

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 26, 2020 Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

“Will you come and follow me if I but call your name...” *The Summons*

Following the news of John's arrest, Jesus leaves his home in Nazareth and travels to Capernaum. In today's Gospel we find Jesus calling on Peter and Andrew, James and John, all fishermen, to become his disciples, to follow him. We are told that they leave what they are doing immediately and follow Jesus. Jesus' choice of fishermen as his disciples has been described as 'surprising' and 'unlikely'; responding *immediately* – an echo of the actions of Mary and Joseph in very recent Gospel readings.

Why fishermen? Thinking about the list of qualities required to be successful fishermen, a better question would be 'why not fishermen?'. To be successful as fishermen on the expansive and often turbulent Sea of Galilee, they must have had to be patient, persistent, determined, courageous, optimistic, observant, adventuresome and team players! They would have had to accept that there would be good days and bad. It did not matter to Jesus that these men were not well educated. He chose those he knew who had the fortitude to take a task on and be able to focus on getting it done. But what these new recruits needed most was to spend time with Jesus, to experience his wisdom, actions and teaching. They may have already heard of Jesus but to truly *know* him they had to understand his *heart* and walk in his ways. They had to be willing to follow. And they did. They learned that relationship, mercy and understanding were more important than the rules imposed by the religious leaders of the time.

Jesus calls us to be his disciples too, and he is still counting on us to be successful in carrying out his mission. We each have our own unique talents that contribute in one way or another to God's hope for the world here and now. As important as these characteristics are, we, like the disciples of the New Testament, need to spend time with Jesus, experience his life and be willing to follow. We need to understand his heart. We need to 'do' *with heart*.

I recently watched the Netflix movie "The Two Popes". The contrast between the direction taken by each Pope was portrayed as being quite stark. Pope Benedict, a scholar, pursued a very academic and legalistic approach to his Papacy; Pope Francis takes a demonstrably heart-filled pragmatic one. There is a parallel with pre and post Vatican II values and teachings. My life experience has straddled both. I was raised in a pre-Vatican II mindset household, with a set of Catholic values that were much more 'rule based' than current day teachings. Post-Vatican II teaching goes back to Scripture and to a way of understanding the heart of Jesus' teachings. I have come to understand the need for 'heart' in the process of my 'doing', even as I fall far short.

How is that we come to know the heart of Jesus, let alone act with the heart of Jesus? The answer lies in spending time – through prayer, contemplation and study of Scripture. Are we ready to follow? What will our response time be?

Sheila Wall, a Gospel Gal

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.

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.

SCREENAGER: THE NEXT CHAPTER

St. Andrew's Regional High School Parent Support Group is sponsoring an educational night for parents concerning how screens are affecting children's mental health? “Screenagers Next Chapter”, the newest film by award-winning film-maker Dr. Delaney Ruston, as she explores how families and communities can support improved well-being in a digital age. As an added bonus, representatives from FamilySmart and BC Gambling will be onsite to answer questions from families and provide information about community services.

When: Monday February 10, 6:30-8:30pm (Movie runtime: 70 min)

Where: St. Andrew's Regional High School Gym.

For Whom: Families are welcome to bring children 11 years+

Tickets are FREE but limited.

PLEASE PURCHASE YOUR \$0 (FREE) TICKETS!! <https://nextchapterbysarhs.eventcombo.com>

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

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

In essentials, unity; in nonessentials, liberty; in all things, charity.
—Augustine of Hippo

AROUND THE PARISH AND DIOCESE

More information and details on bulletin board or parish office

- **WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY:** Every year between January 18 – 25, Christians around the world are invited to celebrate a Week of Prayer for the unity of all Christians and to participate in jointly-organized ecumenical services. This year, you are invited to the closing service that will be held at **Trinity Catholic Church in Nanaimo on Sunday, January 26 at 2 pm.** A reception will follow. In attendance will be the Right Rev. Dr. Logan McMenamie, Bishop of the Anglican Diocese of BC, Most Reverend Gary Gordon, Bishop of Victoria, Reverend Terry Richardson of Hope Lutheran in Nanaimo, and Reverend Foster Freed of Trinity United Church, Nanaimo. Please visit our Diocesan website for more information.
- **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”. 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!
- **OUR COMMON HOME WORKSHOP:** Development and Peace will hold a workshop "For Our Common Home" on **Sat. Feb. 8, 9:30-12:30** at St. Patrick's Parish Hall. Jeremy Laurie will lead the session which will focus on how important the Amazon rainforest is for our planet. Everyone is welcome for this workshop. A Development and Peace meeting will be held in the afternoon. Please bring a bag lunch if you plan to stay for the afternoon session 1:15-2:45. For more info: 250-477-6952
- **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.
- **OPEN HOUSE:** St. Andrews Regional High School Open house is on Thursday February 6th. The school has gone through a grand renovation and is excited to share their new look, academic program and community with all. More info: www.standrewshigh.ca

OUR LITURGICAL LIFE:

SUNDAY, January 26th

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

MONDAY, January 27th

Office Closed

TUESDAY, January 28th

9:00am Mass: **Ignacio Gonsalves +**

WEDNESDAY, January 29th

9:00am Mass: **Joao & Armenia**

Medeiros +

THURSDAY, January 30th

9:00am Mass: **Manuel & Ernesto**

Resendes +

FRIDAY, January 31st

9:00am Mass: **Gladys Smith +**


SATURDAY, February 1st

4:00pm Mass: **Ferdinand Fernando +**

SUNDAY, February 2nd

9:00am Mass: **Lucille Danes +**

THANK YOU

 St. Augustine said if you sing, you pray twice. To all the musicians and choirs that invite us to fully participate in the Eucharistic celebration, we thank you for the gift of your voices and time!!

Father William

Are you new to Holy Cross?

Welcome to Holy Cross Parish! You can find registration packages in the foyer of the church, or you can call the office to register: 250-477-5321. Better yet pop in and introduce yourself during office hours. Coffee is always hot in the office!

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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250-477-5321

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COLLECTION for January 19th

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS:

Envelopes	\$ 1,839.00
Loose	\$ 280.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$ 1,095.00
TOTAL	\$ 3,214.00

Donation of Gift in Kind (stock): \$1,231.16

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