



Holy Cross Catholic Parish

Twinning with St. Patrick's Parish

SUNDAY - April 23rd, 2023

Third Sunday of Easter

Sometimes a scripture commentary is so good it deserves to see the light of day beyond the scholars. R. H. Smith should have last word on the significance of the Emmaus story: *so, the lordship of Jesus is not known or manifested in acts of war or vengeance or in dreadful and mighty signs but is attained through a cross and expressed in a meal—an act of hospitality, peace, brotherhood, and sisterhood.* The power of heaven is waiting for us at the table. And what we are privileged to discover in the scriptures is even more forcefully brought home to us by sharing of the bread and wine. Yes, indeed, on this God-given Jesus we may feed. The Emmaus story is like a gospel within the gospel. It is so rich a lesson that it serves as a summary of our own bonding with Jesus Christ. The Emmaus story speaks to people of all ages. We can see ourselves in these two weary travelers on their journey, the faith and hope they have lost, the future they have hoped for fallen apart. And yet they met an unknown friend walking the road with them, who gave them a fresh insight, and connected the new world with the world they knew. And, of course, he is present in a particular way in the Eucharist, in the breaking of bread, full of the many meanings that breaking bread had for Jesus himself, during his life and after the resurrection.

It is not too difficult to recognize ourselves in those two disciples who are on their way to Emmaus. Is it? And look what it is that makes them slowly come to the point of recognizing Jesus as risen, as being very much with them; it is a recognition that enables them to snap out of their dejection and disillusionment so that they can take up life again with a sense of purpose and hope, strengthened and renewed: what makes that possible for them is their searching of scriptures and their breaking and sharing of the bread, in the presence of Jesus. But those are exactly the activities that we engage in while we are here. Every Sunday- as disciples of Jesus have done for centuries- we too come together around the scriptures and around the bread and wine that we share. And do we not do this in the presence of Jesus, who discloses for us the Scriptures, so that we find in them a bit of light in our darkness? And do we not follow that up by sharing the bread and wine in which the same risen Jesus continues to give himself to us so that we find nourishment and hope and life's journey? What today's Gospel story describes is what we are doing here? What overcame the first disciples of Emmaus overcomes us as well.

That is why we need to come together and search the scriptures, much like the disciples of Emmaus. And we search the Scriptures not just to satisfy our intellectual curiosity, but rather to find there a word from a gracious God- however clumsily mediated sometimes by the preacher- a word that enables us to negotiate our way through life and to keep our hearts burning within us, trusting and holding on to a God who, in Jesus dead and risen, shows himself to be a God-for-and-with-us- people. In the light of today's Gospel story, may I ask you to remain faithful to what we do here, to cherish it and to give it all the care it needs and deserves? It is the firm conviction of our Christian tradition that in our coming together, in our searching the scriptures, and in our sharing the bread and wine, we are privileged to meet the risen Jesus and to be renewed by him, so that we can get on with life with a sense of purpose and hope. We pray that it may indeed be so.

Abundant Easter blessings
Father William

OFFICE HOURS

Saturday, Sunday, Monday: Closed

Tuesday/Wednesday: 9am—2:00pm

Thursday/Friday: 9am—2:30pm

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***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.***

Report Sexual Abuse

To report sexual abuse by a clergy member, religious, employee, or volunteer, visit [RCDVictoria.org/Responsible-Ministry](https://www.rcdvictoria.org/Responsible-Ministry) or call 1-800-968-3146

To report sexual abuse or cover-up by a Catholic Bishop, visit [BishopReportingSystem.ca](https://www.bishopreportingsystem.ca) or call 1-866-892-3737

LIVESTREAM MASSES

Live Mass broadcast this weekend! Mass is livestreamed this week from St. Patrick's Parish at 4pm Sunday. Click the link here: <http://www.youtube.com/c/StPatricksHolyCrossChurch>

Outreach Ministry Requests for Visits

If you or a person you know would like a visit from an Outreach Ministry Volunteer to bring Holy Communion to someone at home who is unable to get to Mass; or - someone in long-term care, please contact the Office at 250-477-5321, or email: office@holycrossvictoria.org

Baptismal Prep Do you want to have your child welcomed into the family of God through baptism? To prepare you must complete a registration form and complete a Baptismal Preparation course. Please note that the next sessions for Baptismal Preparation are scheduled for:

- Sat, May 13 (10:00 am – 12 noon)
- Sat, June 10 (10:00 am – 12 noon).

Please call the parish office to leave your name and contact information and to request a registration form. Also, please indicate which course for which you would like to register. Please email hcsbp baptismalprep@rcdvictoria.org for further information.

The Arbutus Singers will be holding a 25th Anniversary concert at St. Patrick's Parish on Wednesday, April 26th at 7:30 PM. Tickets by donation. Up to \$5,000 will be donated to match proceeds from the concert. Proceeds are going to the Ukrainian-Canadian Cultural Society of Vancouver Island. Come enjoy an evening of musical selections with highlights from The Greatest Showman, Dear Evan Hansen, Jesus Christ Superstar and Neil Diamond.

Island Catholic Schools is accepting applications for the following position:

Part-time Homestay Coordinator for the International Student Program at St. Andrew's Regional High School
Detailed job posting available on the CISDV website: <http://cisdv.bc.ca/employment-opportunities.php>

Diocesan Bursaries and Awards - deadline for application is July 15, 2023

The Jawl Bundon LLP Bursary (\$2500): for a grade 12 Catholic student who has been accepted to a post-secondary institution. Preference will be given to Indigenous students, and to students who live outside of Greater Victoria and Nanaimo.

The Blessed Marie Anne Blondin Bursary (\$1000): for a lay woman who is accepted or enrolled in a program or course for ministry in the Church, such as religious education, social justice, liturgy, social action, care of the sick, etc.

The Char Deslippe Memorial Award (\$500): for a teacher working in Catholic Island Schools or a parish catechist serving in children, youth or adult ministry.

Find applications for these at the following link: <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/bursaries>

Office Assistant Job Posting St. Andrew's Cathedral is seeking a full-time, customer-service oriented Office Assistant to assist with the clerical duties of a busy parish office. We're looking for someone with a friendly attitude and strong work ethic, with an eye for detail, who can comfortably prioritize duties and work diligently under pressure. A full job description is available on our website or by email: saintandrewsoffice@gmail.com. Only those candidates who most closely match our requirements will be contacted. Please send your resume and covering letter to Rita Fichtner, Office Manager, at the parish office no later than April 22nd.

Library Corner

The resurrected Jesus appears again to disciples on the road to Emmaus. The disciples recognize him only later at table, when he "breaks and blesses the bread". That revelation and that miracle is celebrated in each Eucharistic Mass now and since that time.



Prayer Reflection

If . . . I were asked for the most important advice I could give . . . I should simply say: In the name of God, stop a moment, cease your work, look around you.

—Leo Tolstoy

God loves you, is present in you, lives in you, dwells in you, calls you, saves you, and offers you an understanding and compassion which are like nothing you have ever found in a book or heard in a sermon.

—Thomas Merton

Third Sunday of Easter - April 23, 2023

Do you recognize Christ in your life? Does your heart burn in his presence? How are you being called – as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? If God is calling you, contact Fr. David Hogman or Fr. Harrison Ayre, Directors of Vocations in the Diocese of Victoria.

Fr. David Hogman: dhogman@rcdvictoria.org **Fr. Harrison Ayre:** hayre@rcdvictoria.org



OUR LITURGICAL LIFE

SATURDAY, April 22nd

4PM Mass: David Gaffney+

SUNDAY, April 23rd

9AM Mass: Patrick and Mary Hann+

MONDAY, April 24th

NO MASS

TUESDAY, April 25th

9am Mass: Marie Arsenault+

WEDNESDAY, April 26th

NO MASS

THURSDAY, April 27th

9AM Mass: Mary Kay Clark+

FRIDAY, April 28th

NO MASS

The Church will be open for private prayers this week from Tuesday to Friday, 9am—noon

Adoration in the Mercy Chapel - is held on the First Friday of the month

Masks are no longer mandatory indoors. We do encourage those who feel more comfortable to wear them as needed. If you are feeling unwell please stay home.

**Summer Faith Study:
Seven Deadly Sins, Seven Lively Virtues**

St. Andrew's Cathedral is pleased to offer another *Summer Faith Study* this year. The course is Bishop Robert Barron's study on sin and virtue. Over 8 weeks, the course will look at what the Catholic tradition calls the Seven Deadly Sins and contrasting them with what Bishop Barron refers to as the Seven Lively Virtues. The study is designed to increase understanding, promote reflection, and encourage practical action in people's lives to strengthen our wills against the many temptations to sin. Together we will explore how to combat pride with humility, turn envy into admiration, anger into forgiveness, sloth into zeal, avarice into generosity, gluttony into asceticism, and combat lust with chastity. The facilitator is Bernadette O'Connor email: det.oconnor@gmail.com or phone: 250-896-4136.

Classes will be available both in-person and online each week and run for 8 weeks. In person sessions will be at 2:00 pm on Wednesdays at the Parish Office (740 View Street), starting June 7th. Online sessions will be on Zoom at 7:00 pm on Thursday evenings, starting June 8th. There is a fee of \$25 to cover participant workbook and access to Bishop Barron's video recording (a subsidy is available if the fee is not affordable). Please email det.oconnor@gmail.com to register or phone the parish office at 250-388-5571.

COLLECTION for April 10th 2023

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS	
Envelopes	\$ 2,050.00
Loose	\$ 577.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$ 1,370.00
Anawim for Men	\$ 100.00
TOTAL	\$ 4,097.00

Thank you

It is National Volunteer week!
Thank you to our many volunteers.
You form the very heart of our community with all of your varied and beautiful talents. We are blessed.



News from the Chancery

- 1) The Diocese of Victoria is now accepting applications for the position of UVic / Camosun College Chaplain. 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 job posting may be viewed at <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/employment>, and all applications must be received by May 19, 2023.
- 2) As the world celebrates Earth Day on April 22, you are invited to explore "Our Common Home", a website and booklet jointly developed by the Holy See and the Stockholm Environment Institute. This guide was created to help Catholic communities respond to Pope Francis' calls to develop a more sustainable future. The website can be viewed at <https://www.sei.org/publications/ourcommonhome/>; the booklet can be downloaded from the website.

Fund Raiser for Mount St Mary's

Please help me help Mt. St. Mary Hospital by ordering your plants and veggies asap. Lettuce can be planted now, tomatoes, geraniums and the like May 15th. To date your support has provided over \$100,000 to the hospital programs and WE AINT DONE YET!!! Contact Ellis at 250-477-6754 to place your order.

Garden Babies for Birthright Plant Sale at St. Patrick's Parish Saturday, May 20: 9AM – 1PM

Mark your calendars: Birthright's Annual Plant Sale is coming up May 20! We're moving back inside to the parish hall and will have all the usual plants, from perennials and ground covers to shrubs and edibles. We'd also love to have your plant donations. Plant donations can be dropped off to the Hall on Friday, May 19, from 3 – 5PM. Please contact Peggy at 250.478.5372 or info@birthrightvictoria.org to offer plants or plant sale help. **We are also taking pre-orders now for pick-up at the Plant Sale or during set-up on Friday, May 19.** Please see our Plant Sale Poster or go online for more details. <https://birthrightvictoria.org/garden-babies-for-birthright-plant-sales/>

The **CWL at St. Joseph the Worker** are holding a **garage sale** on Saturday, April 29th from 9:00 AM to 2:00PM. A few tables are still available. For further information, contact Gerry stjoegaragesale@outlook.com

* **April 28th & 29th (Fri./Sat.) St. Patrick's CWL SPRING GOOD USED CLOTHING SALE:** now includes the Treasured Book & Jigsaw Puzzles Sale to their Spring venue. **Donations needed and gratefully accepted!** * Men's, women's, children's clothing and shoes along with household linens; * Book and puzzle donations are now being accepted; but please note - we're unable to accept magazines, text or reference books. All items can be left: 1) at St. Pat's - on the marked carts in the hall closet area (just before the Office). Or 2) in the Holy Cross Office (Joanie will transport to St. Pat's). Please note we are NOT accepting any other items at this time. Thank you for your kind support. - Theresa Smith, theresasmith1225@shaw.ca

Mass Times: Holy Cross Parish - Saturday 4pm, Sunday 9am, Weekday Masses Tuesday and Thursday, 9am.
St. Patrick's Parish - Sunday 11am and 4pm. Weekday Masses Wednesday and Friday at 12:10pm.

Pastor: Fr. William Hann

250-477-5321

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Simona Stramaccioni-Bailey

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Baptismal Preparation: Beverly Pulyk

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Job Opening at St Joseph the Worker Parish:

Administrative Assistant Position at St. Joseph the Worker Parish, Victoria, 3 to 4 days a week (7 hrs/day)
Start Date: July 4, 2023. Please send a resume and covering letter to Fr. A. Monacelli, at 753 Burnside Road West, Victoria, BC, V8Z 1M9 or via email at sjtwparish@rcdvictoria.org.

Sunday Social Bridge is held on the first Sunday of the month from 7 - 10 pm in the Parish Hall. Contact Tony Southwell at (250) 477-5738 to register.

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.