

Holy Cross Catholic Parish

Vision Statement

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 8, 2018

Fourteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Reflections from the Gospel Gals

Home; a place where you can be you, where you are accepted, a soft place to come back to.

In today's gospel, Jesus returns home and brings his disciples with him. He must have been so looking forward to seeing his family and friends, getting a break from the huge crowds that would gather to hear him teach.

But instead Jesus is "amazed" at the response he receives from those he is most familiar with.

One second, they are "astounded" at his teachings in the synagogue, his wisdom, the miracles they have heard about, and yet in the next breath they reject him. This rejection must have hurt Jesus deeply.

The folks of Jesus' hometown could not get past the fact that this man in front of them was just Mary's son, the carpenter. In their mind Jesus was just one of them. At this time, their hearts were not open to receiving Jesus, they did not believe, and they had no faith. This is why Jesus did not do any powerful miracles there.

Jesus' disciples were there with him through all of this. They saw how stubborn the people could be and how they had rejected Jesus. But, Jesus responds with compassion; he heals some of the sick people there and then continues to teach in the other villages. Showing his disciples and us that sharing the Word of God is not easy, but we must keep going.

Like Jesus, it's especially hard for us to share God's word with those we are closest to.

Two weeks ago, I was blessed to have all my family with me. My five small grandchildren took over my life. They spoke; I listened, really listened. The kind of listening that has you sitting on the floor, so you can be eye to eye with them. At bedtime we would pray together and then the questions would come. I treasured this time of getting to share Jesus with them. Their little hearts are so open.

And then there are the big people - my daughters, their husbands.

Why can I not talk to them about Jesus with the same joy I do when talking to the little ones. It may be because we both assume what the other is going to say: the 'been there, done that' kind of thing. There isn't much listening going on between us...and I wonder what my role is in that.

I believe that the people in our lives, our family, our friends are all gifts from God. In each one of them lives Jesus. Do we see Jesus in them, or are we so familiar with them and their story that we no longer really see them or truly listen to what they are saying?

If we, like the people of Nazareth, close our heart to those closest to us, then we deny God the opportunity to create miracles in our lives through those people he has blessed us with.

God's truth sometimes comes to us through people we least expect, the people who we are most familiar with.

This week let us listen to each other the way we listen to little ones. Let's come down to each others level so we can see into each others' eyes and find the Jesus within.

Let's amaze Jesus...this time with our open hearts, our belief, our faith, our awestruck wonder.

Let's welcome Jesus home.

Listening, Anna Mendonca

OFFICE HOURS

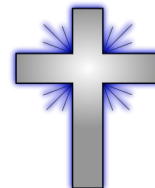
Saturday, Sunday, Monday: Closed
Tuesday/Wednesday: 9am—2:30pm

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THE ULTIMATE RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

The CCO will be holding a workshop called “The Ultimate Relationship”. This workshop will explore our relationship with God and how we translate it into our life. The workshop will take place on July 11 & 18 at 6:30pm in the hall.

**DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE**

Development and Peace—Caritas Canada has been working in solidarity with vulnerable communities in the Global South for over 50 years. That means more than 50 years of working with Southern partners, as well as with Canadians, to build a world of justice and peace for all. We would like to express our gratitude to all those who support us in this important mission and for your solidarity with courageous communities in the Global South, like those in Afghanistan, Cambodia, Haiti and Mali, who work tirelessly to build a world of justice. Thank you for saying YES to positive change. For more information on D&P or to become a member of our movement, visit devp.org or contact your local animator at 1-888-234-8533.

HELP KEEP OUR CHURCH CLEAN

Summer is the time to get the big things done! In the past we have had a dedicated volunteer clean the frames of the chairs in the church—buffing off hand prints, removing gum from underneath, etc. She has been able to do a few chairs a week, however, the job would be completed much faster if she had help. With a handful of volunteers the job would be done quickly, and would only need to be done about once a year to maintain a general cleanliness of our church. There is a sign up sheet at the back of the church if you are able to help with this ministry.

IN THE LIBRARY

Maps Matter: *All those places named in the Sundays’ Readings — Ephesus, Antioch (two of them!), Colossae, Corinth, Nineveh (present day Mosul), Philippi, Thessalonica. Many of these sites were the very first Christian settlements — now no longer welcoming Christ’s message. Where and how far, was the Holy family’s” Flight to Egypt”, or the journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem where Jesus was born? Where did St Paul’s four great missionary trips take him? Where is Nicea where our Creed was borne? Maps give our Mass Readings additional understanding.*

On the library “Suggestion Shelf”

- St Joseph Atlas of the Bible by T Dowley
- Reader’s Digest Atlas of the Bible: Illustrated Guide to the Holy Land
- Cities of God: How Christianity became an urban movement... by R Stark
- In the Steps of St Paul by H V Morton. This remarkable travelogue of the author in 1935-36 (well before statehood of Israel recognized) tracing St Paul’s journeys through Palestine, Israel, Syria, Turkey, Greece and Rome

PASTORAL CARE VISITS WHILE IN HOSPITAL

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 ask for **Fr. Ian Stuart** to make this request.

PRAYER REFLECTION

For he was crucified in weakness, but lives by the power of God. For we are weak in him, but in dealing with you we will live with him by the power of God. —2 Corinthians 13:4

Let orators keep their eloquence, philosophers their wisdom, kings their kingdoms; for us, Christ is glory, riches, and kingdom; for us, wisdom is the folly of the gospel; for us, strength is the weakness of the flesh and glory is the scandal of the cross.

—Paulinus of Nola (c. 354-431)

AROUND THE PARISH AND DIOCESE

More information and details on bulletin board or parish office

- **JOB OPPORTUNITY:** Island Catholic Schools will be accepting applications for the following position: Director of Development, St. Andrew's Regional High School, Victoria. Application forms and details are posted at: <http://cisdv.bc.ca/employment-opportunities.php>
- **JOB OPPORTUNITY:** The Sisters of St. Ann's are looking for an Executive Director. A newly established position, the Executive Director (ED) is responsible for all aspects of the administration of the corporation of the Sisters of Saint Ann, including oversight of the Health Care Team which addresses the well-being of the Sisters. For a position description and qualifications please contact administration@ssabc.ca. To apply, send a cover letter and resumé by email to Tony Heemskerck: searchcommittee@ssabc.ca no later than August 15, 2018.
- **DIOCESAN FAMILY CONFERENCE:** Families will gather together once again for a fun, faith filled weekend of fellowship, play and prayer time all set against a beautiful West Coast backdrop for 6th Annual Diocesan Family Conference. Join us! **August 23-26, 2018 at Nanoose Bay Camp.** For registration follow the link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/6th-diocesan-family-conference-august-2018-tickets-44556665185?aff=es2>. For info email Reine at: familycamp@redvictoria.org or visit www.rcdvictoria.org
- **FEAST OF ST. CLARE:** You are invited to join the Franciscan Poor Clares in celebrating the Feast of St. Clare on Saturday August 11, 2018. Bishop Gary Gordon will be the celebrant at the outdoor mass which will be at 10a.m. Following the Eucharist, light refreshments will be served. It will be held at St. Clare's Monastery, 2359 Calais Rd. Duncan.

OUR LITURGICAL LIFE:

SUNDAY, July 8th

8:30 am Mass: **Brian Wall +**
10:30 am Mass: **Angela Faris +**

MONDAY, July 9th

No Mass

TUESDAY, July 10th

9:00 am Mass: **Marjorie Campbell +**
10:00am Fr. Karam's Catholicism Course

WEDNESDAY, July 11th

9:00 am Mass: **Mary Uchytíl +**

THURSDAY, July 12th

9:00 am Mass: **Brian Wall +**

FRIDAY, July 13th

10:00am Funeral for **Maria Mayemba**

SATURDAY, July 14th

3:45—4:30 Reconciliation

5:00pm Mass: **Maria Magdalena Gonzales +**

SUNDAY, July 15th

8:30 am Mass: **Kenneth Perera +**
10:30 am Mass

FUNERALS

There will be a funeral for Maria Mayemba this Friday July 13th at 10am. Please come to support the family of this young mother.

The funeral for Sid Joss will be on Saturday July 28th at 2pm.

We keep the families of these deceased in our prayers during their time of grief.

THANK YOU CORNER!

Thank you to our finance chair, David Begg, for his hard work, and the tireless hours he has put in these past few weeks at our parish.

We have reached maximum capacity for our scheduled tour of Government House. Therefore, if you have not already registered for this event there is unfortunately no more room left in the tour.

For those coming, please meet in the parking lot at 9:30am on Wednesday July 11th.

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HOLY CROSS MINISTRIES

MINISTRY	COORDINATOR	PHONE
Liturgy Liturgical Ministers	Anna Mendonca	250-477-3552
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Altar Server Music	Fr. William Hann Various Choirs	250-477-5321 250-477-5321
Altar Linens	Marg McDonnell	250-477-6332
Flowers/Art Envir.	Ann Francis	250-477-8650
Sun. Coffee, 8:30	Darlene Southwell	250-477-5738
Sun. Coffee, 10:30	Yvonne Hsieh	250-385-8322
Bulletin Folders	Vicki Ponsioen	250-383-0654
Sacramental Wine	John Bartle-Clar	250-995-1891

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	Loretta MacDonald	250-477-6682
Annual Shed Clean	Jack Ponsioen	250-383-0654
Parish Grounds	Joe Mendonca	250-888-8930
Social/Comm. Life		
Baptism Prep.	Anna Mendonca	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 1, 2018

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS:

Envelopes	\$ 4, 257.00
Loose	\$ 230.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$ 1, 107.00
TOTAL	\$ 5, 594.00

Children's Liturgy of the Word	Bobbi Bartle-Clar/ Valentina Boyd	250-995-1891 250-813-0230
Catholicism	Fr. Karam Alraban	250-477-5321
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	250-385-7007
RCIC	Dan Taft Jr.	250-721-0821
Ecumenism	Terry Marner	250-380-0157
Social & Eco. Justice	Yvonne Hsieh	250-385-8322
Anawim	Parish Office	250-477-5321
Christmas Project	Coordinated by the Parish Office	
D&P/Share Lent	Sheila Wall	250-385-7007
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 Out- reach	John Oleson	250-477-6455