



Holy Cross Catholic Parish

Mission Statement: Twinning with St. Patrick's Parish

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 18, 2021
Third Sunday of Easter

Have you ever noticed that the stories of the appearance of the risen One all turn into stories of mission? The reason for this is that the resurrection of Jesus is true only to the extent that we, as disciples of Jesus, continue to give hands and feet to his mission. That may explain why the original disciples of Jesus were panic stricken. They knew themselves implicated in the resurrection of Jesus and they began to discover that the resurrection of Jesus is not something to which you can be an impartial observer. You cannot take a distant look at it and say: "isn't that interesting?" and then go on with business as usual. If we say that Jesus has been raised, then we cannot help being affected by it and being drawn into it. It will make us into Easter people.

At Easter we light the Easter candle, but then Jesus throws it back to us when he says: "You are the light of the world." So may the light of the Risen Jesus burn in us. Then light and clarity will come into our own life. There will be warmth and light in our world. It happens when we profess Jesus as Lord, as the Risen One, not just with our lips, but with our hands and feet.

Throughout the NT we hear of God's mercy and love and the constant striving of God to rescue us from our self-inflicted misery. As the rabbis say, the whole Bible can be boiled down to four words: *We sin. God saves.* Jesus' ragtag band of followers spread out to every major urban center: Jerusalem, Antioch, and eventually Rome. They were ridiculed, persecuted, or simply ignored by most, but they made inroads and their passion persuaded a few in each town to follow "The Way."

Early church historian Fr. Columba Stewart, O.S.B. describes the apostles as the movement's cutting edge: "To study the lives of the apostles," is a bit like what we've been doing with the Hubble telescope—getting as close as we can to seeing these earliest galaxies. This was the big bang moment for Christianity, with the apostles blasting out of Jerusalem and scattering across the known world."

In closing, dear friends, the risen Jesus needs us to make his resurrection true. The risen Jesus wants to give bread to those who are hungry through us who share our bread. For those who are thirsty he wants us to be water, living water. He is that through us. He wants to comfort those who are sick. He does it through our care and attention. He wants us to give strength to those who are discouraged. He does that through us. He wants to console those who mourn. He does it through our sympathy, through our understanding word, through our helping hand. Those who are lonely he wants to bring in community again through us. He wants to forgive those who are burdened by shame or guilt. He does it by our willingness to engage the other and forgive. Donna Schaper writes some profound words...*It's hard work to let God forgive me. I have to . . . strip away all the cynicism and anger I've built up, defy my disappointments, and find what is real again.*

Be real ...
Father William

OFFICE HOURS

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

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Effective Immediately: As per the latest health protocols given to us by our Public Health Officer, Dr. Bonnie Henry, all in-person faith gatherings have been suspended until further notice. That means all weekend and weekday Masses at Holy Cross have been cancelled. The office will remain open from Tuesday to Friday 9am-2pm, but masks are mandatory before entering. The Church will be open Tues.-Fri. from 9am-1pm for private prayer; please sit on chairs on left side only. Thank You!

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



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - GIANT 50 / 50 RAFFLE

JACKPOT IS OVER \$32,000 AND GROWING! Get your tickets at our KofC website www.kofcbc5050.ca All tickets are sold online. The more you buy the less it costs.

\$10 for 10 tickets, \$25 for 50 tickets, Best Value **\$50 for 200 tickets!** Draw Date: 6:30 pm, Friday April 30th, 2021 Proceeds support our local charities. When you buy tickets, we're working together to make our communities better. Thank you for your support! [BC Gaming Licence #127997]

MOUNT ST. MARY HOSPITAL, HANGING BASKETS AND OTHER VEGGIES

Last Chance to order veggies and flowers! This weekend and onwards for pick up of veggie starters and daisies. May 15th pickup for tomatoes, geraniums, and hanging baskets. Great growing weather and lots to see in the garden. **Greenhouse staff 100% vaccinated but mask still required.**



Mount St. Mary Hospital thanks you as well!
Ellis Achtem, 250-477-6754 or eachtem@shaw.ca

JOB POSTING - CHAPLAIN UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA AND CAMOSUN

The Diocese of Victoria, is accepting applications for the position of Roman Catholic Campus Chaplain. The Catholic Chaplain reports directly to the Bishop of Victoria, or his delegate. We seek a Chaplain who is committed to helping students grow and flourish within the Catholic faith tradition while living and learning in a secular campus environment. The Chaplain will work in collaboration with the Catholic Christian Outreach team, and a *Multifaith Chaplaincy* team at the University of Victoria. The successful Chaplain will be committed to meeting a stranger on the road, envisaging and engendering an open world, and nurturing connections across many religious and secular communities. This position will not be confined to a standard 9-5 weekday work schedule. For more info: <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/employment>

BIRTHRIGHT PLANT SALE

Birtheright is taking orders now for tomato plants and other edibles, perennials and shrubs. Please see their website below for more details. Pre-paid plant orders will be delivered to St. Patrick's parking lot in mid May for local pick-up. (Target date is May 15, subject to weather.)

<https://birtherightvictoria.org/garden-babies-for-birtheright-plant-sales/>



A REASON TO SMILE FROM ST. PAT'S SCHOOL

Bunnies and Hens at St. Patrick's school:

<https://www.facebook.com/St.PatricksSchool/posts/4241426925920068>

<https://www.facebook.com/St.PatricksSchool/posts/4226470454082382>



PRAYER REFLECTION

Obedience calls for a listening and discerning heart.
—Sister Charlene Diorka, S.S.J.
It's hard work to let God forgive me. I have to . . . strip away all the cynicism and anger I've built up, defy my disappointments, and find what is real again.
—Donna Schaper, Stripping Down: The Art of Spiritual Restoration
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

A NOTE FROM THE DIOCESE

To access the live stream link from the Diocese of Victoria website simply google: Diocese of Victoria or go to www.rcdvictoria.org/diocese-of-victoria-live-stream.

SUNDAY 10 AM
MONDAY TO FRIDAY 7 PM

Diocesan Blog: It's a happy day for the Diocese of Victoria – Bishop Gary received his first Covid-19 vaccine dose this morning! We haven't beat this virus yet, but every time someone gets their shot, we're one step closer to the day when we can get back to the liturgical gatherings, activities, visits and community we've all been missing.

Are you curious about the ethical issues around the Covid-19 vaccine? Is it okay for a Catholic to get vaccinated? The short answer is yes!

Here's a great summary from The Catholic Bishops of Alberta and the Northwest Territories: https://www.cccb.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/2020_12_02_Letter-to-the-faithful-on-Vaccines.pdf_English.pdf

More background from the Canadian Council of Catholic Bishops: <https://www.cccb.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/CLARIFICATION-CCCB-Statement-on-COVID-19-Vaccine-Choice-9-March-2021-EN.pdf>

And the official word from the Vatican's Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith:

https://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/congregations/cfaith/documents/rc_con_cfaith_doc_20210221_nota-vaccini-anticovid_en.html

Please continue, in the words of Dr. Bonnie Henry, to be kind, to be calm, and to be safe!

Check out the most recent blog post: "Who is this masked man?"
<https://www.rcdvictoria.org/diocesanblog>

LIVESTREAM MASSES

Live Mass broadcast this Saturday! Mass will be livestreamed from Holy Cross Parish, Saturday, April 17th: Click the link here: <http://www.youtube.com/c/StPatricksHolyCrossChurch>

OUR LITURGICAL LIFE:

SATURDAY, April 17th

Intention: Jessica Qualley (int)

SUNDAY, April 18th

Intention: Eileen Knapik +

MONDAY, April 19th

Office Closed/No Mass

TUESDAY, April 20th

Intention: Ascension Kilates Cortel + Cam Dunphy + (one year anniversary)

WEDNESDAY, April 21st

Intention: Clive Loader +

THURSDAY, April 22nd

Intention: Clive Loader +

FRIDAY, April 23rd

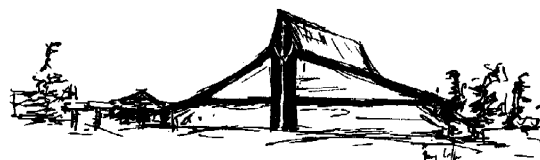
Intention: William Rankin +

At this time there are no in-person Masses being held.

The church will be open for private prayer from 9am-1pm from Tuesday to Friday. Please sit only on the chairs on the left side of the church at this time, to make cleaning easier for our custodians.

Thank you!

Masks are now mandatory in the church and parish centre at all times.



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

COLLECTION for April 11th, 2021

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS:

Envelopes	\$ 8,837.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$ 1,677.00
TOTAL	\$10,514.00

