

# 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 17, 2021 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

The basic motive of today's readings is our being called by God. There are all kinds of calls going on in the readings today—and all kinds of people who respond in different ways. Sometimes people are being called clearly, sometimes not-so-clearly. The beauty of the readings is that such a call happens in 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. 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. But God is always full of surprises!

In a great variety of ways, God calls us in Jesus who whispers to each one of us: "Follow me". He does not force us; he does not twist our arm; he calls us gently, but persistently, not just once, but always. This calling is embedded in the very ordinary day to day events, in human encounters, in suffering, in the challenges of life, in the needs of others. It presupposes that we tune into God calling us. 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 persons 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. Today's Gospel reminds us that a gracious God hears us, and we are invited to allow God's voice to shatter our plans of what we think we know to be true.

Parker Palmer writes: "*Vocation doesn't come from willfulness. It comes from listening. I must listen to my life and try to understand what it is truly about . . . or my life will never represent anything real in the world, no matter how earnest my expectations...*" Do we hear the voice of God speaking in our lives as clearly as Samuel did? If we do not, then maybe we need to sleep closer to the ark, so to speak. Maybe we need to put ourselves in a more advantageous position for hearing God's voice. Do we make time for stillness in our lives: rest, retreat, reflection, and meditation? Do we sit before the Blessed Sacrament in tranquil moments and silence the restless flow of anxieties and preoccupations? Do we sit before the mystery of our own lives—our relationships, our work, our story—and allow God to speak to us by name through what is most meaningful and personal to us? If we do not come and see, we cannot say we have not been asked. God calls us today.

**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 that we never thought ourselves 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 built. We have all it takes to build the city of God.

Joy all  
Father William

### OFFICE HOURS

Saturday, Sunday, Monday: Closed  
Tuesday/Wednesday: 9am—2:30pm  
Thursday/Friday: 9am—2:00pm

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**Effective Immediately:** As per the latest health protocols given to us by our Public Health Officer, Dr. Bonnie Henry, all in-person faith gatherings have been suspended until February 5th. That means all weekend and weekday Masses at Holy Cross have been cancelled. The office will remain open from Tuesday to Friday 9am-2pm, but masks are mandatory before entering. The Church will be open Tues.-Fri. from 9-1pm for private prayer; please sit on chairs on left side only. Thank You!

### **PROVINCIAL HEALTH ORDER EXTENDED UNTIL FEBRUARY 5TH**

As you may know on Thursday, January 7, 2021, Minister of Health Adrian Dix, and Provincial Health Officer Dr. Bonnie Henry extended the Provincial Health Order currently in place with restrictions to curb the spread of COVID-19 until **February 5, 2021**. Therefore, the Directives previously issued have been extended and remain in place in the Diocese. The Memo from Bishop Gordon, is attached to the outgoing e-mail of the bulletin, as well as on our parish website: [www.holycrossvictoria.org](http://www.holycrossvictoria.org)

### **JOB OPPORTUNITIES—SUPERINTENDENT OF ISLAND CATHOLIC SCHOOLS**

The Diocese of Victoria is searching for a dynamic individual for the position of Superintendent of the Catholic Independent Schools of the Diocese of Victoria (CISDV), with duties to commence August 1st, 2021. We are seeking a practicing Catholic who will lead with visionary impact, guide our schools with a strong Catholic identity, strive for academic excellence, and nurture a safe and caring environment. The successful candidate will have the ability to improve student achievement, provide leadership, manage employees for success, and communicate openly and clearly with all stakeholders. A full description of the role of the Superintendent is available at: [https://www.cisdv.bc.ca/media/user/docs/Policy\\_Manual\\_Nov\\_2016\\_300s/301\\_Superintendent\\_Role\\_Mar\\_2012.pdf](https://www.cisdv.bc.ca/media/user/docs/Policy_Manual_Nov_2016_300s/301_Superintendent_Role_Mar_2012.pdf) **Application deadline:** February 8, 2021

Diocese of Victoria – Superintendent Search Committee

Attention: Fr. William Hann, Episcopal Vicar for Catholic Schools

4044 Nelthorpe Street, Victoria, BC V8X 2A1 **Email:** [jobs@rcdvictoria.org](mailto:jobs@rcdvictoria.org)

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**Island Catholic Schools is accepting applications for the following positions:**

On-call Educational Assistants for all schools (Victoria, Duncan, Port Alberni)

On-call Teachers for all schools (Victoria, Duncan, Port Alberni)

Application forms and details are posted at: <http://cisdv.bc.ca/employment-opportunities.php>

### **A REASON TO SMILE FROM ST. PAT'S SCHOOL**

Mrs. Wild's grade 2 class has some new art on the walls featuring some very impressive looking snow people. Take a look at what they've created: <https://www.facebook.com/St.PatricksSchool/posts/3986197571443006>

\*On a personal note: Mrs. Wild is a parishioner of Holy Cross parish, as are several of her students this year.

### **LIVESTREAM MASSES**

**Live Mass broadcast this Saturday!** Mass will be broadcast from **Holy Cross Parish on Saturday, January 16th at 4pm on the YouTube page.**

Click the link here: <http://www.youtube.com/c/StPatricksHolyCrossChurch>

### **THANK YOU CORNER**

Thank you to Marlon Narciso and Tony Joe, who provide the music ministry and tech support during these virtual times. We would not be able to enjoy our virtual masses from our homes without the commitment and support from both of these men. We are grateful for your continued support of our parish communities.

**PRAYER REFLECTION**

All vocations are intended by God to manifest His love in the world.  
—Thomas Merton  
Vocation doesn't come from willfulness. It comes from listening. I must listen to my life and try to understand what it is truly about . . . or my life will never represent anything real in the world, no matter how earnest my expectations.  
—Parker Palmer

**A NOTE FROM THE DIOCESE**

To access the live stream link from the Diocese of Victoria website simply google: Diocese of Victoria or go to [www.rcdvictoria.org/diocese-of-victoria-live-stream](http://www.rcdvictoria.org/diocese-of-victoria-live-stream).

**SUNDAY** ..... 10 AM  
**MONDAY TO FRIDAY** ..... 7 PM

**Diocesan BLOG:** Bishop Gary recently presented two awards - the *Blessed Marie Anne Blondin Bursary* to Michaela Pomponio, and the *Char Deslippe Memorial Award* to **Tanya Taft**. In non-Covid times, these awards are celebrated at diocesan gatherings, but this ceremony was a quiet one, witnessed by only a few. Nonetheless, it's heartwarming to know that two amazing women were recognized for their faithful service. Michaela and Tanya have answered the call to serve, following in the footsteps of the two women for whom these awards are named. The link to the blog post is: <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/diocesanblog/four-lives-full-of-light>

As we celebrate the Feast of St. Marguerite Bourgeoys (Foundress of the Congregation of Notre Dame), the first female saint of Canada, we remember her words "prayer ought to carry over into our thoughts, our words, and our actions". We remain grateful for the Religious Communities and lay women in our Diocese who have, and continue, to serve and radiate the light of Christ in our midst.

**\*Congratulations Tanya!**

**ALL BROTHERS AND SISTERS: EXPLORE POPE FRANCIS' SOCIAL ENCYCLICAL, FRATELLI**

In "**Fratelli tutti**" Pope Francis underlines that in our common home we all live as one family, and proposes concrete actions to restore the world. **Every Thursday beginning February 18<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 - 8:30pm via a Zoom Webinar** we will break open this transforming document which will help us envision how to live in social friendship in our parishes, our schools, our communities, our diocese and in our world. During this Lenten series, Diocesan Leaders will creatively break open "Fratelli Tutti" for all.

Register in advance for this webinar:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_cPElltThCp9uUIQncMDA](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_cPElltThCp9uUIQncMDA)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

**OUR LITURGICAL LIFE:**

**SATURDAY, January 16th, 2020**

No Mass

**SUNDAY, January 17th**

No Mass

**MONDAY, January 18th**

Office Closed/No Mass

**TUESDAY, January 19th**

No Mass

**WEDNESDAY, January 20th**

No Mass

**THURSDAY, January 21st**

No Mass

**FRIDAY, January 22nd**

No Mass

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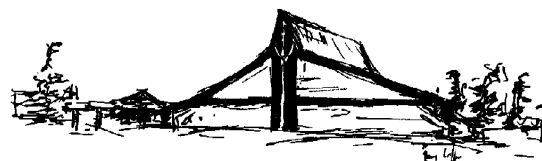
*Please note that until February 5th all Masses will be temporarily suspended. Father William will continue to live-stream one Mass per week.*

*The church will be open for private prayer from 9am-1pm from Tuesday to Friday. Please sit only on the chairs on the left side of the church at this time, to make cleaning easier for our custodians.*

*Thank you!*

*Masks are now mandatory in the church and parish centre at all times.*

**\*\*There are still 2021 calendars from Catholic Missions in Canada available, and the collection envelopes are ready for pick up!**



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**COLLECTION for January 10, 2021**

**WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS:**

Envelopes	\$ 1,195.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$1, 372.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1, 807.00</b>