



Holy Cross Catholic Parish

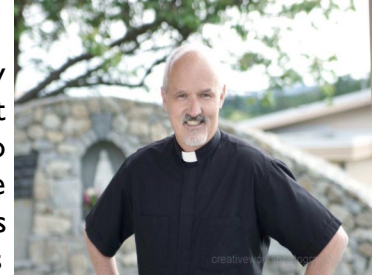
Mission Statement

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 28, 2018
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

From the desk of Father William

There is a line in today's Gospel that intrigues me. It is the one, which says: "they were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority...that they started asking each other what it all meant." I wonder what it was like to listen to this new preacher from Nazareth. What was he saying, and how was he saying it, that it resulted in people being "astounded"? His words as well as his actions amazed those around him; in fact, in today's gospel story, it is his words that do the healing. Could such a thing be still said of us, who pride ourselves on being disciples of Jesus? Can we still be astounded and excited because of what we find in Jesus and cannot find anywhere else? Or has what Jesus brings into our lives become so diluted and so commonplace that it won't set anyone on fire anymore?



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That seems to be the basic thrust of today's Gospel reading. It suggests that once Jesus appears on the scene, people who come into contact with him and who allow him to enter their lives feel uplifted. They have a sense of being set free from whatever it is that depresses them or holds them captive. Today's Gospel passage speaks about a man who is possessed by an unclean spirit. It is important that we do not rack our brains over the man possessed by an unclean spirit, or by something demonic. That is just an image that the Gospel loves to use to describe the human condition outside the sphere of Jesus, an image to make us see how unfree we are when we try to make it on our own. And the Gospel does not mean it as a putdown or as grounds on which we will be condemned. In that case, it would not be a Gospel or Good News anymore. No, the Gospel simply makes an observation. Left to ourselves, we are subjected to forces that enslave us; we lack freedom; we are not fully human.

What today's Gospel suggests is that the demonic in ourselves and in our society, whatever different forms it may take, can be driven out. What it takes from us is that we allow Jesus to shape our lives; after all, that is what believing in Jesus means. That sort of faith in Jesus does not enslave us or stifle our growth. On the contrary, it will finally set us free and enable us to live indeed as men and women upon whom God's favor rests. How do we live this gospel today? Can we crack the layers hardened around our hearts and be astounded once more by Jesus? We don't have to wait long, because Kingdom urgency delivers the truth with lightning speed. Do our hearts quicken; do we bring our needs forward without hesitation or embarrassment? Do we embrace and invest in actions that help snap creation back into right order? Do we trust that Kingdom is coming, right into our midst? Do we believe the world is already changed forever as a result?

This treasure is for everyone,
Father William

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 31st at Holy Cross Catholic 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.

MONDAY BIBLE STUDY

Fr. Karam will be hosting a bible study on Monday, February 5th from 10-11am. There are limited spots available so registration is required. The study will be hosted in the parish centre. For more information please feel free to email Fr. Karam at: **rev.karam@gmail.com**

RELIGIOUS ED CO-ORDINATOR POSITION AVAILABLE

Holy Cross will need a new Religious Education Coordinator for our Children’s Religious education program. This is a paid 20 hours per month position. Weekly presence at the Sunday morning children’s religious education classes is required. A full and detailed job description is posted in the foyer bulletin board. For more information call the office at 250-477-5321. Resumes can be dropped off at the office. Submission deadline **February 28th, 2018**.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED—10:30 MASS

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 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/have questions 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

At the time appointed, Christ came forth from the Father and showed himself in this external word, first as its creator, then as its teacher, the revealer of secrets, the mediator . . . and the express image of his person.
—John Henry Newman (1801-1890)

To believe in the relevance of God is to believe in the presence of prophets among us who show the relevance of his Word. To believe in the faithfulness of God and in his church is to believe that he will not let it fall asleep, be overwhelmed, lose its vigor and the dynamism of its hope.
—Jésus-Maria Asurmendi

AROUND THE PARISH AND DIOCESE

More information and details on bulletin board or parish office

- **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:** Saturday, **February 3rd** from 8-10am at the Victoria Horseshoe Club. 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 + 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. Patrick'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.

ONE MONTHS HOUSING NEEDED

A friend of Fr. Karam's from Toronto is coming to Victoria, and requires reasonably priced accommodation from March 1st –31st. A quiet environment, and private living space such as a basement suite would be ideal. If you think you might be able to help but would like more information please contact Fr. Karam by email: rev.karam@gmail.com

OUR LITURGICAL LIFE:

SUNDAY, January 28th

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

MONDAY, January 29th

9:00 am Mass: **John Garcia +**

TUESDAY, January 30th

12:00 noon Mass: **Colm Deegan +**

WEDNESDAY, January 31st

9:00 am Mass: **Angelo Rampon +**
6:00pm Ecumenical Service/Soup Dinner

THURSDAY, February 1st

9:00 am Mass: **Carmen Rose +**
6:30 am Rosary Group

FRIDAY, February 2nd

9:00 am Mass: **Lisa Erlich & family**

SATURDAY, February 3rd

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

SUNDAY, February 4th

8:30 am Mass: **Fr. Ronan Drury +**
10:30 am Mass: **Helen Ash +**
4:00 pm Mass

THANK YOU CORNER!

Thank you to Alan Bailey for all of your years of ministry making the sacramental wine for our Eucharistic celebrations. We also thank John Bartle-Clar for taking over this ministry full time in the wake of Alan's retirement. Many thanks to you both!

WOMEN'S LENTEN RETREAT

Save the Date! Our **Paschal Reflections: Life's Ebb & Flow** — Retreat day for women. March 24th, 2018 at Holy Cross Parish Centre. Stay tuned for more details!

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 21st, 2017

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS:

Envelopes	\$ 2, 616.00
Loose	\$ 505.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$ 1, 140.00
TOTAL	\$ 4, 261.00

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