

Holy Cross Catholic Parish

Core Beliefs & Values

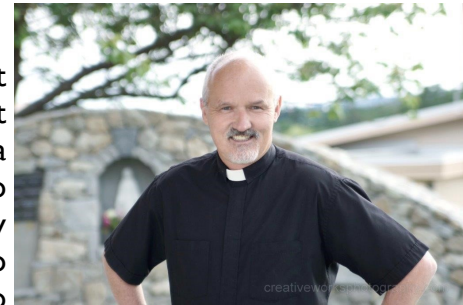
The people of Holy Cross Parish believe it is important:
to *welcome* all who come through its doors.
to *socially engage* the people of the parish.
to *serve* the parish and broader community, through *support* and *outreach*.

SUNDAY July 23rd, 2017 The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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From Fr. William's Desk

Today's parable of the sower invites us not to discount the fact that a gracious God is also part of our world scene, and not as a threatening, a punishing, or a destructive God, but as a God who is generous to the point of being prodigal in the way he brings forth new life in our world. God is too much for us--too generous, too imaginative, and too down to earth ... too close. Like the seed bursting open, God will change us--if we allow it. We long to be changed, and we fear it. This parable is of great comfort to us--all of us to whom the gospel has been entrusted. The seed of God is potent and sometimes the harvest is rich. What takes root in our lives bears fruit and can yield even a hundredfold. That's great news and, as someone said, "it's like a refreshing shower" that brings our drooping spirits back to life.



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What this parable summons us to is to have faith in God who will not stand for it that our world, or our personal life stories will go to pieces. God sows and sows. Cost efficiency is not part of God's marketing strategy. He is unrelenting and lavish in sowing seed that will produce their crop. Truly, it is a mixture of stubbornness and tenderness that marks God's dealings with us. It is amazing when we wake up to God's lavish love for us and become new men and women. When we experience his love and somehow all or today's and tomorrows come into a new focus and we see anew.

In it all, God summons us not to rely so much on our own strength, as if our salvation and that of the world depend on us; rather he wants to make us see that he himself has a stake in what happens to the world and to our own life stories. Standing in the world with that perspective and with a God-anchored hope prevents us from becoming uptight about where our life stories and the direction of our world is going. It does not make us irresponsible or careless; on the contrary, it gives us much ground for a caring responsibility for ourselves, for others, and for the world around us. Then we see that we move and live in a world which is not just our narrow space, but it is even more God's space, a space in which a gracious God slugs it out with us and shows us the way. And the path that God shows is, in spite of everything, is a path that leads to life. Where in your life do you see signs of growth flowing from my faith? How do I handle the "weeds" in my own life ?

OFFICE HOURS

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

MASS TIMES

SATURDAY	5:00pm
SUNDAY	8:30am 10:30am
MONDAY	9:00am
TUESDAY	9:00am
WEDNESDAY	9:00am
THURSDAY	9:00am
FRIDAY	9:00am

Mercy Chapel: Tues—Fri during office hours

On Good Soil continues

Father William

PASTORAL CARE VISITS WHILE IN HOSPITAL

We remind the faithful that privacy legislation in BC prevents the release of information regarding hospital admissions. 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.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

Today's reading is a reminder that God cares for all of us, and that his "strength is the basis for [his] saving justice". Development and Peace has continued to fight for mining justice throughout the world, despite the continual silence of both Canadian and International governments. Many of our members and supporters took action during the Month for Mining justice in May by meeting with MPs and sending letters to the Federal government asking for the creation of an ombudsperson to handle grievances of people affected by Canadian mining companies. For more information, visit www.devp.org and search "ombudsperson".

WISH TO BECOME A CATHOLIC?

Also suitable for adult Catholics seeking Confirmation Are you searching for a Church to call your own? Are you interested in finding out more about the Catholic faith? The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a process that begins to explore these and other faith issues for those who may be considering following the Catholic Christian way of life. If interested, please contact the parish office at 250- 477 5321 or contact Phil or Shelia Wall by email at walls_in_holland@hotmail.com or email Father William fatherwilliam@shaw.ca

DONATE YOUR 'TREASURE'

Just a reminder that Holy Cross offers the following options for your financial contributions to the parish:

- pre-numbered collection envelopes
- pre-authorized debit (automatically out of your bank account on a monthly basis)
- gifts of publicly traded securities and mutual fund

Please contact the office if you want more information on any of these. Thank you.

FATHER LEO ROBERTS SCHOLARSHIP

Congratulations to Jade Anderson the first recipient of the Father Leo Roberts Scholarship in the amount of \$2000.00 Upon interviewing the remaining candidates, Leah Henderson and Benedict Beattie, the donors were impressed and awarded each of them a \$500.00 scholarship.

HOLY CROSS PARISH BBQ

We are celebrating Canada Day with a Parish BBQ on **August 6th** at 5pm. There are sign up sheets in the foyer. Come wearing your white and red. The parish will provide the barbeque but if you are able to contribute either a salad or dessert it would be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions please call Anna at the office at 250-477-5321 or by email: pastoralassistant@holycrossvictoria.org

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 (1296-1359)

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 (1566-1607)

The gospel of Jesus is . . . the Kingdom himself.

—Origen (185-254)

AROUND THE PARISH AND DIOCESE

More information and details on bulletin board or parish office

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT FOODBANK

- The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul has need of volunteers at its emergency food location, 828 View St. Duties include bagging dried goods, sorting and bagging fresh produce and bread. Shifts are 8:30 – 11:00, Monday to Friday. Regular and on call volunteers welcome. Contact Margaret Walters at mwalters@svdpvictoria.com or 250-208-2555

5th ANNUAL DIOCESAN FAMILY CONFERENCE:

Featuring guest speakers Josh and Denise Grimard from Telegraph Creek, BC and Ryan Mitchell from Face 2 Face Ministries for teens. **This Aug 24-27th**, plan to join families from all across the island to relax and play and grow closer to God and your family all in one weekend! This year there is the option of coming a day early to make it a 4 day event! Situated on the shores of Nanoose Bay, this is a weekend designed for relaxing and recharging. All meals and activities including faith formation for the kids are included in one reasonable price. Stay in comfortable cabins or bring your own RV or tent. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to renew your faith and friendships, make new ones and lasting memories with your family. Register at rcdvictoria.org.

FEAST OF ST. CLARE

- Perlita Pamaran invites you to join her on a trip to Duncan to celebrate the Feast of St. Clare on Saturday, August 12, 2017. One bus will leave from St. Patrick's Parish. This is on a first come first serve basis. For information please contact Perlita @ 250-294-3175 or email pamaranperlita@gmail.com

OUR LITURGICAL LIFE:

SUNDAY, July 23rd

8:30 am Mass: **Angela Murphy+**
10:30 am Mass: **Michael Leland +**
10:30 am Baptism of Grayson
McIntosh

MONDAY, July 24th

9:00 am Mass: **Matt Mooney +**

TUESDAY, July 25th

9:00 am Mass: **Ivor Williams +**

WEDNESDAY, July 26th

9:00 am Mass: **Pamela Spooner +**

THURSDAY, July 27th

9:00 am Mass: **Gertrude Onhasey +**
6:30 pm Rosary Group

FRIDAY, July 28th

9:00 am Mass: **Frances Gormley +**

SATURDAY, July 29th

3:45—4:30 Sacrament of
Reconciliation
5:00 pm Mass: **Ray McNally +**

SUNDAY, July 30th

8:30 am Mass: **Ivor Williams +**
10:30 am Mass: **Michael Leland +**

THANK YOU CORNER!

Did you notice Marian's spectacular flower arrangement last weekend? Ann, you and your floral team are remarkable in your stunning creations. Thank you for enriching our Liturgy.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR IAN STEWART

A celebration of life will be held for Ian Stewart on Monday, July 31st at 2pm at the University Club of Victoria.

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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	Alan Bailey	250-721-5339

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.	Cynthia Watson	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 16, 2017

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS:

Envelopes	\$ 2, 255.00
Loose	\$ 380.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$ 962.00
TOTAL	\$ 3, 597.00

Children's Liturgy of the Word	Bobbi Bartle-Clar	250-995-1891
Catholicism	Jona De Jesus	250-858-5924
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	778-265-2134
RCIC	Dan Taft Jr.	250-721-0821
Ecumenism	Terry Marner	250-380-0157
Social & Eco. Justice	Yvonne Hsieh	250-385-8322
Anawim	Alan Bailey	250-721-5339
Christmas Project	Coordinated by the Parish Office	
D&P/Share Lent	Sheila Wall	778-265-2134
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 Outreach	John Oleson	250-477-6455