



# Holy Cross Catholic Parish

## Twining with St. Patrick's Parish

### SUNDAY - August 4, 2024

### ***Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time***

Today's Gospel is the beginning of the discourse on the bread of life that follows the miraculous feeding of the multitude. Some of the people who had been fed by Jesus crossed the lake to find him the next day. They were eager to remain with him. Jesus seems brusque with them, however. He tells them that they are not there because they had appreciated the meaning and seen beyond the sign that he had given them, but because they had filled their bellies and wanted more.

So, Jesus tells them that they should be working, striving, for real bread—bread that lasts and can give eternal life. They then ask Jesus what they must do. What they must do, Jesus tells them, is have faith in him. This makes the crowd defensive, and they challenge Jesus to give them a sign that he is deserving of their faith. We read in the first verses of the Gospel today, how the religious leaders were confounded with how Jesus got from here to there. In a sense, they were asking our human questions about Jesus in the Eucharist, but even more about Jesus as our Lord and Savior. “How did you do that?” Faith is an understanding which allows for the misunderstandables. How did God split the sea? How did God present manna and quails? How did Jesus take five loaves and two fish to feed so many? How is Jesus present as man and Son of God? How is Jesus present in the Eucharist? All particularly good human questions and we, like our Jewish ancestors, can grumble, regret, and take off to the comfort of the easily explainable. Forget those questions and enter the miracle. *I do love the Eucharist; it is easy to consume. I surrender to the love that Jesus is, even when I cannot stomach or digest all that love means and invites me to.*

Today in this Eucharistic celebration we receive Jesus in word and sacrament. Our openness and receptivity to this is what we call “believing”. The life of God in the bread and word is our manna, which sustains us on our journey through our personal deserts. With trust in Jesus, we can move towards greater freedom. It all comes down to trust!! Manna from heaven is what we are all waiting for. But we keep looking up to the sky to find it, instead of in the Body of Christ, namely our sisters and brothers.

**Jean Allen writes...you may say, “I believe in Jesus” but here is the cruncher: do you allow him to believe in you? You profess to love him. Do you allow him to love you? You desire to serve the Lord. Do you believe that he also wants to serve you? Growing in capacity to receive Jesus and be fed by him is a lifelong process. As soon as you experience him filling a little hole in your heart, the hole gets bigger! Little by little, he expands your longing and your capacity. Continually desiring and believing in him is the lifelong work of God. Pay attention to your dissatisfaction. Do you know that all the strong desires you have, the longings, the yearnings, the restlessness and aching for more, whether it is spiritual or otherwise, are echoes of his immense and intense desire for you? Saint Teresa of Calcutta said... If you cannot feed a hundred people, then just feed one.**

*Feed the hungry as Christ feeds you,*

*Father William*

#### OFFICE HOURS

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

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***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.***

#### Report Sexual Abuse

To report sexual abuse by a clergy member, religious, employee, or volunteer, visit [RCDVictoria.org/Responsible-Ministry](https://www.rcd-victoria.org/Responsible-Ministry) or call 1-800-968-3146

To report sexual abuse or cover-up by a Catholic Bishop, visit [BishopReportingSystem.ca](https://www.bishopreportingsystem.ca) or call 1-866-892-3737

## LIVESTREAM MASSES

**Live Mass broadcast this weekend!** Mass is livestreamed this week from St. Patrick's Parish at 4pm Sunday. Click the link here: <http://www.youtube.com/c/StPatricksHolyCrossChurch>

### 2024/25 Sacramental Preparation Programs for Children/Teenagers of St Patrick's and Holy Cross

**Journey of Faith for Teenagers:** Learn about the Catholic Faith, what it means to follow Jesus, and how to receive the graces needed to live the Way, the Truth and the Life. This program is designed for teenagers to venture on a faith journey and enter new life in right relationship with God. Students may prepare to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Communion and Reconciliation, as appropriate. ALL STUDENTS AGED 13+ YEARS OLD ARE WELCOME. Each student must participate with a sponsor.

**Journey of Faith for Children:** Does your child want to learn more about the Catholic Faith? This program is designed for children to venture on a faith journey and enter new life in relationship with God. Candidates may prepare for the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Communion and Reconciliation, as appropriate. ALL SCHOOL-AGED CHILDREN AGED 9-12 YEARS OLD ARE WELCOME. Each student must participate with a parent.

**Together in Jesus First Reconciliation for Grades 2 and 3:** Children who are baptized are ready to prepare for First Reconciliation in the Year 1 group when they reach the minimum age of 7 years old. This program is suitable for children 7-9 years old. Lessons edify their imagination and sense of wonder through storytelling, interactive learning, and prayer rituals. Each student must participate with a parent.

**Together in Jesus Confirmation and First Communion for Grades 3 and 4:** Children who have received the sacrament of First Reconciliation are ready to prepare for Confirmation and First Communion in the Year 2 group. Candidates who were in the First Reconciliation Year 1 group at St Patrick's/Holy Cross are automatically registered into the Year 2 group. If your child is not registered and wishes to join this group, please contact the Sacramental Prep Coordinator - Michele Bristow [mbristow@rcdvictoria.org](mailto:mbristow@rcdvictoria.org).

Please attend one of the Parent Info Sessions to be held on **Saturday Sep 14 at 3pm or Sep 21 at 5:15pm (30 min) at Holy Cross**. The First Reconciliation session for baptized candidates begins on Oct 5. Preparation for Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion begins in January. This year all classes take place at Holy Cross Parish (4049 Gordon Head Rd) before or after the Saturday 4pm mass. For more information, contact the Sacramental Prep Coordinator - Michele Bristow [mbristow@rcdvictoria.org](mailto:mbristow@rcdvictoria.org). Registration forms are available online: [https://s3.amazonaws.com/media.cloversites.com/cf/cf43cd4b-2408-4957-a83c-d18c6511d74a/documents/Registration\\_Form\\_2020\\_SP\\_-\\_Yrs\\_I\\_II\\_-\\_FILLABLE.pdf](https://s3.amazonaws.com/media.cloversites.com/cf/cf43cd4b-2408-4957-a83c-d18c6511d74a/documents/Registration_Form_2020_SP_-_Yrs_I_II_-_FILLABLE.pdf)

### Become a Volunteer Catechist 2024-2025

Grow in and share your faith with children and youth of St Patrick's and Holy Cross parishes. Effective catechists are patient, responsible, confident and creative. You bring a generosity of spirit, respect for diversity and a habit of hospitality and inclusion. We provide you with training in Catholic teaching, Scripture and Tradition to teach students and their families. Complete a [Ministry Volunteer Application Form](#) and submit it to the parish office. For more information contact the Sacramental Prep Coordinator Michele Bristow [mbristow@rcdvictoria.org](mailto:mbristow@rcdvictoria.org). For volunteer screening procedures go to: <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/responsible-ministry>

### **A Milestone Anniversary - LAST CALL, and a call for some help**

On August 15, 2024, Father William will celebrate the 20th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood. Please join us for Mass beginning at **5pm** followed by a bring-your-own picnic supper, at Holy Cross Parish. Beverages will be provided.

Please **RSVP** to [office@holycrossvictoria.org](mailto:office@holycrossvictoria.org), call 250-477-5321 or sign up in the foyer **by August 8th**.



If you are able to assist with set up or take down and clean up, please sign up on the prepared sheets in the foyer.

If you can bring two dozen cookies or squares to share, please sign up in the foyer.

### **Prayer Reflection**

Bread for myself is a material question. Bread for my neighbor is a spiritual one.

—*Nikolai Berdyaev*

If you can't feed a hundred people, then just feed one.

—*Mother Teresa*

The Eucharist is the sacrament of love: it signifies love, it produces love. The Eucharist is the consummation of the whole spiritual life.

—*Saint Thomas Aquinas*

### **Our Condolences**

We offer our condolences to the family of Patrick Lockert, who passed away on Monday, July 29th. Patrick was a long-time parishioner at Holy Cross Parish.

In addition, we received word that a former parishioner, Josie Ribeiro, passed away on July 22, 2024. Her funeral will be held at Our Lady of Fatima Church on August 6 at 10am. Her obituary can be viewed at <https://www.legacy.com/ca/obituaries/timescolonist/name/mariazinha-ribeiro-obituary?id=55722459>

May both Patrick and Josie rest in eternal peace.

### **Outreach Ministry Requests for Visits**

If you or a person you know would like a visit from an Outreach Ministry Volunteer to bring Holy Communion to someone at home who is unable to get to Mass; or - someone in long-term care, please contact the Office at 250-477-5321, or email: [office@holycrossvictoria.org](mailto:office@holycrossvictoria.org)

### **Baptismal Prep**

Do you want to have your child welcomed into the family of God through baptism? To prepare you must complete a registration form and complete a Baptismal Preparation course. The next sessions to choose from will be held on Saturday, August 31 from 10 - 12 and on Saturday, September 28 from 10 - 12.

Please email [hcsppbaptismalprep@rcdvictoria.org](mailto:hcsppbaptismalprep@rcdvictoria.org) with your name and contact information. The coordinator will then contact you with more details about baptism and forward you the baptism registration form.

### **Hearing Loop System**

Holy Cross Parish is equipped with a hearing loop system. If you wear hearing aids, switch your hearing aid to T-Coil and you will be connected to the hearing loop system. See: [www.advancedlistening.ca](http://www.advancedlistening.ca)

### **OUR LITURGICAL LIFE**

**SATURDAY, August 3, 2024**

4PM MASS: Joseph Szikora+

**SUNDAY, August 4, 2024**

9AM MASS: Josephine Loughran+

**MONDAY, August 5, 2024**

NO MASS

**TUESDAY, August 6, 2024**

9AM Liturgy of the Word with Communion

Josephine Loughran+

**WEDNESDAY, August 7, 2024**

NO MASS

**THURSDAY, August 8, 2024**

9AM Liturgy of the Word with Communion

John Mellis (Int)

**FRIDAY, August 9, 2024**

NO MASS

**The Chapel will be open this week Tuesday to Friday 9 - 12**

***Masks are optional at this time***

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***The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available from 3:00- 3:45 on Saturdays***

### **COLLECTIONS , July 28, 2024**

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS

Envelopes	\$ 1,500.00
Loose	\$ 330.00
Anawim	\$ 70.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$ 1,015.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 2,915.00</b>

### **Thank you!**

Thank you to our funeral team volunteers and liturgical ministers who provide amazing, dedicated and compassionate care to families in grief. You are special angels of mercy.



# Pastoral Care Training

Nine free online sessions

Saturdays from 9:30 am - noon

September 28 - November 30 2024 (no session October 12)



For further information, please contact: Moira King, Chair  
Diocese of Victoria Health Care Committee: [moiraking@shaw.ca](mailto:moiraking@shaw.ca)

**Session 1**  
Basics of Pastoral Care  
Sep 28

**Session 2**  
The Healing Ministry of Christ  
Oct 5

**Session 3**  
Active Listening and Communication  
Oct 19

**Session 4**  
Elderly Isolation, Loneliness, and the Journey with Dementia  
Oct 26

**Session 5**  
Palliative Care and the Healing Ministry for the Dying  
Nov 2

**Session 6**  
The Grieving Process  
Nov 9

**Session 7**  
Bereavement: Ministering to Families  
Nov 16

**Session 8**  
Ministry of God's Presence and Compassion  
Nov 23

**Session 9**  
Spouse Caregiving, Healthy Boundaries, and Self-Care  
Nov 30



## 'Church Watch'

The insurance deductible we have at Holy Cross Parish is linked to having people 'keep an eye' on the property. If you live nearby and regularly walk by the church or through the parking lot, would you be willing to be 'on the formal list' of volunteers participating in 'Church Watch'? If you were to notice any irregularities, you would be asked to contact the coordinator so that there could be follow up.

Contact the office at 250-477-5321 if you are willing to help out. Thank you!



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### 10th Annual Family Life Conference & Camp

August 15th-18th, 2024 | Nanoose Bay  
[www.rcdvictoria.org/family-camp](http://www.rcdvictoria.org/family-camp) | [familycamp@rcdvictoria.org](mailto:familycamp@rcdvictoria.org)

Register now!

**EVERYONE WELCOME! ALL AGES**



St. John Mary Sullivan  
Associate Director  
Ministry and Outreach  
Archdiocese of Vancouver

Bishop Gary Gordon  
Diocese of Victoria

Janella Desjarlais  
Director, Faith Formation  
and Evangelization  
Diocese of Victoria

## CWL Fantastic Fall Bazaar will be held on October 5, 2024

Donations to the Fall Bazaar at St. Patrick's Parish will be accepted **beginning August 1st and continuing until October 4**, Tuesdays to Fridays from 11 am - 3pm. Please see the poster on the bulletin board in the foyer at Holy Cross Parish for more details re accepted items, or if you wish to have your donation picked up.

**Pastor:** Vacant

### **Executive Team:**

Catherine Davis, John Bartle-Clar, Dave Begg

**Hospital Chaplain:** 250-889-3761

**Administrative Assistants:** Phil & Sheila Wall  
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**University Chaplain:** Vacant

**Parish Council Chair:** Catherine Davis

**Sacramental Preparation:** Michele Bristow  
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**Baptismal Preparation:** Beverly Pulyk  
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## REGULAR MASS TIMES

**Mass times - Holy Cross Parish:** 4pm Saturday, 9am Sunday; **Liturgy of the Word with Communion:** 9am Tuesday and 9am Thursday

**Mass times - St. Patrick's Parish:** 11am Sunday, 4pm Sunday; 12:10pm Wednesday and 12:10pm Friday

**Confessions:** 3:00 - 3:45pm Saturdays, Holy Cross Parish; 11:30am on Friday at St. Patrick's Parish

## 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.