



Holy Cross Catholic Parish

Twinning with St. Patrick's Parish

SUNDAY - August 15, 2021
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

As Mary enters Elizabeth's home the sense of her holiness and the Presence of the Messiah fills the place. Elizabeth is overwhelmed with this recognition. The child within her womb leaps for joy! What an emotion-filled experience this was for all of them. Mary herself proclaims the greatness of the Lord; in her humility and trust she exalts the goodness of God. In trust, Mary accepted her role in Salvation history. By her life she modeled perfect obedience, fidelity and unwavering trust. In her death she was exalted by the Lord.

Mark's Gospels recently have focused on the theme of trust. The Apostles in the storm at sea lacked complete trust; they needed to be shown Jesus' power. The hemorrhagic woman trusted so completely that even though Jesus was unaware, the touch of his cloak was enough to cure her. Jairus trusted at Jesus' prompting 'not to fear, but only believe', and his daughter was raised up. In contrast, the people of Nazareth could not accept the carpenter's son as being more, and Jesus could not perform miracles there. The Apostles are sent out two-by-two and by their trust and Jesus' trust in them they heal the sick and cast out demons.

In our lives, at any given time, we could behave as any of these characters - needing to be shown the power of God or reassured not to fear. At times we trust completely; at our most desperate times we may not believe at all. Subject to the events of our lives, the circumstances of those we hold dear, or global or national disasters or scandals, our trust bends.

What does total surrender, total trust look like in today's world? Does it exist in our culture? "Kisses from Katie", a book about a teenager from Nashville, gave me the answer to these questions. In 2007, when Katie Davis was 18 years old, she went on a mission trip to Uganda for three weeks on her Christmas break. She had been raised Catholic, and by her own account had begun at the age of 12 or 13 to delve into Scripture. She had come to the conclusion that she "admired and worshiped Jesus without doing what He said".

Her 3-week overseas volunteer work was the beginning of her effort to change that. She was so moved by this experience that she decided to accept an offer to teach at an orphanage in Uganda the year following high school, on the promise to her father that she would return to the USA to attend college at the end of that year. This typical American teen who had been class president and homecoming queen, who had grown up in the luxury of an upper-middle-class home and had her own small yellow convertible found her real home and her real calling in that year amidst the dust and squalor of the small Ugandan town, loving with all her heart the orphans and people she encountered. Life was incredibly difficult, but Katie's reliance on God every moment of every day got her through. That was the beginning of her real journey with God and the things God has accomplished through her would astonish you. She acknowledges that God provided for all her needs at every turn.

A pivotal time in Katie's journey occurred when, to fulfill the promise to her father, she returned to America to attend college. The dichotomy between the materially rich culture of the US and the abject poverty of Uganda, along with the dichotomy of the Spiritual paucity Katie felt while in the midst of plenty versus the Spiritual moment-to-moment reliance on God she knew in Uganda, revealed to this young woman that God was calling her to return to Uganda, this time for good. She did return and continues to listen to and do God's will, no matter the cost, knowing without a doubt that God will provide. This is total trust. I'm inspired by Katie Davis and wonder what my life would look like if I applied the same trust to my life, here and now.

Lord, help me to trust in you, not myself or my things.

Listening, Sheila Wall



OFFICE HOURS

Saturday, Sunday, Monday: Closed
Tuesday/Wednesday: 9am—2:30pm
Thursday/Friday: 9am—2:00pm
Fr. William Hann, Pastor

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.

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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.

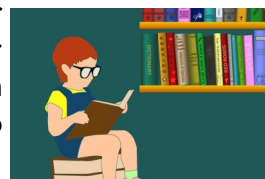
LIVESTREAM MASSES

We will not be livestreaming Mass while Fr. William is away on holidays. *Livestreaming will resume on Saturday, September 4th.* Thank you for your understanding. Just a reminder that the Bishop of Victoria will be livestreaming from St. Joseph's in Tahsis every Sunday at 10am from the Diocesan link: www.rcdvictoria.org/diocese-of-victoria-live-stream

LIBRARY CORNER

Two new, recent books on the Library's Suggestion shelf: Unbelievers: An Emotional History of Doubt by A Ryrie --- What prepared the way for the current crop of Godless scientists/philosophers/journalists like Dawkins, Harris, Hitchens? And, Dorothy Day: Dissenting Voice of the American Century by J Loughery --- Dorothy Day is recently remembered by Pope Francis as one who lived with, spoke for, and went to jail with the disadvantaged.

A Reminder: of the request in the "Reconciliation Corner" in last Sunday's Bulletin for book donations to a newly established "Collection of Books by Indigenous Authors or on Indigenous Issues". This collection will be conveniently accessible in the church foyer before and after Mass as soon as there are a reasonable number of books to offer a choice.



SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION



The 4 Cs: Catechism Confession, Confirmation & Communion REGISTRATION Info & Forms

Are you wanting to help your child prepare to receive these sacraments and to grow to know Jesus as their best friend? Step right up! Welcome to another year of Our Journey of Faith. These programs run from mid September to early May. Please complete and submit the registration form for Sacramental Preparation You can find them on St. Patrick's Parish Web Site under Religious Education or obtain a hard copy from Holy Cross or St. Patrick's Parish Office. Contact Barb Shenton at bshenton@rcdvictoria.org for further information.

RECONCILIATION CORNER

What does TRUE RECONCILIATION look like? We have much to learn from the late **FR. JEAN POCHAT**, OMI, who was tasked with reconciliation following revelations about the residential schools in the Mackenzie Diocese (Northwest Territories). Read about his relationship with the Tłıchǫ people of the Dene Nation, whom he served for 60 years. Watch the CBC coverage of the celebration of his 82nd birthday, and of his funeral in 2010.

****We are continuing to accept book donations towards our special Indigenous Collection.** See the description in our Aug. 1 bulletin.



PRAYER REFLECTION

The most holy Eucharist holds within itself the whole spiritual treasure of the church, namely Christ himself, our passover and our living bread.
—Second Vatican Council (1962-1965)

We speak of the real presence of Christ in us he is in us, through his flesh, and we are in him; and with him, what we are is in God.
-Saint Hilary of Poitiers (c. 315-367)

Participate joyfully in the sorrows of the world. We cannot cure the world of sorrow, but we can choose to live in joy.
—Mythologist Joseph Campbell (1904-1987)

A NOTE FROM THE DIOCESE

To access the live stream link from the Diocese of Victoria website simply google: Diocese of Victoria or go to www.rcdvictoria.org/diocese-of-victoria-live-stream. Celebrate Mass on-line with Bishop Gary at St. Joseph's in Tahsis.

SUNDAY 10 AM
MONDAY TO FRIDAY 7 PM

British Columbia Bishops' Campaign in Support of Healing and Reconciliation

The Catholic Bishops of British Columbia recognize the need for a province-wide initiative to raise funds to support healing and reconciliation among Indigenous and non-Indigenous people. This appeal will launch formally in September 2021, at which time further details will be provided.

Campaign Priorities:

The goal of the Campaign is to support residential school survivors and Indigenous communities in our province as part of our ongoing response to the recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action. This includes projects that promote healing and reconciliation. As part of this process, each bishop will consult with Indigenous leadership, survivors, elders, and other community members. The bishops of British Columbia sincerely hope that this Campaign will help to restore trust and further the ongoing journey to truth and reconciliation.

In the Diocese of Victoria, donations may be made at:
<https://www.rcdvictoria.org/donate-healing-reconciliation>

The campaign message may be found on our Diocesan website at:
<https://www.rcdvictoria.org/special-announcements/bc-bishops-appeal-in-support-of-healing-and-reconciliation>

ADORATION IN THE CHAPEL

First Friday adoration in the mercy chapel will be starting on Friday September 3rd, right after morning mass. Any questions? Please call Trish Westwood 2504776032

OUR LITURGICAL LIFE:

SATURDAY, August 14th

4pm Mass: Mazza Family Int.

SUNDAY, August 15th

9am Mass: Bruni Family Int.

MONDAY, August 16th

Office Closed/No Mass

TUESDAY, August 17th

9am Mass: Sean Keilty +

WEDNESDAY, August 18th

9am Mass: Harold McDermott +

THURSDAY, August 19th

9am Mass: Ollie Qualley & Marie McCrae +

FRIDAY, August 20th

9am Mass: Noel Vitch +

In-person Masses have resumed now with no restrictions on numbers. If you have any questions in this regard, please contact the Office (250-477-5321.)

Masks are now optional, with the exception of those not yet vaccinated, in the church and parish centre.



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COLLECTION for August 8, 2021

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS:

Envelopes	\$ 2,398.00
Loose	\$ 120.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$ 1,677.00
TOTAL	\$ 4,195.00

