



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 18, 2021
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Distinguishing between leaders and followers is a little harder than might be expected. At first glance, we are tempted to point out that the leader is the person *out in front*. Fair enough. But who or what is he or she following? What motivates a leader to take a particular direction in the first place? Not all followers are leaders, that is for certain. But all leaders *are* followers of something, if only self-interest. Some who lead have role models or heroes that have inspired the course they are taking. Some pursue an ideal (prosperity), a cause (world peace), or a dream (racial harmony). Some leaders may be running from a perceived danger—even then, fear or the urge for self-preservation guides them. Others are led purely by their ego, which compels them to pipe a song that lures others forward. Anyone who was not born yesterday knows that not all leaders are good or trustworthy. Even well-meaning folks will lead us blithely down the path paved with good intentions, a road we know all too well leads straight to ruin. Scripture today defines leadership for us.

In many areas of life there is a crisis of authority. The simple fact of holding a leadership position no longer ensures loyalty and unquestioning obedience today. What makes a leader? The ideal leader is one who can win respect and generate trust, one with a clear sense of responsibility, who can get things done while respecting people's dignity and feelings. Shepherds, in today's readings, are people of integrity who care for others (Jeremiah); people who help us follow the right path (Psalm) and show compassion toward others in their weakness (Gospel). Shepherding is the issue in Scripture this week in Jeremiah and in Mark. Do it badly (as the custodians of the nation and the religion did in Jeremiah's time) and a generation may be lost to exile. Shepherd compassionately (as Jesus does) and a world might be saved. God's recipe for good leadership of God's people is straightforward enough: wisdom, justice, caring for people, overcoming division, and bringing peace.

We might be persuaded toward cynicism about leadership altogether, if it were not for prophets like Jeremiah, who could not be bought off, no matter how bad things got. What scripture teaches us, then, are more the lessons of followership: how to discern who the true leaders are and what the criteria is for casting our lot behind them. No one said the path of Christian discipleship was going to be a bed of roses—but it is indeed the way of love. "The temptation is to follow a Christ without a cross," Pope Francis said—that is, to succumb to an easy albeit empty life that the world offers. Instead, "If we live our lives for the Lord, set on fire with love, then our lives will be fruitful and we will have genuine joy," said Francis. What is more, there's food for the journey, he reminds—we rediscover the mystery of Christ's cross every time we participate in the Eucharist. Eyes always on Jesus!

See you in September!
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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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.

LIVESTREAM MASSES

Live Mass broadcast this Saturday! Mass is livestreamed from *Holy Cross Parish* at 4pm: Click the link here: <http://www.youtube.com/c/StPatricksHolyCrossChurch>

Please note: We will not be livestreaming Mass for the duration of the summer, while Fr. William is away on holidays. Livestreaming will resume on Saturday, September 4th. Thank you for your understanding. Just a reminder that the Bishop of Victoria will be livestreaming from the Cathedral every Sunday at 10am from the Diocesan link: www.rcdvictoria.org/diocese-of-victoria-live-stream

NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR

In a time of diminishing pastoral challenges Bishop Gary has mandated lay leadership to assume roles in ministry. I am grateful that leaders from both parishes have stepped up.

As mentioned at my masses, lay leaders will lead a liturgy of the word with communion services Tuesday to Friday at both parishes while I am away. Please support them in this initiative.

Side note from Admin Assistant: Office hours during Fr. William's absence will be 9am-12pm Tuesday to Friday and the Church will be locked after 9am Mass is over. Thank you.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS NEEDED

Now that we are back at Mass without numbers restrictions, we are working on updating our Liturgical Ministry Schedule for October 2021. An interim schedule for the rest of July to the end of September was distributed this week. Over the past year, we have lost a number of loyal and dedicated volunteers in our Liturgical Ministries. 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/Commentator, Usher, Gift Bearer. 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 service in this amazing ministry. Please note: there is a specific need for Sacristans at this time. If you are interested in learning more about this role, please contact the office. Your ministry is important, we are so grateful for those that have come forward already.

JOB OPPORTUNITY: Full Time Custodian – St. Andrew's Cathedral

St. Andrew's Cathedral is looking to hire a full-time Custodian (Monday – Friday) who will be responsible for all custodial duties and performs semi-skilled minor maintenance, security and other miscellaneous duties in order to ensure that the Cathedral and Parish Centre complex are maintained in a healthy and safe manner. For a detailed job description, please contact Rita Fichtner, Office Manager at 250-388-5571 or by email: saintandrewsoffice@gmail.com

SCAM ALERT

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. 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!

PRAYER REFLECTION

This is what it means to really take pity on the poor, and on those who have no one to guide them: to open the way of truth to them by teaching, to heal their physical infirmities, and to make them want to praise the divine generosity by feeding them when they are hungry.

—Venerable Bede

We are called to solitude where we can struggle against our anger and greed and let our new self be born in the loving encounter with Jesus Christ. It is in this solitude that we become compassionate people, deeply aware of our solidarity in brokenness with all humanity and ready to reach out to anyone in need.

—Henri Nouwen

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 post has just been added to the Diocesan website about Bishop Gary’s response to the disclosure of more than 160 unmarked graves on the site of the former Kuper Island Indian Residential School:

<https://www.rcdvictoria.org/special-announcements/statement-in-response-to-penelakut-island-graves>

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly: Sunday, July 25th will be the first World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. Pope Francis announced the institution of this new World Day in January, scheduling it to take place each year on the fourth Sunday in July, close to the feast of Saints Joachim and Anne (<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2021-01/pope-establishes-world-day-for-grandparents-and-the-elderly.html>).

Included in the bulletin (page 4) is a beautiful Prayer for the First World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly.



RECONCILIATION CORNER

Before reconciliation and healing can occur, we need to know the truth. The CBC has asked David A. Robertson (a Cree author based in Winnipeg) to curate **a list of 48 books for readers of all ages, to help us understand the residential school experience.** Buy



these books for yourself, and for family and friends. Books you’ve read can then be donated to the circulating book exchange, which will be set up at Holy Cross. More about this exchange in a future bulletin.

OUR LITURGICAL LIFE:

SATURDAY, July 17th

4om Mass: Bill McNutt +

SUNDAY, July 18th

9am Mass: Tony Hann +

MONDAY, July 19th

Office Closed/No Mass

TUESDAY, July 20th

9am Mass: Clive Loader +

WEDNESDAY, July 21st

9am Mass: Les McAdams +

THURSDAY, July 22nd

9am Mass: John Fleck +

FRIDAY, July 23rd

9am Mass: Les McAdams +

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 11, 2021

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS:

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| Envelopes | \$ 3,845.00 |
| Loose | \$ 325.00 |
| Pre-Authorized Debit | \$ 1,677.00 |
| TOTAL | \$ 5,847.00 |



PRAYER FOR THE FIRST WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

I thank You, Lord,
for the comfort of Your presence:
even in times of loneliness,
You are my hope and my confidence,
You have been my rock and my fortress since my youth!
I thank You for having given me a family
and for having blessed me with a long life.
I thank You for moments of joy and difficulty,
for the dreams that have already come true in my life and for
those that are still ahead of me.
I thank You for this time of renewed fruitfulness to which You
call me.
Increase, O Lord, my faith,
make me a channel of your peace,
teach me to embrace those who suffer more than me,
to never stop dreaming
and to tell of your wonders to new generations.
Protect and guide Pope Francis and the Church,
that the light of the Gospel might reach the ends of the earth.
Send Your Spirit, O Lord, to renew the world,
that the storm of the pandemic might be calmed,
the poor consoled and wars ended.
Sustain me in weakness
and help me to live life to the full
in each moment that You give me,
in the certainty that you are with me every day,
even until the end of the age.
Amen.

