



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 21, 2019
Easter Sunday

Mary Magdalene finds the empty tomb and runs to the apostles to tell them her astonishing news. According to John, the apostles personally found the tomb empty, with neither Jesus nor any messenger to explain its meaning. The Beloved Disciple arrived with Peter, in time to see the discarded burial-cloths within the tomb, and at once realized what it meant: that Jesus was risen from the dead. Throughout the gospels Peter showed himself to be brash, impetuous, and quick to put his foot in his mouth. He also proved to be quick to rush toward belief, even if he was stumbling his way there. That's how he acted on the first Easter morning. Others may have arrived at the empty tomb first, but Peter was the first to enter a place that Jewish law said would make him unclean.

He showed what we all need to know, that to really come to believe in the Resurrection, we need to follow Jesus into the tomb. We need to follow his way of the cross, even if it takes us where we are most afraid to go. And he also teaches us that God can even use our most troubling faults to get us there. So, don't worry so much about your troubling faults; focus on following Jesus. The rest will all work out. We won't meet the living, risen Christ through a faith that is mere routine, focused on formulas and tradition, but by a faith that binds us in personal relationship with Jesus and identifies us fully with his project of spreading the love of God. A faith that is unresponsive, that doesn't call us to love or seduce our hearts, is a dead faith. The one we follow is the living Christ, raised up by the Father, the one who lives for us and who gives us life.

So today, we who call ourselves Christians put our faith in Jesus who was raised from the dead. We have no proof of this Easter Resurrection beyond the faith of all who have gone before us, from Mary of Magdala to Peter and to Paul. We join our act of faith to theirs. We believe as they believed. And in doing so we become an Easter people. The resurrection is a deeply mysterious truth, but we can't quite experience its original impact in the hearts of his followers. This gospel, this great news, spans the centuries and is still a living force for here and now. In a sense, you and I are reflected in elements of that story and may place ourselves within the account given by Saint John. Am I like Magdalene, announcing the news of resurrection? Or like the apostles who respond immediately by running off to the tomb to see for themselves. Pope Francis said that, we are meant to be "people of joyful hope, not doomsday prophets!" By trusting in the resurrection of Jesus, we can all find hope and joy, and go out to share them with others.

Easter Joy one and all,
Father William



OFFICE HOURS

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

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HOSPITAL EMERGENCY CALLS: If you or someone you love is admitted to hospital and would like a visit from your office or Eucharistic Minister, please call your parish office or VGH/RJ hospital emergency pager **250-889-3761** and ask for **Fr. Thomas Chinnappa** to make this request.



BISHOP'S GALA—MAY 4th

Only 5 seats left at the Holy Cross table! If you are interested in buying a ticket for this much anticipated annual fundraising gala, please contact Valentina at the Holy Cross office: 250-477-5321 to book your spot. Tickets are \$100 per person. The funds raised at the gala this year will go directly towards building a new church in partnership with the Ahousaht First Nation.

RESPONSIBLE MINISTRY SUPPORT

Someone from the Responsible Ministry Team will be in the office from 11-1 pm every Thursday to help people with their volunteer paper work and/or the online courses on a drop-in basis. (Also available by appointment.)

CELEBRATING 20 YEARS SUPPORTING Mt. St. Mary Hospital

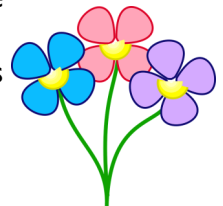
STILL CELEBRATING 20 YEARS SUPPORTING Mt. St. Mary Hospital

Sadly, Breaking News, employee discounted pricing no longer available as no employees discovered. **HOWEVER, NOT TO PANIC,** as low prices still attractive, and all monies to the hospital.

So **PLEASE HELP** me reach goal of **\$100,000** this year. Lots of tomatoes, geraniums and of course the usual great quality, vastly underpriced, **HANGING BASKETS.**

To order or come to view please call 250-477-6754

Thanks, ellis achtem



FAIR TRADE COFFEE LAUNCH

The Social & Eco Justice Committee invites parishioners to stay **after 9 am mass on Sun. May 5** for a special event **launching our Fair-Trade Coffee** service. Enjoy Level Ground coffee, tea, dried fruits, home-made goodies, and fellowship, while we share some information on fair-trade.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

New members are needed for the Holy Cross conference for the St. Vincent De Paul Society. If you want to know more about what the SVPD at Holy Cross do, or would like to join please contact Don Rose: 250-477-5605 or akcizurd@shaw.ca Sign Up sheets are also in the foyer.

No 9 am Mass week of May 27 – 31st.

Clergy will be on Retreat

Please note that there will be no 9am masses at Holy Cross Parish that week.

However, St. Andrew's Cathedral downtown will be having daily mass at 12:10pm Monday – Friday .



PRAYER REFLECTION

Incarnated into the fullness of human life, our religion, in order to be faithful to Christ, must plant the cross in it, so as to introduce the life-giving death without which there is no glorious Resurrection.

—Henri de Lubac

As the new sun rises from below, the grace of the Resurrection already casts its radiance over the whole world, a radiance reflected in the eyes of those who have watched for him since daybreak, a dawn that ushers in the day of eternity.

—Guerric of Igny

AROUND THE PARISH AND DIOCESE

More information and details on bulletin board or parish office

- **CATHOLIC SCHOOLS PLAN:** UPDATE: We are pleased to announce that construction of the new wing at St. Andrew's Regional High School is on schedule and will be open to students in September 2019. Please visit the Island Catholic Schools website for details www.cisdv.bc.ca/catholic-schools-plan.php. Please stay tuned for an Alumni Engagement event coming up in June.
- **WE'RE BUILDING A CHURCH:** In partnership with the Ahousaht 1st Nation, we have been invited to build a new church this summer. If you are unable to attend, donations are also gratefully accepted. If you have items or services that would be suitable for the auction, please call 250-479-1331.
- **UNIVERSAL KINSHIP & THE COMMON GOOD:** Sat. May 4, 9 am to 3:30 pm. St. Joseph's Friary. How to put our faith into practice from the Franciscan perspective of Justice, Peace and Caring for Creation to address present world problems. Registration fee: \$20.00 beforehand, or \$25.00 at the door. Refreshments available, but please bring your own lunch. Info.: Linda MacGowan, ofs, 250-655-0713, sidxsea@gmail.com; Program Info.: Andrew Conradi, ofs, 778-350-2134, apconradi@telus.net.
- **MARCH FOR LIFE:** Bishop Gary Gordon invites all members of the Diocese to attend the annual Victoria March for Life, with this year's theme, "50 Years of Abortion: what's missing?" The day begins with 12pm Masses at St. Andrew's Cathedral (celebrated by Bishop Gary Gordon) and St. Patrick's (celebrated by Archbishop Michael Miller); the March will leave from Centennial Square at 1:45 and head to the BC Legislature for the rally with speakers at 2:15. For more details visit: www.m4lvictoria
- **ST. PATRICK'S SPRING SALE: April 26 & 27 from 9:30 – 2:00 at St. Patrick's Parish.** Clothing for women, men, children as well as household linens for sale. Ample parking and wheelchair accessible. Proceeds to various local charities as well as church needs.

OUR LITURGICAL LIFE:

SUNDAY, April 21st

Easter Sunday

7:00am Mass: **Patrick Hann +**

9:00am Mass: **Elvira & Piero
Magro +**

MONDAY, April 22nd

No Mass

TUESDAY, April 23rd

9:00 am Mass: **Matt Spencer (int)**

WEDNESDAY, April 24th

9:00 am Mass: **Mary Doherty (int)**

THURSDAY, April 25th

9:00 am Mass: **Sherine**

Kumarasinghe +

FRIDAY, April 26th

9:00 am Mass: **Nick Spencer (int)**

SATURDAY, April 27th

10:00am Funeral for Aida McLarty

4:00pm **David Gaffrey +**

SUNDAY, April 28th

9:00am Mass: **Galasso Colangeli +,
Mark & Debbie Underhill +**



THANK YOU CORNER!

A sincere thank you and appreciation to all the parishioners for their generous contributions towards the purchase of Easter flowers. Remembering loved ones through the beauty of nature is truly glorifying God.

A big thank-you to all our volunteers who are working on their "Learn to Protect Courses!" Fifty-eight percent of our volunteers have either completed their courses or are working on them. Well done!

CONTACTS

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COLLECTION April 14, 2019

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS:

Envelopes	\$ 2, 871.25
Loose	\$ 634.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	<u>\$ 1, 095.00</u>
TOTAL	\$4, 600.25

Development and Peace \$ 725.00

HOLY CROSS MINISTRIES

MINISTRY	COORDINATOR	PHONE
Liturgy	Debby Pietraszek	250-477-7375
Liturgical Ministries:		
Usher / Greeter	Maria Arruda	250-477-5526
Altar Server	Fr. William Hann	250-477-5321
Music	Various Choirs	250-477-5321
Altar Linens	Marg McDonnell	250-477-6332
Flowers/Art Envir.	Ann Francis	250-477-8650
Sun. Coffee, 9:00	Darlene Southwell	250-477-5738
Bulletin Folders	Vicki Ponsioen	250-383-0654
Sacramental Wine	John Bartle-Clar	250-995-1891

SERVING OUR HOLY CROSS PARISH COMMUNITY

Responsible Min.	Martha Oleson	250-477-6455
	Muna Haddad	778-881-5843
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.	Call office	250-477-5321
Marriage Prep.	Fr. William Hann	250-477-5321
Children's Rel. Ed.	Giacinta Bewley	250-652-0204

Children's Liturgy of the Word	Valentina Boyd	250-813-0230
Catholicism		
Library	George Murphy	250-658-6061
Outreach/Visiting	Sheridan Cooper	250-598-0248
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	
Could You Ever Come Back To The Church	Fr. William Hann	250-477-5321
RCIA	Glenn Palahicky	250-479-1331
	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	Parish Office	250-477-5321
Christmas Project	Coordinated by the Parish Office	
D&P/Share Lent	Barb McKrow	250-477-8322
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