



Holy Cross Catholic Parish

Vision Statement

Holy Cross Parish strives to be a welcoming, dynamic, vibrant, inclusive Catholic community that gathers in unity and reaches out to attend to the needs of others.

SUNDAY January 20, 2019
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reflections from the Gospel Gals

January 20, 2019 World day of Migrant and Refugees

In today's gospel, divine love permeates our human faith story in the scenes of Jesus' first miracle. The gospel begins with a vivid account of intercessory prayer. Mary and Jesus and his disciples are attending a wedding. Mary, likely one of only a handful of guests, sees the married couple in their vulnerability and need and she responds. Many of us readily see obvious individual or grand scale needs, but few of us are attentive to subtle needs or pain hidden by an exterior mask of 'all is well'. Mary, Mother of God, our mother, sees pain and she inclines herself to those in need; she interceded on behalf of the married couple. She did not tell Jesus how to answer her prayer, nor did she try to influence God's plan. She knew God hears all prayer and she simply prayed, "They have no wine." Still today, Mary is our great intercessor! What more comfort could we ask for than to know that Mary, Queen and Mother-of all, sees us in our needs, inclines herself to us and prays to God on our behalf. We in turn join our prayers with Mary and with the entire community of saints to intercede, to pray without ceasing.

And Jesus answered, "What concern is that to you and to me?" Jesus' answer is not so much a question as it is a call to reflection. The long and short of it is that the needs of others are our concern, our business and our responsibility to act. Often we hear people say, and sadly we sometimes say, 'that is not my business, it's their own fault, it's someone else's turn to help? None of these answers wash. We are to do God's work for those in need using all of our God-given gifts, resources and blessings. Our work as followers and imitators of Jesus is finished only when we pass through the proverbial Pearly Gates of Eternity and hear God say to us, "Welcome home, good and faithful servant"

Jesus took action. He looked with love upon the couple; he provided for their lack and he gave them dignity and respect in their community. Not only that, but in his action, Jesus taught us that rituals are to become instead reservoirs of the limitless, everlasting love and mercy and compassion that he has for all of us. Filled to the brim with finest wine, as the jars used for ritual purification were, Jesus is telling us 'I love you to overflowing!' And, by his action Jesus revealed his glory, not to the chief steward or the married couple, but to his disciples and 'those who served'. He continually seeks after us to reveal himself, perfect love, to us. Jesus is the new wine of salvation love and new life. He binds us to himself in love in our lives, every day, at times when we believe we have things together and are in control and at times when we are in the depths of darkness.

This particular gospel, on this World Day of Migrants and Refugees, gives us a chance to reflect upon a Jesus action taken by our community. Our Church family along with help from others worked to relieve pain and suffering and we offered new hope, dignity and opportunity for a new life to a refugee family. We used our God-given gifts, followed Jesus' way of love and extended God's love to a family in need. We declared God's glory! Together we all did it! Think about it!

Wrapped in God's Love - Pray, Do and Repeat,
Trudy Holden

OFFICE HOURS

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

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HOSPITAL EMERGENCY CALLS: Please note that Fr. Ian Stuart, Hospital Chaplain, is currently on medical leave from his responsibilities. At the moment, eight different pastors in Victoria, in addition to their regular duties, will carry the hospital phone for **emergency calls only** (250-889-3761) on a weekly rotation.

JOIN FR. KARAM

There will be a local ecumenical prayer service for the week of Christian Unity at **2pm on Sunday, January 20th at Grace Lutheran Church, 1273 Fort Street**. Please come and join our brothers and sisters. Sign up sheets are in the foyer.

HEALING THE CHURCH:

Opportunities to dialogue with Bishop Gary Gordon and members of the Diocesan Leadership Team regarding the clergy sexual abuse crisis in the Church, and to learn about the Diocesan Responsible Ministry & Safe Environment policies and protocols that were established to address these concerns in our Diocese.

Thurs. Jan. 24, 2019	St. Peter's Church, Nanaimo	7 pm to 9 pm
Tues. Feb. 12, 2019	Christ the King Church Hall, Comox	7 pm to 9 pm
Thurs. Feb. 21, 2019	St. Joseph the Worker Church, Victoria	7 pm to 9 pm

2019 PASTORAL CARE TRAINING SESSIONS

All sessions are 9:00 am – 3:00 pm. No charge. The workshops are open to anyone who wants to understand the practical aspects of pastoral care; present hospital and homebound parish visitors who have yet to take this training; parishioners who look after their own family members or those considering these sessions as professional development. Like the Good Samaritan, may we walk by the side of the road of our own lives – to be good and *caring neighbours to one another and, especially, to the sick, the elderly and the dying*.

WHY LITURGY MATTERS

This Liturgical Workshop is designed to enhance our understanding and appreciation of the Eucharistic Liturgy. If you serve in a liturgical ministry or simply want to understand the Mass more deeply, this workshop is for you!! Join us on **Saturday, February 23rd Catholic 8:30am - 2 pm Church of the Ascension, Parksville**. Please register on the diocesan website www.rcdvictoria.org

COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR

Calling all Holy Cross Walkers! Here's our opportunity to help our Brothers and Sisters by walking and fundraising for **Mustard Seed** once again this year. The walk will take place on the evening of **February 23rd**. You can register under our Holy Cross Team, led by Fr. William, by following this link: <https://secure.e2rm.com/registrator/FundraisingPage.aspx?registrationID=4337785&langPref=en-CA>. Please note that Victoria has two teams walking, Our Place and the Mustard Seed. Holy Cross team is supporting the **Mustard Seed on Queens**. Please call the parish office if you have any questions 250-477-5321.

PARISH LIBRARY

(Tuesday-Friday: 9am-2pm)

January 28th celebrates the Feast Day of the 13th century Dominican friar, St Thomas Aquinas, whose moral and theological thought underlays the "Natural Law" foundation of Catholic belief. We have three copies of his biography by G K Chesterton. Chesterton is brilliant, but not an easy read and it may be better to skip his lengthy introductory chapter and proceed directly to the edifying and varied life of this international medieval scholar. It is he who gave us the cautionary reminder that "... it is a sin to withhold a compliment".

- St Thomas Aquinas, the Dumb Ox by G K Chesterton
- Saints Who Changed Things (Chapter 11) by L Knowles

PRAYER REFLECTION

In the parlance of John's gospel, his hour was the time of the crucifixion. In that hour Jesus would take his own bride and his glory would be fully revealed. For now, out in Cana, the disciples and Jesus' mother saw and tasted a new, fine wine that would revive a failing feast. Glorious though it was, however, it was only the beginning. —Frederick Niedner

Truly spiritual gifts, genuinely charismatic persons all are activated by the same Spirit, the same Lord, the same God. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. Personal faith is never private, for it exists only in a public body for the common good.

—Rev. John Gibbs

The greater danger for most of us is not that our aim is too high and we miss it, but that our aim is too low and we reach it.

—Michelangelo (c. 1500)

AROUND THE PARISH AND DIOCESE

More information and details on bulletin board or parish office

- **JOB POSTING:** Diocese of Victoria/Island Catholic Schools Job Posting: Senior Accountant – See the bulletin board and Diocesan website for a full description <http://www.rcdvictoria.org/employment>. Deadline for applications is February 5, 2019.
- **WOMEN'S BREAKFAST:** Saturday, January 26th at 8am. The speaker will be **Chantal Cote**. The topic of the talk will be God's Calling - How do we recognize what God is calling us to and how do we have the courage to follow that call? Chantal was a Team Leader for CCO at UVIC from 2014 - 2018. Since then she has been part of the CCO training team. Please register by January 22nd through this link: <http://bit.do/VWomens-Breakfast>
- **ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER BARN DANCE:** **We need your support for the February 9th, 2019** fun-filled, boot stompin' family SJTW Parish Valentine Dinner and Barn Dance at School Gym (757 Burnside Road West). DJ, line dancing lessons on site and kids' activities' area. All proceeds to benefit the SJTW Masithuthukisane organic farming project in South Africa and St. Joseph's School Parent Advisory Group for student needs. Event and raffle tickets on sale at parish office, St. Joseph School and <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/valentine-dinner-and-barn-dance-tickets-54444471881> \$20 each; \$8.00 children age 4 - 12; kids under 4 (free). For more info, contact the SJTW parish office 250.479.7413 or sjtwoffice@shaw.ca
- **CREDIBLE CHRISTIAN: Countering the New Atheism "Out there and Within"** Join us for a Wednesday evening series to explore and learn how to intellectually counter some of the cultural myths that are negatively influencing religious belief in our culture. All courses will be held at the Pastoral Centre at 4044 Nelthorpe Street, from 6:30 - 8:00 pm. Please register on the diocesan website: <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/>

OUR LITURGICAL LIFE:

SUNDAY, January 20th

8:30 am Mass: **Walter Slugoski +**
10:30 am Mass: **Francisco Hilario +**
Zakia Fatouhi +

4:00 pm Mass

MONDAY, January 21st

No Mass

TUESDAY, January 22nd

9:00 am Mass: **Brit Rockford (int)**

WEDNESDAY, January 23rd

9:00 am Mass: **Tillie Krassman +**

THURSDAY, January 24th

9:00 am Mass: **Jose De Jesus +**

FRIDAY, January 25th

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

SATURDAY, January 26th

3:45pm to 4:30pm Reconciliation
5:00pm Mass: **Deceased members**
of the Ciccone Family +

SUNDAY, January 27th

8:30 am Mass: **Suzy Konrath +**
10:30 am Mass: **Pat and Mike Munro+**
4:00 pm Mass

THANK YOU CORNER!

Thank you to Sally McAuley for the hours she puts in entering data and collections for both Holy Cross and the St. Vincent de Paul Society. She has spent countless hours over the last weeks in front of a computer in the back office and for that we are grateful.

SOCIAL LIFE AT HOLY CROSS

Joint Wellness—Monday and Thursday 10am

Wednesday Social group—Starts up again January 9th at 1pm.

Duplicate Bridge—Wednesday 7pm.

Social Bridge—First Sunday of every month.

CONTACTS

Administrator: Fr. Karam Alraban

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HOLY CROSS MINISTRIES

MINISTRY	COORDINATOR	PHONE
Liturgy	Anna Mendonca	250-477-3552
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, 8:30	Darlene Southwell	250-477-5738
Sun. Coffee, 10:30	Yvonne Hsieh	250-385-8322
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	
Parish Council	Esther Gormley	250-360-0107
Finance	David Begg	250-658-0870
Maintenance/Bldg.	Ed Boomars	250-881-8124
Cleaning Kitchens	Loretta Macdonald	250-477-6682
Annual Shed Clean	Jack Ponsioen	250-383-0654
Parish Grounds	Joe Mendonca	250-888-8930
Social/Comm. Life		
Baptism Prep.	Anna Mendonca	250-477-5321
Marriage Prep.	Fr. William Hann	250-477-5321
Children's Rel. Ed.	Giacinta Bewley	250-652-0204



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COLLECTION January 13, 2018

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS:

Envelopes	\$ 3,052.00
Loose	\$ 677.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$ 1,095.00
TOTAL	\$ 4,824.00

SVPD \$1,312.00

Children's Liturgy of the Word	Bobbi Bartle-Clar/ Valentina Boyd	250-995-1891 250-813-0230
Catholicism	Fr. Karam Alraban	250-477-5321
Library	George Murphy	250-658-6061
Outreach/Visiting	Anna Mendonca	250-477-3552
Bereavement / Funeral / Follow-Up	Fr. William Hann	250-477-5321
Funeral Reception	Barb McKrow	250-477-8322

SERVING COMMUNITIES BEYOND OUR DOORS

Diocesan Appeal	Ed Chwyl	
Franciscans and Friends Youth	Maritza Chouza	778-533-1736
Could You Ever Come Back To The Church	Fr. William Hann Glenn Palahicky	250-477-5321 250-479-1331
RCIA	Phil / Sheila Wall	250-385-7007
RCIC	Dan Taft Jr.	250-721-0821
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		
Refugees	Trudy Holden	250-472-1079
St. Vincent De Paul	Martin Fletcher	250-592-9297
Univ/Camosun Bursaries	Tony Southwell	250-477-5738
Uvic/Camosun Outreach	John Oleson	250-477-6455