

# Holy Cross Catholic Parish

Twining with St. Patrick's Parish

**SUNDAY - June 11th, 2023**

***The Solemnity of The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ***

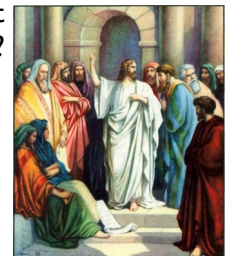
Jesus gave his Body and Blood so we could share in his life. In a world of so many hungry hearts literally and figuratively, that statement should cause us to ponder! We are the people Jesus offers to feed—not with a temporary fix (which is usually what most of us want)—but an everlasting source of sustenance that can be found in the change of heart that happens each time we gather to share a meal in Jesus' name. Christ offers us his body and blood, and when we eat and drink, we, in turn, become part of the Body of Christ. That is what we believe about the Eucharist. Unity is what our sacrament of Communion is about: oneness with God and each other. Yet, because we are human, communion is necessarily paired up with another sacrament that does the work of reconciling. When unity gets torn, reconciliation repairs the damage. Lately, toxic polarization has been shredding our national unity, creating an illusion of insurmountable division. Media sources sharpen the knives of contrasting worldviews, leading to anxiety and depression, fear and violence. Trust in unity. Resist being recruited in the polarization game. Saint Maximilian Kolbe's echo Jesus's invitation, *the culmination of the Mass is not the consecration, but communion.*

What is really at stake here is that Jesus is the source of life for us. To the extent that we dare to give ourselves over to him, we may become new men and new women. If I may oversimplify a bit, the change that Jesus wants to bring about is not so much aimed at the bread and wine, but at us. When we eat this bread and drink the wine, we profess our faith in Jesus and we become one with him, so that his life becomes ours: eating this bread and drinking this wine are signs of an encounter with Jesus himself, because it is his flesh and blood. Jesus' self-giving, his flesh and blood, is handed on to us, so that his self-giving may become flesh and blood in us.

These gestures, however simple, turn our lives upside down. Let's face it: our world is often like a battlefield, where people tear each other to pieces: like war, and endless violence in actions, words and gestures. But what we do here in this sacred ritual is precisely the contrary! It shows the exact opposite of what we too often see lived. It shows us Jesus giving himself. When we eat and drink here, we accept the life of Jesus as our own. We let him be the norm of our dealing with each other. When we eat and drink here we do not put flowers on the grave of someone who is dead. On the contrary, we let our lives be shaped and permeated by him who still lives, but now in us. We eat the bread and drink the wine in memory of Jesus, with the hope that his self-giving may become flesh and blood in us. Hence, my final question for you to ponder this week: does participating in the eucharistic celebration make you feel more alive? Frederica Green asked a very poignant question, could a body broken, and blood spilled 2,000 years ago restore my own damaged life? My answer, yes, yes, yes.. eyes on Jesus!

We are what we eat,

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](https://www.rcdvictoria.org/Responsible-Ministry) or call 1-800-968-3146

To report sexual abuse or cover-up by a Catholic Bishop, visit [BishopReportingSystem.ca](https://www.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 sessions to choose from for Baptismal Preparation are: Sat, June 17 (10:00 am – 12 noon), Sat, July 8 (10:00 am – 12 noon), Sat, August 26 (10:00 am – 12 noon). Please email [hcsbaptismal-prep@rcdvictoria.org](mailto:hcsbaptismal-prep@rcdvictoria.org) with your name and contact information. Also, please indicate which course you would like to register. The coordinator will email you a registration form.

**\*\*\* SPECIAL PRESENTATION: SCAMS AND FINANCIAL FRAUD, \*\*\***  
**TUESDAY, JUNE 13, 10AM-12 HOLY CROSS PARISH HALL**

D/Cst Zwaan from the Saanich Police Financial Crimes Section will give a presentation at Holy Cross on the scams and financial frauds we all face these days. We will hear about the common and not-so-common types and how to prevent them. We've all experienced them by phone, email, text or pop up ads. Seating is limited so please register by calling Darlene Southwell 250-477-5738.



Attention: all Holy Cross readers! The **Environmental Book Collection** currently displayed in the lobby **will be moved to St. Patrick's as of Sept. 1**. You have till the end of August to borrow and return books in this collection. Take advantage of this opportunity while there's still time!

**St. Pat's/Holy Cross Picnic**

The twinned St. Patrick's/Holy Cross Parishes picnic will be held at Gyro Park on Sunday, July 23rd. Mark your calendar! The Knights of Columbus and CWL from St. Pat's will look after the details at this BBQ event. More details to follow. We hope to see you there!

**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](mailto:office@holycrossvictoria.org)

**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.

**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 31<sup>st</sup> and \$45 as of Sep 1<sup>st</sup>. Lunch is not included – bring a bag lunch. To register, please visit our website at [www.tinyurl.com/showusyourface2023](http://www.tinyurl.com/showusyourface2023). For more information, email [catholicretreat7@gmail.com](mailto:catholicretreat7@gmail.com) or phone 250-383-7746.



Could a body broken and blood spilled 2,000 years ago restore my own damaged life?

—Frederica Mathewes-Green

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—Saint Maximilian Kolbe

In the same way that bread comes from the Earth, after having received the invocation, is no longer ordinary bread, but Eucharist, made up of two things, one earthly, one heavenly, so our bodies which participate in the Eucharist . . . have the hope of the Resurrection.

—Saint Irenaeus of Lyons

**Body and Blood of Christ - June 11, 2023**

Jesus has given us His Body to eat and His Blood to drink to nourish us on our journey towards the Kingdom. May we be faithful to him on our journey as married, single, ordained or consecrated persons. If God is calling you to become a 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](mailto:dhogman@rcdvictoria.org)

**Fr. Harrison Ayre:** [hayre@rcdvictoria.org](mailto:hayre@rcdvictoria.org)

**Holy Cross Annual General Meeting**

Holy Cross Parish's AGM will be held in the church following the 9am Mass on Sunday, June 25th. All are encouraged to participate.

**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? On behalf of our Holy Cross community, we reach out and offer companionship and spiritual support to those who are home-bound, elderly, incapacitated, palliative or isolated in hospitals, extended care facilities or at home. We welcome new volunteers to this important ministry of service. For more information, please contact **Mary-Anne Tinney, Coordinator, at: [mtinney@shaw.ca](mailto:mtinney@shaw.ca)** – or phone the Parish Office at: 250-477-5321. Outreach Ministry brochures are available in the foyer. Thank you.

**Olive Wood Carvings Sale**

Representatives from the Holy Land Group will be here at Holy Cross Parish on **Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup>** with olive wood carvings for sale after the 4pm Mass. Cash, e-transfer or cheques will be accepted as forms of payment. These articles are hand crafted by the Christians of the Holy land who are seeking your support to assist them in staying rooted in the land of Christ. **70 years ago, the Christian population was 20 % of the whole population, now they are only 1.0%.**



**OUR LITURGICAL LIFE**

**SATURDAY, June 10th**

4PM Mass: David Gaffney+

**SUNDAY, June 11th**

9AM Mass: Art Dossman+

**MONDAY, June 12th**

NO MASS

**TUESDAY, June 13th**

9AM Mass: Carmel Loader+

**WEDNESDAY, June 14th**

NO MASS

**THURSDAY, June 15th**

9am Mass: Peter Dransfield+

**FRIDAY, June 16th**

NO MASS

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**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.**

**COLLECTION for June 5th 2023**

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS

Envelopes	\$ 2,696.00
Loose	\$ 240.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$1,370.00
Stocks/Shares Donation	\$5,831.00

**TOTAL** \$10,137.00

**Happy Birthdays!!**

**Bishop Gary Gordon  
and  
Joanie Bidlake**



### **News from the Chancery**

- 1) June 12th at noon is the deadline for parishioners to complete the Diocese of Victoria Development Office's survey about the 2022 Bishop's Appeal: *Growing Together*. Your valuable input will help the Diocese plan for future Appeals. Please click here to complete the survey: <https://forms.office.com/r/LsBq77QWz8>.
- 2) The Diocese of Kamloops is hiring for the positions of Financial Officer and Safe Environment and Human Resources Officer. Applications for both positions close at 4 pm on June 29. For more information, please visit <https://www.rcdk.org/employment-opportunities>
- 3) Outstanding students and educators have until July 15 to apply for bursaries and awards being offered by the Diocese of Victoria. More information and application forms are available at the following links:  
[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.
- 4) The Diocese of Victoria is now accepting applications for the position of Chief Financial Officer. The CFO serves as the financial administrator of the Diocese and reports directly to the Bishop. This is an exceptional opportunity for an individual who wants to be part of the Diocese's senior management team and to oversee the stewardship of the organization's fiscal resources in support of the mission of the Diocese. The job posting and may be viewed at <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/employment>. All applications must be received by June 30, 2023. We reserve the right to shorten or extend this deadline depending on interest, so please apply early to ensure your application will be considered.

### **SWIMMING IN THE GORGE – Are you up for it?**

Would you like to swim in the cleaned-up gorge waterway? We meet Mon., Wed., Fri., 7:30 a.m. Banfield Dock in Esquimalt. Parking is on Styles St. just off Craigflower. Everyone welcome, even lifejackets! For more information contact Trish: [hugh.trish.westwood@gmail.com](mailto:hugh.trish.westwood@gmail.com)



### **Seeking Donations of Used/Old Hearing Aids**

A parishioner is seeking donations of used/old hearing aids to support the Hearing Aid Centre of St. Patrick's Catholic Hospital, Maase-Offinso, Ashanti, Ghana. Please ask a friend to ask a friend to assist this hospital in its efforts to offer free health care to the poor surrounding communities. Please drop off donations at the office.

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

250-477-5321

250-294-9615 (after hours)

**Hospital Chaplain:** 250-889-3761

**Administrative Assistants:** Phil & Sheila Wall

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**Office Assistant:** Joanie Bidlake

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**University Chaplain:** Lydia Foch

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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.

#### **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.