

Holy Cross Catholic Parish

Twining with St. Patrick's Parish

SUNDAY - July 9th, 2023
Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

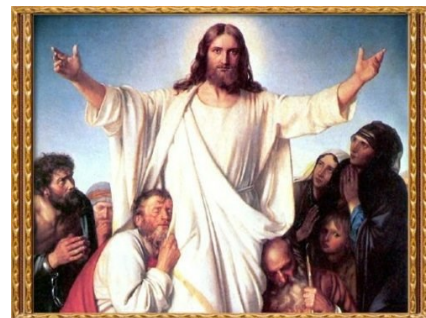
These last lines in today's Gospel have been a consolation to millions of people over the years. We too encounter moments when we feel overwhelmed, burdened by the challenges and trials that come our way. In those moments, it is easy to rely solely on our own strength, to become consumed by worry and doubt. Jesus invites us to find rest and solace in Him. He acknowledges the burdens we carry, the struggles we face, and He offers to share our yoke, to lighten our load. Jesus assures us that the demands of God are not beyond our strength. He invites us to turn to Him, to place our trust in Him, and to seek His help when life becomes overwhelming.

The readings today invite us to admit and cherish an abiding truth: *Christ gives abundant evidence that his Way is truly the path to life. Christ says to you, to me; "Come. Be with me. Live life with me."* The story of our faith unfolds before us. Jesus comes to us as the prophets promised. He offers to take away our burdens if we come to him. Peace comes from saying a sincere yes to what is clearly God's will in our life. Peace comes when I want - really want - what God wants. When God's will and mine coincide we find strength and peace. This is not passive fatalism; it is an active and joyful response. Jesus has the secret of living well. Is it not time that we Christians rediscover this wonderful secret and begin to share it with others?

Kingdom-seeing involves the willingness to see beyond what's inevitable to what's possible. As Pope Francis reminds us... *For the Lord always goes ahead of you, he always walks before you. And, with him, life always begins anew. As the American theologian Howard Thurman wrote... whatever may be the tensions and the stresses of a particular day, there is always lurking close at hand the trailing beauty of forgotten joy or unremembered peace. Eyes on Jesus and always look up!* Let us continue to trust in Jesus, who offers us rest for our weary souls and shoulders the weight of our burdens. May we seek His guidance, His strength, and His love in all aspects of our lives, knowing that with Him by our side, we can face any trial or tribulation? Let us turn to Him and say, "Lord Jesus, help me. I surrender my burdens to you. Grant me the grace to find rest and hope in your loving embrace."

In Christ alone.

Father William



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 or call 1-800-968-3146

To report sexual abuse or cover-up by a Catholic Bishop, visit BishopReportingSystem.ca or call 1-866-892-3737

LIVESTREAM MASSES

Live Mass broadcast this weekend! Mass is livestreamed this week from Holy Cross Parish at 4pm Saturday. 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 session for Baptismal Preparation is: Saturday, August 26 (10:00 am – 12 noon). Please email hcsppbaptismalprep@rcdvictoria.org with your name and contact information. 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

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.

Update on the Ukrainian Family in need

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the Ukrainian family that was to have returned home is still here in Victoria. They do have accommodation for the foreseeable future, but have other needs. If you would like to make a donation to help this family out, please do this through St Vincent de Paul. Please place your donation in the collection basket clearly marked “St. Vincent de Paul Ukrainian Family Assistance”. Put your envelope number on the envelope (if you have one), and include your name and address in order to receive a tax receipt.



Library Corner in Church Foyer

July brings us four notable commemorative feast days: July 3 --- St Thomas who doubted the word of his fellow apostles that Jesus had risen from the dead, https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thomas_the_Apostle ; July 11 --- St Benedict (480-548) whose rules for monastic life have been adopted in many monasteries since that time https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Benedict_of_Nursia ; July 25 --- St James whose gospel reminds us that “faith is shown by good works” (2:17-26) https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James_the_Great ; and July 29 --- Saints Martha & Mary where we observe Mary’s adoration and Martha’s employment, _



Prayer Reflection

For the Lord always goes ahead of you, he always walks before you. And, with him, life always begins anew.

—Pope Francis

Because God has made us for himself, our hearts are restless until they rest in him.

—Saint Augustine of Hippo

Whatever may be the tensions and the stresses of a particular day, there is always lurking close at hand the trailing beauty of forgotten joy or unremembered peace.

—Howard Thurman

OUR LITURGICAL LIFE

SATURDAY, July 8th

4PM Mass: Jess Narciso+

SUNDAY, July 9th

9AM Liturgy of the Word
(Philip and Sheila Wall)

Hayley Vanneerum (Int. Twins Birth)

MONDAY, July 10th

NO MASS

TUESDAY, July 11th

9AM Mass: Amparo Dapat+

WEDNESDAY, July 12th

NO MASS

THURSDAY, July 13th

9AM Mass: Fernando+ and Melania+

FRIDAY, July 14th

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.

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“You are in the spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you.” Is the Spirit leading you or someone you know to ministerial service? If God is calling you to become 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

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!

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.

COLLECTION for July 2nd 2023

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS

Envelopes	\$ 2,521.00
Loose	\$ 420.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$1,096.00
Anawim for Men	\$ 40.00

TOTAL \$4,077.00

August Bulletin

Please be aware that there will be no bulletin during the month of August.

Note from Ellis!



Ellis advises (from his summer retreat) that those hanging flower baskets will need to be watered **daily** now due to the high temperatures!!

Thank You!

For all of those who hosted and attended the Funeral Mass and Reception for Anne Beatty. It was a wonderful celebration to bid farewell to a very cherished and contributing member of our Parish.



News from the Chancery

1) Come join faith-filled families at the Marriage and Family Life Camp from August 17th-20th in beautiful Nanoose Bay. Our speaker is Paul Rossetti, the Superintendent for Island Catholic Schools. There will be activities for children and youth, as well as family time. For more information and to register, please visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/9th-dioecesan-family-conference-august-2023-tickets-593430365197> or email familycamp@rcdvictoria.org. Please also consider volunteering!

2) Please note the announcements from Bishop Gary Gordon and Chancellor Gwen Jahelka on the appointments of Lianne Laurence as the new Archives and Marriage Office Administrator and Dan Taft as the new Roman Catholic Campus Chaplain. They arrive bringing with them years of training and experience. We are very fortunate and blessed to have them with us and welcome them into their new positions.

3) The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops' 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>.

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>.

A UVic male Masters student, who is quiet, mature, and clean, is seeking a studio apartment or a private bedroom with an attached bathroom in a house, starting from September 2023 until April 2024. Ideally, the accommodation should be located on a direct bus route to the UVic campus. The maximum budget, including utilities, is \$1200. Suitable references will be provided upon request. For further inquiries, please contact Clinton Pereira at clintonpereira@uvic.ca or 778-861-1514. Your consideration is greatly appreciated.

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.



Opus Dei Recollections for Men and Women: An evening recollection for women will be held at **Our Lady of Fatima** Parish, 4635 Elk Lake Drive, Saanich, on **Monday, July 17th** from **7pm to 9pm**. It will be preceded by Mass at 6pm and confession at 6:30pm. An evening recollection for men will be offered on **Tuesday, July 18th** at **Sacred Heart** Parish, 4040 Nelthorpe Street, Saanich from **6pm to 8pm**. It will be preceded by Mass at 5:15pm.

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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.



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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.