



Holy Cross Catholic Parish

Mission Statement

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.

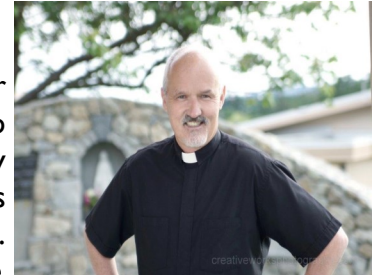
SUNDAY January 21, 2018
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

From the desk of Father William

In his book, *And Now I See: A Theology of Transformation*, Father Robert Barron says, "Jesus nowhere in the gospels urges his followers to worship him, though he insistently calls them to follow him." The readings this Sunday issue urgent challenges to make God's will primary in our lives. The gospel tells how Peter and Andrew simply abandoned their nets when they heard Jesus' call. What are the "nets" in our life that we need to abandon if we are going to be free to follow Jesus? A common reaction after hearing the story of the first disciples—fishermen who are told to come follow Christ and become fishers of men—is to try to imagine ourselves in a similar situation. There we are on the job, and Jesus walks up and tells us to drop what we're doing and come follow him. Could we do it? Would we be willing to quit our jobs just like that to follow Jesus? But as we make our way through the gospels, we realize that most of the disciples don't stop being fisherman. They just end up fishing fish as well as human beings their whole lives. This is an important realization for those of us who tend to separate our faith from our work. Discipleship in Jesus is an all day, everyday activity. But it doesn't require quitting our jobs. We just like to think it does because then it makes it something we couldn't possibly do at the moment. Naturally, Jesus doesn't let us off that easily. In this era of corporate greed and ethical shenanigans, we are being asked by Jesus to mend our ways and help others mend theirs. It's hard not to be cynical and think that things will never change. But time and again we've seen God's justice prevail. In fact, no one is more surprised than the prophets themselves when people actually repent of their sins. So let's get to work. How do we do that?

My friends, we hear Jesus' invitation "Come follow me," each day as life presents us with choices. Shall we forgive when asked? Shall we help someone in need? Shall we buy less for ourselves and give more to the poor? Shall we see injustice or turn a blind eye? In these, and so many other occasions, we hear the same invitation Jesus made to those fishermen and like them, we put considerations aside to follow him. We need to be mindful of our words and actions. We have to encourage each other to always use words that nurture and gestures which heal. Come follow me still needs to be heard! *As he passed by the Sea of Galilee*, Jesus not only announced the Good News but *is* the Good News. His passing by galvanizes people to believe, repent, and respond to his call and his proclamation of the kingdom of God. Susan Johnson writes: *we cannot be fishers of men and women if in our hearts we are haters of them. This truth . . . reveals a nonviolent ethic: Love even your enemies; become fishers of them. We will not win people to our convictions if we despise them. As we enter into the week of prayer for Christian Unity there is a lot of this we can do together.*

God saves
Father William



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

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PASTORAL CARE VISITS WHILE IN HOSPITAL

We remind the faithful that privacy legislation in BC prevents the release of information regarding hospital admissions. 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. Ian Stuart** to make this request.

GIFTS FOR ANOTHER WAY

Five congregations are hosting a five-week study in January 2018 that invites us to explore the possibility of “another way” during the season of Epiphany. The next session is on **January 24th at St. Luke’s Anglican Church**. The study starts at 6:00pm with a soup supper, followed by round table discussions and worship. Please register for these free sessions by signing up on the sheets provided in the foyer.

YOUTH BOWLING NIGHT

Join Fr. Karam and other youth ages 19-35 for a night of fun and food. On **Saturday, January 27th** the evening will start at Langford Lanes for a bowling session, followed by dinner at Brown’s Social Club nearby. For more information call 250-477-5321 or email the office.

REDISCOVER THE ART OF DYING—A 5 WEEK SESSION

Fr. William will be hosting a five week book study on Sr. Nuala’s book starting **Saturday, January 27th from 1-3pm**. The program will run 5 weeks (Saturday Jan. 27th, Feb. 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th), exploring 2 chapters per week. *Sign up sheets are in the foyer, please register for this program.*

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need *more teachers, and teacher assistants for the Children’s Liturgy Program at 10:30 mass*. More and more children are attending the 10:30 mass who love and look forward to the program, but we have a shortage of volunteers, and the program won’t be able to run weekly without more helpers. It is a very easy program to facilitate, and the only responsibility of the teacher’s helper is to be a second adult in the room, and help the younger children with the cutting, gluing, or taping projects. If you are interested or have questions please call Valentina at the office: 250-477-5321.

AT THE LIBRARY

(in the Parish Centre –Tue- Fri: 9am-2:00pm)

Some complementary readings for the 5 week session on Dr. Nuala’s The Art of Dying commencing Saturday Jan 27th

- The Journey Home by P Berman
- A Short Span of Days by L Freeman
- Do Not Be Afraid: Overcoming Fear of Death by J Arnold
- Peace at Last by N Autton

SOCIAL LIFE AT HOLY CROSS

Joint wellness: Mondays and Thursdays at 10am
Wednesday Afternoon Social Group:
 Wednesdays at 1pm.
Men’s Duplicate Bridge—Wednesday 7pm.
Social Bridge—First Sunday of every month.
HC Walking Group—Every Saturday morning at 10am for one hour.

HEARING LOOP SYSTEM AVAILABLE

A reminder that there are head sets available in the kitchen for anyone with difficulty hearing to use during the mass. Once you put the head sets on you are tapped into the hearing loop system of the church and can easily and clearly hear the service through the head set. There are 2 sets available, first come first serve.

PRAYER REFLECTION

God's will is to save us, and nothing pleases God more than our coming back to God with true repentance.

—Maximus the Confessor (c. 580-662)

Repentance is not an emotion. It is not feeling sorry for your sins. It is a decision. It is deciding that you have been wrong in supposing that you could manage your own life and be your own god Repentance is a realization that what God wants from you and what you want from God are not going to be achieved by doing the same old things, thinking the same old thoughts. —Eugene Peterson

AROUND THE PARISH AND DIOCESE

More information and details on bulletin board or parish office

- **ST. ANDREW'S HIGHSCHOOL FUND RAISER: CHANGE OF DATE!!!!** Please note that there has been a change of date for the fundraiser. The event has been postponed until **April 14th, 2018**. Thank you for your understanding.
- **ST. FRANCIS XAVIER RELIC PILRIMAGE:** Saturday, January, 27, 2018 at 5pm at St. Andrew's Cathedral. This is an opportunity to venerate the incorrupt first class relic of one of the greatest missionaries and evangelists since St. Paul the Apostle. *More information along with the schedule of events is on the poster on the bulletin board.*
- **JOB POSTING:** Island Catholic Schools will be accepting applications for the following positions:
 - Principal, St. Andrew's Regional High School, Victoria
 - Principal, St. Joseph's School, Victoria
 - One Temporary Full-Time Kindergarten Teacher, St. Patrick's School, Victoria
 - One On-Call Part-Time Bus Driver, St. Joseph's School in Victoria. *Application forms and details are posted at: <http://cisdv.bc.ca/employment-opportunities.php>
- **MEN'S BREAKFAST:** Beverly Pulyk, M. ED.; Superintendent of Island Catholic Schools .With over 19 years experience as a Principal and Superintendent, Bev will keep you riveted, as she shares and explains the new reality faced by our school aged children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews in today's world. Eg.: bullying and harassment + Social media + anxiety, depression and self harm + IT gaming & pornography addictions + gender and trans-gender issues etc. Please register at info@mcaff.org
- **SHADOW DAY AT ST. PAT'S ELEMENTARY:** *Are you in Gr. 4 or 5? Would you like to spend a day at St. Patrick's elementary school? On **Monday, January 29th** children in Gr. 4 & 5 are invited to come to St. Patirck's school and join the classes for a shadow day. The day includes participation in regular classes and hands on opportunities in our senior exploratory classes. **Call 250-592-6713** to sign up for a spot.*

OUR LITURGICAL LIFE:

SUNDAY, January 21st

8:30 am Mass: **Dan Taft +**
10:30 am Mass: **Hilary Ribeiro +**
2:00 pm **Songs for Unity**
4:00 pm Mass

MONDAY, January 22nd

9:00 am Mass: **Irene Fleshman (int)**

TUESDAY, January 23rd

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

WEDNESDAY, January 24th

9:00 am Mass: **Diane Colford (int)**

THURSDAY, January 25th

9:00 am Mass: **Pat Malcomson (int)**
6:30 am Rosary Group

FRIDAY, January 26th

9:00 am Mass: **Sean Belafontaine +**

SATURDAY, January 28th

3:45—4:30 Reconciliation
5:00 pm Mass: **Leonard Ferre +**

SUNDAY, January 29th

8:30 am Mass: **Ignacio Gonsalves +**
10:30 am Mass: **Mary & John Doyle +**
4:00 pm Mass

THANK YOU CORNER!

Thank you to Brendan and Trudy Holden for going above and beyond when it comes to things needing to be done pertaining to the rectory and social events in the parish. Your witness is profound.

SONGS FOR UNITY

As part of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Christian communities in the Gordon Head area will gather at Holy Cross to sing together this **Sunday afternoon, January 21 at 2pm. All are welcome!**

CONTACTS

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HOLY CROSS MINISTRIES

MINISTRY	COORDINATOR	PHONE
Liturgy Liturgical Ministers	Anna Mendonca	250-477-3552
Usher / Greeter	Maria Arruda	250-477-5526
Altar Server Music	Fr. William Hann Various Choirs	250-477-5321 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	Alan Bailey	250-721-5339

SERVING OUR HOLY CROSS PARISH COMMUNITY

Responsible Min.	Martha Oleson Janita McHugh	250-477-6455 250-220-4778
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.	Cynthia Watson	250-477-5321
Marriage Prep.	Fr. William Hann	250-477-5321
Mom's/Tots	Partnership with St. Patrick's	
Children's Rel. Ed.	Giacinta Bewley	250-652-0204



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COLLECTION January 14th, 2017

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS:

Envelopes	\$ 4, 515.00
Loose	\$ 592.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$ 1, 140.00
TOTAL	\$ 6, 247.05
SVPD	\$ 1, 317.45

Children's Liturgy of the Word	Bobbi Bartle-Clar	250-995-1891
Catholicism	Jona De Jesus	250-858-5924
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	Alan Bailey	250-721-5339
Christmas Project	Coordinated by the Parish Office	
D&P/Share Lent	Sheila Wall	250-385-7007
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