



Holy Cross Catholic Parish

Twining with St. Patrick's 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 - July 11, 2021 Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The disciples get their training wheels off in today's gospel. They go out, two by two, no food, no sack, no money, no extra clothes. Six little pairs of newly minted ministers, expected to exorcise demons, cure the sick, and proclaim the gospel. Just like Jesus. Did they crash? The gospel does not report any trouble. What it does say is that the six pairs of disciples did just what they were told: driving out demons, healing the sick, and preaching repentance. If people did not like their message, they were instructed to shake the dust of that place from their sandals and leave. What fascinates us now is how smoothly Jesus handed off his authority to his disciples and how readily they picked it up and exercised it. If only it were that simple today, we might think. If only the authority of Jesus were available to the church now.

Jesus' empowering and "sending" of the apostles to extend his mission of healing reflects the missionary strategy of the Early Church: travel light and keep moving, do what is good, and put your trust completely in God. I THINK that is a good approach for Christians of any time and place. Life is a journey, a pilgrimage to holiness and at times it will get messy. I know our expectations of what that means to be a missionary do not always match God's Plan! Amos thought he was going to be a simple shepherd and a dresser of sycamores. He wound up being a prophet. The Twelve in the Gospel probably thought they were going to watch Jesus preach and cure the sick for many years to come. They wound up being sent out two by two, with absolutely nothing physical to sustain them, to drive out demons and cure the sick themselves.

If we look closely at the picture of the disciples given in Mark's gospel, we can well wonder how on earth Jesus had the courage to send them out on mission. He called men whose hands were not clean; men who were broken and they knew it so well. Yet, they allowed themselves to be won over by God's grace, converted if you wish. Standing in the face of the Holy God, they know themselves unholy, but they know themselves transformed by God. Aware of their failures and sinfulness, they also know themselves, in the power of God, to be capable of going beyond their own abilities. In the call of the disciples Jesus wanted them to be "unencumbered." They were to be apostles of healing and forgiveness. Jesus is asking them to trust only his grace and loving involvement in their lives. It takes a strong stretch of imagination to step into the shoes of those disciples, are you up to it? The message the Twelve preached is the same one that Jesus preached as he began his ministry—repentance. A saying goes: "There are many things a person can do alone, but being a Christian is not one of them." Jesus knew that of course, which is why he sent out his disciples two-by-two.

If this week's readings have a theme, it might be: "Everything starts with God." Each of us, according to today's second reading from the letter to the Ephesians, has been "blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ, before the foundation of the world, to be holy and blameless before him in love." We have been given a formidable inheritance as God's adopted children, beginning with the guidance of the Holy Spirit. But may I add; the work of God is not a solitary affair. We have also been given a mission.

Together in mission, *Father William Hann*

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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HOSPITAL EMERGENCY CALLS: If you or someone you love is admitted to hospital and would like a visit from our VGH/RJ hospital chaplain please call the emergency pager **250-889-3761** and ask for **Fr. Sean Flynn** to make this request.

LIVESTREAM MASSES

Live Mass broadcast this Saturday! Mass is livestreamed from St. Patrick's Parish on Saturday at 6pm: Click the link here: <http://www.youtube.com/c/StPatricksHolyCrossChurch>

PROVINCIAL HEALTH ORDERS UPDATE

As of July 1, 2021, restrictions are lifted on faith based gatherings. As per the latest Provincial Health Orders, we are now able to resume in-person services with no restrictions in terms of number of attendees. Please note we are encouraged to bow instead of shaking hands, and no drinking from the cup for the time being. Please see Bishops Gary's message on restart plan step 3 which is on our website and posted in foyer. Face masks are optional but recommended for all people 12 and over who are not yet fully vaccinated (that is, 2 weeks post their second vaccination). Details around facial covering recommendations are in restart plan.

SCAM ALERT

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There is a scam going around using the Bishop of Victoria's name, BUT there has also been a resurgence of the scam involving Fr. William's name, which has gone around in the past. If you get a text message or an email from "Fr. William" asking for a "favor" which usually leads to gift cards and/or cash please IGNORE this message. Often the initial message is an invitation to call or email him back. IGNORE that also. Fr. William has never, will never and would never contact parishioners with this kind of request. If you get an email, look carefully at the email address, and report all suspicious emails and texts to the office. Stay vigilant!

LITURGICAL MINISTERS NEEDED

Now that we are back at Mass we are working on updating our Liturgical Ministry schedule for September 2021. Over the last year we have lost a number of loyal and dedicated liturgical ministers. Some have passed away, others are no longer able to resume their duties for various reasons. So this is a time to start fresh in many ways! Please consider taking part in our liturgical ministry either as a Sacristan, Eucharistic Minister, Lector, Usher, Commentator and gift bearers. There is a great need at both Saturday and Sunday Masses. Commitment could be as little as once a month. If you have any questions about the ministries and what they entail please feel free to reach out to either Fr. William, Joanie or Valentina at the office. Thank you for considering taking part in this amazing ministry.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - Summer 50 / 50 RAFFLE



JACKPOT IS OVER \$28,790 AND GROWING !

Winner takes half

Get your tickets at our KofC website www.kofcbc5050.ca

All tickets are sold online. The more you buy the less it costs.

\$10 for 10 tickets, \$25 for 50 tickets, Best Value \$50 for 200 tickets!

Draw Date: 6:30 pm, Monday July 12th, 2021

Proceeds support our local charities. When you buy tickets, we're working together to make our communities better. Thank you for your support!

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PRAYER REFLECTION

Grant me, O Lord and God, a mind to know you, a heart to seek you, wisdom to find you, conduct pleasing to you, faithful perseverance in waiting for you, and a hope of finally embracing you.

—Saint Thomas Aquinas

When you come up and receive the sweet reward which grace has wrought for us, then we shall thank and bless our Lord. . . . And that shall be a property of blessed love that we shall know in God which we could never have known without woe going before.

—Julian of Norwich

For who would not blush for shame, strip himself of his possessions, and embrace a life of poverty when he saw an apostle carrying neither bag, nor even bread which is so very essential?

—Theophylact

A NOTE FROM THE DIOCESE

To access the live stream link from the Diocese of Victoria website simply google: Diocese of Victoria or go to www.rcdvictoria.org/diocese-of-victoria-live-stream.

SUNDAY 10 AM

MONDAY TO FRIDAY 7 PM

Diocesan Blog Posts: a) A new post from Bishop Gary re opportunities for reflection for Canada Day: <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/diocesanblog/reflections-on-canada-day>

b) Post re the Cathedral’s Livestream Masses: <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/diocesanblog/an-opportunity-to-connect>

Also, please watch this short video of Bishop Gary as he describes the need for our Christian community to support St. Andrew’s Regional High School and the construction of a new Performing Arts Wing. [Bishop Gary](#)

“The foundation of this building is Jesus Christ...the real heart of Catholic education is our Christian community.”

Please consider being a part of the foundation growing St. Andrew’s Regional High School by supporting the Building on Success Campaign: [Building On Success](#)

DIOCESAN BURSARIES AND AWARDS

BURSARIES and AWARDS are available through the Diocesan website: <https://www.rcdvictoria.org> under Programs. **Deadline for submittals is July 15.**

RECONCILIATION CORNER

Why are Canadians now doing **land (or territory) acknowledgements** at the beginning of every public event? How can we learn to make them truly **meaningful**? Watch these two complementary short videos to find out. Click [here](#) and [here](#).



OUR LITURGICAL LIFE:

SATURDAY, July 10th

4om Mass: Amparo Beruno +

SUNDAY, July 11th

9am Mass: Ciccone Family +

MONDAY, July 12th

Office Closed/No Mass

TUESDAY, July 13th

9am Mass: Marie Arsenault (int)

WEDNESDAY, July 14th

9am Mass: Marie Arsenault (int)

THURSDAY, July 15th

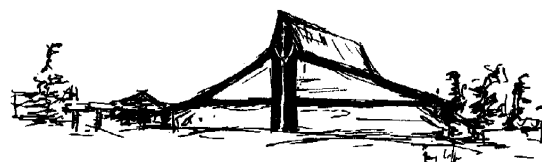
9am Mass: Derek Neeson +

FRIDAY, July 16th

9am Mass: Fernando Antoniazzi +

In-person Masses have resumed now with no restrictions on numbers. If you have any questions in this regard, please contact the Office (250-477-5321.)

Masks are now optional, with the exception of those not yet vaccinated, in the church and parish centre.



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COLLECTION for July 4, 2021

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS:

Envelopes	\$ 2,715.00
Loose	\$ 110.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$ 1,677.00
TOTAL	\$ 4,502.00

