



Holy Cross Catholic Parish

Twining with St. Patrick's Parish

SUNDAY - July 17th, 2022
Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

This story has often been used to drive a wedge between action and contemplation. It is sometimes suggested that preoccupation with spiritual things is more important than material concerns. While we may admire Mary, we sympathize with Martha, whom we feel is unfairly treated. Please do not hurt Martha by contrasting her in a negative light with her sister. The sisters of Bethany together reveal the full complement of what biblical hospitality means. Martha did it the traditional way, and it is still a wonderful thing to bring someone into your home and treat him or her like an honored guest. In the end, caring is at the heart of discipleship. Both are serving God, and God knows, we all need both Martha's and Mary's. In being here today, we are Mary. We have come to listen to the Lord, to be fed by Him. If the Mary in us is no longer active in praying and listening, then the Martha in us runs the risk of being fragmented, disoriented, or mis-oriented. There are lots of Martha's among us, but is there enough Mary in us? The extra of Mary keeps Martha healthy.

What Mary's response demonstrates is the vital part of what Christian hospitality also entails. We should take people into our homes, and God above all, into our hearts. Mary of *Nazareth* was unique, and the doctrines about her underscore this. But in her historically unprecedented reception of the divine, the standard for welcoming God shifted seismically. Mary of *Bethany*, we might say, embodied this new understanding by welcoming Jesus not simply into her home but into her being. She sat at his feet like a disciple, and she took the word of life into heart, mind, soul, and strength. A nice dinner is always a nice idea, but in the presence of Jesus, there is food to eat of which we may not suspect. Since the time of the Incarnation, hospitality has assumed an intimate and interior meaning. Our teaching on the indwelling Holy Spirit confirms this. From now on, when God is your guest, it is not enough to open your door. You must open your life.

Hospitality is the thread linking the Scriptures today. Mister Rogers sang to children daily about the pleasure and importance of being a good neighbour. A Presbyterian minister, Fred Rogers was aware of the biblical power in identifying others as neighbours—rather than competitors, outsiders, or enemies. Jesus flips the traditional meaning of the word when he claims the true neighbour not as one who is geographically near to us, but one who is dear to us and merits our compassion. We recognize our neighbours not by who they are or where they live, but who we are and how we treat them. Choose to be a neighbour to everyone you meet. *All guests who present themselves are to be welcomed as Christ, for he himself will say: "I was a stranger and you welcomed me."* —Rule of Benedict

Hospitality is the core of our faith,

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 *Holy Cross Parish* on Saturday at 6pm. Click the link here: <http://www.youtube.com/c/StPatricksHolyCrossChurch>

**THANK YOU CORNER**

Deepest thanks to our wonderful team of helpers last weekend for the “Volunteer Appreciation Tea” held on Saturday, in particular: Lori Angelini, Colleen Kovacs, Judy Martell, Laura Pearse, Mary-Anne Tinney, and Sheila Wall. Along with Pete & Evelyn, and Valentina, the event just wouldn’t have happened without your kindness and willingness to pitch in with set-up, serving, prep, and clean-up!! And I have to say how really wonderful it was to see so many of you at the Tea – especially after such a long time not being able to gather socially as a community; I think it was “good medicine” for all. – Joanie Bidlake

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](#).

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!

We are looking forward to having both parishes come together for this joint parish event!

**GVAT’S AFFORDABLE HOUSING CAMPAIGN**

Tune in to a Presentation on GVAT’s Affordable Housing Campaign!

Lack of affordable housing is top of mind for many residents of Greater Victoria today. Renters can face homelessness if they receive an eviction notice. Local businesses are desperate to fill positions: no one is applying because no one can afford to live in Victoria. Even GPs don’t earn enough to rent or own a home here! GVAT (Greater Victoria Acting Together) is trying to do something about this. Interested in learning more about its 2022 Affordable Housing Campaign? Holy Cross parishioner Yvonne Hsieh will be making a **presentation via zoom on Tuesday July 26 (7 - 8:30 pm)**. Please email her at yhsieh@uvic.ca to receive the zoom link.

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 Coordinator!

PRAYER REFLECTION

All guests who present themselves are to be welcomed as Christ, for he himself will say: "I was a stranger and you welcomed me."

—Rule of Benedict

Do not neglect hospitality, for through it some have unknowingly entertained angels.

—Hebrews 13:2

The stranger, the guest, may always be an angel and is certainly always mysterious. One never knows who it is. Or rather, for us Christians, we know who it is, because Jesus Christ has told us. The guest is Jesus Christ.

—Jean Daniélou

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.



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.

The **Indigenous Library** books that have been in the foyer of the church will be moving to St. Patrick's church at the end of August. Please be mindful, and **return books by Sunday, August 28th**. Thanks!

OUR LITURGICAL LIFE:

SATURDAY, July 16th

3-3:45pm: Confession

4pm Mass: Michael Conrad Kovacs +

SUNDAY, July 17th

9am Mass: Fernando Antoniazzi +

MONDAY, July 18th

Office Closed/No Mass

TUESDAY, July 19th

9am Mass: Maureen Mullin +

WEDNESDAY, July 20th

9am Mass: Maureen Mullin +

THURSDAY, July 21st

9am Mass: Adeesh & Family (int)

FRIDAY, July 22nd

9am Mass: Maria Huber +

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.



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COLLECTION for July 10, 2022

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS:

Envelopes	\$ 6,491.00
Loose	\$ 420.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$ 1,677.00
TOTAL	\$ 8,588.00

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.

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ADORATION IN THE CHAPEL

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

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

KAIROS BLANKET EXERCISE

St. Patrick's Parish hosting a **KAIROS Blanket Exercise** on Saturday, September 17 from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm in the Lourdes Hall. This teaching tool is a way to build awareness and understanding of the shared history between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples in Canada. This event is fully sponsored by the Diocese in hopes that as many people will experience this valuable workshop. This is an excellent opportunity as we focus on healing and reconciliation with our local First Nations. Hospitality will be provided by Development and Peace.

Pre-registration is required and all COVID protocols will be followed. Please register by emailing victoriaareadp@gmail.com or calling the parish office at 250-592-7391

For more information visit:

<https://www.kairosCanada.org/what-we-do/indigenous-rights/blanket-exercise>