



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.

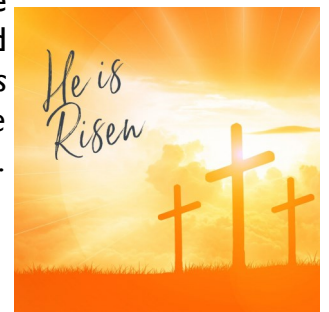
SUNDAY - April 17, 2022 The Resurrection of the Lord

We find ourselves in the same situation as Peter's audience at the home of Cornelius: We know all about what happened that Easter morning—or at least, we know what others have said about it. We know, from the privileged distance of 20 centuries, why that tomb is empty on this fateful morning. But like that early, eager household of Gentiles, we may still find ourselves in a holding pattern, not really sure what this emptiness means—what it means for us, that is. OK, so Jesus is risen, alleluia; card-carrying Christians by and large do not dispute this aspect of the story. But many of us still share the incomprehension of Mary, Peter, and the beloved disciple who come to the tomb, poke their heads in, see nothing, and don't know what to make of it. We know what has happened, what faithful people down through the centuries say has happened.

Here is the thing: Today it doesn't matter what Mary saw, what Peter thought, what the other disciple understood on Easter morning. It does not matter that they were able to say, with absolute conviction, "We have seen the Lord!" What matters *on this particular Easter Sunday* is the testimony that you and I are able to give. We cannot simply repeat the witness of others. We must testify to what we have seen and experienced ourselves. This means we must go down to the empty places in our lives and seek and find the Risen Lord there. Because if we do not find him there, we will not find him anywhere. And if we have not encountered him yet, then in all seriousness, sisters, and brothers, we should make the fostering of that encounter the central goal of our lives, starting today. No aspect of our lives is more important than our personal experience of the Risen Lord. We have to walk with Jesus, hear his teaching, feel the healing, and embrace of his forgiveness in the darkest aspect of our lives where nothing seems to live. In this time of war, we need to remember this!

We'll know it's Jesus when faith becomes the only sensible response to what we have seen, and our hands have touched. When Easter morning lives in us, we can gaze fearlessly into the places in this world that seem to be inhabited by nothing. We will perceive the spirit of God already breathing on that void, and we will be filled with hope. Yes, we bask in the glory of Christ's Resurrection. But never forget Jesus' backstory: his humble birth, inclusive ministry, and message of love. That's what you'll need to know—and follow—to achieve the great things of this day. As Anne Lamott writes...*this is the Easter message, that awakening is possible, to the goodness of God, the sacredness of human life, the sisterhood and brotherhood of all.*

Alleluia,
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.

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)

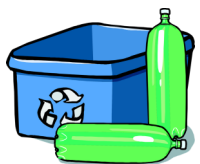
16 April, Saturday, Easter Vigil: Holy Cross 8:10pm (livestreamed)

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

Livestream link: <http://www.youtube.com/c/StPatricksHolyCrossChurch>



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BOTTLE DRIVE



Save your bottles and the date! **Saturday April 23rd from 9am-1pm at St. Patrick's Parish parking lot.** No sorting required, just drop off any refundable cans, bottles, and milk containers. We will do the rest! All proceeds go to the Knights of Columbus and student bursaries.

GARDEN OF ELLIS.....(NO TREES OF FORBIDDEN FRUIT)

Great growing weather and the greenhouses are bursting. Same program with all proceeds going to charity, this year either Mt. St. Mary Hospital or the Ukrainian Relief Fund (red cross), your choice. The *hanging baskets* are almost sold out, but there are lots of flowers and veggies available. We have geraniums, daisies and sunflowers, plus lettuce, basil, zucchini, pumpkins and of course the usual award-winning Gordon Head tomatoes, large and cherries, red and yellow. You are most welcome to come and view in advance, or order by phone 250-477-6754. Thanks for your anticipated support., Ellis



LIBRARY CORNER FOR HOLY WEEK

Coming this Holy Week: the Last Supper, the Crucifixion, the Resurrection --- the great events of Christ's earthly visit. In the Last Supper's Eucharist, his earthly visit continues: A Day-by-Day Guide to Holy Week <https://www.newsmax.com/US/Jesus-Holy-Week-Easter-day-by-day-guide/2015/03/30/id/635369/>

Suggestion Shelf in the Parish Library

The Eucharist: Our Sanctification by R Cantalaessa

The Eucharist in the New Testament by J. Delorme et al

Sacrament of Unity by Cardinal W Kasper

The Bread of God by T Kelly



PRAYER REFLECTION

This is the Easter message, that awakening is possible, to the goodness of God, the sacredness of human life, the sisterhood and brotherhood of all. —Anne Lamott

Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are an Easter people and hallelujah is our song. —Pope John Paul II

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>.

- 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.

The final online Synod Listening Circle is scheduled for Tuesday, April 26th from 6:30 – 8:30 pm. Please encourage members of your community to register for this opportunity at <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/320452801957>.

Thank you Trudy!

Trudy has earned her Golden text box for all of her hard work covering Valentina’s week out of office, for writing the bulletin blurb and sending it out, and for dealing with the dancing and disappearing text boxes while she was at it. Your attention to detail and love for this parish community are so appreciated.

Thank you Anna!!!!

Anna has earned her Golden text box for all of her hard work covering Valentina’s week out of office, responding to emails, answering phones, and organizing all of the Liturgical Ministries for this upcoming Holy Week. We are so appreciative of her time and dedication to the parish.

OUR LITURGICAL LIFE:

SATURDAY, April 16th
Holy Saturday

3:00pm-3:45pm: Confession
8:10 (sunset): Easter Vigil

SUNDAY, April 17th
Easter Sunday

9am: Easter Sunday Mass

MONDAY, April 18th
Office Closed/No Mass

TUESDAY, April 19th
9am Mass: Jessica Qualley (int)

WEDNESDAY, April 20th
9am Mass: Ivor Williams +

THURSDAY, April 21st
9am Mass: Ivor Williams +

FRIDAY, April 22nd
9am Mass: Brendan Holden +

Masks are no longer mandatory indoors, though we do encourage those who feel more comfortable to wear them as needed. As always, if you are feeling unwell or symptomatic please stay home.

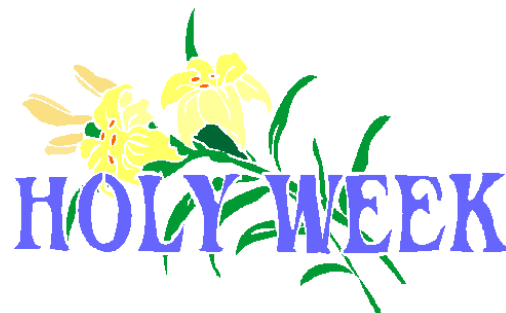


holy cross church garden head rd. victoria, b.c.

COLLECTION for April 10, 2022

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS:

Envelopes	\$ 1,800.00
Loose	\$ 595.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$ 1,677.00
TOTAL	\$ 4,072.00



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NEWS FROM ST. PATRICK'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Thank you for always supporting our staff, students and school initiatives. Happy and Blessed Easter from all of us at SPS!

<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!



St Patrick's Local School Council Notice of Annual Public Meeting and *Elections*

AGM Date: 18 May, 2022

Time: 6:30 PM

Place: St. Patrick's Elementary (in-person subject to confirmation). Zoom option will also be available.

Three seats are available for election. Anyone eligible to vote (parents, staff, parish members) may nominate candidates to Local School Council.

The nomination form and further information about the meeting and eligibility are available from the school office. Please contact sp@cisdv.bc.ca or 250-592-6713.

Nominations must be submitted to the school office by April 27th 3pm (paper copy or emailed).

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.