RSVP by May 15, 2018 to 160thevent@ssabc.ca.
- **SUPPORT THE SOUP KITCHEN:** It costs only \$2.25 for **The Soup Kitchen** in the basement of St. Andrew's Cathedral to provide a meal to one of our guests. This season help us serve soup to the hungry with a financial donation. \$25 feeds 10 diners; \$225 a 100 of our guests. The Soup Kitchen, 740 View Street, Victoria, BC V8W 1J8.

SOCIAL LIFE AT HOLY CROSS

Joint wellness: Mondays and Thursdays at 10am

Wednesday Afternoon Social Group: Wednesdays at 1pm.

Men's Duplicate Bridge—Wednesday 7pm.

Social Bridge—First Sunday of every month.

HC Walking Group—Cancelled this Saturday, April 14th.

OUR LITURGICAL LIFE:

SUNDAY, April 15th

8:30 am Mass: **Bradley Graham +**
10:30 am Mass: **Filomena & Gaspar
Fernando +**
4:00 pm University Mass

MONDAY, April 16th

9:00 am Mass: **Rosavie Ripley (int)**
10:00 am Bible Study

TUESDAY, April 17th

9:00 am Mass: **Patrick Hann +**

WEDNESDAY, April 18th

9:00am Mass: **Eileen Knapik +**

THURSDAY, April 19th

2:00pm Memorial mass for **Mary
Laternus**

FRIDAY, April 20th

9:00 am Mass: **Hilary Ribeiro +**

SATURDAY, April 21st

5:00pm Mass: **Asuncion Kilates
Cortel +**

SUNDAY, April 22nd

8:30 am Mass: **Dan Fedrigo +**
10:30 am Mass: **Mary & Bob Laton +**
4:00 pm University Mass (last mass)

THANK YOU CORNER!

Thank you for all those who helped in the discernment of renting the house. We did it!! Now we pray the families arrive soon.

HOLY CROSS AGM

The Annual General Meeting will be held on **Sunday, June 3rd** between the 8:30 and 10:30 masses.

HANGING BASKET MNT. ST MARY'S FUNDRAISER

ALERT ALERT last week's word association = total flop; **Mt St Mary Hospital hanging basket program needs help.** Blooms are showing on the **30 remaining baskets.** Geraniums and tomatoes in good supply. **THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT ELLIS 2504776754**

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HOLY CROSS MINISTRIES

MINISTRY	COORDINATOR	PHONE
Liturgy Liturgical Ministers	Anna Mendonca	250-477-3552
Usher / Greeter	Maria Arruda	250-477-5526
Altar Server Music	Fr. William Hann Various Choirs	250-477-5321 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 Janita McHugh	250-477-6455 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 April 8th, 2018

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS:

Envelopes	\$ 2,720.00
Loose	\$ 622.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$ 1,107.00
TOTAL	\$ 4,449.00
Refugee Fund:	\$2,105.00

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	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 Glenn Palahicky	250-477-5321 250-479-1331
RCIA	Phil / Sheila Wall	250-385-7007
RCIC	Dan Taft Jr.	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	250-385-7007
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