



# 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 16, 2020**  
**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Today's continuation of the Sermon on the Mount contains twenty long verses about what has been heard in the past and what is to be listened to now. We may be taken aback by the demanding way in which Jesus interprets a few of the Ten Commandments in today's Gospel passage. He does not simply recall them. He does more than that. He radicalizes them. It is no exaggeration to suggest that in some ways, the Ten Commandments have fallen on "hard times". We don't hear them mentioned very much. And when someone does, we tend to dismiss that person as being out of touch, as belonging to a bygone age. And yet, there is no way for us as Christians to get around the Ten Commandments, particularly not when we consider that rather ruthless way in which Jesus speaks about them. He does not mince any words. "Do not imagine that I have come to abolish them", he says, "I have come to complete them". Words of this sort, when they come from Jesus, should make us take notice.

Why is Jesus so blunt when it comes to the Ten Commandments? Why will he not hear of abolishing them? Why does he go so far as to radicalize them? For Jesus, they are meant to serve, to protect, and to promote the sacredness of human life and the sacredness of relationships. It seems to me that is what we have to rediscover about the Ten Commandments. Some of us find them outdated; others want to have them clearly reinstated. In both instances, though, what we often have seen to lost sight of is what the Ten Commandments are meant to serve: the sacredness of human life and the sacredness of human relationships.

In these examples, Jesus challenges us with an entirely new and different way of looking at morality. Morality is not a matter of what is explicitly commanded or forbidden. In other words, it is not enough for us, as disciples of Jesus, to say: "I have not killed anybody; I have not committed adultery; I have not broken any oaths." The kind of morality Jesus urges us to is one of responding fully and creatively to the real needs of human life and community. In the way Jesus brings the Ten Commandments before us, he sketches a lifestyle that is shaped **by radical respect for others and full solidarity with others without exception at all times.**

Jesus summons us to a lifestyle that is different, that is new, a lifestyle that we are not capable of by our own power, but that becomes possible for us bits and pieces by the power of God's grace at work in us. So we pray for ourselves and for each other that God's transforming grace may re-create us into new men and women - new men and women who will not rest until God's law has come to fulfillment in us and in the world around us, for we know that only then will we be fully human for the glory of God and the well-being of the human community.

*If you choose you can keep the commandments, they will save you.*  
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.

**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.

**ASH WEDNESDAY LITURGICAL MINISTERS NEEDED**

Thank you to all who signed up for ministry spots for Ash Wednesday (Feb. 26) so far. The sign-up sheet will be in the church foyer again this week. Thank you for all your assistance and willingness to help! Any questions, please contact Joanie in the office. [officeassistant@holycrossvictoria.ca](mailto:officeassistant@holycrossvictoria.ca)

**READING SCRIPTURE WITH JESUS**

Come and join us on Tuesday mornings after morning mass at 9:30am during Lent. Fr. William will lead the first session on March 3rd. No registration is required, and you can come to as many or as little as you like. Please bring your bible if you have one.

**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!

**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.

**Ash Wednesday is February 26th. Mass will be held at 7:00pm at Holy Cross Parish and at 12:10pm at St. Patrick’s Parish.**

### PRAYER REFLECTION

Nobody has a more sacred obligation to obey the law than those who make the law. —Sophocles

The glory of Christianity is to conquer by forgiveness. —William Blake

### 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](mailto:ctkparish@shaw.ca)
- **ESL TEACHER NEEDED:** Are you an ESL teacher with flexible time? St. Patrick's is currently sponsoring a family of refugees from Iraq, currently living in Turkey. These are the parents and siblings of Nanh Butrus, wife of Julyan Ashour Kalyana whom we sponsored in 2018. We are teaching Nanh's sisters English via Skype, and require at least one additional teacher. One to two hours a week is required, and there is flexibility with time. Please contact James Murtagh at 250-595-8684.
- **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](http://www.rcdvictoria.org/employment).
- **CWL BURSARY:** Are you a graduating grade 12 student? If so, you may be interested in the following bursary that is available through the Victoria Diocese: CWL VICTORIA DIOCESAN CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE BURSARY, "In Memory of Freda Smith" (\$750) Application Deadline: **April 15th. More info is on the bulletin board or in the office.**

### 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 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/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 16th**

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

#### **MONDAY, February 17th**

Office Closed

#### **TUESDAY, February 18th**

9:00am Mass: **Richard Harold Earle +**

#### **WEDNESDAY, February 19th**

11:00am Funeral mass for Fred Schemitsch

#### **THURSDAY, February 20th**

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

#### **FRIDAY, February 21st**

9:00am Mass: **John Boles +**

#### **SATURDAY, February 22nd**

3:00-3:45pm Reconciliation

4:00pm Mass: **Yvette Groulx +**

#### **SUNDAY, February 23rd**

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

### THANK YOU!

Thank you to our Responsible Ministry Coordinator, Martha Oleson, and all of the computer helpers who have worked hard this last month helping our valued volunteers to complete their online Learn to Protect courses. We also thank all of you who have completed the courses. Your support of our parish and the Diocese is much appreciated.

### *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

**Pastor: Fr. William Hann**

250-477-5321

250-294-9615 *after hours*

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### COLLECTION for February 9th

**WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS:**

<b>Envelopes</b>	\$ 3,393.00
<b>Loose</b>	\$ 415.00
<b>Pre-Authorized Debit</b>	\$ 1,201.50
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 5,009.50</b>

**St. Vincent De Paul** **\$1,128.75**

## 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