



# Holy Cross Catholic Parish

Twinning with St. Patrick's Parish

**SUNDAY - January 29th, 2023**

***The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time***

Today, January 29<sup>th</sup>, is the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary time and the Gospel of Matthew is the familiar and thought-provoking passage in which Jesus gives us the gift of the Beatitudes. For many of us the Beatitudes join the Parables of the Good Samaritan and the Prodigal Son as familiar Gospel passages that show us how to live a life of meaning and love. In all three of these powerful passages Jesus gives us unexpected recommendations on how to be and relate to our world. The Father embraces and forgives the Prodigal Son, the Samaritan shows compassion to a stranger and in the Beatitudes, Jesus promotes meekness, peace and being merciful. This is not about how to win friends and influence people. This is not about how to beat out the competition. This is about how to live a life in which you experience the kingdom of God and contribute to justice and peace. This is about seeing God.

We might get the idea from the Beatitudes that they are encouraging us to persevere during challenging times because we will be rewarded in heaven in the future. *Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.* We get the impression that it is in the future that we will be comforted, that we will inherit the earth, that we will receive mercy. *Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.* That is surely part of the message. However, Jesus also said, *The Kingdom of God is within you* (Luke 17:21) and on another occasion, *The Kingdom of God is at hand* (Mark 1:15). These words indicate that the Beatitudes are not just about the future but also about the present.

The Beatitudes are a promise that God is with us every moment of every day, blessing us. We are blessed because we are not alone when we strive for justice and peace. We are not alone when we are persecuted because we are trying to do the right and loving thing. We are not alone when we mourn. God is with us and within us. It is God that gives us the strength and wisdom to be merciful, to be poor in spirit, to be meek and nurture a pure heart. It is God's presence that brings us comfort, fills our hearts and showers us with mercy. As we embrace God's presence and blessings, we live in the kingdom of God. Thus, we are fortunate to see God in our brothers and sisters, in nature and in our own hearts. The Beatitudes are undoubtedly about the future, but just as importantly, they are also about the present. We live in the present and that is one of the spaces where we meet God.

Tanya Taft



#### 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 St. Patrick's Parish at 4pm Sunday. Click the link here: <http://www.youtube.com/c/StPatricksHolyCrossChurch>

### **Catholic Schools' Week – Jan 29-Feb 4, 2023**

Today marks the beginning of Catholic Schools' Week (CSW). The theme this year is Seeking Truth, Healing, and Reconciliation. Each and every year, Catholic schools join together to share a message about the importance and value of Catholic education to the Church and society as a whole. For those that are not aware, there are five Catholic Schools in the Diocese (4 elementary and 1 high school) educating approximately 1400 students in the communities of Port Alberni, Duncan and Victoria. On behalf of all the Catholic schools in the diocese, thank you for your ongoing support whether that be through prayer, time, talent or treasure. This week also marks the beginning of registration time for the 2023-24 school year. Please consider registering your child in a Catholic school. Catholic Education is a valuable ministry in the Church and diocese so we ask that you please continue to pray for their success.



Seeking Truth,  
Healing, and  
Reconciliation

**An Open House** will be held at **St. Patrick's School** on Thursday, February 9th from 10am - 2pm & 5pm - 7pm. Registration is required. Please call 250-592-6713 for details.

### **Holy Cross 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**

Holy Cross is hosting a dinner, at the church, on February 26, the first of several events planned to mark this momentous occasion. Tickets for the dinner will be available at the Parish Office in the second week of February. There will be more about tickets in next week's bulletin. However, before that time we will be making every effort to contact and invite the Founding Members of our Parish - those who were here even before the dream of Holy Cross took hold and those here when Fr. Joe Jackson, beloved Founding Pastor, retired to become Pastor Emeritus in 1985.

### **Memories**



"Prior to us becoming a "Parish" our community was a "Mission". The first Mass was held at the house on Edgelow in Father Jackson's living room. Predictably, the capacity of his living room was reached and after weeks of searching a suitable spot, we settled on the Scout Hall on Tyndall where the first Mass was attended by 47 people and Fr. Jackson wore his Missionary Vestments . . . the rent for the Hall was \$15.00 per week !"

### **Library Corner**

January 28<sup>th</sup> celebrates the Feast Day of the 13<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thomas_Aquinas)

-**Quotes:** [https://www.goodreads.com/author/quotes/158904.Thomas\\_Aquinas](https://www.goodreads.com/author/quotes/158904.Thomas_Aquinas)

### Prayer Reflection

When Jesus and his disciples are said to be in the world but not of the world, the meaning is clear enough. Although they live in the world they are not worldly, they do not subscribe to the present values and standards of the world.

—Albert Nolan, O.P.

The foundation of our way to God is to advance on the way of life with great patience, humility, poverty of spirit, and meekness. All these lead us to justice—and by justice, we mean the Lord himself.

—Macarius

### **Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – January 29, 2023**

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven...” Do not be discouraged by jeers when considering being 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](mailto:dhogman@rcdvictoria.org) **Fr. Harrison Ayre:** [hayre@rcdvictoria.org](mailto:hayre@rcdvictoria.org)

The mass intention for Irene Artibise originally scheduled for December 22 has been rescheduled to Tuesday, January 31st. An informal gathering with coffee and a few treats will be held after Mass in the church hall to honour Irene who faithfully led the Wednesday afternoon social and cards group for many years. Members of this group are invited to attend.

**Parish Council** reports can be found on the ledge in the foyer. Have a look to see all that has been accomplished in the Parish recently.

### **Six-week Adult Faith Formation Program**

Beginning Tuesday, February 21st, from 7 – 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](mailto:cmaminvielle@gmail.com).

### **Called and Gifted Workshop**

For the information of all those registered for the Called and Gifted Workshop, The Catherine of Siena Institute will be contacting registrants by email with pre-conference resource materials.

This workshop will run from 9am - 3:30pm on February 4th, in the Church. Doors will open at 8:30 for sign-in and pickup of the workbook. Coffee/tea/water will be provided, along with some morning muffins. Please bring your own bag lunch.

### **OUR LITURGICAL LIFE** **SATURDAY, January 28th**

3-3:45pm: Confession

4pm Mass: Bernard Thefaut+  
Amparo Dapatt+

### **SUNDAY, January 29th**

9am Mass: Noreen Oldridge+  
Inacio Goncalves+  
Sean Bellafontaine+

### **MONDAY, January 30th** NO MASS

**TUESDAY, January 31st**  
9am Mass: Bernard Thefaut+  
Irene Artibise+

### **WEDNESDAY, February 1st** NO MASS

**THURSDAY, February 2nd**  
9am Mass: Bernard Thefaut+  
Brendan Holden+

### **FRIDAY, February 3rd** NO MASS

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**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**

### **COLLECTION for Jan 22, 2023**

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS	
Envelopes	\$ 1,725.00
Loose	\$ 540.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$ 1,345.00
Canada Helps	\$ 4,210.28
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 7,820.00</b>

**Thank you Corner** Thanks to all who have made donations through Canada Helps. Thanks also to Trudy Holden for spending so much time here sorting out the kitchen. You did an amazing job!

Dishes left in the kitchen after the university supper are ready to be picked up in the foyer.

### A Message from the Catholic Students' Association

Save the date: Bored? Games Night will be held at Multifaith from 6:30-8:30 on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. Come out for some fun and snacks while making new friends. Games are supplied, you are welcome to bring your own. Mark your calendars: Ski Day at Mt. Washington on February 11<sup>th</sup> is sold out. However, there are a few seats remaining, please contact [lfoch@rcdvictoria.org](mailto:lfoch@rcdvictoria.org) to reserve a spot. Visit: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/484484755947> The Kairos Blanket Exercise is coming to Multifaith on March 11<sup>th</sup> from 11am-2pm. This exercise is a teaching tool to share historic and contemporary relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples in Canada, while building awareness and an increased understanding of our shared history. If interested, please register at: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/501407973747> There will be many more opportunities available for students who are looking for a community of faith and fun-filled young adults. Mass and meals, ladies' and men's evenings, a March retreat on Salt Spring Island, Movie and Games Nights, an opportunity to serve the homeless and much more. For any information, please contact Lydia at [lfoch@rcdvictoria.org](mailto:lfoch@rcdvictoria.org).

### Anti-Sex Trafficking Workshop

#### "THE EYE DOES NOT SEE WHAT THE MIND DOES NOT KNOW" Anonymous

The fastest growing crime in Canada is sex trafficking! The most important first step anyone can take towards helping combat normalizing the horrors of sex trafficking is to know the facts! Sex trafficking can happen to anyone – children, youth, and young adults. Keeping our children/youth safe from sex trafficking begins with Awareness, Education and Action. End Demand, End Exploitation, Defend Dignity. Sex trafficking is modern slavery and is quickly being normalized! Respect Life Ministry and St. Andrew's Cathedral Parish Council will be offering an anti-sex trafficking workshop on Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 am – 3:30 pm in the Seghers' Hall at St. Andrew's Cathedral. Refreshments and a light lunch will be provided. Doors open at 10:00 am.

Please contact ST. Andrew's parish office to register. [standrewscathedral@gmail.com](mailto:standrewscathedral@gmail.com) or 250-388-5571. Please contact Annette Turgeon at [tcarmi1@telus.net](mailto:tcarmi1@telus.net) if you have any questions. Working Towards Freedom, For Christ Has Set Us Free.

**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**

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

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](mailto:mikepmoinvest@gmail.com)

**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.