



Holy Cross Catholic Parish

Twining with St. Patrick's Parish

SUNDAY - July 3rd 2022

Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Pope Francis says, "God's love is like the love of a mother. He never forgets us. Never. He is faithful to his covenant. This gives us security." We need to know this love, trust this love, and respond out of this love. Isaiah, like a mother, calls us out of our self-imposed exiles and invites us into right relationship with God where joy, comfort, and abundant love envelops us. St. Paul's love for Christ was single focused, fierce and sacrificial, just like a mother's love. Jesus, like a mother, calls each of us by name to go into the world to be ambassadors of Christ; He fortifies us with His power and authority; we are never alone. Faithful, covenantal love abundantly provides all that is needed on our life journey.

Like Israel, we are easily lead astray by our fears, our wants, and our weaknesses. When we rely on ourselves, we push God aside and grasp at life. Illusion and loneliness ensue. God's abundant, steadfast love continually invites us out of our darkness. We are called to rest and relax in God, drink fully from the Source of Life, let go and surrender into the joy filled comfort of God's embrace!

Psalm 66 reminds us of the importance of praising God and calling on God's name: *sing the glory of God's name; sing praises to God's name; blessed be God.* To the Jewish people, someone's name was more than just a word, it was a true identifier and indicator of character. To name someone was to enter into a personal relationship. The many names and images of God in the bible portrays how God desires to fulfill all our needs. Call on God's name constantly, breathe in God's love abundantly, and surrender into the heart of God.

Following Christ in the world is no walk in the park. St. Paul was stoned, beaten, whipped, and thrown in prison because of his love for Christ, yet he continued in his mission to trust, rejoice, and live for Christ. He knew the person, power and purpose of the cross. Do we? Will we let the Spirit of peace and mercy create us anew? A life apart from Christ is a life without hope, purpose, or reason for being.

Jesus calls each of us forth and gives us the power of His name to bring the message of God's love and mercy to the world. Jesus clearly identifies the challenges and obstacles of the mission, asking us to rely totally on Him for all we need. There is an urgency to the mission, for our world is in desperate need of the substantive gift of God's *Shalom*, the deep peace that comes from a covenantal relationship with God.

God loves us into being and continues to transform us into the image and likeness of God. Love always initiates the journey, provides the roots and wings, and encircles us for all eternity. We are never alone! God's nurturing care brings restoration. Let us tune into Mother God's tender voice, caressing hands, and unbridled joy! Everything we need to grow, survive, and thrive is abundantly and unconditionally provided.

The readings today remind us that we are Easter people, that God fulfills promises, abundantly provides for us, and is always present to us. We are called to be single-minded in purpose and deed as we rejoice, praise God's name, and prepare the way of the Lord.

God's abundance, Mona

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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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.

LIVESTREAM MASSES

Live Mass broadcast this weekend! Mass is livestreamed this week from *Holy Cross Parish* on Saturday at 6pm. Click the link here: <http://www.youtube.com/c/StPatricksHolyCrossChurch>

ST. PATRICK'S AND HOLY CROSS PARISH PICNIC

Save the Date: Co-parish picnic will be at [Willows beach on July 24th 1-4 pm](#)
Look for the St. Patrick's tents and Knights of Columbus cooking up Burgers !!!
Likely by the open grass field.
Bring your lawn chair / blanket. Lunch is provided. Bring your children as there will be special activities for the kids!
More details will follow closer to the date!



*** volunteers are needed for this event! If you are able to help with this event please contact the office and you will be put in touch with Barb McKrow, our parish rep for this social!**

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - HOLY CROSS PARISH

Sunday July 10th **Time:** 10am (after 9am Mass) **Location:** In the Church
All parishioners are welcome to attend the AGM and have their voices heard, take part in the discussion, and keep up to date on upcoming Parish projects.

FAREWELL TO VALENTINA: Sunday, July 10th – 11:00am just following the AGM, in the church. Please join us as we bid a fond farewell to our beloved Valentina as she embarks on a new chapter, as Administrative Assistant at St. Andrew's Regional High School. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible. – Fr. William, Joanie, Pete & Evelyn.

SOCIAL AND ECOLOGICAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

The **Social & Eco Justice Committee** wishes to express its deep gratitude to Fr. William and all parishioners for their support throughout 2021-2022. This has been an amazing 12 months for us! To read more about our activities (Reconciliation Corner, special Indigenous Collection, Renewal of Parish Gardens, Tenant Starter Kit for Cool Aid, Write for Rights, A Roof for Everyone Workshop . . .), please read our **Annual Report** [here](#).



BAPTISMS

Do you have a child that you would like to have baptized at Holy Cross or St. Patrick's Parish?

Baptismal Classes will now be held the first Saturday of every month. Baptisms will take place on the 2nd and 4th weekends of the month within Mass.

Please contact the office if you have any more questions, we are happy to welcome your little one into this wonderful faith community and will put you in touch with our Sacramental Prep Coordinator!

ISLAND CATHOLIC SCHOOLS JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Are you looking for a work environment that makes for a great day? Look no further ~ Island Catholic Schools is recruiting! We are in search of enthusiastic people who are certified, talented, love what they do and wish to work in vibrant school environments!

If **YOU** are interested in joining one of our teams, please use this link:

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

PRAYER REFLECTION

Justice is like the kingdom of God—it is not without us as a fact, it is written within us as great yearning. —George Eliot

A joyful heart is the normal result of a heart burning with love. —Blaise Pascal

I think of a hero as someone who understands the degree of responsibility that comes with their freedom. —Bob Dylan

NOTE FROM THE DIOCESE

Please note that the time for the regular Sunday livestream from St. Andrew’s Cathedral is now 9:00 am. This change has been posted at <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/events/dailymasslivestreamed> and <https://www.youtube.com/c/RCDVictoriaLiveOne/about>.

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops have issued a press release about the itinerary of Pope Francis’ healing and reconciliation visit to Canada, July 24-29, 2022. The text can be read online at <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/indigenous/program-for-popes-healing-reconciliation-visit-to-canada-announced>.

The Diocesan Family Camp is back, to be held August 19-21 at Nanoose Bay. Families all across the Diocese of Victoria will gather once again for a fun, faith-filled weekend of fellowship, play, and prayer all in a beautiful West Coast setting. Join us! All types, ages and sizes of families are welcome. More information can also be found online at <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/events/diocesan-family-camp-aug-19-21-2022>.

WANTED

2 Bedroom apartment/suite (preferably on bus route) for our refugee family of 3. Their application is in the final stages and we anticipate their arrival soon. If you know of any accommodation becoming available soon, please let the office know.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION TEA – Saturday, July 9th, 2022 from 1-3pm in the Parish Hall: ...is coming up soon! We look forward to seeing as many of our volunteers as possible as we celebrate and give thanks for your service in our parish community. Please come and stop by for some tasty snacks and desserts, a cup of coffee or tea or other beverage.

Any questions, please contact Joanie Bidlake at: officeassistant@holycrossvictoria.org



OUR LITURGICAL LIFE:

SATURDAY, July 2nd

3-3:45pm: Confession
4pm Mass: Elvira & Piero Magro +

SUNDAY, July 3rd

9am Mass: John Calder +

MONDAY, July 4th

Office Closed/No Mass

TUESDAY, July 5th

9am Mass: Kathleen Matlock (int)
2pm: Funeral Mass for Maria Porco

WEDNESDAY, July 6th

9am Mass: Joan Cowlard +

THURSDAY, July 7th

9am Mass: Jared Southwell & Alli Osowski
Wedding Day

FRIDAY, July 8th

9am Mass: Joan Cowlard +

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.



holy cross church garden head rd. victoria, b.c.

COLLECTION for June 26, 2022

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS:

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| Envelopes | \$ 2,310.00 |
| Loose | \$ 135.00 |
| Pre-Authorized Debit | \$ 1,677.00 |
| TOTAL | \$ 4,122.00 |



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Host Family Needed for Grade 9 Student (female) from Spain

St. Andrew's Regional High School is urgently seeking a host family for:

- Grade 9 Spanish girl
- Arriving end of August 2022 for the full school year

Allergic to cats

The host family will receive \$1100 to help cover costs.

For further information please contact Hilary Parker **asap** at homestay@cisdv.bc.ca.



CHANGES TO MASS SCHEDULE

After consultation with the Liturgy Committee and feedback from parishioners, adjustments have been made to the Mass schedule as follows:

Starting on Saturday, September 3rd and Sunday September 4th, our weekend Mass schedule will be:

* **Holy Cross:** Saturday at 4pm; and Sunday at 9am;

* **St. Patrick's:** Sunday at 11am; and Sunday at 4pm.

* **Our new weekday daily Mass** schedule starting in September: Tuesday & Thursday at 9am - Holy Cross. Wednesday & Friday at 12:10pm at St. Patrick's.

* **During the month of August when Fr. William is away:** our Liturgy of the Word Service with Communion will be held on Tuesday & Thursday at 9am - Holy Cross; and Wednesday & Friday at 12:10pm - St. Patrick's. Thank you all for your understanding during this time of change and opportunity.

GREATER VICTORIA ACTING TOGETHER

Holy Cross and St. Patrick's have been members of GVAT (Greater Victoria Acting Together) since 2018, but not all parishioners remember this! What has GVAT been doing lately? Way too much to be summed up in a bulletin notice! But you can find out more by reading its [June Newsletter](#). You may even spot a Holy Cross parishioner in one of the pictures. Three of us are actively involved in the Alliance.

DIOCESAN BURSARIES AND AWARDS

There are a number of bursaries available through the Diocese of Victoria. [Anyone interested can access them on the diocesan website \[www.rcdvictoria.org\]\(http://www.rcdvictoria.org\) under Programs/Bursaries and Awards.](#) Please note that the deadline is July 15, 2022.

The Jawl Bundon LLP Bursary (\$2500): for a grade 12 Catholic student who has been accepted to a post-secondary institution. Preference will be given to Indigenous students, and to students who live outside of Greater Victoria and Nanaimo.

The Blessed Marie Anne Blondin Bursary (\$1000): for a lay woman who is accepted or enrolled in a program or course for ministry in the Church, such as religious education, social justice, liturgy, social action, care of the sick, etc.

The Char Deslippe Memorial Award (\$500): for a teacher working in Island Catholic Schools or a parish catechist serving in children, youth or adult ministry.