

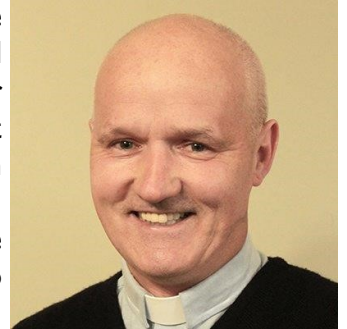
Holy Cross Catholic Parish

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 January 12, 2020 The Baptism of the Lord

When we read the story of the baptism of Jesus in Matthew's Gospel, we almost get the impression that Matthew wants to say: "Now the show, the real thing with Jesus of Nazareth can get underway." When Jesus is baptized in the river Jordan, he is set on the path of service, of love, of simplicity. It is also at that moment that Jesus receives his true name: God's Son, God's beloved. The baptism of Jesus is not restricted to the scene at the Jordan. His entire life is a baptism, from the Jordan to the cross. For Jesus, to be baptized means to begin on a life that blossoms into service, into love, into simplicity. To be baptized means to become a giving, a life giving, and a liberating person.



When we celebrate Christ's baptism today, then I do not think that we can get around celebrating our baptism as well. And if it is true that in the Gospels, in story after story, on page after page, we find what being baptized meant for Jesus, then we too may find there what our being baptized can mean for us. As we go on our way: all of us baptized in Jesus name: men and women, young and old. We go on our way, full of enthusiasm, but also with a good amount of hesitation. Supporting each other, praying that Jesus may be in us, His disciples. We let ourselves be drawn by Him, that unforgettable Jesus, Servant of the Lord, Prince of Peace, and God's beloved Son. We won't let go of Him, because we know too well that he needs each one of us to show that He lives. Yes, indeed, without us His disciples, Jesus is dead, finished. But with us and in us He lives.

To recap, dear friends, today's celebration affirms we are beloved daughters and sons. We are accepted and loved individually and uniquely, as a gift that we do not have to earn or deserve. This is the core grace of our Christian lives. Secondly, today's celebration affirms our call to ministry, to proclaim by our lives God's presence and victory in our world. The good News of today is that we are beloved, chosen and may we know it with every fiber of our being. As we celebrate Eucharist today, we remember we are beloved, chosen, empowered and sent - as we celebrate God's faithful love in proclaimed word and in shared communion. *Can you believe that God looks upon you with such joy? Can you believe that God eternally treasures you?* So, let us today, and as many times as it takes, renew our acceptance of our own baptism and our resolve to live it out as gently, as patiently, and as publicly as did Christ.

Joy this day,

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.

WELCOME (BACK) JOANIE BIDLAKE

We are excited to welcome back Joanie Bidlake to our office team! Joanie will be joining the parish office team as an office assistant for 5 hours each week. Her office hours will be either Thursday OR Friday from 9:30am-2:30pm. She will be looking after details regarding the liturgical ministries, volunteers schedules, and other various offices needs time permitting. We will have a separate email set up for Joanie shortly which will be posted on the back of the bulletin when it is up and running. We are grateful for this extra set of hands in the office.

FROM ANAWIM HOUSE

Dear Friends of Anawim,

On behalf of everyone at Anawim we would like to thank you for your very generous acts of kindness, love and charity. You brought great joy and a feeling of being loved to those that attend the Christmas "open house" at Anawim. Those that come to Anawim are looking for love and acceptance and a sense of belonging to a family. With your help, we were able to provide this to God's precious poor.

FOUNDATIONS OF THE FAITH

The 2020 Sessions are now available for registration. This is a FREE opportunity open for people who wish to deepen their understanding and appreciation of the Catholic faith. Sessions include the following topics: Person of the Catechist, Living your Vocation, Scripture, Sacraments, Christian Morality, Prayer, the Creed and more. Sessions are adapted to meet the needs of the group. These sessions are interactive, informative and reflective. Sign up on Eventbrite or email Gwen at gjahelka@rcdvictoria.org or Glen at gpalahicky@rcdvictoria.org or call 250 479 1331

Part II Days in Spring Break: March 16 & 17 ~ 8:30- 4:30—Queen of Angels, Duncan <https://foundations-part2-springbreak.eventbrite.com>

Part I Days in Spring Break: March 19 & 20 ~ 8:30-4:30—Holy Cross, Victoria <https://foundations-part1-springbreak.eventbrite.com>

Part I Days in Summer: June 29 & 30 ~ 8:30-4:30—Holy Cross, Victoria <https://foundations-part1-summer.eventbrite.com>

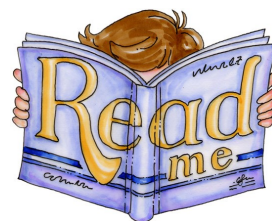
Part II Days in Summer: July 2 & 3 ~ 8:30-4:30—Holy Cross, Victoria <https://foundations-part2-summer.eventbrite.com>

"I first thought it was just for teachers but when I saw anyone could attend I signed up and I am so happy I did. I learned so much about my faith and it has renewed my spirit. Thank you." - 2019 parish attendee

PARISH LIBRARY (Tues—Fri. 9am-2pm)

A small book from Bishop Robert Barron --- Letter to a Suffering Church reveals and acknowledges the sexual abuse crisis within the church. The Bishop's knowledge, intelligence and wisdom are inspiring. **We have three copies** of this recent 100 page book --- a two hour read.

- Letter to a Suffering Church (2019) by Bishop Robert Barron
- Brave New Church (2001) by William Bausch
- The Coming Catholic Church (2004) by David Gibson
- Toward a New Catholic Church (2002) by James Carroll



PRAYER REFLECTION

Discernment is a grace. Even though it includes reason and prudence, it goes beyond them.
—Pope Francis

Baptism incorporates us into Christ and forms us into God's people. . . . pardons our sins, rescues us from the powers of darkness, and brings us to the dignity of adopted children, a new creation through water and the Holy Spirit.
—Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

And the Spirit of God brooded over the waters like a dove which hovers over her young without touching them.
—Talmud

AROUND THE PARISH AND DIOCESE

More information and details on bulletin board or parish office

- **INVITATION TO MEN OF THE FAMILY:** Come join other men of faith for breakfast and a special Father / Son presentation- "Sharing the Successes and Challenges of creating and nurturing a loving family for generations". Family Life can be messy at times. Come join us as they share their inside stories of real family life. WHEN: Saturday Feb 01 @ 8:00AM - WHERE: Victoria Horseshoe Club HOW: Register by emailing to: info@mfaff.org advising names and number attending- Cost \$13.00 each including full breakfast!
- **2020 DIOCESAN CONFERENCE:** "Do Not Let Your Hearts Be Troubled" - accompanying others in the times in which we live. Saturday, February 8th 8:30am-3:00pm at St. Edwards Parish— 2085 Maple Bay Road, Duncan. David Wells is an author and speaker who will inspire and delight! He will address how we, the people of God, can best accompany the people in our lives to fulfill our mission as God's disciples. This conference is suitable for all regardless where you are on your journey of faith. Please bring a bagged lunch. *Childcare is available.* Register on Eventbrite <https://2020rcdconference.eventbrite.com> or call Glen or Gwen at 250 479 1331 or email gjahelka@rcdvictoria.org or gpalahicky@rcdvictoria.org
- **CONVERSATIONS ON ETHICS:** Vancouver Island Catholic Physicians Guild together with the Island Health Ethics department, present an afternoon of study and discussion using ethical frameworks to aid in health care decision making. This event will take place at St. Edward's Church Hall in Duncan on Friday January 17th at 3:30 pm. There is dinner to follow with guest speaker Christine Monier - the director of L'Arche Comox Valley. Cost is \$20 collected at the door. We invite all Catholic health care workers to attend.
- **GAMES NIGHT AT ST. PAT'S SCHOOL:** Do you love to have fun? St. Patrick's Elementary school in collaboration with Board Game Cafe will be hosting a Games Night on Thursday, January 23 in their school gym from 5-7pm. Tickets are \$5 or \$10 per family and are available at the parish office. There are lots of different board games to play and the money will go directly towards fundraising for different student activities at the school. Food and beverages will be available for sale so come hungry and ready to play! We hope to see you there!

OUR LITURGICAL LIFE:

SUNDAY, January 12th

9:00am Mass: **Terry Davis +**

MONDAY, January 6th

Office Closed

TUESDAY, January 7th

9:00am Mass: **Lindsay Family Int.**

WEDNESDAY, January 8th

9:00am Mass: **Richardson Family Int.**

THURSDAY, January 9th

9:00am Mass: **Formosa Family Int.**

FRIDAY, January 10th

9:00am Mass: **Dan Taft +**

SATURDAY, January 11th

4:00pm Mass: **Vittorio Chiccone +**

SUNDAY, January 12th

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

THANK YOU

To Holy Cross Parishioners,
Our heartfelt gratitude to Fr. William for the meaningful funeral mass for Joe, and to Fr. Rolf for concelebrating. Thank you to the music supplied by the Tafts, to the bereavement team, to the volunteers and to all the parishioners of Holy Cross Parish who showed us so much love and support during the last few months. Joe's gift to us was his love of family which will always live in our hearts.
- Jean Laturnus and family

Upcoming weather predictions call for snow. Please take care on the roads and sidewalks leading up to and around the church should the weather turn. We will try to keep the website up-to-date with any changes to the service schedule. Stay safe!

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

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Office Assistant: Joanie Bidlake

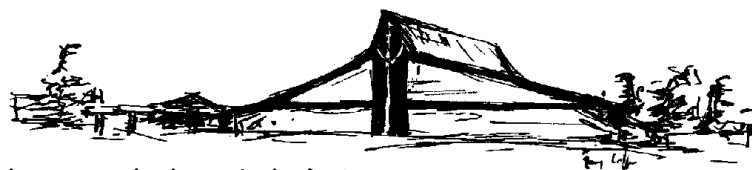
250-477-5321 *email forthcoming

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Children's Religious Education: Barbara Shenton

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COLLECTION for January 1st and 5th

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS:

Envelopes	\$ 6,038.00
Loose	\$ 777.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$ 1,095.00
TOTAL	\$ 7,910.00

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
	Muna Haddad	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	Fr. William Hann	250-477-5321
Back To The Church	Glenn Palahicky	250-479-1331
RCIA	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 Out-reach	John Oleson	250-477-6455