



# 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 5, 2020 The Epiphany Of The Lord

What in the world is going on? It's one that today's Gospel could raise for us. Everything about the birth of Jesus is surprising, unexpected, turning expectations on their heads. The device that Matthew uses is the story about a few wise men coming from the East, who inquire about Jesus. The issue for Matthew is that people, of whom you never would have expected it, are inquiring about Jesus. They are open and receptive to him. Of all people, this time it is the pagans who are prepared to acknowledge Jesus for who he is. They are really open for what Jesus has to offer.



The story of how the wise men from the East recognize Jesus for who he really is full of irony. There are other actors in the story that we too easily overlook. These other actors are King Herod and the religious leaders in Jerusalem. They are the total opposite of the wise men. The men from the East, like the shepherds, are supposed to be ignorant in religious matters. They are the last ones you would consult when it comes to things about God. The scribes and the chief priests, on the other hand, are the religious experts. They know all there is to know about God. They know from the Scriptures where Jesus is to be born, so they have no difficulty telling pagans where Jesus can be found. But then they stall. They remain at a safe distance from him. In fact, they begin to plot against him, and devise ways to get rid of him, because he upsets their little game and exposes their hunger for power.

We see a child, but our hearts are open and attentive enough to acknowledge the King we are looking for. It is in the ordinary day to day life unfolding where meaning and majesty awaits us. It is words spoken, gestures received, and actions taken that makes us the magi of today. What star will you follow this year? Epiphany invites us to consider how ready we are to take that journey of faith and be surprised by joy as C.S. Lewis so eloquently said. Another wise man Basil the Great in the early church said: words guide us still... *stars cross the sky...wise men journey from pagan lands; earth receives its savior in a cave. Let there be no one without a gift to offer, no one without gratitude as we celebrate the salvation of the world, the birthday of the human race!* What in the world is going on? Jesus is in the world going on and on. Now that is an epiphany comfort, is it not? **Jesus is in the world going on and on.** The way Matthew puts the story together makes it of lasting significance to us. Are we prepared, like the shepherds and the wise men from the East, to leave the familiar and set out in search of God, in whatever unfamiliar and even unsettling ways he may make himself known to us? Are we prepared to let him change our lives?

Let's walk with Jesus,  
Father William

### 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 office 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.

**EMAIL SCAM ALERT**

Please be aware that new fraud and money scams now come via email, phone, and text messages! Priests and church employees will not request for gift cards, bitcoin, wire transfers, and e-transfers. All donations for legitimate parish and diocesan activities are through traditional verifiable methods and to the charitable organization, not individuals. Please refer to the Diocesan website for more information: [www.rcdvictoria.org](http://www.rcdvictoria.org)

**TRY TO REMEMBER...**

Try to Remember ....After the needs of your spouse, children and loved ones are taken care of it would be terrific if you could remember Holy Cross in your Last Will. Some people choose to give a specific amount and others choose to leave a % portion of their estate. All gifts are welcome. Even as you have supported your parish community during your lifetime so, after death, you continue to offer your support and care. Thank you for your generosity.

**2020 COLLECTION ENVELOPES**

Envelope Reminder: Beginning January 1st please use your new envelopes (the 2020 envelopes are available in the foyer—sorted alphabetically); do not use envelopes from previous years as they may now belong to someone else. If you would like envelopes or would like to register for our Pre-Authorized Debit option please contact the parish office!

**DIOCESAN PASTORAL CARE OUTREACH TRAINING 2020**

Sessions are 9:00 am – 3:00 pm and are free.

Please bring a bag lunch to each session. Coffee and Tea will be provided.

A Certificate of Completion is provided to those who attend all four sessions.

Lay pastoral care visitors can assist their pastors by helping to share Christ's healing love and compassion with those in need –by offering friendship, encouragement, the ministry of presence, and, when requested, prayer, and Holy Communion.

**St. Patrick's Parish**

Saturday, Feb. 22 – **Session 1: The Healing Ministry of Christ** – Fr. William Hann will be the morning presenter.

Saturday, March 14 – **Session 2: Listening & Communication and Mental Health**

Contact the parish office to register: (250) 592-7391 or [stpat190@telus.net](mailto:stpat190@telus.net)

**St. Joseph the Worker Parish**

Saturday, April 18 – **Session 3: The Grieving Process and Ministering to Families**

Saturday, May 30 – **Session 4: Who am I as a Pastoral Care Visitor?**

Contact the parish office to register: (250) 479-7413 or [sjtwooffice@shaw.ca](mailto:sjtwooffice@shaw.ca)

**It's cold and flu season!** It is that time of year where illness and germs are in abundance, and as we have many elderly and immune vulnerable in our parish community we ask that everyone does their due diligence in keeping up with best hygiene practices by using the hand sanitation pumps located throughout the church. If you are sick with a cold please consider bowing slightly with your hands pressed together (prayer style) in lieu of hand shaking during the sign of peace. Let's work together to keep the people in our community healthy and safe!

### **PRAYER REFLECTION**

We returned to our places, these Kingdoms / But no longer at ease  
here, in the old dispensation / With an alien people clutching their gods.

—T. S. Eliot, Journey of the Magi

God does not reserve his love for a privileged few, but offers it to all.

—Pope Francis

The Magi . . . perceived one thing with the eyes of their bodies but  
another with the eyes of the mind.

—Chromatius

### **AROUND THE PARISH AND DIOCESE**

More information and details on bulletin board or parish office

- **LIVING DEEPLY—DYING WELL:** End of Life Health Issues – Workshop January 11, 2020 10:30 – 2:30 pm in Cathedral Hall We live in a culture that, if we do not prepare to die well, someone else will make decisions for us. Very often they may not reflect our beliefs or wishes. Each person has a God given responsibility to make informed decisions on their own behalf and then communicate those decisions to someone they trust. We plan to live well. It is also our responsibility to plan to die well. Lunch will be provided with a donation requested. Presenters: Phil Jennings, Tim McGee, Annette Turgeon. To register: contact office 250-388-5571 or email [standrewscathedral@gmail.com](mailto:standrewscathedral@gmail.com)
- **GOT WORDS?:** The Diocese of Victoria is seeking a Communications Coordinator who is an excellent communicator with first-rate writing skills, solid ability to multi-task, and exceptional interpersonal skills. Together with the Chancellor, you will be responsible for all aspects of communications for the Diocese of Victoria. Experience with *InDesign* will be an asset. For more information, visit [www.rcdvictoria.org/employment](http://www.rcdvictoria.org/employment).
- **CAMP HOMEWOOD:** It is Camp Homewood Time!! All Youth (Gr 7-12) are invited to attend “Great Things” from Jan 31-Feb 2, 2020. Face to Face Ministries will lead meaningful talks, games, praise and worship AND there is all the fun of Camp Homewood-archery, sailing, riding and more! Register before January 15<sup>th</sup> at the cost of \$160.00. See your parish office for more info or for a registration package.
- **CORNELL UNIVERSITY CHORUS:** The Cornell University chorus and Glee club will on their Pacific Northwest Tour in January and will be performing their ‘Generations’ concert in Victoria at Christ Church Cathedral on January 14th at 7:00pm. Information about the concert can be found at: <https://www.christchurchcathedral.bc.ca/events/cornell-university-glee-club-and-concert-choir/2020-01-11> Don't miss this amazing opportunity to hear some beautiful music!

### **OUR LITURGICAL LIFE:**

**SUNDAY, January 5th**

9:00am Mass: **Marita Simmons +**

**MONDAY, January 6th**

Office Closed

**TUESDAY, January 7th**

9:00am Mass: **Martin De Medeiros +**

**WEDNESDAY, January 8th**

9:00am Mass: **Mary Ann**

**Canagasuriam +**

**THURSDAY, January 9th**

9:00am Mass: **Muriel Gooding +**

**FRIDAY, January 10th**

10:00am **Funeral mass for Walter  
Cownden**

**SATURDAY, January 11th**

4:00pm Mass: **Zach Riley +**

**SUNDAY, January 12th**

9:00am Mass: **Terry Davis +**

### **THANK YOU**

To the parishioners of Holy Cross Parish. Thank you for your generous contributions towards the decorating of the Church this Christmas season. You have helped to make Christmas memorable for us all, as well as past family members . Wishing everyone a healthy and happy 2020.

Fr. William and Valentina are deeply grateful for the gifts given to us over the Christmas holidays. Your expressions of kindness has touched us deeply. Happy New Year to you all from us here at the parish and office!

### **PARISH SOCIAL LIFE**

**Wednesday Social group—** 1pm on Wednesdays.

**Duplicate Bridge—**Start up October 16th at 7pm.

**Social Bridge—**First Sunday of the month at 7pm.

**Joint Wellness—** Monday and Thursday 10-11am



## CONTACTS

**Pastor:** Fr. William Hann

250-477-5321

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**Hospital Chaplain:** 250-889-3761

**Administrative Assistant:** Valentina Boyd

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**Parish Council:** Debra Prior

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**Children's Religious Education:** Barbara Shenton

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### COLLECTION for Christmas 2019

#### WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS:

<b>Envelopes</b>	\$ 6, 797.50
<b>Loose</b>	\$ 2, 100.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 8, 897.50</b>

### COLLECTION for December 29, 2019

<b>Envelopes</b>	\$ 2, 275.00
<b>Loose</b>	\$ 440.00
<b>Pre-Authorized Debit</b>	\$ 1, 095.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 3, 810.00</b>

## 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	250-477-6455
	Muna Haddad	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	Fr. William Hann	250-477-5321
Back To The Church	Glenn Palahicky	250-479-1331
RCIA	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 Out-reach	John Oleson	250-477-6455