

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 28, 2019
Divine Mercy Sunday

The last fact about Jesus is not that he was put to death, but rather that he has been raised from the dead and that as the risen One, he lives among us and is the source of the hope with which we stand in life. You find it well described in the readings of today: the first believers came together not to bemoan the fact that Jesus had been put to death, but to give expression to the fact that Jesus lives among them. They knew themselves to be empowered by Jesus to be witnesses to his resurrection. But they also felt the inner need to come together to have that faith conviction nourished by the reading of scripture and the sharing of the bread and wine. Those early Christians had a real sense that their fellowship was based on the shared faith of the risen Lord.

Thomas, who missed Jesus' first visit to the disciples, upon seeing him exclaims that Jesus is for him both Lord and God. Many things can—and have—been said about the apostle Thomas and his infamous demand to see the risen Christ in person rather than rely on the reports of the other disciples. Some have vilified him as the arch doubter, while others have praised him for his persistence in seeking out the risen Christ for himself. In the end it shouts to us: Thomas got on board! Taking in the whole story of Thomas at a glance is important because many of us get stuck in this one episode, which reveals Thomas the Problem. It's obvious that John's intention is to provide us with Thomas the Solution, the redeemed one, viewed over the spectrum of his discipleship. Just like Thomas, we problem disciples still have time to get on board. The Lord himself will find another way to draw us into freedom. Neither locked doors, nor even locked hearts, can keep him out. Divine Mercy longs for everyone to wake up and come to the table.

Dear friends, our faith is a great gift from God. But it is not an inert gift that we can lock away like some precious jewel. It is a living gift that needs nurturing to grow and mature. Like other life-forms, faith can wither from neglect. We need to pray about it, think about it, and express it in actions arising from love. This does not mean that we will never have any doubts. But if like Thomas we continue seeking, we too will come into the presence of Jesus and say, "My Lord and my God!"

With deep gratitude
Father William



OFFICE HOURS

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

Fr. William Hann, Pastor

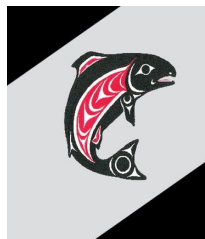
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HOSPITAL EMERGENCY CALLS: If you or someone you love is admitted to hospital and would like a visit from your office or Eucharistic Minister, please call your parish office or VGH/RJ hospital emergency pager **250-889-3761** and ask for **Fr. Thomas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

**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.

BISHOP'S GALA—MAY 4th



Only a few 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.

LEARN TO PROTECT

Praesidium "Learn to Protect" courses: If you are a continuing volunteer at Holy Cross and have not received log-on information from Praesidium, please email or phone Martha Oleson for that information moleson@shaw.ca or 250-477-6455; you may also contact Valentina in the office, who will forward your request on.

The Diocese now requires all continuing volunteers (not one event volunteers) to take the on-line courses. We are hoping that everyone gets on board!

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.

CELEBRATING 20 YEARS SUPPORTING Mt. St. Mary Hospital

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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



VERITAS

We are delighted to offer an opportunity for potential leaders of the **Veritas series to attend a Facilitator Training Session on Saturday, May 11, 2019** at the Church of the Ascension (Parksville) from 10:30 to 2:00pm. Lunch will be provided. **The cost of the DVD set & 1 booklet is \$40**. Parishes can order additional booklets (\$5.00/each) when they are ready to launch the series in their parish.

Please register by May 3, 2019 through Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/veritas-leader-training-tickets-59726233773>

If you have any questions about this session do not hesitate to contact me. If you have questions about Veritas specifically please contact Fr. Dean. *more info in the foyer or at the parish office.

PRAYER REFLECTION

We must strive to be moved by a generosity of spirit that will enable us to outgrow . . . conflicts of the past. —Nelson Mandela

Christ has no body on earth but yours, no hands but yours, no feet but yours. Yours are the eyes through which Christ's compassion for the world is to look out; yours are the feet with which he is to go about doing good; and yours are the hands with which he is to bless us now. —Saint Teresa of Ávila

AROUND THE PARISH AND DIOCESE

More information and details on bulletin board or parish office

- **GRAFFITI AT ST. ANDREW'S HIGH SCHOOL: June 5th - Save The Date!** Come and graffiti the old school building before it's demolished to make way for the new facility! As the final stages of the Catholic Schools Plan near, the removal of this cherished wing will make way for our new school entrance, Chapel and open landscape. Mark your calendars now for this free event on Saturday afternoon, June 5th. More details to follow. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us 250-479-1414 or gguevara@cisdv.bc.ca
- **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
- **MARCH FOR LIFE:** Bishop Gordon invites all members of the Diocese to attend the annual Victoria March for Life on May 9th, with this year's theme, "50 Years of Abortion: what's missing?" The day begins with 12pm Masses at St. Andrew's Cathedral (Bishop Gary Gordon) and St. Patrick's (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

OUR LITURGICAL LIFE:

SUNDAY, April 28th
9:00am Mass: **Galasso Colangelo +, Mark & Debbie Underhill +**
MONDAY, April 29th
No Mass
TUESDAY, April 30th
9:00 am Mass: **Denis Doherty +**
WEDNESDAY, May 1st
9:00 am Mass: **Peter Montgomery +**
THURSDAY, May 2nd
9:00 am Mass: **Fred & Sandra Spreadborough (int.)**
FRIDAY, May 3rd
11:00 am Funeral mass for **Karl Koster**
SATURDAY, May 4th
4:00pm Mass: **Deceased members of the Virgillio Family +**
SUNDAY, May 5th
9:00am Mass: **James Arthurs, Gus Medina +**

THANK YOU CORNER!

Thank you to members of our parish who participated in our liturgical life throughout the Triduum and Easter services. To one and all abundant thanks! I want to thank Phil and Sheila who coordinated the unfolding of the Triduum while both battled a bug.

PARISH SOCIAL LIFE

Joint Wellness—Monday and Thursday at 10am
Wednesday Social group— 1-3pm
Duplicate Bridge—Wednesday 7pm.
Social Bridge—First Sunday of every month.

FYI: the Croation Festival will be taking place next weekend May 4th and 5th. Some attendees may be using our parking lot during this time.

Fraud Alert: someone is texting and emailing people pretending to be Fr. William Hann. They want to talk and ask you to buy various gift cards. Father William would never ask you to buy things for him or send money to anyone. Please delete these messages immediately.

CONTACTS

Pastor: Fr. William Hann

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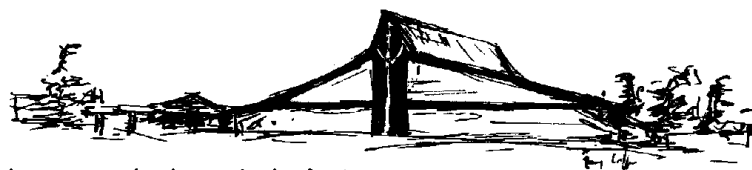
Parish Council: Esther Sangster-Gormley

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University Chaplain: Fr. Dean Henderson

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COLLECTION April 21, 2019

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS:

Envelopes	\$ 5, 685.00
Loose	\$ 1, 527.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$ 1, 095.00
TOTAL	\$8, 307.00

Needs of the Church \$ 1, 580.00

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