



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 9, 2020 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

As people on the way, as disciples of Jesus, we are here to love and to add flavor to the world. Aldous Huxley said of love: "There isn't any secret formula or method. You learn love by loving." At every crossroad, at every bump in the road in your relationships with others, this is a simple truth to put into practice: Learn to love by loving; learn to forgive by forgiving. It isn't any more complicated than that. That sums it up!!!! "Here's another way to put it: we are here to be light, bringing out the God-colors in the world. God is not a secret to be kept. We're going public with this, as public as a city on a hill.

When Jesus calls us the light of the world we should stop and listen. That's an amazing proposition, considering that we regard him in the same way. He dares us to take that light and bathe the whole world with its brilliance. Well, how are we doing? How many people know we are Christians, by our love or by any other means? A fish on the bumper sticker of the car or a smudge of ash on the forehead just isn't enough. We can wear a cross around our necks or read our Bibles conspicuously during the coffee break, but that doesn't necessarily shed any light on our convictions.

No, the best way to be the light of the world is to shine before others through our example. We are called to be the Christ-bearers, bringing our little pueblo light before us as a testimonial of the greater light of Christ that we have witnessed. If we bear no light in our coming, then we can gesture all we want in the darkness about our faith, and no one will believe us or even comprehend what we are talking about. The only way to reveal the light is to be the light. The piercing of human darkness with a single ray of light is more powerfully convincing than all the religious chatter we are capable of.

When we are being told by Jesus that we are the salt of the earth, the light of the world, then I don't think it is out of place for us to object, like Paul and the other prophets, to God's foolish choice of us. But we must also be prepared to let ourselves be won over by God's grace, for it is God's pledge that with his power at work in us, we can perform deeds we never thought capable of. It is all part of the fact that in God's eyes we are, despite our weakness and insignificance, the stuff of which God's kingdom is build. We have got all it takes to build the city of God. God's blessing is with us always, shining a light into the world for those seeking abundance. What do you contribute to life's enhancement? How do you engage in the Lord's "seasoning" of the world? The Prayer of St Francis, 'Lord, make me an instrument of your peace ... etc.', sums up the teaching of Jesus: 'You are the salt of the earth ... you are the light of the world'. You are the salt of the earth. You are a light in the world. Aren't you? Good deeds are a shining light, the gospel says. In what ways do your good deeds glorify God? How can they be done for God through others? Saint Catherine of Siena said it best...be who you were created to be, and you will set the world on fire!

Light and love to all
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.

NEW PRAYER GROUP AT HOLY CROSS

Would you like to join a PRAYER GROUP at Holy Cross?

The Prayer Group is: Sharing *Silent Prayer* – enkindled by Scripture

When: 3:00pm – 4: pm, Fridays, starting Friday, 14 February 2020

Description: We will pray together in Silent Prayer, one hour each week in the Mercy Chapel, Holy Cross. A brief scripture from the Mass of the day will be written down to guide our silent prayer or to use in times of distraction. Prayer will be closed with a very brief vocal prayer.

How to join this Prayer Group: sign-up sheet at the back of the Church. 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. Hope to see you there!



WORLD DAY OF THE SICK IS TUESDAY FEBRUARY 11th

In light of World Day of the Sick please consider attending the Diocesan Outreach Training sessions.

Sessions are 9:00 am – 3:00 pm and are free. Please bring a bag lunch to each session. Coffee and Tea will be provided. A Certificate of Completion is provided to those who attend all four sessions.

Lay pastoral care visitors can assist their pastors by helping to share Christ’s healing love and compassion with those in need –by offering friendship, encouragement, the ministry of presence, and, when requested, prayer, and Holy Communion.

St. Patrick’s Parish

Saturday, Feb. 22 – Session 1: The Healing Ministry of Christ – Fr. William Hann will be the morning presenter.

Saturday, March 14 – Session 2: Listening & Communication and Mental Health

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

PRAYER REFLECTION

Be who you were created to be and you will set the world on fire!
—*Saint Catherine of Siena*
The one who does a pure and whole work from God merits a whole kingdom.
—*John of the Cross*
Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.
—*Psalm 119:105*

AROUND THE PARISH AND DIOCESE

More information and details on bulletin board or parish office

- **MASS FOR HEALTH CARE WORKERS:** If you are a healthcare professional, worker, or volunteer, you are invited to celebrate a special Mass in honour of healthcare workers and volunteers with Bishop Gary Gordon at **6:20 pm** on the **Feast of St. Joseph** on Thursday, **March 19, 2020** at **Christ the King Parish**, 1599 Tunner Drive, Courtenay. For more details, please phone 250-334-4716 or email: ctkparish@shaw.ca
- **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.
- **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 **Where:** St. Andrew's Regional High School Gym. Families are welcome to bring children 11 years+. *Tickets are FREE but limited:* <https://nextchapterbysarhs.eventcombo.com>
- **JOB OPPORTUNITY:** The Diocese of Victoria is accepting applications for the position of Chaplain for the University of Victoria and Camosun College. We seek a Chaplain who will be committed to helping students grow and flourish within the Catholic faith tradition while living and learning in a secular campus environment. For more information, please visit www.rcdvictoria.org/employment.

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. 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/registrator/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 9th

9:00am Mass: **Manuel & Maria Medeiros +**

MONDAY, February 10th

Office Closed

TUESDAY, February 11th

World Day of the Sick

9:00am Mass: **Joe Laturnus +**

WEDNESDAY, February 12th

9:00am Mass **Mae O'Regan +**

THURSDAY, February 13th

9:00am Mass: **Molly Hollington +**

FRIDAY, February 14th

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

SATURDAY, February 15th

4:00pm Mass: **Leo McIntyre +**

SUNDAY, February 16th

9:00am Mass: **Lisa Gonsalves +**

THANK YOU!

As we enter Catholic Schools week and celebrate all the things we do in Christ I want thank all the staff and parents who give it all for our Island Catholic Schools. We are so blessed to be beacons of hope in a world so in need of light and mercy. - Father William

It's cold and flu season!

It is that time of year where illness and germs are in abundance, and as we have many elderly and immune vulnerable in our parish community, we ask that everyone does their due diligence in keeping up with best hygiene practices by using the hand sanitation pumps located throughout the church. If you are sick with a cold please consider bowing slightly with your hands pressed together (prayer style) in lieu of hand shaking during the sign of peace. Let's work together to keep the people in our community healthy and safe!

CONTACTS

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COLLECTION for February 2nd

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS:

Envelopes	\$ 3, 182.00
Loose	\$ 505.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$ 1, 201.50
TOTAL	\$ 4, 888.50

HOLY CROSS MINISTRIES

MINISTRY	COORDINATOR	PHONE
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	250-477-6455
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