

# Holy Cross Catholic Parish

## Our Vision

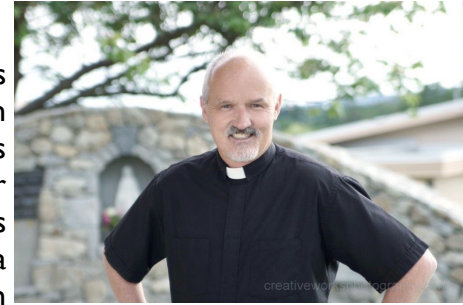
Holy Cross Parish strives to be a welcoming, dynamic, vibrant, and inclusive Catholic community that gathers in unity and reaches out to attend to the needs of others.

## SUNDAY July 30th, 2017

### The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## From Fr. William's Desk

The gospel for the past three Sundays has come from Jesus' long discourse on the kingdom in the Gospel of Matthew. In these passages Christ has compared the kingdom to many things: a sower who went out to sow, a field sown with weeds as well as wheat, a mustard seed, yeast, and today a buried treasure, a pearl of great price, and a catch of fish.



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Throughout the telling of these parables, the question arises of how to understand them? Jesus invites us to go on a quest for buried treasure in pursuit of a kingdom hidden from our eyes. We'll find it buried under the surface of things, lost in the marketplace, waiting to be found at the bottom of the sea of human experience usually in pain that is worthy of healing. It is not a journey for the faint of heart and it will take some doing to discover this kingdom and may cost everything in our possession to acquire it. To those who appreciate its value, nothing could be as important as this quest. To those who see with worldly eyes, unwilling to look deeper, this treasure may remain forever buried, right under their feet.

Those who dedicate themselves to this task will sacrifice decades of time, most of their resources, and all of their love to this labor. They will surrender personal goals for other-centered ones. They will feel at times that they have delivered themselves entirely into the service of their families and community. Like the merchant seeking the best pearls, those who make the investment will come to recognize the pearl of great price in community life. When you buy the field, the buried treasure comes with it? Who are the people in your live who dedicated themselves to this buried treasure?

What we do with the precious gifts of our time and our talents reveals what we truly value, whether it be wisdom, faith, and love--or our own comfort, ease, and amusement. Perhaps our desire for undiscovered treasure is prompted by the Holy Spirit: There really is treasure buried in the world! Jesus tells us there's a kingdom to be had out there, which is to say, in here. It's all around us awaiting discovery and possession. Once possessed, however, the kingdom must also possess us. Then we will truly be rich.

Treasure faith, family and friends

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## 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

### **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

### **DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE**

In today's reading, God is pleased by Solomon's humility and desire to govern his people justly. Currently, many governments refuse to treat women in their countries fairly. In a number of developing countries, women do not have access to the same education, training, or financial and technical resources. Thanks to your support, Development and Peace has continued to work with many partners who advocate for these issues. Since 1970, Development and Peace has partnered with Brazil's Federation of Organizations for Social and Educational Assistance. The FASE help women small family farmers to adopt agro-ecological practices and strengthen their independence. To learn more, visit [www.devop.org](http://www.devop.org) and search 'agroecology.'

### **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](mailto:walls_in_holland@hotmail.com) or email Father William [fatherwilliam@shaw.ca](mailto: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 funds.

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

### **EAT THIS BREAD DRINK THIS WINE**

Why we do not allow intinction. Why we do not allow dipping the precious host in chalice. First of all, it is against liturgical norms. Also, when people dip the host they might possibly dip their fingers into the consecrated wine and transmit germs. When taking the host from the chalice to their mouth, there is the danger of the precious blood falling upon the floor or the moistened host breaking. Jesus invites us, as He invited his disciples, "to take and eat" and "to take and drink". Please talk to Fr. William if you have any questions.

### **ACCOMODATIONS NEEDED**

We have a gentleman in the Parish who is looking for shared rental living accommodations close to the university. If you are able to help with this can you please contact the office.

### **FREE BOOKS**

Next Sunday on August 6th, Barbecue Day. Before, after and in between morning Masses, there will be tables filled with books from the Library which parishioners may take. These books are either duplicates of those we already have or books that have been superseded by new editions. Browse, select and take home.

### **PRAYER REFLECTION**

The works performed by God in the history of salvation show forth and bear out the doctrine and realities signified by the words; the words, for their part, proclaim the works, and bring to light the mystery they contain.

—Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation

Providence is the care God takes of all existing things.

—John Damascene (676-749)

A wise person is out of the reach of fortune.

—Sir Thomas Browne (1605-1682)

### **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](mailto: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](http://rcdvictoria.org).

#### **CELEBRATION OF THE FEAST OF ST. CLARE**

- Come join the Franciscan Poor Clares, for the Feast of St. Clare, on Saturday August 12, 2017. Mass is at 10:a.m and the celebrant is Bishop Gary Gordon. Light refreshments will follow the Eucharist. it will be held at: St. Clare's Monastery, 2359 Calais Rd. Duncan BC. Everyone is welcome.

### **OUR LITURGICAL LIFE:**

#### **SUNDAY, July 30th**

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

#### **MONDAY, July 31st**

9:00 am Mass: **Special Intention**

#### **TUESDAY, August 1st**

9:00 am Mass: **Patsy Hackett +**

#### **WEDNESDAY, August 2nd**

9:00 am Mass: **Ray McNally +**

#### **THURSDAY, August 3rd**

9:00 am Mass: **Fran Farrell +**

6:30 pm Rosary Group

#### **FRIDAY, August 4th**

9:00 am Mass: **Doc Street +**

#### **SATURDAY, August 5th**

3:45—4:30 Sacrament of  
Reconciliation

5:00 pm Mass: **Amaro Martins +**

#### **SUNDAY, August 6th**

8:30 am Mass: **Angela Murphy +**  
10:30 am Mass: **Michael Leland +**

## **THANK YOU CORNER!**

Thank you Tony and Darlene Southwell for your act of hospitality last weekend to visitors to our Parish. It's people in our community, like Tony and Darlene, that give life to the sentiment "Shine so that through you, others can see Him".

### **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. All who knew and loved Ian are welcome to come to remember him and support his family.

## **CONTACTS**

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### **Refugees: refugees@holycrossvictoria.org**

## **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. Sun. Coffee, 8:30	Ann Francis Darlene Southwell	250-477-8650 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 Annual Shed Clean	Loretta MacDonald Jack Ponsioen	250-477-6682 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 2, 2017**

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

<b>Envelopes</b>	\$ 2, 224.00
<b>Loose</b>	\$ 620.00
<b>Pre-Authorized Debit</b>	\$ 962.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 3, 806.00</b>

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