



Holy Cross Catholic Parish

Twinning with St. Patrick's Parish

SUNDAY - January 22nd, 2023

The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

We have come together here as pilgrims supporting each other in our common search for God: we have come together here as sinful people acknowledging our need for God's healing. God welcomes and receives us as his pilgrim and sinful people, and he graces us with unity, harmony, and care for each other. That in turn will transform us into credible witness to the Good News that in a world which threatens to go under in a sea of darkness, indeed a light has shone. What have you left in order to follow Jesus? What are you still holding onto that you might have to leave? How do we signal we belong to Christ?

The classic portrait of discipleship is offered along the shores of the Sea of Galilee. Here are two sets of brothers, all fishermen. Peter and Andrew are in the act of casting their nets, beginning the work of the day ahead. John and James are with their father, mending their nets. Perhaps they are just getting off the night shift or are taking the morning to fix their equipment. All these folks are involved in familiar routines that benefit their families and keep food on the table. They aren't wasting time or looking for trouble. They are all presented as responsible, reliable fellows who are just taking care of business. And then Jesus walks by and says something inscrutable to these strangers. He calls to them quite deliberately and says he has work for them. But it is not fishing as usual. It's fishing as decidedly unusual: They will be the bait, and they will catch people.

And what do these responsible, reliable sets of brothers do? They leave their boats, their nets, and old man Zebedee behind. They walk away "at once" and "immediately." They don't discuss the proposal as they eat their lunch or ask for more information concerning Jesus' proposition and his credentials. They see something in his face, or hear something in his voice, or experience something in his presence that can only be described as authority. You don't ignore this man, or question him, or argue with him. You accept his offer, or you don't, as is. And you live with the consequences of your choice. Christians in every generation have had this same experience: the call, followed by the instinctive decision to surrender in obedience and to fall in behind Jesus. Paul did it, under the most unlikely of circumstances while pursuing the precise opposite agenda. Saint Francis of Assisi found perfect joy and Lady Poverty when he did it. When Jesus makes his proposal, you either accept it or you do not. Maybe more of us would hear the call if our lives weren't so cluttered and full of distractions.

As the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins I wonder what would happen if we as Christians really believed that in Jesus we have seen a great light. *What would happen to the division between the Christian Churches, if we really believed that in Jesus a light has dawned on us, who without him, would stumble along in darkness?*

Together in ministry

Father William



OFFICE HOURS

Saturday, Sunday, Monday: Closed
Tuesday/Wednesday: 9am—2:00pm
Thursday/Friday: 9am—2:30pm
Fr. William Hann, Pastor

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.

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LIVESTREAM MASSES

Live Mass broadcast this weekend! Mass is livestreamed this week from Holy Cross Parish at 4 pm Saturday. Click the link here: <http://www.youtube.com/c/StPatricksHolyCrossChurch>

CWL NEWS: Annual Membership Renewal/Registration Time: Holy Cross ladies are invited to join or renew their membership in St. Pat's Catholic Women's League. Forms have been mailed to current members. Forms are also located in the foyer. Please return these by Jan 31st. Whether returning or new members, we are happy to welcome all ladies! Meetings held 1st Wednesday of the month at 1pm after daily Mass. We hope you will join us. Questions? Call Theresa Smith 250-213-3304.

Pastoral Care Training Sessions

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 28, 2023, and running until April 1** (with no session on March 18 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 contact Moira King at moiraking@shaw.ca for more information.

Coldest Night of the Year Walk. Fr. William and Nancy Stuart have started a Holy Cross/St. Patrick's - walking together Team for this year's walk on Feb. 25. Please consider either walking with us or donating to this worthy cause. Click here to join or donate <http://walk.w-ith.us/twinparishes> Proceeds go to Our Place and your support will help the homeless and hungry in our community.

Anawim Job Opportunity

Anawim Companions Society of Victoria British Columbia is recruiting for a Women's House Director for our brand new 7 resident Women's House set to open early this Spring. The details of the request for applications and the job description for the position can be found at:

<https://ca.indeed.com/jobs?q=director+anawim&l=Canada&from=searchOnHP&vjk=eb1c9bef5d7e96be>

The Catholic Women's League Bursary in Memory of Freda Smith

The CWL is now accepting applications for this \$750 bursary. It is awarded to a graduating Catholic student within the Diocese of Victoria who is pursuing higher education. More information and the application form can be found in the foyer of the Church.

Library Corner

January 28th celebrates the Feast Day of the 13th century Dominican friar, St Thomas Aquinas, whose moral and theological thought underlay the "Natural Law", the 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 Thomas who gave us the cautionary reminder that "it is a sin to withhold a compliment". Earlier in the month on the 17th is the Feast Day of St Anthony, "the patron saint of lost things" --- wise to keep on the best side of him these white-haired days.

-St Thomas Aquinas, the Dumb Ox by G K Chesterton

-Saints Who Changed Things (Chapter 11) by L Knowles

-**Life:** https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thomas_Aquinas

-**Quotes:** https://www.goodreads.com/author/quotes/158904.Thomas_Aquinas

-**Lost things:** https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anthony_of_Padua

Prayer Reflection

You will know your vocation by the joy that it brings you.
—Dorothy Day

The alternate domination of one faction over another, sharpened by the spirit of revenge . . . is itself a frightful despotism.
—George Washington

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“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” Are you willing to proclaim the coming of the kingdom as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? If God is calling you, contact Fr. David Hogman or Fr. Harrison Ayre, Directors of Vocations in the Diocese of Victoria.

Fr. David Hogman: dhogman@rcdvictoria.org **Fr. Harrison Ayre:** hayre@rcdvictoria.org

On this day in 2003

Sunday, January 22nd marks the 20th anniversary of the death of our founding Pastor, Fr. Joseph Jackson who died on this date in 2003 in the 65th year of his Priestly Ministry.



Six-week Adult Faith Formation Program

Beginning Tuesday, February 21st, from 6 – 9pm, Sacred Heart Parish will be offering a six-week program entitled: "No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk-Through Christ's Passion." This program can be attended either in-person or by zoom. Participants will need to purchase a workbook for \$20. These can be obtained from the Parish Office, Tuesday to Friday during office hours, or on the first night of the course. Cash or cheque is accepted. Please note: cheques are to be made payable to "Sacred Heart Parish". For more information, or to register, please email Catherine Minvielle at cmaminvielle@gmail.com.

Called and Gifted Workshop

Thank you to all who expressed interest in attending the Called and Gifted Workshop to be held on Saturday, February 4th at Holy Cross Parish. The Catherine of Siena Institute will be contacting registrants by email with pre-conference resource materials. There are still some seats available for this workshop. Please contact the office at 250-477-5321 or by email at office@holycrossvictoria.org if you would like to register.

For the information of those who plan to attend, morning and afternoon beverages and snacks will be provided. Please bring a bag lunch.

Development and Peace Share Lent workshop, Sat. Jan. 28 from 9:30-2:00 at St. Patrick's Parish Hall, 2060 Haultain St. Our D&P animator, Jeremy Laurie, will be presenting the Share Lent campaign, "Create Hope - Stand for the Land", and there will be time for local parish planning. Morning coffee and muffins will be available. Please bring a brown bag lunch. All welcome. Info at 250-477-6952.

**OUR LITURGICAL LIFE
SATURDAY, January 21st**

3-3:45pm: Confession
4pm Mass: Adela Salamanca de Diaz+

SUNDAY, January 22nd
9am Mass: Noreen Oldridge+

MONDAY, January 23rd
NO MASS

TUESDAY, January 24th
9am Mass: Noreen Oldridge+
UVic Mass 11:30 Brother Ed Wakeham

WEDNESDAY, January 25th
NO MASS

THURSDAY, January 26th
9am Mass: Mary Kay Clark+

FRIDAY, January 27th
NO MASS

The Church will be open for private prayers from Tuesday to Friday 9am - noon

Adoration in the Mercy Chapel - 9am First Friday of the Month

Masks are no longer mandatory indoors, though we do encourage those who feel more comfortable to wear them as needed. As always, if you are feeling unwell or symptomatic please stay home.

COLLECTION for January 15, 2023

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS	
Envelopes	\$ 4,065.00
Loose	\$ 360.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$ 1,345.00
TOTAL	\$ 5,770.00

Thank you Corner

A very special thank you goes out to the family of Lourdes Celeste for your generous donation of the many beautiful floral arrangements that have graced the altar this week.



A Message from the Catholic Students' Association

It's happening again and filling up fast. Retreat from life's demands for a day. Join us on our annual ski trip to Mount Washington on February 11, 2023. This is an opportunity to experience God's presence in the beauty of nature, while making new friendships. Register at: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/484484755947>
Looking for a safe space to grow in holiness and fellowship with our fellow women and men? Join us on January 27th, 2023. Please contact lfoch@rcdvictoria.org for further details. Limited space available.

News from the Diocese

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is held every year from January 18 – 25. This year's theme is "Do good; seek justice" (Isaiah 1:17). For more information, please visit <https://www.weekofprayer.ca/>.

The 7:00 pm livestream Mass on Friday, January 27th has been cancelled. Please visit posted at <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/events/dailymasslivestreamed> for more information.

The National Association of Catholic Nurses supports Catholic nurses in Canada in their vocation. Their goal is to align professional practice with faith through prayer, fellowship, mentoring, access to resources regarding ethical issues, and participation in public discourse. To learn more, or to join, please visit <https://catholicnurses.ca/>.

ISLAND CATHOLIC SCHOOLS JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Are you looking for a work environment that makes for a great day? Look no further ~ Island Catholic Schools is recruiting! We are in search of enthusiastic people who are certified, talented, love what they do and wish to work in vibrant school environments!

If **YOU** are interested in joining one of our teams, please use this link:

<https://cisdv.bc.ca/employment-opportunities/>

Interested in becoming part of the Knights of Columbus? We are seeking Catholic men age 18 to join our Saint Patrick's chapter. The Knights of Columbus is a family orientated organization, striving to unite, and strengthen family bonds through faith, fun and community service. For more information contact Mike O'Neill at mikepmoinvest@gmail.com

Mass Times: Holy Cross Parish - Saturday 4pm, Sunday 9am, Weekday Mass Tuesday and Thursday, 9am.
St. Patrick's Parish - Sunday 11am and 4pm. Weekday Mass Wednesday and Friday at 12:10pm.

Pastor: Fr. William Hann

250-477-5321

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7 Missals for 2023 are still available for purchase in the office. These are \$5.00 each.

2023 Envelopes are now being held in the office for pickup if you have not yet done so.

Sunday Social Bridge is held on the first Sunday of the month from 7 - 10 pm in the Parish Hall.

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.