



Holy Cross Catholic Parish

Twining with St. Patrick's Parish

SUNDAY - July 10th 2022
Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Heart and Soul! In two of our scriptures today we hear the words "heart and soul". Moses says to the people, return to the Lord with your heart and soul. And Jesus quoting the law says "you shall love the lord your god with your whole heart and soul (and mind and strength) (and your neighbor as yourself) My question this week is what do you put you "heart and soul" into? What is it that claims you "heart and soul"? Today, Jesus asks, which is greater: fulfilling the religious law, or offering the milk of human kindness? Both are important, but the sacred dignity of human life demands a response that goes beyond the law. This story is so theologically messy that it's mind-blowing to the self-righteous scholar. Can the compassion of God be so powerful that it will pour itself into any willing vessel, even a heretic? Is the mandate to show compassion more important than keeping the rules? Is it possible, in fact, to keep the rules and miss their meaning entirely?

The Christian program—the program of the Good Samaritan, the program of Jesus—is a heart which sees. When Jesus says to the lawyer "Go and Do Likewise" he is giving him and you and me some practical advice.— ACT like the Good Samaritan—do as he did.— BE like the Good Samaritan—be the kind of person (institution) who can BE neighbor to the person in need. He is telling the lawyer and us that the commandment, "Love thy neighbor as thyself," is the strongest defense against human aggressiveness. This parable shows that compassion is the optic nerve of Christian vision.

It is a good thing that Jesus also explains the strange and most unlikely behavior of the Samaritan. The explanation is tucked away and almost hidden in the story, but it is crucial. Jesus says of the Samaritan that he was moved by compassion. It is his compassion which makes all the difference. The man's compassion makes him rise above the labels and categories that we so easily assign to people. For the Samaritan, because of the strength of his compassion, the man in the ditch is not the enemy; he is not of a particular sex, race, creed, orientation or ethnic group. True compassion can transform deeply ingrained prejudices that we have allowed to create hostilities and to set up barriers between people. Accepting the real intent of this parable is accepting a vision of what is possible, however unusual it may be.

In this story the stranger is a Samaritan, which confounds the issue because Samaritans and Jews despised each other. Jesus declares that the outsider, the Samaritan, is the hero. The one we hate is the messenger of love. The Kingdom of God knows no political or religious boundaries. As Fr. Thomas Keating writes, "There are no insiders or outsiders, no elite or non-elite. The abba whom Jesus reveals is the God of the human race as a family. Everyone must be concerned about everybody else. Unconditional love is the name of the game". Paul Tillich writes...In every moment of genuine love, we are dwelling in God and God is dwelling in us.

Be love, see love, live love
Father William



OFFICE HOURS

Saturday, Sunday, Monday: Closed
Tuesday/Wednesday: 9am—2:30pm
Thursday/Friday: 9am—2:00pm
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* on Saturday at 6pm. Click the link here: <http://www.youtube.com/c/StPatricksHolyCrossChurch>

ST. PATRICK'S AND HOLY CROSS PARISH PICNIC

Save the Date: Co-parish picnic will be at [Willows beach on July 24th 1-4 pm](#)
Look for the St. Patrick's tents and Knights of Columbus cooking up Burgers !!!
Likely by the open grass field.
Bring your lawn chair / blanket. Lunch is provided. Bring your children as there will be special activities for the kids!
More details will follow closer to the date!

*** volunteers are needed for this event! If you are able to help with this event please contact the office and you will be put in touch with Barb McKrow, our parish rep for this social!**

**Host Family Needed for Grade 9 Student (female) from Spain**

St. Andrew's Regional High School is urgently seeking a host family for:

- Grade 9 Spanish girl
- Arriving end of August 2022 for the full school year

Allergic to cats

The host family will receive \$1100/month to help cover costs.
For further information please contact Hilary Parker **asap** at homestay@cisdv.bc.ca.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED!

We are in need of a Saturday Night Coffee Coordinator. This volunteer would coordinate volunteers to serve coffee after Saturday Mass. Please email Valentina at the office if you are interested or have any further questions.

**SOCIAL AND ECOLOGICAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE**

The Social & Eco Justice Committee wishes to express its deep gratitude to Fr. William and all parishioners for their support throughout 2021-2022. This has been an amazing 12 months for us! To read more about our activities (Reconciliation Corner, special Indigenous Collection, Renewal of Parish Gardens, Tenant Starter Kit for Cool Aid, Write for Rights, A Roof for Everyone Workshop . . .), please read our **Annual Report here**.

BAPTISMS

Do you have a child that you would like to have baptized at Holy Cross or St. Patrick's Parish?

Baptismal Classes will now be held the first Saturday of every month. Baptisms will take place on the 2nd and 4th weekends of the month within Mass.

Please contact the office if you have any more questions, we are happy to welcome your little one into this wonderful faith community and will put you in touch with our Sacramental Prep

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/>

PRAYER REFLECTION

In every moment of genuine love, we are dwelling in God and God is dwelling in us. —Paul Tillich

Most High, glorious God, enlighten the darkness of my heart and give me true faith, certain hope, and perfect charity, sense, and knowledge Lord, that I may carry out your holy and true command.

—Saint Francis of Assisi

In times of desolation, God conceals himself from us so that we can discover for ourselves what we are without him.

—Saint Margaret of Cortona

NOTE FROM THE DIOCESE

Due to the nature of the Bishop’s travels during the summer, the livestream may sometimes need to be cancelled at short notice. We will do our best to post these changes at <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/events/dailymasslivestreamed> and <https://www.youtube.com/c/RCDVictoriaLiveOne/about>.

Sea Sunday is celebrated by Christian communities every year on the second Sunday of July. Please find attached the Sea Sunday 2022 Message from His Eminence Michael Cardinal Czerny, S.J., Prefect of the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development. A prayer inspired by his Message is also attached.

The Diocesan Family Camp is back, to be held August 19-21 at Nanoose Bay. Families all across the Diocese of Victoria will gather once again for a fun, faith-filled weekend of fellowship, play, and prayer all in a beautiful West Coast setting. Join us! All types, ages and sizes of families are welcome. More information can also be found online at <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/events/diocesan-family->

OUR LITURGICAL LIFE:

SATURDAY, July 9th

3-3:45pm: Confession
4pm Mass: Deceased members of the Anania Family

SUNDAY, July 10th

9am Mass: Amparo Dapat +

MONDAY, July 11th

Office Closed/No Mass

TUESDAY, July 12th

9am Mass: Brendan Holden +

WEDNESDAY, July 13th

9am Mass: Maureen Mullin +

THURSDAY, July 14th

9am Mass: Irene Artibise (int)

FRIDAY, July 15th

9am Mass: Nuwan & Family Int.

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.



holy cross church garden head rd. victoria, b.c.

LIBRARY CORNER - (In the Library)



The last couple days of July celebrate family affairs --- firstly, with the memory of St Anne & St Joachim, the parents of the

mother of Jesus and for whom Pope Francis recently chose to commemorate Grandparents Day --- and secondly, to honour Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus when Jesus memorably cautioned Martha that Mary had placed “first things first” by opting to give her immediate attention to his holy presence.

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2021-01/pope-establishes-world-day-for-grandparents-and-the-elderly.html>

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saint_Anne

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Joachim>

<https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/friend/1983/06/mary-martha-and-lazarus?lang=eng>

Check out the new selection of ‘Favourite Authors’ in the foyer.

COLLECTION for July 3, 2022

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS:

Envelopes	\$ 2,080.00
Loose	\$ 235.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$ 1,677.00
TOTAL	\$ 3,992.00



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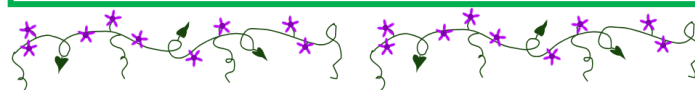
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ADORATION IN THE CHAPEL

First Friday Adoration in the Mercy Chapel will be next held on **Friday, August 5th after 9am Mass.**

GENTLE REMINDER

Germs are still spreading around the community, and we encourage all of our parishioners to take care of one another by using our hand sanitizing pumps and wearing a mask during the Mass. It is not mandatory, but it goes a long way in making people feel safe and comfortable and keeping pesky germs at bay. We appreciate your support in this regard.



CHANGES TO MASS SCHEDULE

After consultation with the Liturgy Committee and feedback from parishioners, adjustments have been made to the Mass schedule as follows:

Starting on Saturday, September 3rd and Sunday September 4th, our weekend Mass schedule will be:

* **Holy Cross:** Saturday at 4pm; and Sunday at 9am;

* **St. Patrick's:** Sunday at 11am; and Sunday at 4pm.

* **Our new weekday daily Mass** schedule starting in September: Tuesday & Thursday at 9am - Holy Cross. Wednesday & Friday at 12:10pm at St. Patrick's.

* **During the month of August when Fr. William is away:** our Liturgy of the Word Service with Communion will be held on Tuesday & Thursday at 9am - Holy Cross; and Wednesday & Friday at 12:10pm - St. Patrick's. Thank you all for your understanding during this time of change and opportunity.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION CLASSES!

Big changes to SACRAMENTAL PREP CLASSES - Confession, Confirmation & First Communion! These classes will all begin in January 2023. Registrations & re-registrations will be available in September. For more information please contact your parish office directly: 250-477-5321

Faith Formation & Sacramental Prep Coordinator

DIOCESAN BURSARIES AND AWARDS

There are a number of bursaries available through the Diocese of Victoria. [Anyone interested can access them on the diocesan website www.rcdvictoria.org](http://www.rcdvictoria.org) under Programs/Bursaries and Awards. Please note that the deadline is July 15, 2022.

The Jawl Bundon LLP Bursary (\$2500): for a grade 12 Catholic student who has been accepted to a post-secondary institution. Preference will be given to Indigenous students, and to students who live outside of Greater Victoria and Nanaimo.

The Blessed Marie Anne Blondin Bursary (\$1000): for a lay woman who is accepted or enrolled in a program or course for ministry in the Church, such as religious education, social justice, liturgy, social action, care of the sick, etc.

The Char Deslippe Memorial Award (\$500): for a teacher working in Island Catholic Schools or a parish catechist serving in children, youth or adult ministry.