



# 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 June 10th , 2018**  
**Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

## Reflections from the Gospel Gals

Last November, 5 women came together to read and discuss the upcoming Sunday Gospel readings. We have been meeting every Wednesday since and have become true sisters in Christ. Each week we reflect on the reading for that week and we try to see how the Gospel reflects in our lives. Father William has entrusted us to share our "Reflections from the Gospel Gals" while he is on Sabbatical.

And Jesus replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" And looking at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

The scene of today's Gospel portrays the arrival of Mary, Jesus' mother, as well as his brothers. Rather than coming into the house where Jesus was staying, they all remained outside the house and called out to Him. The people around Jesus told Him that His family had arrived. However, rather than immediately going to find His family, Jesus says to His listeners: "Who is my mother or my brothers?" He goes on to say that any person who does the will of God becomes His brother, sister and mother.

Jesus says, we're not joined to each other by happenstance birth as a biological family. Rather, we find our identity and community in and through the relationship we share in God. When we receive Jesus Christ into our hearts by faith, we are born again into a spiritual family that will last forever. Jesus regarded his spiritual family as his true family and those who had believed in him were doing God's will.

Perhaps the question we need to ask ourselves is, are we doing the will of God? How do we know what the will of God is? Do we trust that whatever is going on in our lives is the will of God? We know that life is not easy. There are good times in our lives that bless us abundantly and there are painful and difficult times in our lives that may prompt us to question God or to wonder where God is. It is easy to sense God's presence and love when all is going well. But it is often difficult to experience God's presence when life is challenging. However, God's presence doesn't change; it is our perception that changes.

Our spiritual group has become better acquainted over the past few months. And in getting to know each other, we are also getting better acquainted with God. Sharing this hour weekly is helping each of us find a better understanding of what God's will is for each of us and how we can take it with us outside the walls of the Church when we say good bye.

We are all brothers and sisters in Christ. His Father is our Father. And every time we come to Church, we are coming home.

*He is now to be among you at the calling of your hearts  
Rest assured this troubadour is acting on His part  
The union of your spirits here has caused Him to remain  
For whenever two or more of you are gathered in His name  
There is love, there is love  
Paul Stokey (Peter, Paul & Mary)*

Peace be with you  
Debby Pietraszek

## OFFICE HOURS

Saturday, Sunday, Monday: Closed  
Tuesday/Wednesday: 9am—2:30pm  
Thursday/Friday: 9am—2:00pm

Fr. Karam Alraban, Parish Administrator

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**BOOKKEEPER POSITION AVAILABLE**

**Holy Cross is looking for a bookkeeper.** Typical hours are 5 hours a month, with an increase of hours during certain times of the year (ex. year end). A detailed job description can be discussed with our finance chair David Begg, [djbegg@shaw.ca](mailto:djbegg@shaw.ca). A preferred candidate would have some knowledge of how to use the accounting program Sage 50. Application deadline is Friday, June 22nd. For more information call the office.

**THANK YOU**

In the unimaginable grief inflicted by the untimely death of our son, Brian, we were and are lifted up by the hands of this Parish Community. "Hands" have held us close and shared our pain; hands have lovingly prepared the meals that have sustained us; hands have sent consoling words and gifts of prayer; hands have cared for our families; hands have performed every movement of ritual and music and hospitality. *All of this done in Love.*

We are humbled and we thank, from the depths of our hearts, Fr. William and the people of this Parish for every gesture of love and support. We are blessed.

The Wall Family

**DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE**

With your support and commitment, we are fighting injustice that is the scandal of global hunger. Inspired by Caritas Internationalis' campaign, One Human Family, Food for All, launched by Pop Francis in 2013, Development and Peace—Caritas Canada launched the Sow Much Love campaign to raise awareness amongst Canadians on the role of small-scale family farmers as stewards of creation. The campaign called on the general public to support the rights of farmers to preserve seeds in the face of growing corporate control over agriculture and biodiversity.

**DONATIONS OF JEWELRY FOR AFRICAN AIDS ANGELS**

The group that makes our beloved African Aids Angels is collecting old "bling" that you don't need or want any more. Instead of donating your used jewelry to a thrift store consider donating your old necklaces, rings, earrings, bracelets, etc. to this worthy cause. There is a box in the foyer to place your donations. Thank You!

**IN THE LIBRARY**

June celebrates the feast days of the Bishop, St John Fisher and St Thomas More who opposed the wishes of the Tudor King Henry VIII in the English Reformation. Recent acclaimed Scholarship illustrate the difficulty Catholics had in holding on to their faith in Tudor times.

- ***A Daughter's Love --- How Meg supported her father Thomas More in his later life and death, (2009) by John Guy***
- ***God's Secret Agents: Forbidden Priests in the Reigns of Queen Elizabeth & James I), (2005) by Alice Hogge***
- ***The last Divine Office: Henry VIII and the Dissolution of the Monasteries (overseen by Thomas Cromwell of Wolf Hall fame), (2008) by G Moorhouse***
- ***The Unintended Reformation: How a Religious Reformation Secularized the World (2017) by Brad Gregory***
- ***Statesman and Saint: Cardinal Wolsey, St Thomas More & the Politics of Henry VIII (1983) by Jasper Ridley***

### **PRAYER REFLECTION**

“If life were predictable it would cease to be life, and be without flavor.”  
—Eleanor Roosevelt

“The quest for certainty blocks the search for meaning. Uncertainty is the very condition to impel man to unfold his powers.”  
—Erich Fromm

### **AROUND THE PARISH AND DIOCESE**

More information and details on bulletin board or parish office

- **ST. PATRICK'S VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: July 9-13th** St. Patrick's Church will be hosting a Vacation Bible School: *A Radical Ride on the Wings of Prayer*, from 8:30am-12pm. Kids ages 4-11 are invited to join us for a full week of fun, games, faith activities, music, crafts, and snacks! Cost: \$50/child, \$100/ family. For further details contact Anastasia Pearse: [pearse.anastasia@gmail.com](mailto:pearse.anastasia@gmail.com); 250-592-7391.
- **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 6<sup>th</sup> 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-diocesanfamily-conference-august-2018-tickets-44556665185?aff=es2>. For info email Reine at: [familycamp@redvictoria.org](mailto:familycamp@redvictoria.org) or visit [www.rcdvictoria.org](http://www.rcdvictoria.org)
- **CELEBRATE THE NEW ALL SAINTS PARISH:** Come join Bishop Gary Gordon on **June 16, 2018**, 4pm-8pm to celebrate the new All Saints Parish - the new amalgamated parish for St. Mary's church in Ladysmith and St. Joseph's church in Chemainus, and the 50th Anniversary of the completion of St. Mary's Church at its current location. Mass will be celebrated at 4pm followed by a delicious dinner at St. Mary's Hall. Tickets are available for \$5. Please contact [mohalloran@shaw.ca](mailto:mohalloran@shaw.ca) for more information.
- **ORDINATION OF THE DIACONATE:** On Saturday, July 28th at 10:30 am. at the Cathedral, we will celebrate the Ordination to the Permanent Diaconate of four candidates. With their wives, these four candidates have spent the past 4 ½ years in prayerful discernment, study and ministerial apprenticeship preparing for this moment when they will offer their lives in service to the diocesan Church of Victoria.

### **OUR LITURGICAL LIFE:**

#### **SUNDAY, June 10th**

8:30 am Mass: **Char Deslippe + Hilary Ribeiro +**

#### **MONDAY, June 11th**

No Mass

#### **TUESDAY, June 12th**

9:00 am Mass: **Jim, Wayne & Wes Hendry+**

10:00am Fr. Karam's Catholicism Course

#### **WEDNESDAY, June 13th**

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

#### **THURSDAY, June 14th**

9:00 am Mass: **Dan Fedrigo +**

#### **FRIDAY, June 15th**

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

#### **SATURDAY, June 16th**

3:45—4:30 Reconciliation

5:00pm Mass: **Jose DeJesus(+)**

10:30 am Baptism of Gage Preuitt

#### **SUNDAY, June 17th**

8:30 am Mass: **Patrick Hann +**

10:30 am Mass: **Dan Taft +**

### **CHANGES**

Fr. Karam will be having his study on Catholicism this Tuesday June 12th. Class will be cancelled Tuesday June 19th.

Buy organic food products. Not only is this better for your health, it ensures safer working conditions for farm workers. Pesticides damage their health as well as the environment.

### **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.

## **CONTACTS**

### **Administrator: Fr. Karam Alraban**

250-477-5321 rev.karam@gmail.com

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### **Pastoral Assistant: Anna Mendonca**

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### **Administrative Assistant: Valentina Boyd**

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### **Parish Council: Esther Sangster-Gormley**

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### **University Chaplain: Fr. Dean Henderson**

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



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## **COLLECTION June 3, 2018**

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

<b>Envelopes</b>	\$ 4, 427.00
<b>Loose</b>	\$ 325.00
<b>Pre-Authorized Debit</b>	\$ 1, 107.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 5, 859.00</b>

## **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.	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

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	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	Alan Bailey	250-721-5339
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