



# 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 23, 2020 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Each Sunday, before Father reads the Gospel, we make the sign of the cross on our forehead, lips and heart. It's our prayer to God, asking that His Word be in our thoughts, on our lips, and in our hearts. We are asked to take the Gospel and make it our own, to live it in our day to day. But, with this week's Gospel I find this hard to do. I get stuck thinking it applies to folks like Mahatma Gandhi and Martin Luther King. How do I apply this Gospel in my life? I've been thinking about it for weeks ... and I believe it's all that thinking that has me stuck. God's Word is meant to feed our soul; to do that we need to allow the Gospel to move from our head to our heart. Only with prayer, trust, faith and God's grace will we hear what we each need to hear.

Today's Gospel is part of the Sermon on the Mount, where Jesus gives his disciples, and us, God's blueprint for how we are to live our lives. Jesus tells us that it's all about love, mercy and forgiveness; not about following rules and laws. No longer is it *an eye for an eye or a tooth for a tooth*, but instead we are told, *if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you*. On the cross Jesus prayed, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do," revealing His infinite mercy and compassion to those who persecuted Him. Jesus lived today's message, do I?

For me, I need to start at home. Turning the other cheek is not easy for me to do with family; we all know each other's buttons to push. Why is it I can listen to a stranger's story, take the time to find out who they are as a person, and yet at home I go on autopilot, the angry words are out of my mouth before I know it? It hurts me to see how my words wound those I love ... why do I do it? Where is the forgiveness? In today's Gospel Jesus tells us to stand up for what is right and just, but our response has to come from the heart. Jesus modeled this for us in His ministry; His every word, His every encounter came from a place of love. A few years back, when world leaders were talking about closing their borders to refugees, Pope Francis, with compassion and love washed and kissed the feet of Muslim refugees. That moment was so powerful; it "melted my heart". In his response we see and feel Jesus' love being mirrored back to us. It's humbling and transforming. That's Jesus' way.

My walk of faith is not smooth; often it's two steps forward and one step back. But that's ok. Our God is patient. He knows we're all works in progress; we are the ones that forget that about each other sometimes. Like the sun and the rain, God's love has no borders and falls on all his children no matter where we are on our journey. So, as we enter into Lent this week let's keep our eyes on Jesus. Let's really open our hearts, talk less, listen more. Let's turn the other cheek, remembering God turns the other cheek to us always, with His love and forgiveness.

Anna Mendonca

### 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.

**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.**

**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.” I 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.” I 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.” (I John 2:5-6.) **At 7pm within our Lenten Reconciliation Service at Sacred Heart Parish.**

**READING SCRIPTURE WITH JESUS**

Come and join us on Tuesday mornings after morning Mass at 9:30am during Lent., starting March 3. No registration is required, and you can come to as many or as few as you like.

**PRAYER GROUP**

Sharing *Silent Prayer* – enkindled by Scripture  
3:00 pm – 4:00 pm, Fridays, Mercy Chapel, Holy Cross Church, ALL ARE WELCOME!

**OUR PLACE BREAKFAST**

As a special act of charity during the Lenten Season, please join the team of 10 volunteers from **Holy Cross serving breakfast at Our Place** (919 Pandora, 8 – 10:30 am) on **Saturday March 14**. No heavy work is involved, and priority is given to parishioners who have not yet experienced this rewarding event. Please contact Yvonne Hsieh at 250-385-8322 or at [yhsieh@uvic.ca](mailto:yhsieh@uvic.ca).

**SHARE LENT 2020: DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE**

**This Share Lent, let's stand in solidarity with the people of the Amazon.**

This year, Development and Peace — Caritas Canada is encouraging us to support all those in the Amazon and the Global South who are caring for God's creation. How can we help?

**Donate** online at [devp.org/give](http://devp.org/give) or give during the Solidarity Sunday collection on March 29, the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent. Your generosity helps support over 149 projects in 36 countries around the world!

**Read** Development and Peace's Share Lent literature and **watch** the videos to learn about and hear from the guardians of the Earth.

**Sign the Solidarity Letter** at the entrances to the church.

For more information, please contact Barb McKrow: 250-477-8322

### PRAYER REFLECTION

Teach us to give and not to count the cost. —*Ignatius of Loyola*

The only gift is a portion of thyself. —*Ralph Waldo Emerson*

### 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.
- **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.**
- **MEN'S BREAKFAST:** At Horseshoe Club - 620 Kenneth, Victoria - Saturday March 7<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 AM **"Increase in Mental Health Challenges for Younger Generations"** by practising Psychiatrist, Dr. Doris Duru, MBBS.... Dr. Duru will attempt to give us an informative overview of numerous mental issues/challenges affecting 35-40% of today's youth and young adults. Consider this a rare opportunity to obtain information and clarity, by listening and asking questions about such a common but very misunderstood challenge that affects some of our loved ones...If interested, simply send an email with name and number attending or to obtain more information (\$13.00 incl meal) - [info@mcaff.org](mailto:info@mcaff.org) (Catholic Diocese of Victoria BC)

### IN THE LIBRARY (Tues—Fri 9am-2pm)

#### Some Lenten readings on our Library Suggestion Shelf

- Readings for Lent and Easter. 72 short reflections by a variety of authors: Wilde, Luther, Weil, Tolstoy, Dostoevsky et al*
- Knowing Christ by Alister McGrath*
- A Guide to the Passion of Christ: Questions and Answers*
- Love at the End and Ten Commandments by Daniel Berrigan*

### OUR LITURGICAL LIFE:

#### SUNDAY, February 23rd

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

#### MONDAY, February 24th

Office Closed

#### TUESDAY, February 25th

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

#### WEDNESDAY, February 26th

##### Ash Wednesday

7:00pm Ash Wednesday Mass

#### THURSDAY, February 27th

9:00am Mass: **Elizabeth McCarthy (int)**

#### FRIDAY, February 28th

9:00 am Stations of the Cross led by lectors

11:00 am Funeral mass for Syl Therrien

#### SATURDAY, February 29th

3:00-3:45pm Reconciliation

4:00pm Mass: **Michael MacDonald +**

#### SUNDAY, March 1st

9:00am Mass: **Debbie & Mark Underhill +**

### THANK YOU!

Thank you to those who supported Fr. William, the Diocese and the Island Catholic schools either by donating or walking with them on the Coldest Night of the Year for the benefit of raising money for all of our brothers and sisters in greatest need in our city.

### 2019 TAX RECEIPTS

The 2019 tax receipts are available now! Please pick them up in the foyer of the church. If you need your tax receipt mailed to you directly please contact the office: 250-477-5321.

If you have not yet picked up your 2020 collection envelopes, they are now available in the office. If you would like to register for our pre-authorized donation option you can pick up a registration package in the foyer.

**Thank you for your continued generosity and support.**

## CONTACTS

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### COLLECTION for February 16th

**WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS:**

<b>Envelopes</b>	\$ 2,165.00
<b>Loose</b>	\$ 410.00
<b>Pre-Authorized Debit</b>	\$ 1,201.50
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 3,776.50</b>

## 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