



Holy Cross Catholic Parish

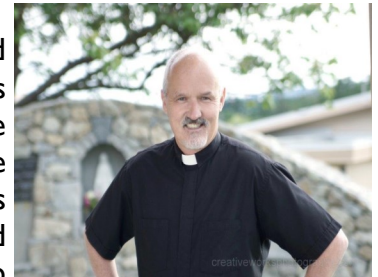
Mission Statement

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 1st, 2018
Easter Sunday

From the desk of Father William

In Jesus, the risen One, God has shown his real face; in him a faithful God has enlightened our darkness. By raising Jesus from the dead, God himself has ruptured our darkness and death. He has broken it open. Light and life have broken into our world. The resurrection faith is all about not discounting the possibility that God can make new women and men out of us. How? Well, let's look at the Gospel today. Through Mary Magdalene, Peter, and the beloved disciple, we are given three different reactions to the finding of the empty tomb and three different ways of coming to believe in the resurrection of Jesus.



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Mary Magdalene finds the empty tomb and runs to the apostles to tell them her astonishing news. St John's is the only account where the apostles are directly involved in finding that the tomb was empty, and where neither Jesus nor angels were there to give any guidance about the meaning of it. The Beloved Disciple was present with Peter to see the discarded burial-cloths within the tomb, and he at once realized what this meant: that Jesus was risen from the dead! Let's remember that this gospel is truly *great* news, both timeless and very actual for us right *here and now*. Somehow, we can relate to the first hearers of that good news, if we try to put ourselves within the story as told by Saint John today. Are we like Mary Magdalene who told the others the news of resurrection? Or like the apostles who responded by running to the tomb to see for themselves.

On Easter morning, the stone was rolled away from the mouth of the tomb. Could we think of our heart as a tomb awaiting a resurrection? Can we identify anything akin to a stone that is holding us back from enjoying the fullness of life? It could be an addiction, a compulsion or some hidden and dark secret that we have never shared with anyone. Pope Francis declares, "*We are called to be people of joyful hope, not doomsday prophets!*" Because of the resurrection of Jesus, we can all have hopeful joy, and go out to share it with the world. The message is clear: God waits for each one of us to come home to Him. He invites us in freedom and that is the joy of this day.

On another note, we received an email from our refugee sponsorship agreement holder to say that we can expect our refugee families to be arriving soon. The notification stated that our families application (Holy Cross and St. Pats) are "at the last stages and that they will be flying soon." We can expect the family to be contacted soon for travel and this is Easter joy for them and us. We are looking for accommodation for both families who need to live close to each other. Anybody out there who owns a duplex? The refugees sponsorship agreement states that rent can only up to \$1500 a month including utilities!

Happy Easter,
Fr. 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.

STARFIELDS: A FESTIVAL OF HOPE

April 13-15, 2018: Three mainstage concerts, 2 days of workshops, poets, authors, visionaries, open mic and more! All workshops are free, but tickets for the concerts are \$20 each and available through the parish office. The full schedule is on the bulletin board and in the office.

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

It's that time of year again: Parish Council elections are coming up! There are three positions available for the 2018/2019 term. If anyone is interested in volunteering their time for this important role in our parish community please bring your name forward to the office or Father William. If you have any questions or just want to inquire please feel free to contact Fr. William or our Parish Council Chair Esther Sangster-Gormley.

BISHOP'S GALA

Tickets are now on sale for the 2018 Bishop's Gala -- May 5, 2018. The Bishop's Gala Committee is pleased to announce that tickets for the 2018 Bishop's Gala are now on sale! Over the past two years \$117,818 has been raised to support our First Nations ministry. This year, the Ahousaht community, with Bishop Gary, has exciting plans that will be unveiled at the Gala! tickets are \$100 per person and are available through EventBrite (<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2018-bishops-gala-tickets-42924482282>), or by phoning the Pastoral Centre at (250) 479-1331. Only 100 tickets remain, and **there are only 2 tickets left at the Holy Cross tables. If you would like one of these please call the office. First come first serve.**

AT THE LIBRARY

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

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:

On the Suggestion Shelf:

- *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*



APRIL'S SOCIAL ACTION TIP

Buy **certified fair trade food products** (coffee, chocolate . . .). Fair Trade ensures fair pay and good working conditions for farmers and producers, and is better for the environment.

See http://www.fairtraderesource.org/downloads/top_10_reasons_to_support_ft.pdf

ANAWIM HOUSE CLOTHING DONATIONS

Anawim House is looking for clothing donations of new or gently used men's jeans and shirts. Please keep in mind that slimmer fits and smaller sizes are generally more useful for the men who come to the house. Donations can be dropped off in the parish office or in the Anawim cart in the foyer of the church.

PRAYER REFLECTION

Before the Resurrection of Jesus, the disciples had not perceived the true significance of their master's person and work. . . . It could be said that from "disciples" Jesus' followers became true "believers" through the Easter experience. —Jacques Dupuis, S.J.

How can people deny the Resurrection and still claim that Christ has come to teach his people himself? The Incarnation and Resurrection make claims about the world without which the New Testament . . . is [merely] a nice story. —Quaker writer Gusten Lutter, Jr.

AROUND THE PARISH AND DIOCESE

More information and details on bulletin board or parish office

- **STUDY OF THE BLESSED MOTHER:** Join us for *Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother* at Sacred Heart Parish Hall beginning April 26 at 7:00pm and continuing every Thursday for 8 weeks till June 21st. Filmed in the Holy Land, this visual journey will place you in the midst of the powerful drama of Mary's earthly life, taking you through her joys and her sorrows. For more information or to register for the study, call Catherine Minvielle at 250-294-4923 or email cmaminvielle@gmail.com. Cost: \$35 for study book.
- **CARITAS CANADA:** Big garage sale on Saturday Apr. 14, at **St. Patrick's Church Hall, 2060 Haultain St. from 9:00-1:00**. Also at St. Patrick's on the same day is the Used Clothing Sale in the basement of the Hall. All proceeds of the garage sale will be donated to Development and Peace to support their projects in the Global South.
- **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.
- **STORAGE SPACE REQUIRED:** The Cathedral requires storage space for the desks, tables, chairs of the parish centre during the renovations period; approximately 12 months. We might be able to offer a nominal honorarium. If you think you have space to offer please contact Rita at the parish office 250-388-5571.
- **FRENCH IMMERSION SURVEY:** Interested in a **Catholic French Immersion Program**? See survey link to provide feedback. Takes approximately 5 minutes. Deadline for feedback: May 4, 2018. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CISDV-FrenchImmersionSurvey>

OUR LITURGICAL LIFE:

SUNDAY, April 1st

Easter Sunday

The Resurrection of the Lord

8:30 am Mass

10:30 am Mass

4:00 pm University Mass

MONDAY, April 2nd

No Mass

Office Closed/ Bible study cancelled

TUESDAY, April 3rd

No Mass

Office Closed

WEDNESDAY, April 4th

5:00 pm Mass: **Hilary Ribeiro, 1st anniversary of her death**

THURSDAY, April 5th

9:00 am Mass: **Myra Murtagh (int)**

FRIDAY, April 6th

9:00 am Mass: **Peter Murtagh (int)**

SATURDAY, April 7th

5:00pm Mass: **Mary Anne**

Frieburger +

SUNDAY, April 8th

8:30 am Mass: **Maureen Horan +**

10:30 am Mass: **Hilary Ribeiro +**

4:00 pm University Mass

THANK YOU CORNER!

Thank you to all the liturgical ministers, art & environment team members, plus the many more people it took this week to bring together the Triduum and Easter celebrations.

*Christ
is
Risen!*

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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 March 25, 2018

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS:

Envelopes	\$ 4,000.00
Loose	\$ 580.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$ 1,107.00
TOTAL	\$ 5,687.00
Development & Peace total:	\$9,063.40
Refugee Family fund:	\$ 619.25

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