



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 August 30, 2020 Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

And Peter took Jesus aside and began to rebuke him, saying "God forbid it. Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan!" You are a stumbling block for me; for you are thinking not as God does, but as humans do."

The stumbling block for me then is how I can think like God and not as a human. So I Google it and according to the Catechism of the Catholic Church:

"Deep within his conscience man discovers a law which he has not laid upon himself but which he must obey. Its voice, ever calling him to love and to do what is good and to avoid evil, sounds in his heart at the right moment. ... His conscience is man's most secret core and his sanctuary. There he is alone with God whose voice echoes in his depths."

Each morning for the past several weeks I have been walking from Willows Beach to Turkey Head and back. And during this time I have been listening to a podcast called "Turning to the Mystics". As I am listening to the narrator take me through prayer and meditation, I walk in deep thought along the ocean; I feel like I am walking with Jesus.

Thomas Merton's words resonate within me, *"My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself and the fact that I think I'm following your will does not mean that I'm actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you. And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire. And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road though I may know nothing about it. Therefore, I will trust you always. Though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death, I will not fear, for you are ever with me and you will never leave me to face my perils alone."*

As disciples of Jesus we need to let Him lead, accepting that he will not lead us away from suffering, pain or difficulty. Instead of seeking our own benefit and gain, we allow every experience – even in moments of distress – to draw us into closer relationship with Jesus who invites us to lay our burdens on his shoulders.

Yahweh, I know you are near.

Journeying with you
Debby Pietraszek



OFFICE HOURS

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

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HOSPITAL EMERGENCY CALLS

HOSPITAL EMERGENCY CALLS: 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. Sean Flynn** to make this request.

OUR VIRTUAL COMMUNITY

Father William has created a **YouTube** page and a **Facebook** page for the combined St. Patrick's and Holy Cross families! Please visit the Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/StPatsHolyCross/>
Like and follow the page and please do send photos of the church for posting!

Please Note: All are invited to join Bishop Gary Gordon from the comfort and safety of your homes as he celebrates Mass through a live stream from St. Joseph's Church in Tahsis. Masses are livestreamed Monday to Friday at 7pm and on Sundays at 10am. To access the live stream <https://www.youtube.com/c/RCDVictoriaLiveOne>

The Saturday 4 pm Mass is also live streamed to the St. Andrew's Cathedral YouTube site with one of the priests residing at the Cathedral celebrating. It can be accessed at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tKnRCVYp4PA&feature=youtu.be>

***Father William will be returning on August 31st. His first day back in office will be Tuesday, and we are scheduled to resume livestreaming next Saturday, September 5th at 4pm.**

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION COURSES 2020/2021

As summer progresses many of us are beginning to look ahead to the upcoming year for the sacraments of Confession, Confirmation & First Holy Communion. We plan to have classes beginning in late September. Due to COVID-19, how this year of preparation will unfold is still being planned. For now, we welcome new registrations for either year. Please send an email to barbshenton@ics.rcdvictoria.org with your family name, your child's name and age and a return email. A registration form will be forwarded to you.

HOMEGROWN ORGANIC GARLIC SUCCESS

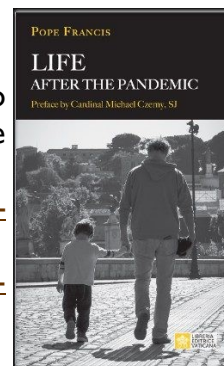
Thank you for all those who ordered! The garlic sales were a huge success with hundreds of dollars being raised for Anawim. It was so successful that some orders could not even be filled. But Harry promises to plant triple next year, right Harry?
Thank you all for your generosity and for your love of garlic!

**LIFE AFTER THE PANDEMIC—POPE FRANCIS**

Pope Francis has published a book on how to help navigate the COVID-19 pandemic,. Also - published by the Vatican, the Pope's homilies during the pandemic can be downloaded. Links below:

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2020-08/life-after-pandemic-pope-francis-michael-czerny-book.html>

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/vatican-city/news/2020-07/vatican-publishes-pope-francis-homilies-santa-marta-book.html>



PRAYER REFLECTION

There is no better wood for feeding the fire of God's love than the wood of the cross.
—Saint Ignatius of Loyola

You want to see his altar? This altar is made of Christ's own members, and the Lord's body becomes an altar for you. Venerate it. It is more august than the stone altar on which you offer the holy sacrifice.
—John Chrysostom (c. 350-407)

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.

SUNDAY 10 AM

MONDAY TO FRIDAY 7 PM

MERLIN'S MUSINGS: These can be accessed through the following link: <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/diocesan-blog/merlinsmusings17>

Note: During the summer months the Diocesan Pastoral Centre will **be closed on Fridays**. Please see their website for current opening hours: <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/>

JOB OPPORTUNITY

Island Catholic Schools is accepting applications for the following positions:

- After School Care Worker at St. Joseph's School (Monday-Friday; 3:00-6:00pm)
- Full-time, part-time and on-call Educational Assistants for schools in Victoria.

Application forms and details are posted at: <http://cisdv.bc.ca/employment-opportunities.php>

THANK YOU

A warm and sincere **Thank You** to Fr. Frank for being here with our community over the last six weeks. We have so enjoyed your thought provoking homilies, your infectious laugh, and your general 'joie de vivre' - especially during this difficult time as we all continue to try and navigate through this pandemic. We were blessed by your grace filled presence.

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

OUR LITURGICAL LIFE:

SATURDAY, August 29th

2:30-3:15pm Reconciliation
4:00pm Mass: **Salvatore Ciccone +**

SUNDAY, August 30th

9:00am Mass: **Eileen Shaughnessy +**

MONDAY, August 31st

Office Closed/No Mass

TUESDAY, September 1st

9:00 am Mass: **No Intention**

WEDNESDAY, September 2nd

9:00am Mass: **Ester Quizon +**

THURSDAY, September 3rd

9:00am Mass: **Kamal Akeed Alraban +**

FRIDAY, September 4th

9:00 am Mass: **John Calder +**

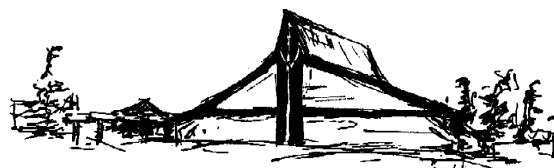
At Holy Cross Parish you must now register for which day of the week you would like to attend Mass. You can register by emailing Joanie Bidlake at:

officeassistant@holycrossvictoria.org

Our Mass schedule remains the same for now:

- Tuesday – Friday:** 9am Mass
- Saturday:** 4pm Mass (full)
- Sunday:** 9am Mass (full)

*please note that you may select a Mass time from St. Patrick's Parish Mass schedule. To do this please call Deborah Mackay at St. Pat's at: **250-592-7391.**



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COLLECTION for August 23, 2020

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS:

Envelopes/Canada Helps	\$ 1,922.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$ 1,452.00
TOTAL	\$ 3,374.00