



Holy Cross Catholic Parish

Twining with St. Patrick's Parish

SUNDAY - January 14, 2024
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

We complete the Octave of Christmas as we open a fresh page of a new calendar. Since the beginning of Advent, the focus has been on Jesus, and rightly so and now as we enter ordinary time the focus is on Jesus looking at us. Jesus begins to gather disciples: then and now. The pattern is simple: God call's and we follow. This calling of God is embedded in ordinary day to day events, in human encounters, in suffering, in the challenges of life, in the needs of others. The beauty of the readings is that such a call happens in such very ordinary ways. In the case of Samuel, for instance, we may be taken aback by the fact that the circumstances of his call were not extraordinary. It happened while Samuel was half-awake. He was probably trying to get in a few last moments of sleep before having to face another day. Some of us may be disappointed by the ordinariness of the event. We would much prefer to see God's call take place as an esoteric event amid streaks of lightning and peals of thunder. Then at least it would be certain. To drive home to us the ordinariness of the call, the story has Samuel consult Eli. After all, he might be hearing things. Samuel needs the wisdom of Eli to sort things out in his life. We all need wisdom people to help us sort things out in our life.

Andrew, on the other hand, knows his master's voice very well; he has been a voluntary student of John's for some time. Andrew and another disciple stand in proximity to John, demonstrating their good status. But on this particular day, as Jesus walks by, the Baptist says something quite extraordinary: "Behold, the Lamb of God." And so, these two dedicated disciples jump—into the discipleship of a new master. After all, they had committed themselves to listen to John, and John has just declared that Jesus is "the One." Jesus asks these two excellent students what they are looking for. A new master, they say in effect, when they address Jesus as Teacher. In Jesus' time students not only studied with their masters, but they also lived with them. Jesus invites them to come and see for themselves. What Andrew sees is enough for him to recruit his brother at once. That is a fateful recruitment, as it turns out, for his brother is Simon, soon to be Peter. What are you looking for? How high or far might we jump at the sound of the voice that calls us? Do we even recognize that voice when it speaks? Faithful discipleship requires effort, quiet persistence, and most of all, movement in the spirit. Followers do not stand still, unchangeable in opinions or behaviors. Growth is required. The terms of the deal are as follows: "Come—and see."

God's voice can be heard in a thought that comes out of nowhere. We need to be attentive and give ourselves some precious moments of quiet to reflect on what goes on in us and in the world around us. It presupposes that we pay attention to the people and events that make up our lives. This listening to God's calling us is described in the Scriptures as following Jesus. It is really staying with Jesus, an abiding with Jesus, and giving ourselves over to Jesus whom we profess as our Lord, as the Messiah. Most of us have had the experience of being called. Is God calling you to some action or some ministry in Church or in society? Do you trust the unfolding story of your life? Remember Peter was the man who denied Jesus and ran away? That same Peter allowed something incredibly special and totally unexpected to come into his life. His brother brought him to Jesus. Jesus saw something special in Peter and said you are to be called Cephas. Jesus sees something special in you. If we believe that Jesus is worth knowing, we will bring others into his loving presence by our quiet witness. In that way the Christian faith will keep growing and never die out. Because somewhere, someone like the apostle Andrew will be bringing another person to meet Jesus of Nazareth, the Saviour of the World. What an appealing and heart-warming responsibility and opportunity! Ordinary time is always extraordinary when n we walk with Jesus!

Abundant blessings

Father William

OFFICE HOURS

Saturday, Sunday, Monday: Closed

Tuesday/Wednesday: 9am—2:00pm

Thursday/Friday: 9am—2:30pm

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***We acknowledge and respect the
Lekwungen peoples on whose
traditional territory Holy Cross Parish
stands, and the Songhees, Esquimalt
and WSÁNEĆ peoples whose
historical relationships with the land
continue to this day.***

Report Sexual Abuse

To report sexual abuse by a clergy member, religious, employee, or volunteer, visit [RCDVictoria.org/Responsible-Ministry](https://www.rcdvictoria.org/Responsible-Ministry) or call 1-800-968-3146

To report sexual abuse or cover-up by a Catholic Bishop, visit [BishopReportingSystem.ca](https://www.bishopreportingsystem.ca) or call 1-866-892-3737

LIVESTREAM MASSES

Live Mass broadcast this weekend! Mass is livestreamed this week from St. Patrick's Parish at 4pm Sunday, January 14, 2024. Click the link here: <http://www.youtube.com/c/StPatricksHolyCrossChurch>

Pastoral Care Outreach Training Series

The valuable and free Pastoral Care Outreach Training series will be offered online again this winter. Nine sessions will be held via Zoom on Saturday mornings from 9:30 – noon, **starting on January 20 and running until March 23, 2024** (with no session on March 9 for Spring Break). Participants who attend all sessions will receive a Certificate of Completion. Participants will require a phone number and email address, a computer, tablet or Smart Phone with speakers, microphone and webcam, a reliable Internet connection, and access to Zoom. **Please register through your parish by January 12.** For more information email moiraking@shaw.ca

Baptismal Prep

Do you want to have your child welcomed into the family of God through baptism? To prepare you must complete a registration form and complete a Baptismal Preparation course. Please note that the next sessions to choose from for Baptismal Preparation are: Saturday, Jan 13 (10:00 am – 12 noon) and Saturday, Feb 10 (10:00 am – 12 noon) Please email hcsppbaptismalprep@rcdvictoria.org with your name and contact information. The coordinator will then contact you with more details about baptism.

Outreach Ministry Requests for Visits

If you or a person you know would like a visit from an Outreach Ministry Volunteer to bring Holy Communion to someone at home who is unable to get to Mass; or - someone in long-term care, please contact the Office at 250-477-5321, or email: office@holycrossvictoria.org

Temporary Accommodation Required

Holy Cross Parish is looking for temporary accommodation for a Ukrainian family of four (mother and three children, 16yrs, 5yrs and 2 months old) beginning March 1, 2024. If you are able to provide help with this or would like more information, please contact Holy Cross Parish office at 250-477-5321. It is anticipated that this accommodation will be required for three to six months.



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

It's membership renewal time! All ladies of St. Patrick's & Holy Cross Parishes are welcome to renew – or join for the first time. Membership forms are available online to download/print at [St. Patrick's Parish | Service Organizations \(stpatsvictoria.com\)](http://St.Patrick's Parish | Service Organizations (stpatsvictoria.com) or CWL_renew_2024_Final.pdf) or [CWL_renew_2024_Final.pdf](#). Forms can be dropped off at St. Pat's office (in person or by mail) along with your fee prior to January 31st. Or they can be scanned and emailed to theresasmith1225@shaw.ca. We are trying to minimize postage costs but are happy to mail forms to anyone who requests them.

In addition to serving our parish community in many capacities, St. Patrick's Council members do a lot of fundraising to support our many charities. The CWL is many things to many people. Whether it's faith, service to the community, social justice, or sisterhood, thousands of women have found fulfillment by being members.

- A sisterhood of support and understanding that is more than 63,000 members strong. One of the largest organizations of women in Canada.
- A way to act on important social justice issues by adding your voice to many
- An opportunity to be of service to your community, to the country and to God
- A chance to live your faith with those who share it

We hope you will join us to help us continue to serve our community. For information, or to request a form contact Theresa Smith theresasmith1225@shaw.ca, or Layne Moore margaretlaynemooore@gmail.com.

Prayer Reflection

Healing begins with our taking our pain out of its diabolic isolation and seeing that whatever we suffer, we suffer it in communion with all of humanity.

—Henri Nouwen

Either sin is with you, lying on your shoulders, or it is lying on Christ, the Lamb of God.

—Martin Luther

It is no use saying: "Speak, Lord, your servant wants to hear," if we never risk the silence to listen.

—M. Basil Pennington

OUR LITURGICAL LIFE

SATURDAY, January 13, 2024

4PM Mass: Brandon Michael Tarczy and Team (Int)

SUNDAY, January 14, 2024

9AM Mass: Dorothy Maclsaac+

MONDAY, January 15, 2024

NO MASS

TUESDAY, January 16, 2024

9AM Mass: Dan Taft+

WEDNESDAY, January 17, 2024

NO MASS

THURSDAY, January 18, 2024

9AM Mass: Julia Agnes MacIvor+
Jose Luis Alva Garcia+

FRIDAY, January 19, 2024

NO MASS

The Chapel will be open for private prayers this week from Tuesday to Friday, 9am—noon via the side door.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:00 - 3:45 Mercy Chapel

ADORATION

First Friday of the Month in the Chapel

Masks are no longer mandatory indoors. We do encourage those who feel more comfortable to wear them as needed. If you are feeling unwell please stay home.

Word of the Week:

Justice

The moral fiber of a religious people that mirrors the God of Justice. More than an expression of fairness or the execution of legal judgment, biblical justice demands that we be straight, true, and righteous in our relationships with God and others.

A matter of head and heart

"One day we will learn that the heart can never be totally right if the head is totally wrong," the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. wrote that in his book *Strength to Love* in 1963. He underscored the necessity of taking responsibility for the formation and lifelong education of our consciences. You have to be sure that your convictions are tied to more than your preferences, biases, and opinions!

Social and Ecological Justice Committee

SEJC (Social and Ecological Justice Committee) will hold its next meeting on Wednesday, January 17th at 1pm in the Boardroom at Patrick's church on Haultain St. in Victoria.

Victoria Diocesan Catholic Women's League Bursary

The Victoria Diocesan Catholic Women's League is now accepting applications for a \$750 bursary "in memory of Freda Smith". The bursary is available to Catholic students studying in the Diocese of Victoria, who will be graduating from secondary school this year and who will be proceeding on to a form of higher education. Criteria for selection are financial need, academic performance and church and community involvement.

Along with a completed application form, students must attach an official transcript and a narrative essay. The deadline for applications is March 31, 2024. Full details and application forms are available in the foyer or from the office.

COLLECTIONS , January 7, 2024

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS

Envelopes	\$ 3,145.00
Loose	\$ 360.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$ 1,048.00
TOTAL	\$4,553.00

Thank you!

Thank you to the floral/environment team for all of your work creating a stunning display for the Christmas Season, and for your hard work taking it all down this past week.



News from the Chancery

- 1) To mark the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, all are invited to an ecumenical service at Christ Church Cathedral in Victoria (930 Burdett Ave) on Sunday, January 21 at 4:00 pm. Bishop Anna Greenwood-Lee of the Anglican Diocese of Islands and Inlets will preside, and Bishop Gary will preach. A reception will follow the service.
- 2) Youth in grades 7-12 are invited to the annual Diocese of Victoria Youth Retreat, which runs from February 2 – 4, 2024 at Camp Homewood on Quadra Island. This year's theme is "Seek Him", and the retreat will be presented by Face to Face Ministries. The cost is \$195 per participant (or \$215 after January 15), which includes all food, accommodation, and activities. Youth are asked to register with their local parish. For more information, contact St. Patrick's Parish in Campbell River (stpatricks-CR@shaw.ca or 250-287-3498), or Bonni Roset, Camp Coordinator, at broset@telus.net or 250-203-1518.
- 3) The Diocese of Nelson is recruiting for a Diocesan Financial Administrator to work at their Pastoral Centre in Kelowna. Interested applicants are invited to submit a résumé and cover letter by January 31, 2024. For more information, please visit https://www.nelsondiocese.org/apps/jobs/show_job.jsp?REC_ID=1516
- 4) The Diocese of Victoria is still accepting applications for the position of UVic / Camosun College Chaplain. We seek a Chaplain who is 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 <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/employment>.
- 5) January 15 is the deadline to apply for the 2024-25 Catholic Women's Leadership Foundation Program. The program is open to all Canadian Catholic women who have a genuine interest in making a difference in their communities and places of work, and is specifically designed to integrate faith and life, personal and professional leadership development. For more information and to apply, please visit <https://www.cwlfcanada.ca/participate>.

Prayer in the Style of Taize

St Philip Anglican Church, 2928 Eastdowne Road, 5:45pm for 6pm Friday January 19, 2024. Everyone welcome to this '*...way of searching for God in silence and prayer in the midst of daily life.*' www.taize.fr

Social Bridge Night! Is held the first Sunday of the month in the Parish Centre. Contact Tony Southwell to register. 250-477-5738 or Email: tony_southwell@hotmail.com

Hearing Loop System

Holy Cross Parish is equipped with a hearing loop system. If you wear hearing aids, switch your hearing aid to T-Coil and you will be connected to the hearing loop system. Further information can be obtained at www.advancedlistening.ca

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Regular Mass Times

Holy Cross and St. Patrick's Parishes

Mass times at Holy Cross Parish are 4pm Saturday, 9am Sunday, 9am Tuesday and 9am Thursday.

Mass times at St. Patrick's Church are 11am Sunday, 4pm Sunday, 12:10pm Wednesday and 12:10pm Friday.

Confessions are at 3:00 on Saturdays at Holy Cross Parish and at 11:30am on Fridays at St. Patrick's Parish.

HOSPITAL EMERGENCY CALLS:

If you or someone you love is admitted to hospital and would like a visit from our VGH/RJH hospital chaplain, please call the emergency pager **250-889-3761** and ask for **Fr. Sean Flynn** to make this request.