

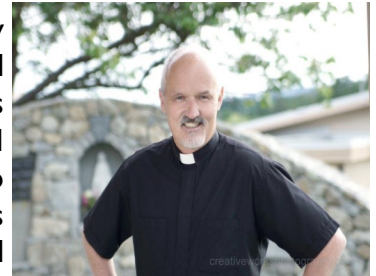
Holy Cross Catholic Parish

Vision Statement

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

SUNDAY February 17, 2019 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

We continue the program of learning to listen and really hear what Jesus has come to teach us about the “Good News. Of all the passages in the NT, few are well known as the Beatitudes. Jesus chose these men from among his disciples, setting them apart from the rest and calling them apostles; these will form the nucleus of his church. What he says to them is critical for their mission to come later. Early in their mission, he tells them the truth and Jesus calls them to follow and absorb his teaching and example. In today’s Gospel Jesus teaches his new recruits four blessings and four woes. Jesus presents two starkly divergent realities. The benediction of God is stored for the poor, the hungry, the weeping, and the faithful persecuted in the Gospel, while a corresponding series of woes is directed toward the rich, the satisfied, those who laugh, and the well esteemed. At the center of this chiasm of blessings and curses is the stark reminder of how heralds’ of god’s word are oft treated. In truth, things of this world cannot be placed before the urgency of the Gospel.



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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. Do we rise each morning with wealth on our minds? Are our relationships ordered in order to prop up our social standing? Conversely, is my fidelity to the Lord such that I 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. Dear Friends, the beatitudes are only a starting point for the heart of Christ’s message: the love that must dominate the heart of the Christian disciple. This is a love of neighbor based on the love that God has shown each of us in CHRIST.

Dear friends, blessedness is not conditional. It’s always available. Blessedness comes not through success in the eyes of the world but from being connected to the true God—“Like a tree planted beside the waters that stretches out its roots to the stream.” In what ways do we plant ourselves by the stream of God’s grace? Through prayer? Through contemplation? Through mindful service? Do we recognize on a gut level that we need God? What are our own illusions of self-sufficiency? Christ’s Resurrection vindicates all who believe in him. Does your faith in the Resurrection (in Jesus’ as well as in my own) give you strength in trying times? What image helps you to hold on when you would rather throw in the towel? My image as of late is we are wrapped in God’s hands! What is your image of God? We will begin a new journey together in ministry comes March 2, 2019. The new mass schedule is listed in the bulletin. Remember we are wrapped in God’s love.

Abundant blessings to all as we remain rooted in Christ
Father William

OFFICE HOURS

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

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HOSPITAL EMERGENCY CALLS: At the moment, eight different pastors in Victoria, in addition to their regular duties, will carry the hospital phone for **emergency calls only** (250-889-3761) on rotation.

New Mass Times for Holy Cross and St. Patrick's Parishes commencing March 2, 2019

As Father William Hann accepts responsibility for both Holy Cross and St. Patrick's Parish, our first priority was to create a new Mass schedule to accommodate both parishes. On Wednesday, February 13, Father William met with three Liturgy Committee Representatives from each parish and collaboratively, through discussion and prayer, we created the following schedule which begins the weekend of March 2 and 3rd. The weekday Masses in both parishes will remain the same. We will keep this schedule for 6 months and re-evaluate it then. Thank you for your understanding and co-operation. Your prayers are requested in this time of transition and opportunity.

Holy Cross Mass Schedule

Saturday 4:00 p.m.
Sunday. 9:00 a.m.

St. Patrick's Mass Schedule

Saturday 6:00 p.m.
Sunday. 11:00 a.m.

COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR

Calling all Holy Cross Walkers! Here's our opportunity to help our Brothers and Sisters by walking and fundraising for **Mustard Seed** once again this year. The walk will take place on the evening of **February 23rd**. You can register under our Holy Cross Team, led by Fr. William, by following this link: <https://secure.e2rm.com/registrator/FundraisingPage.aspx?registrationID=4337785&langPref=en-CA>. Please note that Victoria has two teams walking, Our Place and the Mustard Seed. Holy Cross team is supporting the **Mustard Seed on Queens**. Please call the parish office if you have any questions 250-477-5321.

WHY LITURGY MATTERS

Please register TODAY, February 17th This is a great opportunity to deepen your faith!

Liturgical Workshop: Liturgy Matters: Join us to renew your love and appreciation of our highest form of worship. This is a great opportunity to deepen your understanding of the Sacred Liturgy.

When: Saturday, February 23rd ~ 8:30am – 2:00 pm

Where: Church of the Ascension, Parksville

What to bring: A bagged lunch

Register at www.rcdvictoria.org or email: gpalahicky@rcdvictoria.org OR gjahelka@rcdvictoria.org

"The Eucharist, although it is the fullness of sacramental life, is not a prize for the perfect but a powerful medicine and nourishment for the weak." – Pope Francis

2019 PASTORAL CARE TRAINING SESSIONS

All sessions are 9:00 am – 3:00 pm. No charge. The workshops are open to anyone who wants to understand the practical aspects of pastoral care; present hospital and homebound parish visitors who have yet to take this training; parishioners who look after their own family members or those considering these sessions as professional development.

St. Patrick's Parish Hall

Saturday, March 23 – **Session 2: Listening & Communications and Mental Health**

Bring a bag lunch. Coffee/Tea will be available.

Contact the parish office to register: (250) 592-7391 or stpat190@telus.net

St. Joseph the Worker Parish

Saturday, April 6 – **The Grieving Process and Ministering to Families**

Saturday, May 25 – **Who am I as a Pastoral Care Visitor?**

Bring a bag lunch. Coffee/Tea will be available.

Contact the parish office to register: (250) 479-7413 or sjtwoffice@shaw.ca

PRAYER REFLECTION

If Christ is not raised for us, he is not raised at all, for there is no reason for him to be raised for himself. In him, the cosmos is resurrected, in him heaven is resurrected, in him earth is resurrected; for there will be “a new heaven and a new earth.”

—*Saint Ambrose (340-397)*

With every virtue you practice, do not think of the painful effort involved, but of the sweetness of the reward; and above all remember that your struggles are for the sake of the Lord Jesus. Then you will easily rise above them and live out your whole lifetime in happiness.

—*Saint John Chrysostom (c. 347-407)*

AROUND THE PARISH AND DIOCESE

More information and details on bulletin board or parish office

- **THE SPIRIT OF FRATERNAL LOVE:** In a spirit of fraternal love, a document of major historic significance was signed by Pope Francis and the Grand Imam of Al-Azhar, Ahmed el-Tayeb during a Global Conference on February 4, 2019 in Abu Dhabi. You can view and read this document on Human Fraternity for World Peace and Living Together on the Diocese of Victoria website at: <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/diocesan-blog/human-fraternity>.
- **ELVIS AND FRIENDS FUNDRAISER:** The Local School Council at St. Andrew's High School is hosting their annual Elvis and Friends Fundraiser! All proceeds will be donated to the Catholic Schools plan and SAHRS building project. Saturday March 9th at 7pm Cost \$50. Tickets can be purchased through Holy Cross Parish office. If you would like to pay by credit card please call the school 250-479-1414.
- **BARN DANCE RESCHEDULED:** Due to recent weather conditions, and the safety of attendees, the Feb. 9 Valentine Dinner and Barn Dance fundraiser will now be held on **Saturday, March 2, 2019 (6:00 pm – 10:30)** at **St. Joseph School gym**. For those who have previously purchased tickets, we would be grateful if you could join us on March 2. Tickets: \$20 each; \$8.00 children age 4 -12. Event and raffle tickets on sale at St. Joseph the Worker Parish office & Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/valentine-dinner-and-barn-dance-tickets-54444471881>

SOCIAL LIFE AT HOLY CROSS

Joint Wellness—Monday and Thursday 10am

Wednesday Social group—Starts up again January 9th at 1pm.

Duplicate Bridge—Wednesday 7pm.

Social Bridge—First Sunday of every month.

OUR LITURGICAL LIFE:

SUNDAY, February 17th

8:30 am Mass: **Mercy & Nicholas +**

10:30 am Mass: **Hilary Ribeiro +**

4:00 pm Mass

MONDAY, February 18th

No Mass

TUESDAY, February 19th

9:00 am Mass: **Brain Wall +**

WEDNESDAY, February 20th

9:00 am Mass: **Roddy Conoly +**

THURSDAY, February 21st

9:00 am Mass: **Carmen Rose +**

FRIDAY, February 22nd

9:00 am Mass: **Mercy & Nicholas +**

SATURDAY, February 23rd

3:45pm to 4:30pm Reconciliation

5:00pm Mass: **Regina DeJesus +**

SUNDAY, February 24th

8:30 am Mass: **Marianne Frieburger +**

10:30 am Mass: **Archie Babcock +**

4:00 pm Mass

THANK YOU CORNER!

Thank you to Pete, Joe, Emmanuel and Fr. William for coming in on our snow days last week and shoveling the walk ways! Fr. William was in every day shoveling the walk ways clear. Your dedication helped a lot of us get safely to the office and mass.

Weather Conditions:

This past week we experienced some stronger than normal winter conditions. We are doing our best to keep the sidewalks clear and salted, but we ask you to play it safe and take care out there. Be extra careful getting around on the parking lot and walk ways. Stay home if you feel uncertain about weather conditions. We will try to keep the website updated with any major changes to our mass schedule.

CONTACTS

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Administrative Assistant: Valentina Boyd

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COLLECTION Februray 10, 2018

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS:

Envelopes	\$ 2, 658.00
Loose	\$ 440.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$ 1, 095.00
TOTAL	\$ 4, 193.00

HOLY CROSS MINISTRIES

MINISTRY	COORDINATOR	PHONE
Liturgy	Anna Mendonca	250-477-3552
Liturgical Ministries:		
Usher / Greeter	Maria Arruda	250-477-5526
Altar Server	Fr. William Hann	250-477-5321
Music	Various Choirs	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	John Bartle-Clar	250-995-1891

SERVING OUR HOLY CROSS PARISH COMMUNITY

Responsible Min.	Martha Oleson	250-477-6455
	Muna Haddad	778-881-5843
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.	Anna Mendonca	250-477-5321
Marriage Prep.	Fr. William Hann	250-477-5321
Children's Rel. Ed.	Giacinta Bewley	250-652-0204

Children's Liturgy of the Word	Bobbi Bartle-Clar/ Valentina Boyd	250-995-1891 250-813-0230
Catholicism		
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	
Could You Ever Come Back To The Church	Fr. William Hann	250-477-5321
RCIA	Glenn Palahicky	250-479-1331
	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	Parish Office	250-477-5321
Christmas Project	Coordinated by the Parish Office	
D&P/Share Lent		
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