

Holy Cross Catholic Parish

Mission Statement: Twinning with St. Patrick's Parish

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 19, 2020 Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Last week we had the wonderful story of the farmer who goes to sow seeds in the garden. This week, Jesus continues with another parable about seeds but with a different twist. The twist is that Jesus says good exists amid the evil and we better learn to live with that creative tension. The readings this week invite us to be tolerant and to trust that God will reap a plentiful harvest even among the weeds.

What this parable tries to address is how, as believers, we cope with what we recognize as evil in our world. We love to put the axe to it. In our intolerance, we have instant solutions and drastic remedies for real or supposed evil. Jesus says to you, to me, be careful! In our haste to root out evil Jesus cautions us: you might root out the good in the process of your righteousness. All of life is a paradox between good and evil, live the tension, messiness exists, and you and I know that all too well.

Today's Gospel touches on deep areas in the lives of all of us. The parable is saying that people who are filled with the vision and values of God and Jesus must learn to live side by side with a whole spectrum of people who, in varying degrees, do not yet share or live this vision and these values. This applies to differences between Christians and non-Christians but also within Christian communities themselves. We are -- and always will be -- a broken people, prone to sin and failure. To pretend that we are anything else is a lie. In planting our garden of discipleship, we need to remember three things.

It is going to be, overall, a messy business in which the good and bad, the strong and the weak, the clean and the corrupt will rub shoulder to shoulder both inside the Church and its communities and outside it. 2. No matter how small the beginnings, if we are faithful to the spirit and values of the Kingdom, we can be sure that apparently difficult obstacles, threats and even dangers can be overcome. Good will triumph over evil and that is God's promise to us. 3. A Kingdom-community, even though exceedingly small, can exert a real influence on the growth of the environment of which it is fully a part and be instrumental in spreading Kingdom values as the accepted values.

God humanizes the world by attracting the consciences of God's children to a more worthy life, one that is more just and fraternal. We need to trust in Jesus. God's Reign is always something humble and small in its beginnings, but God is still working among us, promoting solidarity, the desire for truth and for justice, the yearning for a happier world. We need to collaborate with God by following Jesus. As I head to Champneys's West for my holiday be assured of my prayers. Stay safe and pray for me as I head East.

On Good Soil,
Father William

OFFICE HOURS

Saturday, Sunday, Monday: Closed
Tuesday/Wednesday: 9am—2:30pm
Thursday/Friday: 9am—2:00pm

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HOSPITAL EMERGENCY CALLS

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

OUR VIRTUAL COMMUNITY

Father William has created a **YouTube** page and a **Facebook** page for the combined St. Patrick's and Holy Cross families! Please visit the Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/StPatsHolyCross/>
Like and follow the page and please do send photos of the church for posting!

Live Mass broadcast this Saturday (Last one until September)! Mass will be broadcast from **Holy Cross Parish on Saturday, July 18th at 4pm on the YouTube page.**

Click the link here: <http://www.youtube.com/c/StPatricksHolyCrossChurch>

Please note that while Fr. William is on holiday from July 20th—August 31st, we will NOT be live streaming mass from Holy Cross or St. Patrick's Parish. However, live stream from the Cathedral with Bishop Gary Gordon will remain available over the summer: www.rcdvictoria.org/diocese-of-victoria-live-stream.

Alternatively, the Cathedral also streams its **Saturday 4pm mass** which you can view through this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KoSoHGtFkS8&feature=youtu.be>

SCAM ALERT

Please note that a fraudulent scam has circulated globally over the course of several months regarding a letter of “endorsement” from Bishop Gordon which “confirms and encourages collaboration” with the Congregational Leader (Sr. Mary Beth McCurdy) of the Sisters of Charity of the Immaculate Conception (SCIS), located in Saint John, NB. Several fake versions of the correspondence have appeared alleging that the SCIS wish to donate funds and thereby require banking information. Apparently the emails (and letters) have also been translated into other languages and there have been follow-up telephone calls, resulting in valuable banking information being shared and serious financial loss to vulnerable Catholic organizations/congregations in dire need.

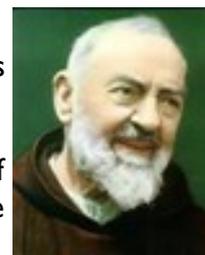
This scam serves as a sad reminder that churches and charities are often the victims of fraud. All donations for legitimate parish and diocesan activities are made through traditional verifiable methods and to the charitable organization, not individuals. Please do not share personal banking information with anyone or any organization without verifying the authenticity, appropriateness and validity of the request, or call the Diocesan Finance Office 250-479-1331. If you have been the victim of a financial scam, you are encouraged to make a report to the police.

The scam using email and text messages from Fr. William has also reared its ugly head again. If you get a text message or an email from “Fr. William” asking for 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.

LIBRARY CORNER

Padre Pio (1887-1968), an Italian friar, priest, stigmatist and mystic and loved for his prayer “Stay with me Lord” --- <https://padrepiodevotions.org/prayers-of-padre-pio/>

And if you have not seen it, try this truly imaginative musical bicycle ride on the score of Beethoven's Fifth Symphony. Beethoven may not have “been amused”, but It would make Padre Pio smile. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vcBn04lyELc>



PRAYER REFLECTION

Those therefore who wish to . . . inherit the everlasting kingdom of God must not be weeds but wheat. They must avoid saying or doing anything useless, and practice the opposite virtues, thus bringing forth the fruits of repentance.

—Gregory Palamas

Holy Spirit, spirit of truth, you are the reward of the saints, the comforter of souls, light in the darkness, riches to the poor . . . food for the hungry, comfort to those who are wandering; to sum up you are the one in whom all treasures are contained.

—Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi

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

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MERLIN'S MUSINGS: Merlin has just sent in his latest musing. Please click here to access his video: <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/diocesan-blog/merlinsmusings17>

Note: During the summer months the Diocesan Pastoral Centre will be closed on Fridays. Please see their website for current opening hours: <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/>

JOB OPPORTUNITY

Island Catholic Schools is accepting applications for full-time, part-time and on-call Educational Assistants for schools in Victoria. Application forms and details are posted at:

<http://cisdv.bc.ca/employment-opportunities.php>

THANK YOU

Thank you to David Begg, who is not only our Finance Chair, but also, a volunteer who does so many other things for the Holy Cross community. From fixing lawn mowers, to waiting on hold with Shaw for hours on end just to get us the very best rate, to coming in afterhours to sign cheques, there are so many things that would not happen if it weren't for Dave's hard work and dedication.

We especially thank you David for all you do! !!!!

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



OUR LITURGICAL LIFE:

SATURDAY, July 18th

2:30-3:15pm Reconciliation

4:00pm Mass: **Tim Marshall +**

SUNDAY, July 19th

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

MONDAY, July 20th

Office Closed/No Mass

TUESDAY, July 21st

9:00 am Mass: **David Lynch +**

WEDNESDAY, July 22nd

9:00am Mass: **Mary Gill (int)**

THURSDAY, July 23rd

9:00am Mass: **Jack Lai +**

FRIDAY, July 24th

9:00 am Mass : **Armido Cazzola +**

At Holy Cross Parish you must now register for which day of the week you would like to attend Mass. You can register by emailing Joanie Bidlake at:

officeassistant@holycrossvictoria.org

Our Mass schedule remains the same for now:

Tuesday –Friday: 9am Mass

Saturday: 4pm Mass (full)

Sunday: 9am Mass (full)

**please note that if these Masses are inconvenient for you, you may select a Mass time from St. Patrick's Parish Mass schedule. To do this please call Deborah Mackay at St. Pat's at: 250-592-7391*

The church will remain open for private prayer next week from 9:30am (after morning Mass) to 11:00am Tuesday to Friday only.



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

COLLECTION for July 12, 2020

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS:

Envelopes	\$ 1, 550.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$ 1, 452.00
TOTAL	\$ 3, 812.00