

# Holy Cross Catholic Parish

## Parish Vision

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 11th, 2017 The Solemnity Of The Most Holy Trinity

### From Fr. William's Desk

Archbishop Luigi Bonazzi on our retreat last week gave us a wonderful definition of the Trinity. He said, the first mystery of our faith is not a theoretical one but a personal one. God is more than an idea, he said. God is the reality of the reality. He told us that in the Trinity we learn what the word love means. Love giving is the father; love received is the Son and love communion is the Holy Spirit. The Trinity is a family in a relationship of love. God as divine family is both accurate and helpful.



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The Trinity is, after all, not a triangle of Persons distinctly defined. Nor is it a series of masks God wears as circumstances warrant. The first idea leaves you with a heretical set of three Gods. The second qualifies you as a Unitarian. I've been guilty of both errors along the way, as I suspect most of us are. Preserving the peculiar arithmetic of Trinity, in which Three-Equals-One and One is somehow known in Three, is a theological dance that trips up the many.

Many scripture texts support the revelation of divine love. That is why dear friends the feast of Holy Trinity is for us Christians the feast of God. It is complex but in a way so simple! There is nothing more mysterious, nothing more profound. God is at the same time, many and one. The membership card to this privileged group is faith. Jesus never had the privilege of writing a paper on the Trinity and, nor did he define the Trinity for us. Instead, he taught us in parables that can be hard to understand. He showed us examples designed to influence our world. He offered us encounters so we might see with new eyes.

The theological textbook Jesus left us was his life—and it can sometimes be difficult to read. But along with his life, his stories, his miracles, his death and resurrection, Jesus left us each other. On the very night he was betrayed, he taught us how to wash each other's feet and asked us to gather as one body and break bread together. Even as he was dying upon the cross, he commended us to each other's care. The Trinity is the Christian way of talking about God as a family in love. The feast is the occasion for us to pray for the grace (for the Church and for us as individuals) of a "Trinitarian spirituality".

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### OFFICE HOURS

**Monday**—Closed

**Tuesday/Wednesday:**

9am—2:30pm

**Thursday/Friday:**

9am—2:00pm

**Saturday**—Closed

**Sunday**—Closed

### MASS TIMES

SATURDAY	5:00pm
SUNDAY	8:30am 10:30am
MONDAY	9:00am
TUESDAY	9:00am
WEDNESDAY	9:00am
THURSDAY	9:00am
FRIDAY	9:00am

**Mercy Chapel:** Tues—Fri during office hours

Let us celebrate the family of love,

*Father William*

**PASTORAL CARE VISITS WHILE IN HOSPITAL**

We remind the faithful that privacy legislation in BC prevents the release of information regarding hospital admissions. If you or someone you love are 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.

**SOUTH SUDAN FAMINE RELIEF SPECIAL COLLECTION**

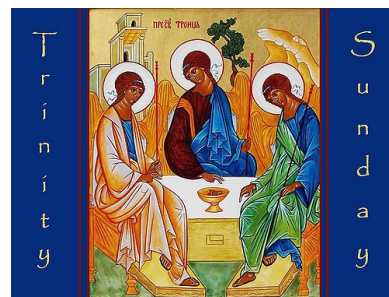
On the weekend of June 24th and 25th we will be taking up a second collection to help those who have been hardest hit by famine in the South Sudan. More information, and a letter from Bishop Gary Gordon on the issue, is posted in the foyer and on the website [www.holycrossvictoria.org](http://www.holycrossvictoria.org)

**AT THE LIBRARY**

(in the Parish Centre –Tue- Fri: 9am-2:00pm)

**June 11 is Trinity Sunday** ---- the Trinity of our beliefs in the Father, Son and Holy Spirit --- the Holy Spirit who informs us of, and sustains us with, divine love.

- The Tri Personal God (understanding and interpreting the Trinity by Gerald O'Collins)
- What's Theology got to do with it? (Chapter 4 on the Trinity) by Anthony Robinson
- How To Think About God by Mortimer Adler (co founder of the Great Books Studies)

**FATHER LEO ROBERTS BURSARY****Eligibility requirements:**

Individual facing family difficulties / financial hardship.

Strong academic marks with experience in community involvement and volunteer work.

Full time student at Post Secondary institution/ college or trade school.

A practicing catholic involved in their parish community.

**Scholarship:** \$2000 per year. Scholarship will be renewed for up to three additional years based on financial hardship and need.

**Essay:** Write a one page essay ( maximum 200 to 250 words) stating your career objectives, your accomplishments, your community and volunteer involvement. Tell us why you need financial assistance.

**Deadline:** July 1, 2017

**How to apply:** email essay to Father William Hann at [fatherwilliam@shaw.ca](mailto:fatherwilliam@shaw.ca) or send in mail to Father William Hann, Holy Cross Parish 4049 Gordon Head Road, BC V8N 3X7

**HOLY CROSS PARISH SERVICE AWARD**

The Holy Cross Parish Service Award is available to:

- A graduating grade 12 student who will be attending full time post secondary school.
- Students who have demonstrated outstanding service for many years at Holy Cross.

The value of the award \$500.00. Applications can be picked up at the parish office or emailed to you. *Deadline to apply is on July 1st, 2017.* For more information please contact the office.

### **PRAYER REFLECTION**

We are not soul freelancers but beings created to dance in the arms of the Trinity. —Adele Ahlberg Calhoun

The gospel is absurd and the life of Jesus is meaningless unless we believe that he lived, died, and rose again with but one purpose in mind: to make brand-new creation. —Brennan Manning

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

More information and details on bulletin board or parish office

- **DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE ARTS CONTEST:** For youth of ranging age groups. Create poster, or write and essay or poem on the topic “What are the effects of climate change on countries in the global south”. *Cash prizes in each category!* More info on poster in foyer. **Deadline June 30th.**
- **CONSECRATION OF CANADA:** The Bishops of Canada have announced that they individually will consecrate Canada to Our Lady on July 1st and that this will also be done collectively during their annual meeting in September. <http://www.cccb.ca/site/eng/media-room/4725-catholicbishops-of-canada-invited-to-consecrate-canada-to-theblessed-virgin-mary> Bishop Gary will be at Notre Dame Parish in Port Alberni on this occasion and will consecrate the diocese from that location on July 1st but he has asked all the pastors to also offer the consecratory prayer (adapted) on July 1st as well. At Holy Cross this consecration will take place at the 5:30 Mass (Saturday).
- **SARHS BUILDING PROJECT:** St. Andrew’s High School is re-building! All parents, students and parishioners are invited to an Open House on June 14th, 2017 from 3pm-7:30pm in the school gymnasium to view the plans for the seismic and building upgrades. Diocesan and school staff and the project team will be available to answer questions about the project.
- **ANNUAL ROSE PRINCE PILGRIMAGE:** The annual Rose Prince Pilgrimage will be held on July 7th, 8th and 9th at the Lejac Site. Free camping onsite. The schedule of events, and volunteer info is on the poster in the foyer. For any questions regarding the pilgrimage please contact Fr. Vince James OMI at 1-250-699-6593.
- **CANADA DAY CELEBRATIONS:** 2nd Annual Knights of Columbus Canada Day Multicultural Festival! **What:** Canadian & Ethnic Foods, International Dance & Choral Groups, 50’s/60’s Dance Music. **Where:** St. Joseph’s Elementary School Gym, West Burnside Rd. **When:** 5:30 – 11:30 p.m. Sunday July 2<sup>nd</sup> **Tickets:** \$20 adults; \$10 children 7-17; Family \$50 **Sponsors:** Bishop Demers Assembly & Sacred Heart Council **Charity:** K of C Fund for Persecuted Christians in the Middle East

### **OUR LITURGICAL LIFE:**

#### **SUNDAY, June 11th**

8:30 am Mass: **Rayne Garnsey +**  
10:30 am Mass: **Amaro Martins +**

#### **MONDAY, June 12th**

9:00 am Mass: **Hilary Ribeiro +**

#### **TUESDAY, June 13th**

9:00 am Mass: **Lisa Gonsalves +**

#### **WEDNESDAY, June 14th**

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

#### **THURSDAY, June 15th**

9:00 am Mass: **Dennis McBriarity +**  
6:30 pm Rosary Group

#### **FRIDAY, June 16th**

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

#### **SATURDAY, June 17th**

3:45—4:30 Sacrament of  
Reconciliation  
5:00 pm Mass: **Bradley Graham +**

#### **SUNDAY, June 18th**

8:30 am Mass: **Ciara Maguire +**  
10:30 am Mass: **Jose DeJesus +**

## **THANK YOU CORNER!**

Thank you to Frs. William and Karam and indeed the whole parish for your prayers and good wishes for the difficult operation I underwent several weeks ago. Jack Ponsoen.

### **WE NEED YOU!!**

We are in desperate need for liturgical ministers at all masses, especially *sacristans, Eucharistic ministers, lectors, and ushers*. The mass happens with the help of many hands, and we need yours. Please contact Anna at the office if you would like more information or to sign up.

## CONTACTS

### **Pastor: Fr. William Hann**

250-477-5321 after hours: 250-294-9615

### **Associate Pastor: Fr. Karam Alraban**

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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**

## 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.	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	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	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.	Cynthia Watson	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 June 4th, 2017

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

<b>Envelopes</b>	\$ 4, 515.00
<b>Loose</b>	\$ 510.00
<b>Pre-Authorized Debit</b>	\$ 962.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 5, 987.00</b>

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	778-265-2134
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	778-265-2134
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 Outreach	John Oleson	250-477-6455