



# Holy Cross Catholic Parish

Twinning with St. Patrick's 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 13, 2022**  
**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

At the beginning of his mission Jesus invites his disciples and us to get our allegiance straight. Deciding the proper choice is hardly difficult, yet the dichotomy Jesus sets before us challenges the very assumptions of our society and the ambitions of our hearts. What makes us get up in the morning? Do we rise each morning with wealth on our minds? Is our fidelity to the Lord such that we stand with the downtrodden, or walk with the grieving? To be a disciple, Jesus clearly implies his new followers that following him requires an upheaval of priorities and a reordering of one's life. Through a life poured out in love, may we be filled with God's very own life-giving presence and thereby come to know the power of the resurrection.

The Beatitudes are the starting point for the heart of Christ's message: love must dominate the heart of the Christian disciple. Jesus is fulfilling His role as prophet. He is announcing how He intends to live and predicting how He expects to be heard and received. He is inviting His listeners to follow Him as prophets of "root-changing." In a world full of protests and unsettled hearts we all need to be silent and pray.

I would like you to think of the Beatitudes as God's letter of recommendation to you—outlining all that you have going for you and why you should persevere despite setbacks, bad odds, and major catastrophes such as lockdowns and restrictions on our freedom. We have all been blessed in one way or another. We have all received our share of good fortune. . . . A single blessing is all the bounty in the world, and if you have been blessed at all you are meant to pass some of that on. You are meant to set a positive example. That is our responsibility.

Keep the Beatitudes nearby in these difficult days and reread them a hundred times a hundred. Much of modern life can seem, spiritually, like stretches of wasteland. Yet in even the bleakest of surroundings, some people's spirits flourish and thrive. They stay connected to the sources of life. What can you do to "plant yourself" where living water flows? Here are a few ideas: Receive the sacraments regularly. That means frequent Mass and Communion and regular participation in the sacrament of Reconciliation. Practice forgiveness both in the giving and receiving. Lose yourself serving others. Pray daily, early, and often. Offer hospitality to others. Share your faith with others whose faith is alive. Open your heart to grace throughout your day. It will keep you green and growing.

Abundant blessings,

Father William



## OFFICE HOURS

Saturday, Sunday, Monday: Closed  
Tuesday/Wednesday: 9am—2:30pm  
Thursday/Friday: 9am—2:00pm  
**Fr. William Hann, Pastor**

***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.***

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**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.

### LIVESTREAM MASSES

**Live Mass broadcast this weekend!** Mass is livestreamed this week from *Holy Cross Parish* on Saturday at 4pm. Click the link here: <http://www.youtube.com/c/StPatricksHolyCrossChurch>



### MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSES

The Diocese of Victoria is now offering our Marriage Preparation Course fully online. The cost is \$80 per couple.

The course consists of several modules on relevant subjects, individual and couple activities, and assessments as well as a liturgy planning guide. Couples will be able to work through the program at their own pace. At the end of the course, you will receive a Certificate of

Completion, which will be recognized by any parish within our Diocese.

For more information, go to the Diocese website: <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/marriage-prep> OR find the course on Eventbrite.

Questions? Contact Moira Gill at [mgill@rcdvictoria.org](mailto:mgill@rcdvictoria.org) OR 250-470-1331 ext. 237.

### NOTE FROM THE UVIC/CAMOSUN CHAPLAIN LYDIA FOCH

There is always lots going on for University and College students! From game nights to pub nights to book clubs. Gatherings are social and fun and a great opportunity to consider Christ in all things. **Bonus:** Shared snacks are usually provided! For more information please contact Lydia Foch: [lfoch@rcdvictoria.org](mailto:lfoch@rcdvictoria.org)  
**Next Event: *Movie Night! Wednesday, February 16th*** in the Multifaith Centre (vaccine passports are required).

Fr. Lester is offering confession every Tuesday in the Multifaith Center at 10:30 followed by Mass at 11:30. He will also be offering Adoration every *second Thursday* of the month at 11:30 in the same location. *Parishioners are always welcome to join the students and to help build our Community in Christ!*

### A ROOF FOR EVERYONE: Gvat WORKSHOP ON HOUSING CRISIS

On **Saturday, February 26, 2022**, from 1-3:30pm, Greater Victoria Acting Together will be hosting a mini-workshop on the Housing Crisis in Saanich, for parishioners of Holy Cross, St. Patrick's, and Broad View United who are residents of Saanich. Due to Covid 19 restrictions, the number of participants is limited to just 40. Those who wish to sign up should email Yvonne Hsieh at: [yhsieh@uvic.ca](mailto:yhsieh@uvic.ca) or **sign up on the sheet in the foyer**. You can view more information on this workshop [here](#).

### LIBRARY CORNER

**NEW!!!** The Parish Library is setting-up a small display of books to borrow in the entrance of the church (much like the Indigenous table we had in the fall --- but smaller). Please be sure to sign out and return when finished reading. This selection of books is from prominent authors: C S Lewis, Thomas Merton, Jean Vanier, Richard Rohr, Henri Nouwen, Ronald Rolheiser and Gregory Baum.

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**Indigenous Library:** The Indigenous Library table is now on the shelf near the back wall. We ask that parishioners who have checked out books, please return them to keep circulation going strong. We thank everyone who have returned books. In friendship!



**PRAYER REFLECTION**

The responsible person seeks to make his or her whole life a response to the question and call of God. —Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Today we still cast the net. And Christ fills it. And Christ calls to conversion those who are found . . . among the waves and tempests of the world. —Cyril of Alexandria

**A NOTE FROM THE DIOCESE**

Please note the following changes to the schedule in February. We have also posted these changes at <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/events/dailymasslivestreamed> and <https://www.youtube.com/c/RCDVictoriaLiveOne/about>.

- Friday, Feb 18: Livestream at 7 pm from Port Hardy
  - Sunday, Feb 20: Livestream at 9 am from Port McNeill
- Monday, Feb 21 - Thursday, Feb 24: Livestream cancelled

On all other days, the regular schedule is in effect: 7 pm on weeknights, and 9:30 am on Sundays from St. Andrew’s Cathedral in Victoria.

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**Synod Announcement:**

Last October, Pope Francis launched Synod 2021-2023. A synod is a process of listening and discernment. In this Synod, the Pope is asking Catholics everywhere to reflect together on how we the Church can live in Communion, achieve full Participation, and open ourselves to discover our Mission.

All people of the Diocese of Victoria are invited to participate in the Synod, to help chart a course for our journey together, now and in the future, as the people of God. For more information regarding how you may participate, either in person or online, please visit [www.rcdvictoria.org/synod](http://www.rcdvictoria.org/synod).

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**JOB OPPORTUNITIES:** Two new job postings have been added to the Diocesan website:

- Financial Officer / Business Manager, Diocese of Kamloops (closes February 15, 2022)
- Accounting Clerk, Diocese of Victoria (closes February 18, 2022)

The job postings are available through the parish office and may be viewed at <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/employment>.

**ST. JOSEPH’S ICON**

Curtesy of the Knights of Columbus there will be a St. Joseph pilgrim icon at Holy Cross Parish this weekend on Feb 12th at the 4pm Mass and Feb 13th at the 9am Mass. It will be displayed near the statue of Our Lady, inside the Church. The icon is a copy of the original housed at St. Joseph’s Oratory in Montreal, Canada’s preeminent shrine to St. Joseph, founded by St. Andre Bessette.

**OUR LITURGICAL LIFE:**

**SATURDAY, February 12th**

3:00pm-3:45pm: Confession  
4pm Mass: Salvatore Ciccone +

**SUNDAY, February 13th**

9am Mass: Clive Loader +

**MONDAY, February 14th**

Office Closed/No Mass

**TUESDAY, February 15th**

9am Mass: Jack McDonald +

**WEDNESDAY, February 16th**

9am Mass: Fran Witzel +

**THURSDAY, February 17th**

9am Mass: Pat Gaboury +

**FRIDAY, February 18th**

9am: Mass: Jim Strand +

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**Update: There will be only half capacity allowed in the church, which is 140 people at Holy Cross. Ushers will be counting people as they enter and will lock the doors when capacity is reached. Masks are now mandatory everywhere at all times.**



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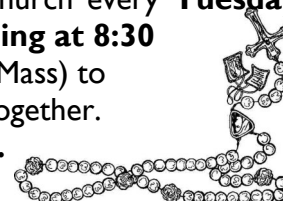
**COLLECTION for February 6, 2022**

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS:

Envelopes	\$ 2,515.00
Loose	\$ 240.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$ 1,677.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 4,432.00</b>

**MORNING ROSARY**

Please join the rosary group that gathers in the Church every **Tuesday to Friday morning at 8:30** (before morning Mass) to pray the rosary together. **All are welcome.**



## CONTACTS

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**Children's Religious Education:** Barbara Shenton

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## NEWS FROM ST. PATRICK'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

This week our local Catholic Elementary school celebrated Island Catholic Schools Week with a variety of special events and surprises. Take a look at some of the fun that was had on their Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/St.PatricksSchool/>

## ADORATION IN THE CHAPEL

First Friday adoration in the mercy chapel will be next held on **Friday, March 4th from 12-1pm** in the Mercy Chapel.



## SILENT AUCTION AT ST. PATRICK'S ELEMENTARY

Mark your calendar: February 27th to March 13th 2022 **\*\*We are still seeking donations!\*\***

Check out some of the items donated so far:

- 2 Nights Salt Spring Island lakeside cottage
- WildPlay gift certificate
- 4 Cats gift certificate
- Restaurant gift cards (Romeo's, Blue Crab, Finns, White Spot, Dead Beetz Burger, Fernwood Pizza etc)
- Book store gift cards (Russell Books, Ivy's book )
- Spa packages
- Retail gift cards (Thrifty Foods, Mr. Pet's, Uptown Mall, Slaters Meat, Market on Yates etc )
- Gift Baskets (Save on Foods, Pharmasave, Dental Gift Basket)
- Services (BC Ferries, Oak Bay Rec Centre drop in courtesy passes)
- and much more!

Please consider donating a gift card to your favorite business or think of the auction if you want to re-gift anything you were given.

**If you are able to donate an item, a gift card, or a service from a business please e-mail: [spv-psg@cisdv.bc.ca](mailto:spv-psg@cisdv.bc.ca). All donations are gratefully accepted - We need your help to make this even better than last year! Donations will be accepted until February 20th.**



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHARITY APPEAL

The annual British Columbia and Yukon Bursary program known as the Bishop Thomas J. Lobsinger, OMI Memorial Bursary Program is underway. The 2022 program is now receiving applications. We are privileged to offer fourteen bursaries of \$1,000.00 each to Catholic students across the Province of British Columbia. These bursaries are made available on a one-time only basis to young practicing Catholic students who are in post secondary education at a recognized institute of higher learning within the Province of British Columbia. Applications are accepted from January 1, 2022 until June 30, 2022 with the bursaries being awarded in the fall. The Terms of Reference may be found on our web site ([kofcbc.org](http://kofcbc.org)) after Jan 1, 2022.

**Requests for application should be addressed to:**

Knights of Columbus BC & Yukon

2809 Mara Drive, Coquitlam, BC V3C 5T9

Attn: Herb Yang, Bursaries Chairman

Or email: [herbykofc@gmail.com](mailto:herbykofc@gmail.com)



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