



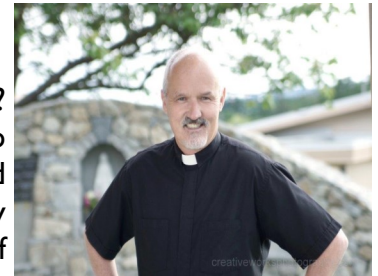
# Holy Cross Catholic Parish

## 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 22nd, 2018**  
**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

## From the desk of Father William



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Why does the Father love the good shepherd, according to Jesus? Because the good shepherd is willing to lay down his life in order to take it up again. That means he acts without being led by his fears. He acts out of love and respect for the precious gift given him, namely his life, his talents, and his very ability to work. Jesus is willing to do anything to save us! In this beautiful image of shepherd, the Scriptures try to describe the kind of relationship that God wants to entertain with each of us. God's presence becomes a protective presence: he is our shepherd; he guides us along the right path. In him, our drooping spirits, weary and searching, finds comfort and rest, and is given life again. His presence to us is life-giving and nurturing; for he leads us to fresh and green pastures, and to restful waters. He is worthy of our trust, for he is true to his name. Therefore, we have no reason to fear the threatening forces within us or outside of us; they will not swallow us up, they will not destroy us. We rely on God's protection and comforting presence. What is more, this protection and comforting presence of God to each of us affirms all that we are; it gives us a sense of dignity, it gives us a sense of our own worth that no one can take from us. That same God generously supplies us with what is lacking in our lives, showing us goodness and kindness. He raises us up, giving us a place in his own house, a share in his own life. Indeed, the Lord is my shepherd.

In the end brothers and sisters, it is rather quite simple, our Christian faith is about us knowing we are cared for, that we know ourselves held and sustained by a God who has become a God-for-and-with us-people. When we pray for "vocations" we still seem to mean a call to religious life or to priesthood. It is obvious that our Church today is in great need of good shepherds, totally committed to the Way of Jesus. However, in praying for vocations don't forget to pray for your own. Every single baptized person has a 'vocation'. Everyone is called by God to play a specific role in the Christian community and in the wider community. Our Christian communities can only grow and thrive when every member makes a contribution to the wellbeing of the whole. It is absolutely basic for us to ask ourselves at all times, "What does God want me to be? What are my particular gifts? How can I offer these gifts in service to the wider community and to my own Christian community? You're part of the fold. We must learn to choose these kinds of things so that our free will becomes more conformed to the will of the Father. Then our behavior will improve as does our "image" as an authentic Christian. Pope Francis is an excellent role model of this transformation. In his new encyclical Rejoice and be Glad he reminds us that everyday life can lead to holiness and holiness means being yourself and being kind. Let us join him as supporters and cheerleaders of the kind of Christian Jesus would like each of us to be. In the meantime, let us continue to listen to the voice of the Good Shepherd calling each of us to his side and to the fold.

Joy to all  
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.

### **CONDOLENCES**

We keep the families of Leni Groot and Char Deslippe in our thoughts and prayers during this time of grief. Both Leni and Char were vibrant and passionate members of our community, and they will be greatly missed by so many of us at Holy Cross. The funeral for Leni will held on Thursday at 11:30 and the funeral for Char will be held on Friday at 11am.

### **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 contact Anna in the office.



### **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. 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.

### **NEW SUNDAY MISSALS FOR YOUTH**

This year along with our regular Sunday Missals, we have the opportunity to order **Sunday Missals for Young Catholics**. The cost would be around \$7-\$8 per missal. These missals are geared to be read and followed in a way that young people can understand and connect with. We will not order the missals if there is no interest, so please inform the office either by phone or email if you would be interested in ordering a missal for your child, or grandchild.

### **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

### **PRAYER REFLECTION**

I could never finish speaking about [Christ] . . . He is the bread and the spring of living water to satisfy our hunger and our thirst. He is our shepherd, our guide, our model, our comfort, our brother.

—Pope Paul VI (1897-1978)

Death held sway until Christ died. The grave was bitter, our prison was indestructible, until the shepherd went down and brought to his sheep confined there the good news of their release. His appearance among them gave them a pledge of their resurrection and called them to a new life beyond the grave.

—Basil of Seleucia (c. 459)

Endow me with strength, thou Herdsman of might, guide me aright, guide me in thy strength, O Jesus, in thy strength preserve me.

—Traditional Celtic prayer

### **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 12<sup>th</sup>**, 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.
- **WOMEN'S BREAKFAST:** The next women's breakfast will be held Saturday May 5th, This will be the last one until the fall. Please support our Women's Breakfasts so that we are able to continue. Please go to the website link below and register soon. Deadline for registration is Tuesday, May 1st. And please be sure to tell your friends. <http://bit.do/Womens-Breakfast>
- **WALKING TOGETHER WORKSHOPS: "Walking Together: A Journey with our Indigenous Neighbours"**. The Anglican Church of St. John the Divine (1611 Quadra) has organized a series of presentations and workshops aimed at understanding and respecting the cultures, experiences and aspirations of First Peoples (April 8 to May 13). For more info and registration details, see <https://www.stjohnthedivine.bc.ca/events/walking-together--100/2018-04-25>.
- **DIOCESAN YOUTH CONFERENCE:** The DYC this year is May 25-27th. For more information or to register please contact Glen Palahicky at the Diocese: 250 479 1331
- **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 22nd**

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

#### **MONDAY, April 23rd**

9:00 am Mass: **Special Intention for Daniel Fernandez**

#### **TUESDAY, April 24th**

9:00 am Mass: **Souls in Purgatory**

#### **WEDNESDAY, April 25th**

9:00am Mass: **Helen Bowack +**

#### **THURSDAY, April 26th**

11:30am **Funeral mass for Leni Groot**

7:00pm **Prayer vigil for Char Deslippe**

#### **FRIDAY, April 27th**

11:00am **Funeral mass for Char Deslippe**

#### **SATURDAY, April 28th**

5:00pm Mass: **Special Intention for Daniel Fernandez**

#### **SUNDAY, April 29th**

8:30 am Mass: **Bernard McHugh +**  
10:30 am Mass: **Billy Bransfield +**

## **THANK YOU CORNER!**

Holy Cross we are all stars! A big thank you to those who volunteered at the Starfields-festival of hope. To those who organized, baked, volunteered and showed up. It made a difference. Your witness is powerful and did not go unnoticed among those out in the community. Thank you for living our mission, vision and values.

### **NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Thank you and welcome to Grett Ribeiro and Brian Wrigley who have joined Parish Council for the 2018-2019 term.

## **CONTACTS**

### **Pastor: Fr. William Hann**

250-477-5321 after hours: 250-294-9615

### **Associate Pastor: Fr. Karam Alraban**

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### **Pastoral Assistant: Anna Mendonca**

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### **Administrative Assistant: Valentina Boyd**

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### **Parish Council: Esther Sangster-Gormley**

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### **University Chaplain: Fr. Dean Henderson**

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### **Refugees: refugees@holycrossvictoria.org**

## **HOLY CROSS MINISTRIES**

<b>MINISTRY</b>	<b>COORDINATOR</b>	<b>PHONE</b>
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 15th, 2018**

### **WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS:**

<b>Envelopes</b>	\$ 2, 442.00
<b>Loose</b>	\$ 410.00
<b>Pre-Authorized Debit</b>	\$ 1, 107.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 3, 959.00</b>

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