

# 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 7, 2019**  
**Fifth Sunday in Lent**

The readings today take us into the realm of the impossible. Yahweh put water in the desert—impossible; Saint Paul tells us we will attain Resurrection from the dead—impossible; the adulterous woman is condemned by no one—impossible. Jesus staged a cliff-hanger in today's Gospel. Scribes and Pharisees brought before him a woman who had been caught in adultery. Three terms express their sense of dominance: "They caught her." "They brought her." "They made her stand before them all." They bristled with righteous indignation as they asked Jesus for his view. In their eyes, her fate is sealed: it must be death by stoning, according to the law. No one talks about the adulterous man involved. As always happens in a sexist society, the woman gets condemned and the man walks free.

These self-righteous men put the woman in the middle of their circle and demanded that Jesus go along with their plan to stone her. The tension mounted. The men were ready to act. Jesus knelt low and began writing in the sand and invited anyone who was without sin to cast the first stone. The men slunk away. The woman was not only saved—she was forgiven and invited to sin no more. The accusers go away shamefaced. They know that they are guilty of many things themselves.

Maybe we haven't yet managed to unpack all the consequences in Jesus' liberating action in the face of this woman's oppression. Working in a Church that is directed and inspired mostly by men, we often fail to be aware of all the injustices that women keep suffering in all areas of life. So, we keep working and witnessing to the God who loves us beyond our own fears and brokenness. Here is a man Jesus, not conditioned by any oppressive law or power; a few individuals, who never hated or condemned, never returned evil for evil. In his defense of this woman, there is more truth and justice than in our resentful demands and name-calling. Like the Pharisees, we may be tempted to imagine a God in our own image and likeness. A stern, punitive father, who can forgive only after our abject repentance. This kind of religion can be cold and loveless,

On another note, if it were not for women giving so much of their wisdom and witness in the church a lot would not get done. I want the women of Holy Cross and St. Patrick's to know I am deeply grateful for your witness. Take time to enter into the mystery of Holy Week by reflecting on your own paschal story. The last chance for a Penitential Service is this Tuesday at Our Lady of the Rosary at 7pm.

Blessings,  
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.

### **SHARE THE JOURNEY: SHARE LENT 2019 Week 4: March 31**

*Share the journey with Syrian refugees in Lebanon*

Since the war broke out in Syria in 2011, some 12.5 million Syrians have had to flee their homes. Development and Peace partner House of Peace (HOPE) is working to build bridges between Syrian refugees and their host communities in Lebanon. On this Solidarity Sunday, we extend a warm thank you for your generosity. Your donation will help our sisters and brothers across the world, from Colombia all the way to Lebanon, Nigeria, and elsewhere! Thank you for helping us build a world of peace and justice, where no one will be forced to flee their home! [devp.org/give](http://devp.org/give)

### **WHOLLY HUMAN, HOLY DIVINE ECUMENICAL LENTEN SERIES**

Our annual five week ecumenical Lenten series will start Wednesday March 13th. The evening starts at 6pm with shared soup dinner followed by video and group discussion. Registration is required.

**April 10th:** At Grace Lutheran with "The Place" Community —"Letting Go"

### **CELEBRATING 20 YEARS SUPPORTING Mt St. Mary Hospital**

Time flies...for this special occasion **EMPLOYEE PRICING IS AVAILABLE FOR ALL ORDERS RECEIVED BEFORE April 30!!!**

**Many plants available:**

**Hanging baskets 70**

**Tomatoes 150**

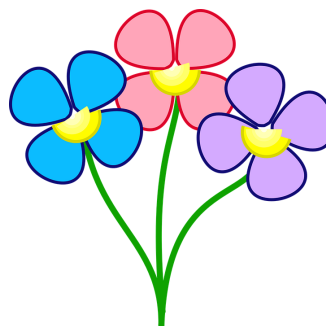
**Geraniums 100**

**Employees you guessed it....**

**Total proceeds to date to Hospital \$90,262.50**

**One way or another please help me hit \$100,000!!**

**Thanks...ellis....250-477-6754**



### **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.)

### **STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND ROSARY**

During Lent there will be Stations of the Cross every Friday after the 9am mass. There is also daily rosary before morning mass from Tuesday to Friday at 8:30am all through the year. All are welcome to join these extra times of prayer and worship.

### **GREEN TIP**

The new Canada food guide (<https://food-guide.canada.ca/en/>) recommends a dramatic reduction in meat and dairy products in favour of fruits and vegetables, whole grains, and protein from plant sources. This is also good for the environment, as dairy and livestock productions emit far more greenhouse gases than the cultivation of crops. Better health, better environment!

### **PRAYER REFLECTION**

Everything terrible is something in need of our love.

—Rainer Marie Wilke

In God alone is there primordial and true delight, and in all our delights it is this delight that we are seeking.

—Saint Bonaventure

### **AROUND THE PARISH AND DIOCESE**

More information and details on bulletin board or parish office

- **CHRISM MASS:** On Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm Bishop Gary Gordon will be the principal celebrant at a Mass that is celebrated annually. At this liturgy, we gather around the bishop for the blessing and consecration of the oils that will be used in all our parishes in the coming year. **All are invited to attend. A reception will follow.**
- **WE'RE BUILDING A CHURCH:** in partnership with the Ahousaht 1<sup>st</sup> Nation, we have been invited to build a new church this summer. Funds raised at the Gala will be used to support the building of the new church. If you are unable to attend, donations are also gratefully accepted. Tickets are available and donations can be made online at: <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/diocesan-blog/2019-bishops-gala> If you have items or services that would be suitable for the auction, please contact Gala organizers at 250-479-1331.
- **MARRIAGE ANNULMENT INFO SESSION:** The Annulment Process: *Marriage and Divorce in the Catholic Church*, presented by Louis Melendez, M.Ed., Assistant to the Judicial Vicar at the Diocese of Victoria. All your questions will be answered. Open to all interested, regardless of marital status. Tues., April 9, 2019 at 6:30pm at Our Lady of Fatima Parish basement (entry through the office). Call 250-479-1331, ext. 237 or e-mail [marriagetribunal@rcdvictoria.org](mailto:marriagetribunal@rcdvictoria.org) to register.
- **WHY DOES THE CHURCH EXIST?:** *"She exists in order to evangelize."* (Pope St. Paul VI) All are invited to an **Evangelization Summit** on May 4<sup>th</sup> at St. Joseph the Worker Parish in Victoria **8:30 am – 4:00 pm**. This is a day of faith, fellowship and formation. Please register free of charge at [www.newevangelization.ca](http://www.newevangelization.ca) Bring your own lunch.

### **RECONCILIATION SERVICES**

Fr. William encourages parishioners to take advantage of the Penitential services at **Our Lady of the Rosary** on April 9th, 7pm.

### **REMEMBERING YOUR LOVED ONES AT EASTER**

We welcome donations for the Easter floral display. If you would like to contribute and remember a loved one, please pick up an envelope at the foyer. Once you have filled it out, place your donation inside and drop in the collection basket. **Deadline is April 13rd.**

### **OUR LITURGICAL LIFE:**

#### **SUNDAY, April 7th**

9:00am Mass: **Debbie Underhill + Thanksgiving**

4:00 pm Mass University Mass

#### **MONDAY, April 8th**

No Mass

#### **TUESDAY, April 9th**

9:00 am Mass: **Mary Loughran +**

#### **WEDNESDAY, April 10th**

9:00 am Mass: **Mary Hann +**

6:00 pm Grace Lutheran ...The Place

#### **THURSDAY, April 11th**

9:00 am Mass: **Shanesh Birthday Int.**

#### **FRIDAY, April 12th**

9:00 am Mass: **Regina DeJesus +**

#### **SATURDAY, April 13th**

4:00pm Mass: **Deceased members of the Mazza Family +**

#### **SUNDAY, April 14th**

9:00am Mass: **Mary Finn, Ellen Ring, Hilary Ribeiro +**

4:00 pm Mass University Mass

### **THANK YOU CORNER!**

Thank you Holy Cross! As Pastoral Assistant I was given the opportunity to get to know you...that has been the best gift ever. Your kindness and willingness to serve each other is what makes us a family here at Holy Cross. I miss you, but I'm looking forward to what retirement will bring.  
Blessings, Anna

### **PARISH SOCIAL LIFE**

**Joint Wellness**—Monday and Thursday 10am

**Wednesday Social group**— 1-3pm

**Duplicate Bridge**—Wednesday 7pm.

**Social Bridge**—First Sunday of every month.

## **CONTACTS**

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

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**Administrative Assistant:** Valentina Boyd

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**University Chaplain:** Fr. Dean Henderson

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## **COLLECTION March 31, 2019**

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

<b>Envelopes</b>	\$ 3610.00
<b>Loose</b>	\$ 590.00
<b>Pre-Authorized Debit</b>	<u>\$ 1,095.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 5,295.00</b>

## **HOLY CROSS MINISTRIES**

<b>MINISTRY</b>	<b>COORDINATOR</b>	<b>PHONE</b>
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