



Holy Cross Catholic Parish

Twining with St. Patrick's Parish

SUNDAY - July 2nd, 2023
Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Cross is an invitation, a blessing, and a way of life. Christ invites us into a relationship with Him through the paradox of the Cross. His all-encompassing embrace of the Cross reveals the true nature of the Cross – one of blessing, mercy, compassion, hospitality, surrender, trust, and immense love. Christ asks us to take up our cross. He calls – we respond!

The Cross is a blessing. It reveals Christ's love and mercy for us. We know that by dying to self, we rise in hope and newness of life. The Cross renews and deepens our covenantal relationship. We bless ourselves with the sign of the cross. My mom would always bless us with the sign of the cross and a sprinkle of holy water as we went out the door to school, on trips, and later in life when we came to visit. In mom's later years, I would bless her with the sign of the cross and a sprinkle of holy water.

The Cross is a way of life. It is a commitment to live as priest, prophet, and king as we trust in Christ. Pope Francis says, "*Jesus our king looks at us from the cross. It is up to us to choose whether we will be onlookers or involved. Am I a spectator or do I want to be involved? We see the crises of the present time, the decline of faith, the lack of participation ... What are we to do? Are we content to theorize and criticize, or do we roll up our sleeves, take life in hand, and pass from the 'if' of excuses to the 'yes' of prayer and service?*"

The Shunammite woman lives the cross of compassion, hospitality, and faith. Her heart is open to God's invitation to share her gifts, to provide food and a resting place for Elisha. It becomes a blessing for Elisha who in turn blesses her *cross of barrenness* with a miracle of bearing a son.

Do we live the cross of praise? Do we *sing, proclaim, declare, shout, walk, exult, and extol* praises for our Lord? When we rely completely on Christ, the cross of praise flows forth abundantly. Christ fortifies us and blesses us with confidence, strength, and wisdom.

St. Paul speaks of the cross of surrender and hope, dying and rising, and receiving the gift of eternal life. It is the invitation to live with and in Christ. When we say YES to God, all of our relationships change. We see the Christ within and become aware of the blessings of discipleship. As *prophets*, we are called to proclaim Christ boldly; as *a righteous person*, we pursue God's justice and mercy, healing and restoration; and as *little ones*, we are called to be vulnerable and rely whole heartedly on God's power and presence.

When we take up our cross, our lives become a living prayer.

Have a blessed summer!

God's abundance, Mona



OFFICE HOURS

Saturday, Sunday, Monday: Closed

Tuesday/Wednesday: 9am—2:00pm

Thursday/Friday: 9am—2:30pm

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***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.***

Report Sexual Abuse

To report sexual abuse by a clergy member, religious, employee, or volunteer, visit [RCDVictoria.org/Responsible-Ministry](https://www.rcd-victoria.org/Responsible-Ministry) or call 1-800-968-3146

To report sexual abuse or cover-up by a Catholic Bishop, visit [BishopReportingSystem.ca](https://www.bishopreportingsystem.ca) or call 1-866-892-3737

LIVESTREAM MASSES

Live Mass broadcast this weekend! Mass is livestreamed this week from St. Patrick's Parish at 4pm Sunday. Click the link here: <http://www.youtube.com/c/StPatricksHolyCrossChurch>

Baptismal Prep Do you want to have your child welcomed into the family of God through baptism? To prepare you must complete a registration form and complete a Baptismal Preparation course. Please note that the next sessions to choose from for Baptismal Preparation are: Sat, July 8 (10:00 am – 12 noon), Sat, August 26 (10:00 am – 12 noon). Please email hcsbp baptismalprep@rcdvictoria.org with your name and contact information. Also, please indicate which course you would like to register. The coordinator will email you a registration form.

Outreach Ministry Requests for Visits

If you or a person you know would like a visit from an Outreach Ministry Volunteer to bring Holy Communion to someone at home who is unable to get to Mass; or - someone in long-term care, please contact the Office at 250-477-5321, or email: office@holycrossvictoria.org

St. Pat's/Holy Cross Picnic The twinned St. Patrick's/Holy Cross Parishes picnic will be held at Gyro Beach on Sunday, July 23rd from noon until 3pm. We hope to see you at this fun event! Bring your own lawn chair, sunhat and appetite!

**Show Us Your Face, Lord: Catholic Retreat with Fr. Mark Cherry**

Throughout Scripture, we see references to our longing to see the face of God. This longing is now fulfilled with the coming of Our Lord Jesus Christ. In September, Fr. Mark Cherry, a retreat and mission speaker from Halifax, will lead a retreat in Victoria with the theme "Show Us Your Face, Lord" to bring us closer to Him.

The retreat will take place **September 29 – 30 (Friday evening and Saturday)** at St. Joseph the Worker Parish (753 Burnside Road W) with three talks, adoration and benediction, worship, a healing service and Mass. Confession will also be available. Space is limited. Early bird registration is \$35 before Aug 31st and \$45 as of Sep 1st. Lunch is not included – bring a bag lunch. To register, please visit our website at www.tinyurl.com/showusyourface2023. For more information, email catholicretreat7@gmail.com or phone 250-383-7746.

The valuable and free **Pastoral Care Outreach Training series** will be offered online again this fall. Nine sessions will be held via Zoom on Saturday mornings from 9:30 – noon, starting on September 23 and running until November 25, 2023 (with no session on October 7 for Thanksgiving). Participants who attend all sessions will receive a Certificate of Completion. Participants will require a phone number and email address, a computer, tablet or smartphone with speakers, microphone and webcam, a reliable Internet connection and access to Zoom. Whether you are a member of your parish Pastoral Care Team, an Extraordinary Minister of Communion, a member of the Knights of Columbus, CWL or St. Vincent de Paul, clergy or religious, caring for a family member, or someone attending as a personal undertaking, this training program is important. It will show why those who visit the sick are unique and how they can offer more than a friendly visit – they can be the hands and face of Christ to others. Bishop Gary Gordon feels "it is important to have parishioners trained at the ready to provide a caring and compassionate experience to those who are most in need." Please register through your local parish by September 12. For further information, please email moiraking@shaw.ca

Holy Cross Pastoral Care Outreach Ministry – is looking for new volunteers. Do you feel called / able to offer a few hours of your time to visit those who are vulnerable and in need? We welcome new volunteers to this ministry of service. For more information, please contact **Mary-Anne Tinney, Coordinator, at: mtinney@shaw.ca** – or phone the Parish Office at: 250-477-5321. Outreach Ministry brochures are available in the foyer. Thank you.

Our condolences go out to the Beatty family on the loss of Anne on June 16th. The funeral for Anne Beatty will be held at 1pm on Tuesday, July 4th at Holy Cross Parish. The funeral will be livestreamed and may be viewed at the following link: <https://youtube.com/live/qfMusRCDLxA?feature=share>



Prayer Reflection

The cemetery is full of indispensable people.
—Winston Churchill

All guests who present themselves are to be welcomed as Christ, for he himself will say: "I was a stranger and you welcomed me."
—Rule of Benedict

Love him totally who gave himself totally for your love.
—Clare of Assisi

Self-sacrifice is the real miracle out of which all the reported miracles grow.
—Ralph Waldo Emerson

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 2, 2023 "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me." Accept the invitation that is being extended, an invitation by the one who sent him. If you feel you are being called to become a priest, deacon, sister or brother, contact Fr. David Hogman or Fr. Harrison Ayre, Directors of Vocations in the Diocese of Victoria.

Fr. David Hogman: dhogman@rcdvictoria.org

Fr. Harrison Ayre: hayre@rcdvictoria.org

OUR LITURGICAL LIFE

SATURDAY, July 1st

4PM Mass: Mazza Family+

SUNDAY, July 2nd

9AM Mass: Dr. John Calder+

MONDAY, July 3rd

NO MASS

TUESDAY, July 4th

1PM Funeral Mass: for Anne Beatty

WEDNESDAY, July 5th

NO MASS

THURSDAY, July 6th

9am Mass: Federico+ and Anita+

FRIDAY, July 7th

NO MASS

The Church will be open for private prayers this week from Tuesday to Friday, 9am—noon

Masks are no longer mandatory indoors. We do encourage those who feel more comfortable to wear them as needed. If you are feeling unwell please stay home.



If you have borrowed a **pyx** from the Parish, you are kindly requested to return it. Thank you!

2023 Father Leo Roberts Bursary Information

Eligibility requirements:

- Individual facing family difficulties / financial hardship.
- Strong academic marks with experience in church, community involvement and volunteer work.
- Full time student at Post Secondary institution/college, trade school.
- A practicing catholic involved in the Greater Victoria parish community. Preference given to Holy Cross and St Patrick's parishioners.

Scholarship: \$2000 per year. Scholarship will be renewed for up to three additional years based on financial hardship and need. **Essay:** Write a one-page essay (maximum 200 to 250 words) stating your career objectives, your accomplishments, your community and volunteer involvement. Tell us why you need financial assistance. ***New Deadline*:** Saturday, July 8, 2023

How to apply: email essay to Father William Hann at whann@rcdvictoria.org or send in mail to Father William Hann, Holy Cross Parish [4049 Gordon Head Rd. Vic., BC V8N 3X7](https://www.rcdvictoria.org)

COLLECTION for June 25th 2023

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS

Envelopes	\$ 2,380.00
Loose	\$ 472.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$1,370.00
Anawim for Men	\$ 15.00

TOTAL \$4,237.00

Thank You!

Thank you to so many of you who offered in a variety of ways to assist the Ukrainian family in urgent need of help.

As their situation overall was extremely challenging, and timeline short, they have decided to return to Ukraine.

Please remember them in your prayers.



News from the Chancery

1) The *Instrumentum Laboris* ("working tool") for the first session of the Universal Phase of the Synod has been released. This document is based on the material gathered during the previous phases of the Synod: it shares insights that have emerged in the synodal process so far, opens up questions, and invites further study. The *Instrumentum Laboris* is available from the official Synod website at <https://www.synod.va/en/synodal-process/the-universal-phase/documents.html>, and has also been added to our Diocesan Synod website at <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/synod> (under the "Universal Phase" tab).

2) The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishop's Office for Evangelization and Catechesis has released a new issue of its digital newsletter "Encounter". The newsletter has resources to support faith formation and to promote evangelization, including recordings from the "Call of the Catechist" webinar series, ready-to-use social media assets on the theme of evangelization, and announcements of upcoming webinar series on "The Way of Beauty: Encountering Jesus in Scripture and the Arts" and "The Four Constitutions of Vatican II". To read the newsletter and subscribe to future issues, please visit <https://mailchi.mp/cccb.ca/encounter-summer-2023-archive>.

3) The Diocese of Victoria is seeking a Chief Financial Officer. The CFO serves as the financial administrator of the Diocese and reports directly to the Bishop. This is an exceptional opportunity for an individual who wants to be part of the Diocese's senior management team and to oversee the stewardship of the organization's fiscal resources in support of the mission of the Diocese. The job posting may be viewed at <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/employment>. All applications must be received by June 30, 2023.

4) Please note that there are changes to the usual livestream schedule. These can be found at <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/events/dailymasslivestreamed> or <https://www.youtube.com/c/RCDVictoriaLiveOne/about>.

GVAT (Greater Victoria Acting Together), the social and climate justice alliance of which Holy Cross and St. Patrick's are member organizations, is **hiring a part-time Community Organizer**. See the job description at the [GVAT website](#) or [here](#). If you know anyone who might be interested, please let them know of this opportunity.

Pilgrimage to Mexico with Fr. Dean Henderson - February 23 - March 1, 2024

Fr. Dean Henderson will be leading a pilgrimage to Mexico in the new year. If you are interested in the details of this opportunity, please pick up an information sheet and registration form from the foyer.



Attention: all Holy Cross readers! The **Environmental Book Collection** currently displayed in the lobby **will be moved to St. Patrick's as of Sept. 1**. You have till the end of August to borrow and return books in this collection. Take advantage of this opportunity while there's still time!



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250-294-9615 (after hours)

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Office Assistant: Joanie Bidlake

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University Chaplain:

Position appointment pending

Parish Council Chair: Catherine Davis

Sacramental Preparation:

Simona Stramaccioni-Bailey

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Baptismal Preparation: Beverly Pulyk

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Mass Times

Holy Cross Parish - Saturday 4pm,
Sunday 9am, Weekday Masses Tuesday and Thursday,
9am.

St. Patrick's Parish - Sunday 11am and 4pm.
Weekday Masses Wednesday and Friday 12:10pm.

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.