



# 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 1, 2018

Thirteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

## Reflections from the Gospel Gals

What a moving image we are to contemplate in today's Gospel. Jairus falls at Jesus' feet and *begs him repeatedly* to come and lay his hands on his daughter who is at the point of death. Jesus goes, but upon arriving is told that the young girl has died. Jesus' response - "Do not fear, only believe." In the midst of a cynical crowd Jesus leads the child's father and mother to where the child is, takes her by the hand and heals her.

We are also immersed in the scene of the actions of the woman with the haemorrhage. She believed with all her heart that *if she could only touch Jesus' cloak* she would be made well. And so she was. But Jesus was aware of the power gone from him and asked who amongst the crowd had touched him. The woman, in fear and trembling, approached in truth to confess that it was she. Why fear? She was 'unclean' and should not have been touching anyone, as they would then be considered ritually unclean. She, herself, for twelve long years had been seeking a cure, and during that time would have been ostracized from her community.

Did Jesus care about the cynicism of the crowds or the 'inappropriate' action of the woman? Not at all! In both instances, he encourages and heals. To Jairus he says "do not fear, only believe." And to the woman, "...your faith has made you well; go in peace."

The desperation of both Jairus and the woman is palpable. Each of us has experienced situations where we have approached Jesus in our own desperation. Maybe we've begged, bargained, pleaded or cried out for help. Maybe we've wished for the healing touch of Jesus *here and now*.

Jesus is present here and now in the Spirit dwelling within each of us. When we take the time to be present to the other, to acknowledge the Spirit within the other, to respond with encouragement, with mercy, with kindness - Jesus is present. We are his only hands on this earth. The impact of 'taking the time' provides Grace for both the one and the other.

Jesus' amazing touch is also available to us through the Sacraments, Jesus' gifts provided to sustain us. Fr. Roger J. Landry in his writing on this week's Gospel asks whether we humbly reach out to touch Jesus with the faith of Jairus and the woman, or are we like the crowd, just 'bumping into Jesus', not receiving his healing and transformative power. This is an important question and one that should give us pause for reflection. Whether we are partaking in the Eucharist (**the** opportunity to reach out and touch Jesus) or receiving healing in Reconciliation or the Anointing of the Sick, if we approach with humble Faith participating with our whole heart, we will obtain the immeasurable Grace that Jesus wants for each of us just as he gave it to Jairus and the woman.

We can be Jesus to others through the gift of the Holy Spirit *and* we have the opportunity to really encounter Jesus through the gifts that are the Sacraments. This is the healing of Jesus here and now.

*Lord, help me to reach out to you with courage and with my entire being, in my need and for the needs of others.*

Blessings on your week,  
Sheila Wall

## OFFICE HOURS

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

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**PASTORAL CARE VISITS WHILE IN HOSPITAL**

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. Ian Stuart** to make this request.

**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.

**DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE**

Did you know that in 2001, Development and Peace—Caritas Canada became the official Canadian member of Caritas Internationalis, a confederation of 165 Catholic aid organizations working in more than 200 countries and territories throughout the world. Wear a white bracelet on your wrist on July 1st as a sign of support for global action against poverty. To learn more about the work of Development and Peace—Caritas Canada, to become a member or to make a donation, visit [devp.org/en/get-involved](http://devp.org/en/get-involved)  
Join us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram @Devpeace | [devp.org](http://devp.org) | 1-888-234-8533 | [info@devp.org](mailto:info@devp.org)

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

Our newest St Vincent de Paul project is providing tuition to a young woman in Zambia that has already been accepted into a nursing program.

Please keep her in mind when contributing to the green envelopes.

*Thank you for your continuing support!*

**SVDP Holy Cross**

**IN THE LIBRARY**

**Maps help:** *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?*  
**Maps help tell the story**

**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



### **PRAYER REFLECTION**

Real generosity toward the future lies in giving all to the present.  
—Albert Camus

Let us . . . have our eyes fixed on the image of God so that we may be formed anew in God's likeness. . . . By looking back at the image of God, in whose likeness humanity was created, we will receive back from the power of God's Word the form we had by nature.  
—Origen

### **AROUND THE PARISH AND DIOCESE**

More information and details on bulletin board or parish office

- **HOST FAMILY NEEDED:** Host Family Needed for Mexican Student at St. Andrew's Regional High School: SARHS International Student Program is seeking an English speaking family to host a Grade 8 boy from Mexico starting at St. Andrew's in September 2018. Remuneration \$975 per month. For more information, please contact our Host Family Coordinator: Hilary Parker ASAP. E-mail: [hparker@cisdv.bc.ca](mailto:hparker@cisdv.bc.ca) Tel: 250-886-5596
- **JOB OPPORTUNITY:** The Sisters of St. Ann's are looking for an Executive Director. A newly established position, the Executive Director (ED) is responsible for all aspects of the administration of the corporation of the Sisters of Saint Ann, including oversight of the Health Care Team which addresses the well-being of the Sisters. For a position description and qualifications please contact [administration@ssabc.ca](mailto:administration@ssabc.ca). To apply, send a cover letter and resumé by email to Tony Heemskerck: [searchcommittee@ssabc.ca](mailto:searchcommittee@ssabc.ca) no later than August 15, 2018.
- **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 6<sup>th</sup> 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-diocesan-family-conference-august-2018-tickets-44556665185?aff=es2>. For info email Reine at: [familycamp@redvictoria.org](mailto:familycamp@redvictoria.org) or visit [www.rcdvictoria.org](http://www.rcdvictoria.org)
- **ST. PAT'S VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:** July 9th-13th St. Patrick's Church, Victoria, will be hosting a Cat. Chat VBS: **A Radical Ride on the Wings of Prayer.** It will take place from **8:30am-12pm** at the Parish Centre. The camp is for kids ages 4-11, \$50/child, \$100/family. For further details and to register visit the Parish Office or contact Anastasia [pearse.anastasia@gmail.com](mailto:pearse.anastasia@gmail.com)

Our condolences to Angeline Joss and her family. Sid passed away earlier this week. His funeral service will be held on **Saturday July 28th** at 2pm. Our prayers are with the family at this time of grief.

### **OUR LITURGICAL LIFE:**

#### **SUNDAY, July 1st**

8:30 am Mass: **Brian Wall +**  
10:30 am Mass: **Char Deslippe +**

#### **MONDAY, July 2nd**

No Mass

#### **TUESDAY, July 3rd**

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

#### **WEDNESDAY, July 4th**

9:00 am Mass: **Brenda Marie Layton-Wolf +**

#### **THURSDAY, July 5th**

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

#### **FRIDAY, July 6th**

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

#### **SATURDAY, July 7th**

3:45—4:30 Reconciliation  
5:00pm Mass: **Siri Gunasinghe +**

#### **SUNDAY, July 8th**

8:30 am Mass: **Brian Wall +**  
10:30 am Mass: **Angela Faris +**



### **THANK YOU CORNER!**

Thank you to Trudy and Brendan Holden for all of their hard work in decluttering our kitchen and giving us the new shelves in the storage area.

## **CONTACTS**

### **Administrator: Fr. Karam Alraban**

250-477-5321 rev.karam@gmail.com

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### **Hospital Chaplain: Fr. Ian Stuart**

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### **Pastoral Assistant: Anna Mendonca**

250-477-5321 pastoralassistant@holycrossvictoria.org

### **Administrative Assistant: Valentina Boyd**

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### **Parish Council: Esther Sangster-Gormley**

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### **University Chaplain: Fr. Dean Henderson**

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## **HOLY CROSS MINISTRIES**

<b>MINISTRY</b>	<b>COORDINATOR</b>	<b>PHONE</b>
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 June 24, 2018**

### **WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS:**

<b>Envelopes</b>	\$ 2,100.00
<b>Loose</b>	\$ 490.00
<b>Pre-Authorized Debit</b>	\$ 1,107.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 3,697.00</b>

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