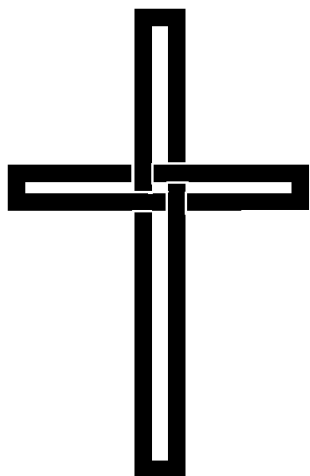


Holy Cross Catholic Parish



Our Vision

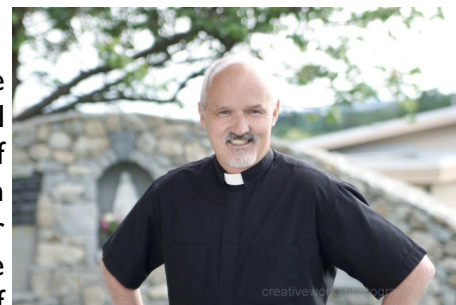
Holy Cross Parish strives to be a welcoming, dynamic, vibrant, and inclusive Catholic community that gathers in unity and reaches out to attend to the needs of others.

SUNDAY August 13th, 2017 Nineteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

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From Fr. William's Desk

Notice the connection to last week? Here is Elijah, on the same mountain where Moses and the Israelites encountered the mighty presence of God. There were the disciples, having their own encounter with God's presence in Jesus' power over the elements of creation. All of them were afraid. But there was no reason to fear. The voice of the Lord came through, whether small or in the commanding words of Jesus, and what is needed is to listen for that voice. What is it saying? Not only "do not be afraid"; it is also issuing a call: for Elijah to take up again his prophetic mission, and for the disciples have the courage to step out of a boat in the middle of the night. Courage is what the world needs!! Let me explain!



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Whenever shocking events rock the world, many shake their heads and wonder what God is up to. Why would God cause an earthquake or permit a tsunami? Why does God do nothing while those two warring groups chop each other to pieces? Is there a God at all if we live in a world where children die of preventable diseases? Why does God give evil people such free reign to commit grave harm? Other people, just as naturally and a bit more optimistically, point to signs of God's presence and concern in the people who rush to rescue others in times of need. God is in the impulse of firefighters and law enforcement, aid workers and medical volunteers, peace keepers and chaplains who enter the arenas of danger to offer their help. God is not punishing in the storm but pulling souls from the wreckage.

And when you celebrate, God shares the joy with you. And when you seek to discern your course, God's wisdom seeks to illuminate the way. And if you're afraid, God bolsters your courage and gives you strength to proceed. And even in your doubts, the divine gift of faith provides you the grace to move forward into the darkness. God is in the sacraments and rituals of belief. God is in the routines and rhythms of domestic life. God shares the triumph and tragedy, the gains and the losses. God knows all about the crown and the cross. So when you find yourself on the stormy sea, and Jesus comes near your boat, you know you can trust him when he invites you to walk on the waves with him. You will never be stranded. Where you are, God is. I know God is here with me on my patio in my home in Champneys's West, Newfoundland. Google it!

OFFICE HOURS

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

MASS TIMES

SATURDAY	5:00pm
SUNDAY	8:30am 10:30am
MONDAY	No Mass
TUESDAY	9:00am
WEDNESDAY	9:00am
THURSDAY	9:00am
FRIDAY	9:00am

Mercy Chapel: Tues—Fri during office hours

Fear not ,

Father William

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.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

“Faithful love and loyalty join together, saving justice and peace embrace” (Psalm 85). God, who is love, demands justice. For fifty years, Development and Peace has been working with partners in the global south in their pursuit for economic, social and political justice. The continued generosity of our Canadian Catholic Church and supporters has ensured that the voices of many of those striving for peace and solidarity are heard here in Canada. For more information please visit www.devp.org or contact your parish’s Development and Peace representative.

REDISCOVERING THE ART OF DYING BOOK ORDER

Holy Cross will be ordering several copies of the book “Rediscovering The Art of Dying” by Nuala Kenny. There is an order form in the foyer of the church along with a write up of the book. If you are interested in ordering a copy please sign up on the order form. Copies will be available in September. * **Father William will be hosting a parish study group of this book in the fall.**

WELCOME BACK BBQ FOR UVIC AND CAMOSUN STUDENTS

The Outreach Committee is planning the annual Welcome Back BBQ for UVic and Camosun Catholic students after the 4:00 PM mass on Sunday 17 September. About 90 guests are expected. This is an important outreach initiative to the students who form part of our parish, and will continue with five other suppers in the course of the academic year. The Committee will manage the BBQ and serving. We would appreciate volunteers to provide salads and simple desserts on the 17th. Sign-up lists will be posted in the church foyer for this and subsequent suppers. I want to thank all the parishioners who cooked for us last year, and those of you who plan to help out this year. (John Oleson; jpoleson@uvic.ca)

DONATE YOUR ‘TREASURE’

Just a reminder that Holy Cross offers the following options for your financial contributions to the parish:

- pre-numbered collection envelopes
- pre-authorized debit (automatically out of your bank account on a monthly basis)
- gifts of publicly traded securities and mutual fund

Please contact the office if you want more information on any of these. Thank you.

SAVE THE DATE: FALL ECUMENICAL SERVICE

On **Sunday, October 29th at 2pm** there will be an ecumenical service at Holy Cross parish in commemoration of the Reformation. More details will follow on the ecumenical activities planned for the upcoming year.

CPR/AED COURSE DETAILS

The CPR/AED course will take place on **Saturday, September 30th from 8:30AM to 3pm** in the parish hall. Cost is \$75 per person and we still have a few spots available. If you are interested in registering please call the office at 250-477-5321. *For those who have already signed up Anna will be in touch with you shortly to confirm your registration.*

PRAYER REFLECTION

Joy is the infallible sign of the presence of God.

—Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

For me the most radical demand of Christian faith lies in summoning the courage to say yes to the present risenness of Jesus Christ.

—Brennan Manning

AROUND THE PARISH AND DIOCESE

More information and details on bulletin board or parish office

- **ST. ANDREW'S CATHEDRAL 125TH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT SERIES:** Victoria Brass & Brassastic Quintets and Organ Brass Extravaganza. **Sunday, September 10th, 2017** at 2:00pm at St. Andrew's Cathedral. Admission by donation.
- **JOB OPPORTUNITY:** Island Catholic Schools is accepting applications for After School Care Workers at St. Joseph's School, Victoria. Application forms and details are posted on <http://cisdv.bc.ca/employment-opportunities.php>

THANK YOU FROM THE KRSINAR FAMILY

The family of Helen Krsinar would like to extend their deepest thanks and gratitude to the community of Holy Cross, for their kindness, compassion and hard work last week as they grieved the loss of their beloved mother, and prepared for her funeral. They were truly touched by the love and empathy they received here.

AT THE LIBRARY

(in the Parish Centre –Tue- Fri: 9am-2:00pm)

August 28 is the feast day of St Augustine (350 to 430) Bishop of Hippo. His autobiography Confessions (regarded as one of the greatest books written) and his biographies are on our Library Suggestion Shelf. Resist if you can, the man who said:

- *Lord, help me to be chaste, but not just yet*
- *Love, and do what you will*
- *Oh Lord, our hearts are restless until they rest in you*
- *Miracles are not contrary to nature, but only contrary to what we know about nature*

OUR LITURGICAL LIFE:

SUNDAY, August 13th

8:30 am Mass: **Bev Laliberte +**

10:30 am Mass: **Larry Stadnyk +**

MONDAY, August 14th

NO MASS

TUESDAY, August 15th

9:00 am Mass: **Fr. William's**

13th Anniversary of

Ordination (int)

WEDNESDAY, August 16th

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

THURSDAY, August 17th

9:00 am Mass: **Eunice Preston +**

6:30 pm Rosary Group

FRIDAY, August 18th

9:00 am Mass: **Jon Jusevic +**

SATURDAY, August 19th

4:15—4:45 Sacrament of

Reconciliation

5:00 pm Mass: **Elizabeth Sindani +**

SUNDAY, August 20th

8:30 am Mass: **Patrick Hann +**

10:30 am Mass: **Angela Murphy +**

THANK YOU CORNER!

Thank you to everyone who had a hand in organizing, setting up, taking down, cleaning, cooking, creating, decorating, entertaining, and everything in between at our 1st Annual Parish BBQ. Your help and hard work brought the community together for a wonderful celebration!

MONTHLY GREEN TIP

Use cloth rather than paper napkins, and glass food containers instead of Tupperware.

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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.	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 August 6, 2017

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS:

Envelopes	\$ 3,495.00
Loose	\$ 495.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$ 962.00
TOTAL	\$ 4,952.00

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	778-265-2134
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	778-265-2134
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