



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 20th, 2017 Twentieth Sunday In Ordinary Time

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From Fr. William's Desk

In today's gospel passage, we see a woman from a non-Jewish part of the territories summoning Jesus to an action. He wasn't counting it as part of his job description. For the most part, the redeemer of ancient prophecy was the savior of Israel. Some passages in Isaiah push that envelope quite a bit, but most good Jews who were expecting anything from heaven at all were expecting a son of David to rescue the nation. Canaanite territory was so not-Israel it wasn't even funny. Pagans were definitely not on God's radar to most devout Jews.



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Jesus isn't mean to this woman. He's honest. He tells her she's not a member of his family, and she accepts that. And then she reminds him of something that every dog-loving, cat-cohabiting, fish-supporting, hamster-spinning, bird-feeding animal lover knows: Not all members of a household are created equal but they still belong as part of the whole and still have basic rights. And Jesus is surprised. Her argument was so convincing, he changed his position and embraced hers. Dynamic faith from human beings is enough to surprise heaven sometimes, it seems. Want to give God something unexpected? Offer bold, extraordinary faith. The lesson for all of us is to seek the path beyond our own prejudice to the point where admiration and compassion rule the day in our interactions with others. Let your prejudices be teachable moments!

Incidents like this one should make any Christian careful about making statements as to who is acceptable to God, or who will be saved! In fact, however, many Christians seem to think they know exactly who will be saved, and some even claim to know how many, as well!! The disciples want to "send her away, for she keeps calling after us." Indeed, there is a terrible irony in disciples sending someone away! Jesus does test her faith but when he sees that it is true, he compliments the woman and grants her request. It seems to me that we can all learn a lesson from this. Faith will show up in unexpected, and sometimes "unacceptable," ways and persons. Shall we send away (indeed even ask Jesus to send away) a faithful person who only wants the same help that we ask for and receive? To all those who feel they are the foreigners or the Gentiles or the Canaanites in today's readings, to all those who come to us that we have ignored or turned away or hurt, know this: I apologize for not being church for you. Help us, challenge us to do better. *All Are Welcome* isn't a motto or a song. It is a goal that we can only reach together.

The other is us,
Father William

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	11:00am
WEDNESDAY	9:00am
THURSDAY	9:00am
FRIDAY	9:00am

Mercy Chapel: Tues—Fri during office hours

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.

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)

WISH TO BECOME A CATHOLIC?

Also suitable for adult Catholics seeking Confirmation Are you searching for a Church to call your own? Are you interested in finding out more about the Catholic faith? The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a process that begins to explore these and other faith issues for those who may be considering following the Catholic Christian way of life. If interested, please contact the parish office at 250- 477 5321 or contact Phil or Shelia Wall by email at walls_in_holland@hotmail.com or email Father William fatherwilliam@shaw.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.

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.**

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

In today's Gospel, our Lord shows us the power of faith. When we entrust everything to Him, He cannot help but be moved by it. Let's pray today with all our hearts for the Catholic Church to be a true reflection of God's love and mercy for others. Let's ask our Lord to break through the injustices that occur around the world, and bring hope to all of those who suffer. Development and Peace, the official international Development organisation of the Catholic Church, invites you to join a movement of faith and justice. Your faith, your prayers and your actions can move mountains! Check Development and Peace's website and become a



member today: www.devp.org/becomemember

PRAYER REFLECTION

We are the other of the other. —Marcus Aurelius

The foreignness of what you no longer are or no longer possess lies in wait for you in foreign, unpossessed places.

—Italo Calvino

AROUND THE PARISH AND DIOCESE

More information and details on bulletin board or parish office

- **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>
- **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.

OUTREACH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Holy Cross is in need of more outreach volunteers who can go out to visit the elderly parishioners who are isolated in their own homes or in care homes. This ministry is essential in our community. If you are interested please call Anna at 250-477-532

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*

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SOCIAL GROUP

The Wednesday Afternoon Social group will be reconvening on **Wednesday, September 6th, 2017** from 1-3pm in the parish hall. New members are always welcome. Come join the fun playing bridge and enjoying coffee/tea and baked goods afterwards. Contact Angie Speller (250-382-3908) or Veronica Rampon (250-477-1963) if you have inquiries.

OUR LITURGICAL LIFE:

SUNDAY, August 20th

8:30 am Mass: **Patrick Hann +**
10:30 am Mass: **Angela Murphy +**

MONDAY, August 21st

No Mass

TUESDAY, August 22nd

11:00am Funeral Mass for **Evalina Reda**

WEDNESDAY, August 23rd

9:00 am Mass: **Ray McNally +**

THURSDAY, August 24th

9:00 am Mass: **Norman Gregg (int)**
6:30 pm Rosary Group

FRIDAY, August 25th

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

SATURDAY, August 26th

3:45—4:30 Sacrament of Reconciliation

5:00 pm Mass: **In Thanksgiving**

SUNDAY, August 27th

8:30 am Mass: **Marge Jusevic +**
10:30 am Mass: **Hugh Loughran +**



THANK YOU CORNER!

On behalf of our parish Fr. Karam would like to express his gratitude to Fr. William for his 13 years of dedicated service as a priest in our Diocese. It has been 13 years of generous spirit, genuine heart and life giving service to the Lord and glorifying His name among His people. Happy 13th anniversary of priestly ordination Fr. William. And many more!

CONTACTS

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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. Sun. Coffee, 8:30	Ann Francis Darlene Southwell	250-477-8650 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 Annual Shed Clean	Loretta MacDonald Jack Ponsioen	250-477-6682 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 July 2, 2017

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS:

Envelopes	\$ 3, 379.00
Loose	\$ 412.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$ 962.00
TOTAL	\$ 4, 750.00
SVPD:	\$1, 017.00

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 RCIA	Fr. William Hann Glenn Palahicky Phil / Sheila Wall	250-477-5321 250-479-1331 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 Out- reach	John Oleson	250-477-6455