



Holy Cross Catholic Parish

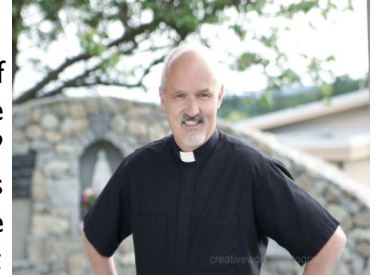
Mission Statement

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 February 25, 2018
Second Sunday in Lent

From the desk of Father William

What is the call of the mountain? Mountains were traditional places of retreat and encounter with the divine. During Lent we strive to climb the mountain to find the sacred. But are we ready to have our breath taken away? Are we ready for the changes that will occur once God makes known what is willed for us? The mountain experience will change us. We won't remain the same. Do we believe *that God is transfiguring the world right this very moment through us because God believes in us and because God loves us?*



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The story is very strategically placed in the Gospel. It comes just at the time in his life when Jesus has to take a second look at **where he is going**. It comes at a time when the conflict between Jesus and his opponents is **coming to a head**. It is also the time when his disciples do not know what to **make of Jesus anymore**. I think the Transfiguration is an invitation to us for transformation. So how do we answer that invitation? Jesus is the only one who can transform us. We can only be open to being transformed. God says to us: "This is my Son, the beloved. Listen to him" (Mk 9:7). Someone giving a homily or sermon might sometimes wonder: -"How many people are really listening? Are you paying attention to the invitation to be transfigured?"

What about us? Where do we stand? Do we really want to be transfigured and transformed by listening to Jesus our Savior – listening to his words, his teachings, his example, and his inspiration? Do we? Surely we do! Is this not the call of the Lenten season? To become aware of and let go of all that gets in the way of our relationship with God? To let go of what prevents us of being transformed? As we enter the heart of the Lenten season, let's take some time to reflect on how Jesus is calling us to transformation and ask ourselves, what are we withholding from God? What is keeping us from being open to the love of Christ which will transform us if we let it? And if it is difficult for you to change and be transformed and transfigured then look to Moses, Elijah and Jesus who needed help from above and got it. God's presence to Moses, Elijah, and Jesus pulled them through their difficult moments. They could pull themselves up on him.

The event we call Transfiguration is representative of all those breakthrough moments when followers of Jesus suddenly "get" who he is for them in new and life-changing ways. When we choose to follow God, amazing things can happen. The journey, though, takes faith. It requires listening and surrender; it means recognizing you're not in charge. You follow in the footsteps of a God who leads. Moments of transfiguration give guidance, while sacrifice challenges and fosters trust along the way. Life isn't a journey straight to the top. You can find yourself led to the highest of heights by the most unusual of paths.

See the light...
Father William

OFFICE HOURS

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

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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.

ST. PATIRCK'S GREEN DAY DINNER

The Social & Eco Justice Committee invites all to a **St. Patrick's Day "Green" Dinner** on Sat. March 17 (6 pm, Holy Cross Parish Hall). Come enjoy a simple, healthy, and eco-friendly meal, sing along to Irish music, and be inspired by Pope Francis's call to protect our common home. Tickets (only \$5!) are on sale before and after the 5 pm, 8:30 am and 10:30 am masses. Proceeds go towards sponsoring a breakfast at Our Place. Only 80 tickets printed: get yours before they sell out!

MONDAY BIBLE STUDY

Fr. Karam will be hosting a bible study on Mondays from 10-11am. There are limited spots available so registration is required. For more information please feel free to email Fr. Karam at: rev.karam@gmail.com

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

During this second week of Share Lent, we focus on the organization Adyan, a Development and Peace partner that contributes to peace in the Middle East by fostering cultural and religious tolerance. Adyan offers a wide range of programs, including conferences, training sessions, and workshops on peace, reconciliation and coexistence. In this part of the world wounded by past and present wars, Adyan's work is essential and your support is indispensable to them. *"At Adyan, we promote spiritual solidarity, which means integrating the other into my thoughts and prayers. I must integrate the suffering of others and understand it."* - Nayla Tabbara, Director of the Institute of Citizenship and Diversity Management at Adyan.

WOMEN'S LENTEN RETREAT

All the women of our parish are invited to attend a Lenten retreat for women by facilitator Mona Goodman. *Our Paschal Reflections: Life's Ebb & Flow* will be on **Saturday, March 24th** at Holy Cross Parish Centre from 9:00 to 4pm. This is meant to be a day away to Be with God, so dress comfortably and be scent-free. Participants can bring their own mugs, bagged lunch, pencil/pen, journal/notebook, and hand towel. Registration is required, sign up sheets are at the back of the church.

SOCIAL LIFE AT HOLY CROSS

Joint wellness: Mondays and Thursdays at 10am
Wednesday Afternoon Social Group: Wednesdays at 1pm.
Men's Duplicate Bridge—Wednesday 7pm.
Social Bridge—First Sunday of every month.
HC Walking Group—Every Saturday morning at 10am for one hour.

AT THE LIBRARY

(in the Parish Centre –Tue- Fri: 9am-2:00pm)

Some Lenten Readings from our Suggestion Shelf
 -Bread and Wine: Reflections for Lent and Easter
 -Revelation of Love by Julian of Norwich
 -The Imitation of Christ by Thomas A Kempis
 -Where Earth Meets Heaven by Ken Rolheiser

PRAYER REFLECTION

The great reason for this Transfiguration was to remove the scandal of the cross from the hearts of his disciples, and to prevent the humiliation of his voluntary suffering from disturbing the faith of those who had witnessed the surpassing glory that lay concealed.

—Saint Leo the Great (d. 461)

Peter, James, John were familiar with the sight of their master eating and drinking, working and taking rest, growing tired and breaking out in sweat. . . . He therefore took them up onto the mountain so that they could hear his Father's voice calling him Son, and he could show them that he was truly the Son of God and was divine.

—Saint Ephrem the Syrian (c. 306-373)

AROUND THE PARISH AND DIOCESE

More information and details on bulletin board or parish office

- **D&P—CARITAS CANADA GARAGE SALE:** Saturday April 14th, at St. Patrick's Church Hall, 2060 Haultain St. from 9:00-1:00. If you are doing your spring cleaning, please set aside those items you no longer want and deliver them to the Hall on the Friday April 13 anytime after 4:30pm. Donations should be clean and in good working order. Please no clothes, shoes or furniture. All proceeds will be donated to Development and Peace to support their long term projects in the Global South. Any questions or if you need us to pick up your items, please call Marina: 250-386-3663 or Nancy 250-477-6952.
- **JOB OPPORTUNITIES:** The Diocese of Victoria is hiring a new accounting clerk as well as a new Appeal Campaign Coordinator. Full job descriptions and details are posted on the bulletin board or available in the office.
- **ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER LENTEN MISSION:** March 13 and 14 starting with mass on both days at 6:30pm. Does Suffering Destroy Life's Purpose? How do we understand suffering? More details on poster in foyer.
- **ST. ANDREW'S LENTEN MISSION: Monday-Wednesday February 26-28.** Deacon Paul Murphy, from the BC Okanagan will preach a Mission on the God's Unconditional Love and Mercy through Reconciliation and Forgiveness. Morning Talks (10:30 am) at the Cathedral followed by 12:10 pm Mass and evening talks (7 pm) at Our Lady of the Rosary parish. Evening Talk preceded by Mass or devotion at 6:30 pm.

IMPORTANT DATES

The **Lenten penitential service** will be held at Holy Cross on Thursday, March 8th at 7pm.

Stations of the Cross will be at 9:30am on Friday March 2, Monday March 5, and Friday March 16.

OUR LITURGICAL LIFE:

SUNDAY, February 25th

8:30 am Mass: **Geno Secco +**
10:30 am Mass: **Sr. Philomena Sinnott +**
4:00 pm Mass

MONDAY, February 26th

9:00am Mass:
10:00am Bible Study (parish hall)

TUESDAY, February 27th

9:00am Mass: **Dan Fedrigo +**

WEDNESDAY, February 28th

9:00am Mass: **Jack McDonnell +**

THURSDAY, March 1st

9:00 am Mass: **Maria Huber +**
6:30 am Rosary Group

FRIDAY, March 2nd

9:00 am Mass: **George Garcia +**
9:30 am **Stations of the Cross**

SATURDAY, March 3rd

11:30am Funeral for Madeleine Therrien
3:45—4:30 Reconciliation
5:00 pm Mass: **Jerry Polasek +**

SUNDAY, March 4th

8:30 am Mass: **Maura Horan +**
10:30 am Mass: **Dan Fedrigo +**
4:00 pm Mass

THANK YOU CORNER!

Thank you to the walkers and donors who lived almsgiving as we walked 10km to help the Mustard Seed meet the needs of those who are in need in our city of food and shelter. We raised well over \$2000



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HOLY CROSS MINISTRIES

MINISTRY	COORDINATOR	PHONE
Liturgy Liturgical Ministers	Anna Mendonca	250-477-3552
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Altar Server Music	Fr. William Hann Various Choirs	250-477-5321 250-477-5321
Altar Linens	Marg McDonnell	250-477-6332
Flowers/Art Envir.	Ann Francis	250-477-8650
Sun. Coffee, 8:30	Darlene Southwell	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	Loretta MacDonald	250-477-6682
Annual Shed Clean	Jack Ponsioen	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 February 18, 2018

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS:

Envelopes	\$ 3,395.00
Loose	\$ 390.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$ 1,107.00
TOTAL	\$ 4,955.00

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	Fr. William Hann Glenn Palahicky	250-477-5321 250-479-1331
RCIA	Phil / Sheila Wall	250-385-7007
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	250-385-7007
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 Outreach	John Oleson	250-477-6455