



# Holy Cross Catholic Parish

Twinning with St. Patrick's Parish

**SUNDAY - July 31st, 2022**  
***Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time***

Today, July 31<sup>st</sup>, is the 18th Sunday in Ordinary time. Luke's gospel tells us about Jesus teaching a crowd of people and being asked by someone to *tell his brother to divide the family inheritance with [him]*. Certainly, a reasonable request, right? But in his response, Jesus surprisingly expressed concern about greed. *Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed: for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.*

We all try not to be greedy. We are aware that we live in a wealthy country and that we are called to share from our abundance. We buy fairtrade, we donate to Development and Peace and St. Vincent de Paul, we contribute clothing to Salvation Army, we share our gardens and homes with family and friends. Given all that we do to share, it is easy to be convinced that we do not really need to be concerned about greed. Or maybe we do?

Jesus' words remind us not to become complacent. *There are all kinds of greed, be on your guard.* Two years ago, we all experienced fear and disorientation when Covid shut down the world and all that was familiar to us. Greed erupted that we had not seen before at this intensity, hoarding! Hoarding of toilet paper, flour, pasta, sanitizing wipes and lotions; it was unbelievable to see the empty shelves. We did not build bigger barns, but we filled our homes with possessions. Before Covid we thought we had overcome greed, but we had not realized that fear and drastic changes in our circumstances would allow it to erupt.

We must be prepared that as society, humanity and the earth evolve and change, there will always be new challenges around greed and sharing. We must keep the words of Jesus close to our hearts and *be on our guard, as our life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.*

What then does our life consist of, if not possessions? Jesus has told us that it is about love, love of God and neighbour and the universe. The experience of Covid, which initiated the hoarding, also made us aware that sitting at home with all our belongings and entertainment did not bring us joy. We realized at a deeper level than before that we wanted to be with family, friends, and community. We remember the first time after the Covid shut down when we were able to hug loved ones, to sit in the garden with friends and laugh, to go to church and pray together with our faith community. These are the treasures we carry in our hearts, and these are the treasures we bring to God with gratitude.

Tanya Taft



#### 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 *Holy Cross Parish on Saturday at 4pm*. 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>

**CWL FALL FAIR - CALL FOR DONATIONS**

The famous Good Used Clothing Sale + Fall Bazaar is coming to St. Patrick's Parish on September 30 - October 1st from 9:30am-2:00pm. Donations are now being collected! The list of the 11 Kiosks and the types of donations needed is listed here: [donations needed](#)

The poster to the event is on the bulletin board in the church.

**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!

**LIBRARY CORNER - (In the Library)**

On successive Sundays the Church celebrates the founders of two prominent religious orders: the Jesuits, and the Dominicans. July 31<sup>st</sup> is the feast day of St. Ignatius who founded the Jesuits in 1540, and on August the 7<sup>th</sup>, of St. Dominic who founded the Dominicans much earlier in 1217. The attached websites outline the history and significance of these two prominent religious orders.

A certain good-humoured rivalry has long existed between the Dominicans and the Jesuits as typified by the following anecdote --- which in this case, the Jesuits seem to have the last word.

***"A Jesuit and a Dominican discussed whether it was acceptable to smoke while praying. They couldn't decide on a definitive answer, so they agreed to ask the Retreat Superior.***

***The Dominican asked, 'May I smoke while I am praying?'***

***'No, of course not. When you are praying you should concentrate on God, and nothing else.'***  
***The Jesuit said 'Let me try.'*** He asked, ***'Is it alright if I pray while I am smoking?'***

***'Yes, of course. You should pray all the time, no matter what else you are doing.'***

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ignatius\\_of\\_Loyola](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ignatius_of_Loyola)

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saint\\_Dominic#Foundation\\_of\\_the\\_Dominicans](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saint_Dominic#Foundation_of_the_Dominicans)

**PRAYER REFLECTION**

Vanity not only distances us from God: it makes us look ridiculous. —Pope Francis  
We have always known that heedless self-interest was bad morals; we now know that it is bad economics. —Franklin D. Roosevelt  
The means by which we live have superseded the ends for which we live. Our scientific power has outdistanced our spiritual strength. . . . Like the rich man before us, we have foolishly minimized what is interior in our lives and maximized what is exterior. —Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

**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 Pope Francis’ penitential pilgrimage to Canada that’s happening this week. It includes a link for those who wish to donate towards the logistical costs of the visit. The text of the article is copied below, or you can find the article online at <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/indigenous/the-popes-penitential-pilgrimage-continues>.

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The Diocesan Family Conference, being held this year from August 19 – 21 at the Nanoose Bay Camp, is fast approaching. **The deadline to register is Monday, August 1<sup>st</sup>.** For more information and the registration link, please visit <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/family-camp>.

The camp is in need of volunteers to work with the children on Saturday morning for one hour. This is a great opportunity for volunteer hours, and a letter of reference can be issued if requested. If interested, please contact Kristy at [familycamp@rcdvictoria.org](mailto:familycamp@rcdvictoria.org).

**We Have a Date!**

There is exciting news regarding our Refugee Family. They have received their tickets for travel to Canada! We will welcome the Newcomers on Thursday, September 22. This family of three has expressed their joy and thanks to Holy Cross Parish who have made this possible. Their travel is contingent upon having ‘negative’ PCR tests prior to travel. Please pray for their safe journey as planned.

**REMINDER:** The **Indigenous Library** books that have been in the foyer of the church will be moving to St. Patrick's church at the end of August. Please be mindful, and **return books by Sunday, August 28th.** Thanks!

**OUR LITURGICAL LIFE:**

**SATURDAY, July 30th**

3-3:45pm: Confession  
4pm Mass: Saverio Anania +

**SUNDAY, July 31st**

9am Mass: Woolode Georup-Edwards

**MONDAY, August 1st**

Office Closed/No Mass

**TUESDAY, August 2nd**

9am Liturgy: Irene Artibise (int),  
Florence Bushell +

**WEDNESDAY, August 3rd**

NO MASS

**THURSDAY, August 4th**

9am Liturgy: Florence Bushell +

**FRIDAY, August 5th**

NO MASS

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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 24, 2022**

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS:

Envelopes	\$ 1,550.00
Loose	\$ 325.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$ 1,677.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 3,552.00</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.

### **WITH ARMS WIDE OPEN - RETREAT**

## **With Arms Open Wide: Welcoming God's People**

**October 21 - Oct 22**

**St. Edward's the Confessor, Duncan.**

**KEYNOTE: Mona Goodman**

**MASS with Bishop Gary Gordon**

Keynote Speaker, Mona Goodman, will ground us in hospitality in the liturgical ministries in which we serve. We will have an opportunity for fellowship at our Wine and Cheese social (Friday evening). We will celebrate beautiful liturgy and engage in workshops specific to various liturgical ministries.

There will be something for everyone – Hospitality Ministers, Lectors, Music Ministers, Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, Leaders of Prayer, Coordinators of Altar Servers, Family Faith, Environment, Liturgy of the Word for Children, and more!

Registration details to follow soon.

### **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!**

**REMINDER: There will be no bulletin for the month of August.**

**Please refer to our website: [www.holycrossvictoria.org](http://www.holycrossvictoria.org) for the most up to date information. Have a great summer!**