



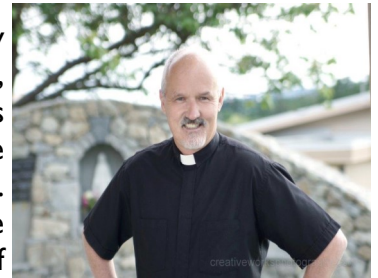
# Holy Cross Catholic Parish

## 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 24, 2019**  
**Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Jesus said to his disciples and to us: “To you who are ready for the truth, I say this: Love your enemies.” Let them bring out the best in you, not the worst. When someone gives you a hard time, respond with the energies of prayer for that person. If someone slaps you in the face, stand there and take it. If someone grabs your shirt, giftwrap your best coat and make a present of it. If someone takes unfair advantage of you, use the occasion to practice the servant life. No more tit-for-tat stuff. Live generously. “Here is a simple rule of thumb for behavior: Ask yourself what you want people to do for you; then grab the initiative and do it for them! If you only love the lovable, do you expect a pat on the back?



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“I tell you, love your enemies. Help and give without expecting a return. You’ll never—I promise—regret it. Live out this God-created identity the way our Father lives toward us, generously and graciously, even when we’re at our worst. Our Father is kind; you be kind. “Don’t pick on people, jump on their failures, criticize their faults—unless, of course, you want the same treatment. Don’t condemn those who are down; that hardness can boomerang. Be easy on people; you’ll find life a lot easier. Give away your life; you’ll find life given back, but not merely given back—given back with bonus and blessing. Giving, not getting, is the way. Generosity begets generosity”

It’s hard to wiggle out of this clear-cut directive of Jesus. “Do good to those who hate you.” And it’s hard to live up to it. The question is, “Where am I going to dwell, in the land of death, or in the land of life?” Daily life offers countless opportunities to put this Sunday’s gospel into practice. Can you think of one clear-cut example from the past week in which you loved an enemy or done good to someone who hates you? How about a recent time when you failed to do that? Loving others does not mean being available for abuse. What have you learned in your life about being loving in the midst of conflict?

Dear friends, the only way we, too, can grow and expand in grace and knowledge of the ways of God is to practice them. When we do, the kingdom Jesus announced “leans” into view and into our reality, not simply through what is decent and legal by earthly standards, but when we live by a higher rule altogether. When we get above who’s right and who’s wrong and stop judging and condemning others according to their actions, what we see from that God’s-eye view might astound us. Remember next week our new schedule begins....

All embracing compassion....it is written on our hearts.

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**

The New Mass schedule for Holy Cross Parish and St. Patrick's Parish are:

#### **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.

### **JOB POSTING– ST. PATRICK'S PARISH**

**ST. PATRICK'S PARISH** is seeking an **Admin Assistant** for 20 hours/week. Please see Job Description on bulletin board. Resumes can be submitted to the office or by email to [StPat190@telus.net](mailto:StPat190@telus.net) prior to March 12.

### **CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS—LITURGICAL MINISTRIES**

With the changes in mass times we are working on a new liturgical ministry schedule, which means we are in need for some new volunteers at the new masses.

#### **Currently needed are:**

- Eucharistic ministers at the 4pm mass
- Ushers at the 4pm mass
- Children's Liturgy teachers and helpers at the 4pm mass
- Children's liturgy helpers at the 9am mass

Please consider volunteering for these valuable ministries. If you can volunteer or have any questions regarding any of the liturgical ministries please call the office 250-477-5321.

### **BOOK OF PSALMS STUDY GROUP STARTING**

There will be a Book of Psalms study group starting on Tuesday, April 9th after 9am mass for anyone who would like to join. This is a 45 minute study will take place on Tuesday's after morning mass (around 9:30am), and all participants are asked to bring their own Bible. This is a time to get together for reflection and discussion of the psalms, and all are encouraged to join. If you have any questions please call Trish Westwood at 250-477-6032.

### **WHOLLY HUMAN, HOLY DIVINE ECUMENICAL LENTEN SERIES**

Our annual five week ecumenical Lenten series will start Wednesday March 13th. The evening starts at 6pm with shared soup dinner followed by video and group discussion.

March 13th: Holy Cross parish—"The Call"

March 20th: Lutheran Church of the Cross—"The Temptation"

March 27th: St. Aidan's United Church—"The Struggle"

April 3rd: St. Luke's Anglican—"The Prayer"

April 10th: Grace Knox Presbyterian—"Letting Go"

Sign up Sheets are in the foyer. Volunteers are needed to make soup for our Holy Cross evening on March 13th, if you can help please call Anna at the office: 250-477-5321.

### PRAYER REFLECTION

The roots of war are in the way we live our daily lives, the way we develop our industries, build up our society, and consume goods. We have to look deeply into the situation, and we will see the roots of war. We cannot just blame one side or the other. We have to transcend the tendency to take sides. —*Thich Nhat Hanh*

Mercy is the image of God, and the merciful are, in fact, God dwelling on the earth. As God is merciful to all, without distinction, so the merciful should share benefits equally. . . . The merciful person is another God on the earth. —*Rabban Youssef Bousnaya, 10th-century Syrian monk*

### AROUND THE PARISH AND DIOCESE

More information and details on bulletin board or parish office

- **LENTEN MISSION:** A Lenten Mission with Bishop Gary Gordon will be held at St. Joseph the Worker Parish on **March 25th, 26th, and 27th at 7pm.** Discover a love that is the great joy of knowing “I am not alone.” Join Bishop Gary Gordon on a journey of discovering how life is a great joy when accompanied by Christ. All are welcome. Poster in the Foyer.
- **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.



### 2019 PASTORAL CARE TRAINING SESSIONS

Due to Minus Temperatures adding to slippery roads, including wind warnings last week, we were cautious to keep attendees safe so a decision was made to reschedule the first 2019 Pastoral Care Session | from February 9 to Saturday, March 2:

#### St. Patrick’s Parish

**Saturday, March 2 (rescheduled from Feb. 9) – Session 1: The Healing Ministry of Christ.**

Fr. William Hann will be the morning presenter.

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

Contact the parish office to register: 250-477-5321

### OUR LITURGICAL LIFE:

#### SUNDAY, February 24th

8:30 am Mass: **Marianne Frieburger +**  
10:30 am Mass: **Archie Babcock +**  
4:00 pm Mass

#### MONDAY, February 25th

No Mass

#### TUESDAY, February 26th

9:00 am Mass: **Patrick Woodsworth+**

#### WEDNESDAY, February 27th

9:00 am Mass: **Bill Goodacre +**

#### THURSDAY, February 28th

9:00 am Mass: **Gail Butcher +**

#### FRIDAY, March 1st

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

#### SATURDAY, March 2nd

3:00-3:45pm Reconciliation

4:00pm Mass: **David Gaffery +**

#### SUNDAY, March 3rd

9:00am Mass: **Amaro Martins +**

4:00 pm Mass

### THANK YOU CORNER!

To one and all here at Holy Cross in this time of transition as we grow together in ministry. I am deeply appreciative of the support and prayers of each one of you as these days unfold. You certainly live our mission statement that invites us to serve the people of God by sharing, teaching and living the Gospel of Jesus Christ. As your pastor, I assure you this makes it easier for me as we give birth to something new. With abundant gratitude and thanks. On another note, thank you to all who walked and supported the Coldest Night of the Year.

Father William

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

New members are needed for the Holy Cross conference for the St. Vincent De Paul Society, If you want to know more about what the SVPD at Holy Cross do, or would like to join please contact Don Rose: 250-477-5605 or akcizurd@shaw.ca Sign Up sheets are also in the foyer.

## **CONTACTS**

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

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250-294-9615 after hours

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**University Chaplain:** Fr. Dean Henderson

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## **COLLECTION Februray 17, 2018**

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

<b>Envelopes</b>	\$ 2, 262.00
<b>Loose</b>	\$ 465.00
<b>Pre-Authorized Debit</b>	<u>\$ 1, 095.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 3, 822.00</b>
<b>SVPD</b>	\$ 857.00

## **HOLY CROSS MINISTRIES**

<b>MINISTRY</b>	<b>COORDINATOR</b>	<b>PHONE</b>
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