

# Holy Cross Catholic Parish

Twining with St. Patrick's Parish

**SUNDAY - July 24th 2022**  
**Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

“Ask and you will receive.” It makes prayer sound so simple: All you have to do is ask, and almost like magic you will get it. My heart knows that God is not a vending machine of favors granted. Jesus' words refer not so much to what you pray for but the confidence and persistence with which you pray. With that spirit of prayer, anything is possible. So, does God always answer prayer? It is a fair question. When we are facing a difficult operation, or a worrying procedure; when a family member is undergoing tests or treatment; when there are disputes at work, and someone is being bullied or treated unfairly: we might wonder. Sometimes it seems that the greedy do best, that dishonesty pays, which the good suffer. Is it true that God hears and answers all our prayers? There is of course a simple response to this puzzling question: that God's answers are not our answers that his will is not our will: “Your will, not mine be done” said Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane. And his answer may be *Yes - of course*. It may be *No - this is not my will for you*. It may be *Not Yet - be patient*.

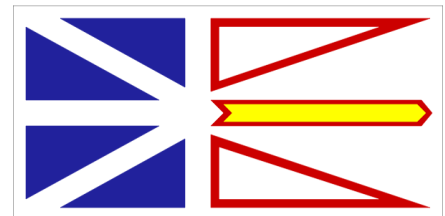
Rather than ask - does God answer prayers, we should ask, why do people pray in the first place? You see, if you think God is not there - or if he is he cannot help it - you really have to explain why so many people still pray. If prayers do not get answered, then why do so many people still pray? And why do those who suffer most pray most - and those whose life is most comfortable, pray least? Our yearning to pray comes not so much from our desire for this and that, the shopping list of prayers or petitions, but because we want to bring our whole life to him, our joys and our anxieties, or wishes for ourselves and our cares for others. It is because we do not feel whole that we come to him for wholeness.

When we pray, we are praying with Jesus on the cross. We are joined with his suffering and his saving. And being in communion with him gives us a deeper satisfaction than the answering of any individual petition. His love is strength, comfort, and courage. His sacrifice is our hope and our salvation. In this life and the next. That is what we really are asking for, that is what we truly seek: and he opens the door for us. Prayer is powerfully significant in the life of every saint and so it is no wonder they all had advice on the subject. Technique, however, was not high on their list of values. John Climacus insisted it is not necessary to wrack your brains for words; God listens to the monotonous stammering of children as well as anyone. When it comes to the ask, we do not need to know all the details, all we need say is "Thy will be done." Once we put God in control, we will want for nothing, and our heart's desires will be fulfilled. See you at our picnic, and early the next day I am off for my sojourn to the rock and my happy place my Storeloft home in Champney's West. This is World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly! Reach out to them today!

See you in September.

With deep joy,

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 *St. Patrick's Parish on Saturday at 6pm*. Click the link here: <http://www.youtube.com/c/StPatricksHolyCrossChurch>

**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](mailto: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>

**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**

**AFRICAN AIDS ANGELS - BLING NEEDED!**

Do you have any old costume jewelry you don't need anymore? Fake pearls? Old earrings? Declutter your jewelry box and help charity organizations in Africa while you do it! We have a group of volunteers who hand make angels that are sold at Christmas time to raise funds for various charities in Africa. They use bits and pieces from old jewelry to decorate the angels. Old ribbon pieces make excellent Angel wings. If you have anything to donate please drop them off at the office during office hours or in the box provided in the Church foyer. Thank you!

**CISVD JOB OPPORTUNITY****WE'RE HIRING!**

**Queen of Angels K-9 School is seeking an energetic teacher to join their amazing team!** Q of A is a Christ-centered school that seeks to nurture the whole child through the development of faith, family, and community. Queen of Angels is a welcoming community where the emphasis is placed on developing the whole child. Students are guided by Catholic tradition, encouraged to produce their best possible work and are urged to participate in sports and other extra-curricular activities.

Our school is nestled in the beautiful Cowichan Valley, in Duncan, BC.

**JOB DESCRIPTION**

Grade 9 Classroom Teacher - One-year Temporary Contract

Start Date: September 1, 2022

Questions regarding this job posting may be directed to Kathy Korman, Principal, at [kkorman@cisdv.bc.ca](mailto:kkorman@cisdv.bc.ca)

If **YOU** are interested in this position, please visit:

<https://cisdv.bc.ca/employment-opportunities/>

**Please help spread the word! Share this ad with your friends, acquaintances and even post it to your Facebook page!**

**PRAYER REFLECTION**

We have forgotten how to pray. We have forgotten that there must be a time when we are silent so that we can hear what God wants to say to us.

—Catherine de Hueck Doherty

Forgiveness is the name of love practiced among people who love poorly. The hard truth is that all people love poorly. We need to forgive and be forgiven every day, every hour increasingly.

—Henri J. M. Nouwen

The Lord's Prayer is truly the summary of the whole gospel.

—Tertullian

**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>.

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A new article has just been posted on the Diocesan website about ways to participate in Pope Francis' historic visit to Canada. The text of the article is copied below, or you can find the article online at <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/indigenous/accompany-pope-francis-on-his-journey-of-healing-and-reconciliation>.

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This Sunday, July 24, marks the second annual World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly. As described in his official message, Pope Francis invites all dioceses and eparchies to celebrate this day together so that we ensure "no one lives this day in loneliness." The theme chosen by the Holy Father for the occasion is "In old age they will still bear fruit" (Ps 92:15).

The following resources are available online at :

[https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1xLgWLq1I2-7VHQJ6jtKk6qLemz\\_fvBQd?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1xLgWLq1I2-7VHQJ6jtKk6qLemz_fvBQd?usp=sharing)

- A message from His Holiness Pope Francis for the Day
- A prayer for the Day
- A catechesis on the meaning and value of old age by Pope Francis

**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](mailto:yhsieh@uvic.ca) to receive the zoom link.

**OUR LITURGICAL LIFE:**

**SATURDAY, July 23rd**

3-3:45pm: Confession

4pm Mass: Deceased members of the Mazza Family

**SUNDAY, July 24th**

9am Mass: Angela Aarts +

**MONDAY, July 25th**

Office Closed/No Mass

**TUESDAY, July 26th**

9am Mass: Maureen Mullin +

**WEDNESDAY, July 27th**

9am Mass: Maureen Tynan +

**THURSDAY, July 28th**

9am Mass: Maureen Mullin +

**FRIDAY, July 29th**

9am Mass: Maureen Tynan +

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*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 17, 2022**

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS:

Envelopes	\$ 4,515.00
Loose	\$ 325.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$ 1,677.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 6,517.00</b>



**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.

**Pastor: Fr. William Hann**

250-477-5321

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**Parish Council Chair:** Vacant

### **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.



## **PRAYER FOR THE SECOND WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY**

I give thanks to you, Lord,  
For the blessing of a long life  
For, to those who take refuge in You,  
Grant always to bear fruit.

Forgive, O Lord,  
Resignation and disillusionment,  
But forsake me not  
When my strength declines.

Teach me to look with hope  
To the future you give me,  
To the mission you entrust to me  
And to sing your praises without end.

Make me a tender craftsman  
Of Your revolution,  
To guard with love my grandchildren  
And all the little ones who seek shelter in You.

Protect, O Lord, Pope Francis  
And grant Thy Church  
To deliver the world from loneliness.  
Direct our steps in the way of peace.

Amen.

