

Holy Cross Catholic Parish

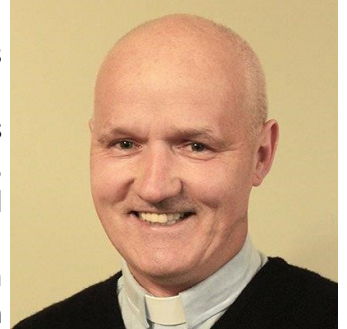
Mission Statement: Twinning with St. Patrick's Parish

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 19, 2020
Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

We have six weeks of "ordinary time" before the beginning of Lent on Ash Wednesday, February 26th. This is the time in the church's calendar that orients us -- "orders" us--to our mission. Diocesan bishops are called "Ordinaries." It is an apt description of their task: *to order the people of God for our common work*. It is also a fitting theme as we celebrate this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. We, brothers and sisters in Christ have a common mission. We too are ordered and called to a common task. What is that task?

The identity of Jesus (who he was and how people saw him) and his mission (what was it he claimed to profess) takes center stage in John's Gospel. John emerges from the desert to remind us that nothing is more important than living our lives as a testimony to God. In this week's Gospel, John the Baptist identifies Jesus as the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.



What then is the issue in that so familiar line: "*Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world?*" I would suggest that this is an impossible combination, an utter contradiction. What, do you suppose, can a lamb do in the face of evil in the world? In no way is that an adequate match. A lamb, of all things, that gentle innocent animal that we want to hug; it is not prepared nor is it capable of violent resistance, and even less of attack. Over and against the lamb stands the sin of the world.

John the Baptist and the entire Christian tradition after him have insisted on identifying Jesus as the Lamb that takes away the sin of the world. By identifying Jesus in these terms, we give a most unlikely character sketch of him. But it is a character sketch of Jesus his own conduct forces on us. These terms sum up the entire life project of Jesus, and leave us, who are baptized in his name, with quite a program. Jesus broke that chain of violence; he put an end to the law that you must get even. Jesus indeed takes away the sins of the world, when with him and in his power, we refuse to get even and to strike back; even with him, we snap out of the vicious circle of self-interest, of revenge, and retaliation.

The line, "The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world" may sound at times like a pious platitude that won't set anybody on fire. But if we look a little closer, it becomes in fact a statement of hope, a statement of protest, a statement of defiance, inspired and born by Jesus, the Lamb of God.

The mission of Jesus is also our mission. We cannot be good disciples of Jesus if we are not also good apostles. To be a good Christian necessarily entails being a good evangelizer. Our responsibility is not only to save our own souls and "go to heaven". Our call is also to share our faith with others, help them to know Jesus and his Gospel, and to experience directly the love of God.

Ordinary time can be extraordinary,

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.

NEW OFFICE ASSISTANT

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. Her email address is: **officeassistant@holycrossvictoria.org**

**WEEK OF CHRISTIAN UNITY**

“They Showed Us Unusual Kindness.” - Acts 28:2

Please join us, in collaboration with our ecumenical partners: St. Aidan’s United Church, Holy Cross Catholic Church, Knox Presbyterian Church, St. Luke’s Anglican Church, and Lutheran Church of the Cross, for **Songs and Prayers of Unity. Sunday, January 26th from 2:00-3:00pm** at Holy Cross Parish. This event is free; coffee and tea will be served.

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.

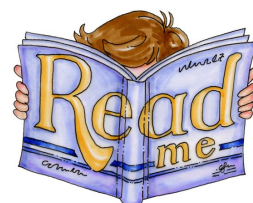
CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS!

We are looking for volunteers to join our building and maintenance committee to oversee any maintenance issues that may come up on the parish property. If you are interested in joining and helping, or would just like more information about the committee’s roles, please call the office. Thank you very much!

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

The Lord was baptized . . . to cleanse waters, so that those waters . . . might have the power of Baptism. —*Saint Ambrose of Milan*

Service which is rendered without joy helps neither the servant nor the served. But all other pleasures and possessions pale into nothingness before service which is rendered in a spirit of joy.

—*Mahatma Gandhi*

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. Please bring a bagged lunch. *Childcare is available.* Register on Eventbrite <https://2020rcdconference.eventbrite.com> or call Glen or Gwen at gjahelka@rcdvictoria.org or gpalahicky@rcdvictoria.org
- **CATHOLIC PRAYER BREAKFAST:** Saturday, February 15, 9am-noon at the Comfort Inn (3020 Blanshard St.) Come for food, fellowship and prayer! The guest speaker will be Fr. William Hann. Tickets are \$17 and available from St. Andrew’s prayer group members. Please call Lynn or Richard at 250-477-4700 to reserve. Seating is limited so please call to book ahead.
- **GAMES NIGHT AT ST. PAT’S SCHOOL:** St. Patrick’s Elementary school, in collaboration with Board Game Café, 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. Money raised 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!

2020 COLLECTION ENVELOPES

If you have not already, please pick up your 2020 collection envelopes from the church foyer. If you would like to register for our Pre-Authorized Debit option please contact the parish office. Thank you.

OUR LITURGICAL LIFE:

SUNDAY, January 19th

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

MONDAY, January 20th

Office Closed

TUESDAY, January 21st

9:00am Mass: **Nino Antoniazzi & family**

WEDNESDAY, January 22nd

9:00am Mass: **Deceased members of the Flora Family**

THURSDAY, January 23rd

9:00am Mass: **Lucia & Liberio Medeiros +**

FRIDAY, January 24th

9:00am Mass: **George Moad +**

SATURDAY, January 25th

4:00pm Mass: **Rizzutto Family**

SUNDAY, January 26th

9:00am Mass: **Angela Speller +**

THANK YOU

To Dave Begg and our finance team who are entrusted with the financial stewardship of our parish. Dave goes above and beyond in making sure everything balances and does so with joy and attention to detail that we can be proud of. Thank you to Pete and Evelyn who came in to clear the pathway to the office and church on a snow day this week. With abundant gratitude to one and all who give of their time, treasure and talent.



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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Children's Religious Education: Barbara Shenton

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COLLECTION for January 12th

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS:

Envelopes	\$ 4,354.50
Loose	\$ 340.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$ 1,095.00
TOTAL	\$ 5,790.00

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 Muna Haddad	250-477-6455 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 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