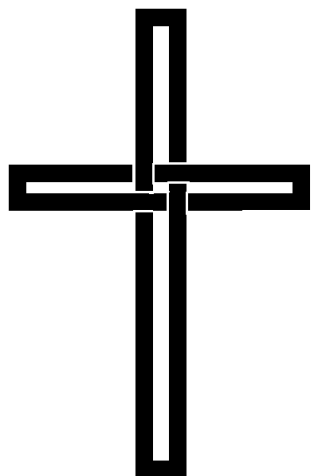


Holy Cross Catholic Parish



Our Vision

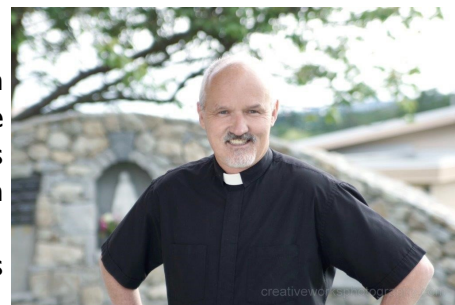
Holy Cross Parish strives to be a welcoming, dynamic, vibrant, and inclusive Catholic community that gathers in unity and reaches out to attend to the needs of others.

SUNDAY August 6th, 2017 The Transfiguration of the Lord

From Fr. William's Desk

In Scripture, big things happen on mountain tops! Moses meets with God! Jesus preaches the Sermon on the Mount. The transfiguration takes place on a mountain top. Jesus is crucified on a high place called Calvary.

Did you know the "transfiguration" is mentioned in all three of the "synoptic" gospels, each with its own emphasis? In Mark, it is the revelation of the "hidden" Messiah; in Matthew, the revelation of the New Moses; in Luke there is an emphasis on prayer. The transfiguration takes place on a mountain, which was the usual place for revelations in the Old Testament (and in Matthew's gospel, the Sermon on the Mount). In Luke, it is a personal experience of Jesus while he is praying. His experience spills over to Peter, James and John, who see the figures of Moses and Elijah, who represent the Law and the Prophets, and then experience the presence of God in the cloud (the way Moses did on Mt. Sinai) and here the voice that reveals Jesus as "my chosen Son." This is a pretty big experience for three fishermen from Galilee.



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From our perspective, 2017 years later, the transfiguration could seem like an odd insertion in the middle of the story of Jesus, but it is meant to help us realize a bigger picture that takes in the whole plan of God. Did you know God has a plan for **you**? May I offer a question to reflect on while I am away on holidays? Are you an "accidental" Catholic or an "intentional" Catholic. An accidental Catholic is one simply because he or she was born into a Catholic family and simply does whatever Catholics do. An intentional Catholic is one who sees the faith as a major motivating reality and strives to live it in an "intentional" way. The accidental Catholic may indeed be a good person, even a holy person, but there is no energy directed toward a deliberate consciousness of their faith and baptismal calling. The intentional Catholic makes the effort to look at their day and ask questions like: How have I prayed? What have I learned? How was I loving? How did I serve?

At the Baptism of Jesus, God declared: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." At the Transfiguration these words are repeated, perhaps with more drama. The apostles were challenged to listen to Jesus—and then told not to say anything until he had been raised from the dead. When in your life has an event so changed your understanding of the world that you don't know what to do or who to trust? God tells you again; listen to my beloved Son.

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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

Eyes on Jesus,
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

The Responsorial Psalm reminds us of one of the pillars of God's throne: justice. In times of intense suffering, such as the current famine and conflict taking place in Africa and Yemen, justice can often seem nearly impossible. However, tremendous injustice can often lead to moments of reflection, solidarity and generosity. With the support of the Canadian Catholic Church, Development and Peace is raising money for the current crisis in Africa and Yemen. Those funds will be sent to local partners, including the Catholic Caritas network, to fight the effects of these crises. For more information, please visit **www.devp.org**

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.

EAT THIS BREAD DRINK THIS WINE

Why we do not allow intinction? Why we do not allow dipping the precious host in chalice: first of all, it is against liturgical norms. Also, when people dip the host they might possibly dip their fingers into the consecrated wine and transmit germs. When taking the host from the chalice to their mouth, there is the danger of the precious blood falling upon the floor or the moistened host breaking. Jesus invites us, as He invited his disciples, "to take and eat" and "to take and drink". Please talk to Fr. William if you have any questions.

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

Where woundedness can be refined into beauty a wonderful transfiguration takes place. —John O'Donohue

When we give cheerfully and accept gratefully, everyone is blessed. —Maya Angelou

AROUND THE PARISH AND DIOCESE

More information and details on bulletin board or parish office

- **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT FOODBANK:** The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul has need of volunteers at its emergency food location, 828 View St. Duties include bagging dried goods, sorting and bagging fresh produce and bread. Shifts are 8:30 – 11:00, Monday to Friday. Regular and on call volunteers welcome. Contact Margaret Walters at mwalters@svdpvictoria.com or 250-208-2555
- **CELEBRATION OF THE FEAST OF ST. CLARE:** Come join the Franciscan Poor Clares, for the Feast of St. Clare, on **Saturday, August 12, 2017**. Mass is at 10:a.m and the celebrant is Bishop Gary Gordon. Light refreshments will follow the Eucharist. it will be held at: St. Clare's Monastery, 2359 Calais Rd. Duncan BC. Everyone is welcome.
- **5th ANNUAL DIOCESAN FAMILY CONFERENCE:** Featuring guest speakers Josh and Denise Grimard from Telegraph Creek, BC and Ryan Mitchell from Face 2 Face Ministries for teens. **This Aug 24-27th**, plan to join families from all across the island to relax and play and grow closer to God and your family all in one weekend! This year there is the option of coming a day early to make it a 4 day event! Situated on the shores of Nanoose Bay, this is a weekend designed for relaxing and recharging. All meals and activities including faith formation for the kids are included in one reasonable price. Stay in comfortable cabins or bring your own RV or tent. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to renew your faith and friendships, make new ones and lasting memories with your family. Register at rcdvictoria.org.
- **ST. ANDREW'S CATHEDRAL 125TH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT SERIES:** Victoria Brass & Brasstastic Quintets and Organ Brass Extravaganza. **Sunday, September 10th, 2017** at 2:00pm at St. Andrew's Cathedral. Admission by donation.
- **DIOCESAN NEWS & EVENTS:** The latest Diocesan News & Events is now online: <http://www.rcdvictoria.org/blog/post/en/news-and-events-july-2017>

OUR LITURGICAL LIFE:

SUNDAY, August 6th

8:30 am Mass: **Angela Murphy +**
10:30 am Mass: **Michael Leland +**

MONDAY, August 7th

No Mass / Office Closed: BC Day!

TUESDAY, August 8th

9:00 am Mass: **Lisa Gonsalves +**

WEDNESDAY, August 9th

9:00 am Mass: **Charles Kemp +**

THURSDAY, August 10th

9:00 am Mass: **Fran Farrell +**
6:30 pm Rosary Group

FRIDAY, August 11th

9:00 am Mass: **Libania Frias +**

SATURDAY, August 12th

3:45—4:30 Sacrament of
Reconciliation

5:00 pm Mass: **Siri Gunasinghe +**

SUNDAY, August 13th

8:30 am Mass: **Bev Laliberte +**
10:30 am Mass: **Larry Stadnyk +**

THANK YOU CORNER!

As I go on holidays on Aug. 11th I want to thank my Holy Cross family for your continued love and support in my ministry here. Pray for me as I pray for you, and I will be back on Sept. 21st.
Co-pilot, lead with love.

MASS CHANGES

There will be no Monday morning masses on *August 7, 14, 21, 28 September 4 or 11*. The next Monday morning mass will be held on Monday, September 18.

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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 30th, 2017

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS:

Envelopes	\$ 3,770.00
Loose	\$ 445.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$ 962.00
TOTAL	\$ 5,177.00

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