



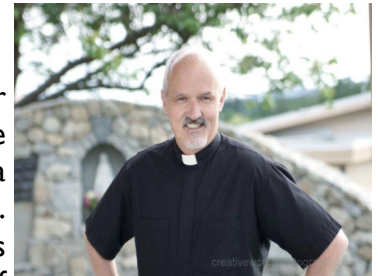
Holy Cross Catholic Parish

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 29th, 2018
Fifth Sunday of Easter

From the desk of Father William



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Could it be true that someone who had been zealously seeking their imprisonment and death for proclaiming the name of Jesus was now doing the very same thing himself? The community had to receive Paul who had been a block to the “Way” and then instead of being in the way, he was on the “Way”. Paul had to live with his earthliness, his past, his violence. Many of the great saints have had to live beyond their histories. Paul learned of the redemptive mission of Jesus, not like the other disciples, at the feet of Jesus. Paul became a disciple by learning, by getting knocked off his own feet by the Trimmer’s pruning voice. That person you are weary of, afraid of, is just another human being with fears and anxieties on the road of life. They may need a bit of time to be pruned! But we can take responsibility for our own personal deadwood. The word of Christ does the pruning, if we present ourselves fearlessly for the Kingdom!

Listen to what he says to us: those who keep his commandments remain in him, and he in them, and the way we know that he remains in us is from the Spirit he gave us. In the readings for the Fifth Sunday of Easter, the message seems simple enough: Do what pleases God, follow God’s commandment to love in the name of Jesus, and you will receive whatever you ask. What we hear today is from the famous verses taken from the heart of John’s Gospel presenting Jesus giving His last discourse to His apostles. In today’s Gospel Jesus reminds us that we cannot be Christians without Jesus Christ. “I am the vine, you are the branches”. The theme of today’s Gospel seems to provide that focus, and it does so in terms that cannot be mistaken. It is our relationship to Jesus Christ, Jesus the risen One, the living One, that is decisive. The unique thing about the Christian faith is that it is not a theory or philosophy that somebody has dreamed up. Rather, at the core of it stands a living person, Jesus the risen One. And our being Christian stands or falls with the way we relate to him. What it ultimately comes down to is what kind of relationship we have with him. How am I, you a branch of the vine?

The simple truth is we are in this together! We can say of each other: “We live from the same source. You live from the same vine as I do.” That is what makes us into Church, into the Body of Christ. We cannot be disciples of Jesus on our own. Of course, there are moments when we find the others more of a nuisance than a help, and we may even find them a burden, in being a disciple. And so we figure it may be better to go it alone. Perhaps it may work for awhile. But in the long run, it won’t; it will dry up; it becomes empty. When Jesus speaks of himself as the vine, then he says to us: “You together, you with each other are the branches.” When we know that about ourselves and about each other, when we acknowledge about each other that we live from the same vine, then we will respect and support each other. And together we will bear fruit, the kind of fruit from which our world will benefit, the kind with which our heavenly father will be glorified. Pray for me please as I lead a retreat for priests this week in Saskatchewan.

Together rooted in Christ
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.

SISTERS OF ST. ANN 160 YEARS IN THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST

You are cordially invited to join the Sisters of St. Ann as they celebrate 160 years of care, education, and the loving ministry of God's love in the Pacific Northwest on **Saturday, June 2nd**. The festivities will begin at 10:30 am with Mass at the Cathedral. A Reception will follow from 12:30 pm at the Royal BC Museum where a boxed lunch will be provided to those who RSVP. To indicate your attendance and a desire for a boxed lunch please sign up on the sign up sheets provided in the foyer by Sunday May 13th. Thank you.

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! We have **1** ticket left. Please contact the office if you would like it.

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.

SOCIAL LIFE AT HOLY CROSS

Joint wellness: Mondays and Thursdays at 10am
Wednesday Afternoon Social Group: Wednesdays at 1pm.
Men's Duplicate Bridge—Wednesday 7pm.
Social Bridge—First Sunday of every month.
HC Walking Group—10:00am meet in church parking lot.



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

The passage from the gospel in which the Lord calls himself the vine and his disciples the branches affirms in its own way that, as mediator between God and the human race, the man Christ Jesus is head of the church and we are its members. —*Saint Augustine (354-430)*

If our love is only a will to possess, it is not love. We must look deeply in order to see and understand the needs of the person we love. This is the ground of real love.

—*Thich Nhat Hanh, Buddhist monk, Peace Is Every Step*

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 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.
- **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 Breakfast. 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>
- **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>
- **MARCH FOR LIFE:** "Use Your Voice" on Thursday, May 10th at this year's 11th Annual March for Life. There will be a mass at 12 noon to kick off the day at St. Andrew's Cathedral and St. Patrick's Parish. The march begins at 1:45 at Centennial Square and heads towards Legislature. A full schedule of events is on the bulletin board and on the website.
- **ST. PATRICK'S VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: July 9th-13th** St. Patrick's Church, Victoria, will be hosting a Vacation Bible School: **A Radical Ride on the Wings of Prayer**. It will take place from **8:30am-12pm** at the Parish Centre. The camp is for kids ages 4-11, \$50/child, \$100/family. For further details and to register visit the Parish Office or contact Anastasia pearse.anastasia@gmail.com

OUR LITURGICAL LIFE:

SUNDAY, April 29th

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

MONDAY, April 30th

9:00 am Mass: **Hilary Ribeiro +**

TUESDAY, May 1st

9:00 am Mass: **Peter Montgomery +**

WEDNESDAY, May 2nd

11:30am Mass: Funeral mass for Wilfred Feser

THURSDAY, May 3rd

9:00am Mass: **Giacinta Sweeney (int)**

FRIDAY, May 4th

NO MASS

SATURDAY, May 5th

1:00pm Funeral Mass for Justine Ethier
5:00pm Mass

SUNDAY, May 6th

8:30 am Mass: **Bradley Graham +**
10:30 am Mass: **John & Mary Doyle +**

THANK YOU CORNER!

To the ministry of hospitality team who have served the food and beverages at the funerals this past week and this coming week.. It is a ministry that goes to the very heart of what we proclaim to be as a Christian community. Barb McKrow and Judy Begg are the two coordinators. Thank you one and all!

* If you have a **pyx** (small round gold container for consecrated hosts) and you are no longer using it, can you please return it to the sacristy. Our outreach team requires these pyx in order to continue their ministry and there are currently none left.

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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.	Anna Mendonca	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 22nd, 2018

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS:

Envelopes	\$ 3,191.00
Loose	\$ 480.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$ 1,107.00
TOTAL	\$4,778.00

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