



# Holy Cross Catholic Parish

## Mission Statement: Twinning with St. Patrick's Parish

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 2, 2020 The Presentation of the Lord

For all parents, this Gospel is for you!!!! Here's the good news for those who've just had a baby: You get to take home a bundle of love who will be the apple of your eye for years to come. It's like being born again yourself. Wonder will come to live at your house. Your lineage will continue. The world has a future. Who knows what this child will accomplish? The possibilities of this new life are endless. Here's the bad news: This baby will cry, wet, and need you without mercy for years to come. This child arrives with a huge price tag: a commitment that costs dollars, time, privacy, personal goals, sleepless nights, nonstop worry. There will be disappointments, grief, and rejection up ahead. The possibilities for heartache are endless.

All moms and dads get mixed reviews about their new career as parents. As a survival tactic they tend to selectively forget the bad news and focus their hope and energy on the good. The news that Mary and Joseph got when they brought Jesus to the Temple that day, however, was more extreme than usual. An old man they'd never met insisted their son would be a success story for his nation and a path for foreigners to follow. He would be a game-changer for the powerful and the voiceless alike. He would face great opposition and cause great suffering—to his mother; the absence of his father in this prediction sounded ominous. Meanwhile, at the sight of their baby, a prophetess immediately gave thanks for his life and began to tell everyone that God's ancient promises were about to come true.

What should his parents have thought of all this? Could one child bring such sweeping and opposing destinies into reality by his mere existence? Greatness is one thing; hostility another. Was it necessary that the first should ignite the flames of the second? Perhaps they put away the dark predictions and set their sights on the bright ones. Or they may have shelved both in favor of focusing on the happy now of parenthood. They had a child to raise, an income to earn, water to draw, and meals to prepare. Life was full enough in the moment without preoccupation with two such conflicting visions of tomorrow. You can't live in tomorrow. The proper place for mortals is always today.

This holy family learned early that trusting in God today includes entrusting the future to God until tomorrow arrives. God was sufficient in Bethlehem as in Nazareth, in the manger as in the Temple. God would continue to be sufficient wherever the future took their son. God is sufficient wherever the future finds you. In today's gospel reading we are reminded of the waiting for a child whose presentation fulfilled the promise of salvation. What are you waiting for to fulfill your life on earth? What blessing gives you an entryway to an eternal relationship with God? It is hard to believe but I returned from my eight-month sabbatical one year today. Time flies....but I am full of joy with my new ministry.

Christ is here. You wait no longer!

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**

**HOSPITAL EMERGENCY CALLS:** 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. Thomas Chinnappa** to make this request.

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK FEB 2-8**

Today marks the beginning of Catholic Schools' Week (CSW). The theme this year is *I Can Do All Things Through Christ*. Each and every year, Catholic schools join together to share a message about the importance and value of Catholic education to the Church and society as a whole. There are five Catholic Schools in our Diocese - 4 elementary, and 1 high school - educating approximately 1560 students, and located in the communities of Port Alberni, Duncan and Victoria. On behalf of all the Catholic schools in the diocese, thank you for your ongoing support whether through prayer, time, talent or treasure. You are warmly invited to visit any of our Catholic Schools and enjoy some of the special events planned throughout the week. Please check the various school websites for individual school events. <https://www.cisdv.bc.ca/> You are welcome to visit not just this week but any time. It's also registration time for the 2020-21 school year, beginning this week. Please consider registering your child in one of our Catholic schools. Catholic Education is a valuable ministry in the Church and diocese so we ask that you please continue to pray for their success. Thank you!

**LENTEN MISSION 2020 WITH BISHOP HENRY**

Join Bishop Henry from the Diocese of Calgary as he presents **The Way of Truth and Life Mission 2020** at Holy Cross and St. Joseph the Worker Parish March 23– March 25th. There will be a morning and evening session (the morning and evening sessions are the same so you only have to attend one per day).

**Monday, March 23rd:** Theme: **WHEN ALL IS SAID AND DONE, THE ONLY TRAGEDY IN LIFE IS NOT TO BECOME A SAINT.** *“Whether, then, you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do it all to the glory of God.”* 1 Cor.10:31. **9am** at Holy Cross Parish, **7pm** at St. Joseph the Worker Parish.

**Tuesday, March 24th:** Theme: **KNOWING WHO I AM IN CHRIST (MY ID, TRUE VALUE AND WORTH)** *“God is love and anyone who lives in love lives in God, and God lives in him.”* 1 John 4:16. **9am** at St. Patrick's Parish, **7pm** at St. Joseph the Worker parish.

**Wednesday, March 25th:** **THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS BY OUR LOVE** *“We can be sure that we are in God only when the one who claims to be living in him is living the same kind of life as Christ lived.”* (1 John 2:5-6.) **At 7pm** within our Lenten Reconciliation Service at Sacred Heart Parish.

**FEBRUARY FAMILY PING PONG AND GAMES NIGHT!**

The next family night will be held on **Saturday, February 22nd after the 4pm** mass in the parish hall. We invite *families with children* to attend our family potluck in the Holy Cross parish hall. Dessert will be provided but we ask attendees to bring a salad, side or main dish to share. Challenge Fr. William to a ping pong game, catch up with friends or some make some new ones! There will be a sign up sheet in the back to help us keep track of numbers.

**PARISH LIBRARY (Tues—Fri. 9am-2pm)**

February is the memorial of St. Polycarp (69-155), Bishop and Martyr of Smyrna (Izmir, Turkey), who was a disciple of St John the Apostle (died aged 100). St Irenaeus (130-202) in turn was a disciple of Polycarp. They amongst others, (200 years after the birth of Jesus) began the long line of successive, reliable authentic witnessing of the life and message of Jesus, down through the ages — to us here today. Unlike Thomas, we have not seen.

**Readings of the Early Church on the Suggestion Shelf:**

- \* *The Early Church* by W Frend
- \* *The Churches the Apostles Left Behind* by R Brown
- \* *The History of the Church* by Eusebius
- \* *Cities of God, “... how Christianity conquered Rome....”*
- \* *The Didache, Christian practices of the first century*
- By R Stark

### **PRAYER REFLECTION**

Every baby is an inestimable blessing. —Mark Twain

The triumphant Christian does not fight for victory; [but rather] celebrates . . . a victory already won. —Reginald Wallis

Have patience with all things, but, first of all with yourself. —Saint Francis de Sales

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

More information and details on bulletin board or parish office

- **OUR COMMON HOME WORKSHOP:** Development and Peace will hold a workshop "For Our Common Home" on **Sat. Feb. 8, 9:30-12:30** at St. Patrick's Parish Hall. Jeremy Laurie will lead the session which will focus on how important the Amazon rainforest is for our planet. Everyone is welcome for this workshop. Please bring a bag lunch if you plan to stay for the afternoon session 1:15-2:45. For more info: 250-477-6952
- **CATHOLIC PRAYER BREAKFAST:** Saturday, February 15, 9am-noon at the Comfort Inn (3020 Blanshard St.).The guest speaker will be Fr. William Hann. Tickets are \$17 and available from St. Andrew's prayer group members. Please call Lynn or Richard at 250-477-4700 to reserve. Please call to book ahead.
- **SARHS OPEN HOUSE:** St. Andrews Regional High School Open House is on *Thursday, February 6th*. The school has gone through a grand renovation and is excited to share their new look, academic program and community with all. Come take a look at all the amazing changes! More info: [www.standrewshigh.ca](http://www.standrewshigh.ca)
- **SCREENAGER: THE NEXT CHAPTER:** "Screenagers Next Chapter", a film by award-winning film-maker Dr. Delaney Ruston, as she explores how families and communities can support improved well-being in a digital age. **When:** Monday February 10, 6:30-8:30pm (Movie runtime: 70 min) **Where:** St. Andrew's Regional High School Gym. **For Whom:** Families are welcome to bring children 11 years+. *Tickets are FREE but limited.* Get your ticket: <https://nextchapterbysarhs.eventcombo.com>

### **COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR!**

It can be cold (and rainy) out there and people need our help. On February 22, the Diocese of Victoria and ISLAND CATHOLIC SCHOOLS (ICS) team is going to do something about it. Together with thousands of Canadians across the country, we're walking and fundraising to support the hungry, homeless, and hurting people and families in our community. Parishioners are asked to consider participating by joining the ICS team and/or donating to this worthy cause. To join the team or donate to this worthy cause go to <https://secure.e2rm.com/registant/TeamFundraisingPage.aspx?teamID=890139> **OR** google "Coldest Night of the Year 2020", then look for the "Victoria Queens" location, then click on "teams", then click on "Island Catholic Schools and diocese of Victoria link", and from there you can click the button "join the team" or donate to team".

### **OUR LITURGICAL LIFE:**

**SUNDAY, February 2nd**  
9:00am Mass: **Lucille Danes +**

**MONDAY, February 3rd**  
Office Closed

**TUESDAY, February 4th**  
9:00am Mass: **Special Intention**

**WEDNESDAY, February 5th**  
9:00am Mass **Holy Souls In Purgatory**

**THURSDAY, February 6th**  
9:00am Mass: **Elmo Beruno +**

**FRIDAY, February 7th**  
9:00am Mass: **Nuala Kenny (int)**

**SATURDAY, February 8th**  
4:00pm Mass: **Joe Laturnus +**

**SUNDAY, February 9th**  
9:00am Mass: **Manuel & Maria Medeiros +**

### **THANK YOU!**

.....to the awesome ladies who helped prepare the coffee, tea and goodies for our *Songs & Prayers of Unity* service held here last Sunday afternoon. **Anna Mendonca, Shirley Lee, Maria Arruda and Becky Wall**—your efforts and service are such a blessing to our community.  
- Fr. William

### **Are you new to Holy Cross?**

Welcome to Holy Cross Parish! You can find registration packages in the foyer of the church, or you can call the office to register: 250-477-5321. Better yet pop in and introduce yourself during office hours. Coffee is always hot in the office!

### **PARISH SOCIAL LIFE**

**Wednesday Social group**— 1pm on Wednesdays.  
**Duplicate Bridge**—Wednesdays at 7pm.  
**Social Bridge**—First Sunday of the month at 7pm.  
**Joint Wellness**— Monday and Thursday 10-11am

## CONTACTS

**Pastor: Fr. William Hann**

250-477-5321

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## COLLECTION for January 26th

**WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS:**

<b>Envelopes</b>	\$ 3, 697.50
<b>Loose</b>	\$ 472.00
<b>Pre-Authorized Debit</b>	\$ 1, 095.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 5, 264.50</b>

## HOLY CROSS MINISTRIES

<b>MINISTRY</b>	<b>COORDINATOR</b>	<b>PHONE</b>
Liturgy	Debby Pietraszek	250-477-7375
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, 9:00	Darlene Southwell	250-477-5738
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 Muna Haddad	250-477-6455 1-778-881-5843
Parish Council	Debra Prior	250-661-0252
Finance	David Begg	250-658-0870
Maintenance/Bldg.	Ed Boomars	250-881-8124
Annual Shed Clean	Jack Ponsioen	250-383-0654
Parish Grounds	Joe Mendonca	250-888-8930
Social/Comm. Life		
Baptism Prep.	Call office	250-477-5321
Marriage Prep.	Fr. William Hann	250-477-5321
Children's Rel. Ed.	Barb Shenton	250-592-7391

Children's Liturgy of the Word	Valentina Boyd	250-813-0230
Catholicism		
Library	George Murphy	250-658-6061
Outreach/Visiting	Sheridan Cooper	250-598-0248
Bereavement / Funeral / Follow-Up	Fr. William Hann	250-477-5321
Funeral Reception	Barb McKrow	250-477-8322

## SERVING COMMUNITIES BEYOND OUR DOORS

Diocesan Appeal	John Bartle Clar	250-995-1891
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	Barb Shenton	250-592-7391
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	Barb McKrow	250-477-8322
St. Vincent De Paul	Martin Fletcher	250-592-9297
Univ/Camosun	Tony Southwell	250-477-5738
Bursaries		
Uvic/Camosun Outreach	John Oleson	250-477-6455