



# Holy Cross Catholic Parish

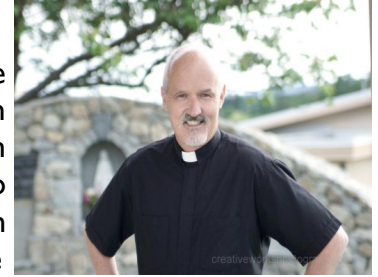
## Mission Statement

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 11, 2018**  
**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

## From the desk of Father William

At the time of Jesus, leprosy was an awful disease. It was pretty well the worst form of sickness that could strike anyone. The person who suffered from leprosy was called in some circles the “son of death”. What was perhaps even more destructive was the notion entertained by religious people that those who suffered from leprosy were being punished by God and lived under a curse from him. In the biblical world sin and suffering were mixed together. Because of the danger of contamination, and because they were officially declared unclean, lepers lived in segregated areas.



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By touching the leper, and by recklessly ignoring the danger of being contaminated, Jesus flatly contradicts the religious people who believed in the fallacy that a leper lives under the curse of God. With that gesture, Jesus underlines his will to heal and God’s will to bring life and salvation. The misery of the leper has come to an end. It is for this reason that Jesus dared to knock over some pretty sacred “No trespassing” signs. No law, no conventional wisdom can be so sacred that it can come between him and people who need to be given back to themselves, who need to be given life.

What today's Gospel passage leaves us with is an uncomfortable question: "Do the lepers of our time find a welcome among us who may pride ourselves on being disciples of Jesus?" If not, then I am afraid that the story of Jesus gets relegated to one of those once upon a time stories: beautifully, but totally irrelevant to our world. We'd like to think we're more civilized now, that we don't insist that our modern lepers just cover themselves up and go away. We still mix sin and suffering together in our minds and presume with Job's “friends” the he has somehow called down all this misery on himself. Jesus never approached an outcast with any kind of moral assessment. He saw the mark of suffering, and he willed it—not the person—to disappear. In the New Testament, forgiveness gets a whole new spin.

On this World day of the Sick, are we willing to touch lepers? Will we visit the sick and the homebound, stick with those in our communities who face misfortune, and remain faithful to members of our family who reveal to us what we don't want to see. Will we stand for a culture of life in a culture of death? Are we willing to look the homeless in the face, and to develop respectful relationships with people regardless of their race, ethnicity, gender, orientation, religion, ability, or social class? Finally, we have to find the will to challenge any attitude, behavior, or structure that keeps people outside the camp of social concern. We have to will that no one be considered unclean or unworthy.

Love, care and welcome,

*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.

**TAX RECEIPTS**

Tax receipts are available for pick up in the foyer of the church. They will remain in the foyer until the end of February 18th, after that they will be available in the parish office. Receipts will not be mailed out this year. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your receipts, please contact the office: 250-477-5321.

**MONDAY BIBLE STUDY**

**Note:** *the bible study will be cancelled Monday, February 12th.* 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](mailto:rev.karam@gmail.com)

**DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE**

Thanks to money donated annually by Catholics during Share Lent, Development and Peace can support 170 partners and 202 projects in 36 countries around the world! There are many ways to be a part of Share Lent. Use the Solidarity Calendar with your family. You can pick up a copy leaving the church today. You can make a donation on Solidarity Sunday, which will take place on March 18th. Or join your parish's D&P committee. To find out more about Share Lent, please contact Sheila Wall at 250-385-7007.

**RELIGIOUS ED CO-ORDINATOR POSITION AVAILABLE**

Holy Cross will need a new Religious Education Coordinator for our Children's Religious education program. This is a paid 20 hours per month position. Weekly presence at the Sunday morning children's religious education classes is required. A full and detailed job description is available at the office. For more information call the office at 250-477-5321. Submission deadline for resumes is **February 28th, 2018.**

**AT THE LIBRARY**

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

*Some complementary readings for the 5 week session on Dr. Nuala's The Art of Dying commencing Saturday Jan 27<sup>th</sup>*

- The Journey Home by P Berman
- A Short Span of Days by L Freeman
- Do Not Be Afraid: Overcoming Fear of Death by J Arnold
- Peace at Last by N Autton

**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.

**IMPORTANT DATES**

**Ash Wednesday** mass will be held on Wednesday, February 14th at 7:00pm.

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

### **PRAYER REFLECTION**

I see God in every human being. When I wash the leper's wounds, I feel I am nursing the Lord himself. —Mother Teresa of Calcutta

Jesus' compassion is not skin-deep, it is an upheaval of the depths of his being. There is not true compassion without passion: Those who are compassionate really suffer in their persons. Compassion is a communion in suffering. —François Varillon (1905-1978)

### **AROUND THE PARISH AND DIOCESE**

More information and details on bulletin board or parish office

- **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.
- **CWL SCHOLARSHIPS:** Are you a graduating grade 12 student? If so, you may be interested in the bursaries that are available through the Victoria Diocese CWL. More info about the bursaries are posted in the foyer or available at the office.
- **PASTORAL CARE SESSIONS:** **Saturday, February 24 – Session 1:** *The Healing Ministry of Christ.* Fr. William Hann is the morning presenter. **Saturday, March 10 – Session 2:** *Listening & Communication and Mental Health.* Sessions 1 & 2 will be held at St. Patrick's Parish. **Bring a bag lunch. To register: call at the parish office at 250. 592-7391 or [stpat190@telus.net](mailto:stpat190@telus.net)**
- **IT'S ALMOST PARTY TIME:** *Save the Date!* We're looking forward to welcoming you on **May 5, 2018**, at the third annual Bishop's Gala. Prepare to mix and mingle at Our Lady of Fatima parish hall in Victoria: catch up with friends, browse the silent auction, and prepare to bid on some exciting new live auction items—all in support of West Coast Missions. Mark your calendars now: tickets will be available on line beginning March 15. We can't wait to see you there!
- **JOB POSTINGS:** Island Catholic Schools will be accepting applications for the following positions:
  - Early Childhood Educator, St. Joseph's School, Victoria
  - After-School-Care Worker, St. Joseph's School, Victoria
  - Kindergarten – Grade 12 Teachers (in preparation for positions coming available for the 2018-2019 School Year)
  - One On-Call Part-Time Bus Driver, St. Joseph's School in Victoria**Application forms and details are posted at:**  
<http://cisdv.bc.ca/employment-opportunities.php>

### **OUR LITURGICAL LIFE:**

#### **SUNDAY, February 11th**

- 8:30 am Mass: **Lisa Gonsalves +**
- 10:30 am Mass: **Agustin & Gus Medina +**
- 4:00 pm Mass

#### **MONDAY, February 12th**

**NO MASS/Bible Study Cancelled**

Family Day

#### **TUESDAY, February 13th**

- 9:00am Mass: **Bernice Sheehan +**

#### **WEDNESDAY, February 14th**

- 7:00 pm **Ash Wednesday Mass**

#### **THURSDAY, February 15th**

- 9:00 am Mass: **Tess Dennis +**
- 6:30 am Rosary Group

#### **FRIDAY, February 16th**

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

#### **SATURDAY, February 17th**

- 3:45—4:30 Reconciliation
- 5:00 pm Mass

#### **SUNDAY, 18th**

- 8:30 am Mass: **Diane Colford (int.)**
- 10:30 am Mass: **Hilary Ribeiro +**
- 4:00 pm Mass

## **THANK YOU CORNER!**

Thank you to John Lucas for donating new vestments to the parish. John also donated the new statue of Mary, in memory of Dan Taft.

### **WOMEN'S LENTEN RETREAT**

**Save the Date!** Our Paschal Reflections: **Life's Ebb & Flow** — Retreat day for women. March 24th, 2018 at Holy Cross Parish Centre. Stay tuned for more details!

## **CONTACTS**

### **Pastor: Fr. William Hann**

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### **Associate Pastor: Fr. Karam Alraban**

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### **Administrative Assistant: Valentina Boyd**

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### **Parish Council: Esther Sangster-Gormley**

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### **University Chaplain: Fr. Dean Henderson**

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### **Refugees: refugees@holycrossvictoria.org**

## **HOLY CROSS MINISTRIES**

<b>MINISTRY</b>	<b>COORDINATOR</b>	<b>PHONE</b>
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 February 4, 2018**

### **WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS:**

<b>Envelopes</b>	\$ 4, 400.00
<b>Loose</b>	\$ 500.00
<b>Pre-Authorized Debit</b>	\$ 1, 107.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 6, 007.00</b>
Stock Donation/Gift in Kind	\$3,467.00

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 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 Out- reach	John Oleson	250-477-6455