

Holy Cross Catholic Parish

Vision Statement

Holy Cross Parish strives to be a welcoming, dynamic, vibrant, and inclusive Catholic community that gathers in unity and reaches out to attend to the needs of others.

SUNDAY July 15, 2018
Fifteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Reflections from the Gospel Gals

“A committed missionary knows the joy of being a Spring which spills over and refreshes others” Pope Francis

Two years ago, just before Advent, my friend and I were in Value Village looking for Christmas decorations, I turned to her and said “I’m coming out. I’m a Catholic”. Something happened that day when I felt the presence of Christ and knew that I had finally begun my faith journey. For the first time, I found myself telling people that I was Catholic and I truly felt the presence of Jesus Christ in my life.

Jesus called the twelve he had brought down from the mountain together and began to send them out two by two, giving them authority to spread the Good News. This is the first missionary trip of the Apostles and this Gospel shows that Christ is preparing them to be his representatives to teach and administer his healing power in his name. Not only will the twelve be sharing his message while he is on earth but he is preparing the Apostles for sharing his message after he is gone. Every Christian shares in this first mission. When we were baptized in his name, we became missionaries to bring his wisdom and healing touch to those in need. But most of us feel inadequate and ill equipped to speak the word of God. John Bartunek writes in his book, *The Better Part*, “because Christ has put his Kingdom under our care, our lives matter. No other endeavor has, by its very nature, external consequences, so nothing else we can do matters as much as building the Kingdom. And when we are engaged in something that matters, our lives take on meaning – real, existential weight. And ultimately, we all yearn for that – for meaning, for a life that really matters, one that has a real impact.”

The missionary instructions that Christ gives his first followers apply to us as well. Besides the clothes on their backs, they are instructed to only bring their staff and sandals, which symbolize trust and perseverance. Are we able to set aside our possessions to be missionaries? We are not only weighted down by material possessions, but also by those intangible possessions such as opinions, judgements, past wounds. Possession that may deter us in our mission.

Christ calls us to preach and teach and reach out to others with our love, care and concern. In today’s world when everyone is in a hurry or too busy to slow down, we can give the gift of time and support. We can answer the call to take part in the ministries at Church serving our Holy Cross Parish community and community beyond our doors. We can live for a life that really matters, one that has a real impact.

Journeying with you,

Debby Pietraszek

RESPONSIBLE MINISTRY AND SAFE ENVIRONMENT—UPDATE

The Office of Responsible Ministry & Safe Environment is pleased to announce that Holy Cross Parish has been selected to pilot an exciting new online training program. This fall *all* clergy, religious, employees and volunteers in the Diocese will be required to complete the Armatus Learn To Protect program. Staff and volunteers will learn to protect children and vulnerable adults from abuse from an organization with decades of experience in organizational abuse prevention.

The organization for the Holy Cross Pilot has begun and more information will be provided this week. I will be announcing the program at mass on Saturday and Sunday, July 14 and 15, 2018. I will also be available to answer questions and get feedback on this important initiative.

God Bless,

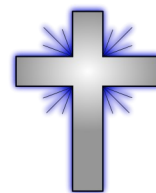
Greg Beattie

Diocesan Responsible Ministry & Safe Environment Coordinator

THE ULTIMATE RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

The CCO will be holding a workshop called “The Ultimate Relationship”. This workshop will explore our relationship with God and how we translate it into our life.

The workshop will take place on July 18 at 6:30pm in the hall.



DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE



July 17th was the World Day for International Justice—The Gospel of Matthew teaches us to recognize who our Lord really is and challenges us to use this knowledge to act accordingly. Let’s pray that we will see Jesus in everyone around us, especially those who are most in need. Development and Peace’s work is guided by Catholic Social Teaching, particularly the inherent Dignity of the Human Person as created in the image and likeness of God. When we recognize this truth, our care for others is enhanced. Join us in our mission to call for a different type of development; one that fosters the integral development of the human persona and promotes justice for all.

IN THE LIBRARY

Maps Matter: *All those places named in the Sundays’ Readings — Ephesus, Antioch (two of them!), Colossae, Corinth, Nineveh (present day Mosul), Philippi, Thessalonica. Many of these sites were the very first Christian settlements — now no longer welcoming Christ’s message. Where and how far, was the Holy family’s” Flight to Egypt”, or the journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem where Jesus was born? Where did St Paul’s four great missionary trips take him? Where is Nicea where our Creed was borne? Maps give our Mass Readings additional understanding.*

On the library “Suggestion Shelf”

- St Joseph Atlas of the Bible by T Dowley
- Reader’s Digest Atlas of the Bible: Illustrated Guide to the Holy Land
- Cities of God: How Christianity became an urban movement... by R Stark
- In the Steps of St Paul by H V Morton. This remarkable travelogue of the author in 1935-36 (well before statehood of Israel recognized) tracing St Paul’s journeys through Palestine, Israel, Syria, Turkey, Greece and Rome

PRAYER REFLECTION

The Church does not need apologists of its causes nor crusaders of its battles, but sowers humble and confident of the truth, who ... trust of it's power.
- Pope Francis

AROUND THE PARISH AND DIOCESE

More information and details on bulletin board or parish office

- **ORDINATION OF THE DIACONATE:** On **Saturday, July 28th at 10:30** am at the Cathedral, we will celebrate the Ordination to the Permanent Diaconate of four candidates. With their wives, these four candidates, Philip Yuson (Marie), Michael Watkins (Cynthia), John Dawson (Heather) and Dion Pomponio (Kerry) have spent the past 4 ½ years in prayerful discernment, study and ministerial apprenticeship preparing for this moment when they will offer their lives in service to the diocesan Church of Victoria. All are welcome to attend and a reception will follow at St. Patrick's Church Hall in Oak Bay.
- **DIOCESAN FAMILY CONFERENCE:** Families will gather together once again for a fun, faith filled weekend of fellowship, play and prayer time all set against a beautiful West Coast backdrop for 6th Annual Diocesan Family Conference. Join us! **August 23-26, 2018 at Nanoose Bay Camp.** For registration follow the link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/6th-diocesanfamily-conference-august-2018-tickets-44556665185?aff=es2>. For info email Reine at: familycamp@redvictoria.org or visit www.rcdvictoria.org
- **FEAST OF ST. CLARE:** You are invited to join the Franciscan Poor Clares in celebrating the Feast of St. Clare on Saturday August 11, 2018. Bishop Gary Gordon will be the celebrant at the outdoor mass which will be at 10a.m. Following the Eucharist, light refreshments will be served. It will be held at St. Clare's Monastery, 2359 Calais Rd. Duncan.
- **JOB OPPORTUNITY:** Island Catholic Schools will be accepting applications for the following position: Director of Development, St. Andrew's Regional High School, Victoria. Application forms and details are posted at: <http://cisdv.bc.ca/employment-opportunities.php>

OUR LITURGICAL LIFE:

SUNDAY, July 15th

8:30 am Mass: **Kenneth Perera +**
10:30 am Mass **Tonny Koot (int)**

MONDAY, July 16th

No Mass

TUESDAY, July 17th

9:00 am Mass: **Hilary Ribeiro +**
10:00am Fr. Karam's Catholicism
Course

WEDNESDAY, July 18th

9:00 am Mass: **Brian Wall +**

THURSDAY, July 19th

9:00 am Mass: **Maria Mendonca +**

FRIDAY, July 20th

9:00 am Mass: **Brain Wall +**

SATURDAY, July 21st

3:45—4:30 Reconciliation

5:00pm Mass: **Barb McDermott**
(int)

SUNDAY, July 22nd

8:30 am Mass: **Vera McNamara +**
10:30 am Mass **Gus Medina +**

THANK YOU CORNER!

Thank you to Carol Tyshynski and Maria Arruda, who have diligently been checking in on the rental property on a monthly basis keeping it clean and ready for when our family arrives.

GRATITUDE AND FAREWELL

Thank you Holy Cross, for being my home away from home. The tenderness and generosity that I have encountered here has been a manifestation of God's providence and love for me and the CCO community. I will be going back to Calgary for work and family. Count me grateful. Your Missionary and little brother in Christ. Pax

Nathaniel de Jesus, Catholic Christian Outreach

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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	John Bartle-Clar	250-995-1891

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.	Anna Mendonca	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 July 8, 2018

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS:

Envelopes	\$ 2, 885.00
Loose	\$ 395.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$ 1, 107.00
TOTAL	\$ 4, 387.00
SVPD	\$1, 896.00

Children's Liturgy of the Word	Bobbi Bartle-Clar/ Valentina Boyd	250-995-1891 250-813-0230
Catholicism	Fr. Karam Alraban	250-477-5321
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	Parish Office	250-477-5321
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 Out- reach	John Oleson	250-477-6455