



# Holy Cross Catholic Parish

Twining with St. Patrick's Parish

**SUNDAY - June 12th, 2022**  
**Trinity Sunday**

The great revelations of Christianity are not something that can be incorporated at first hearing. Take the doctrine of the Trinity, the foundational teaching upon which all other Christian understanding is composed. A properly catechized kindergartener can tell you that God is Three-in-One but has no real idea what that means. The average adult in the pews can recite the same definition of Trinity but may further appreciate that this formula is more about our relationship to God than a static model of God's objective nature. As a theologically sophisticated person, you may link the idea of Trinity to the Incarnation of Jesus, to the authority of his teaching, as well as to his Resurrection. You may be able to speak of the ongoing, indwelling presence of God in the Spirit active every day in the world because we are. But even if you have a Ph.D. in systematic theology, whatever you say about the Trinity must include the dimension of mystery. Which means whatever you say or understand about the Trinity must be, at this time, incomplete.

In the fourth century a lot of people in the Christian world thought the priest Arius had a good take on the Trinity. He said that God came before his Word, so there was a time when Jesus was not. Some Christians even went around crooning: "There was a time when the Son was not." It became a top hit of the day. But then Saint Athanasius came along and said: "Those who maintain 'There was a time when the Son was not' rob God of his Word, like plunderers." Saint Augustine soon weighed in with his own take on the Trinity. Instead of a catchy tune, he told a love story. Love, he said, requires a lover, a beloved, and the action of love. Because love has these three parts, and God is the greatest love, then God must have three parts. But the last word on the Trinity goes to Saint Gregory of Nazianzus: "No sooner do I conceive of the one than I am illumined by the splendor of the three; no sooner do I distinguish them than I am carried back to the one."

The reason the Trinity is important is because it changes everything. If there is just a Deity out there who created the world, established some rules, and then sat back until Judgment Day, we are all in a heap of trouble. But if God so loves the world that Jesus entered into our skin and our predicament, showed us one clear path through sin and death, and promised to be with us always to the end of time, we have every reason to hope. We are not alone in this world, abandoned beneath our broken relationships, bad choices, and regrets. God is here, present, active, and powerful. If we want to listen to a voice of wisdom that will only tell us the truth about ourselves, the world, and the way through, that voice is talking to us right now. The truth is not always unbearable. Sometimes it is reason to dance, as wisdom demonstrates in Proverbs. God frontloaded creation with nothing but goodness, and though we have managed to pack a lot of evil into human history, that does not diminish the goodness still available. The Spirit of truth is prepared to lead us straight to the best of this world, if we are prepared to follow.

From our vision of God as Trinity—God's own life is a shared life—we are reminded of the importance of our mutually interacting relationships. We are "all connected" as a community of faith, hope and love. More importantly, we are called to a shared living with the Three who are one God, with other people and with our whole created environment building a community of justice and peace. Our understanding of the Trinity may always be imperfect and incomplete. We may never fully understand One God, Three Persons, and Distinct yet united. But when we gather as a community of faith to celebrate and worship, we are living in its reality and for good or ill we are the hands and feet of Christ today. What better way to celebrate this indwelling, this communion of the Trinity with creation than in the Eucharist, when bread and wine, some of the "stuff" of creation, become through the Spirit the Body and Blood of Christ, which we take into ourselves so that God lives in us and we in God?

Trinity blessed  
Father William



## OFFICE HOURS

Saturday, Sunday, Monday: Closed  
Tuesday/Wednesday: 9am—2:30pm  
Thursday/Friday: 9am—2:00pm  
**Fr. William Hann, Pastor**

***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.***

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**LIVESTREAM MASSES**

**Live Mass broadcast this weekend!** Mass is livestreamed this week from *St. Patrick's Parish* on Saturday at 6pm. Click the link here: <http://www.youtube.com/c/StPatricksHolyCrossChurch>

**FUNERAL FOR FLORENCE BUSHELL**

The funeral for Florence Bushell will be on **Saturday, June 18th at 1:30pm** with a reception to follow in the Parish Hall. The funeral livestream link can be found [here](#).

**CHANGES TO MASS SCHEDULE**

After consultation with the Liturgy Committee and feedback from parishioners, adjustments have been made to the Mass schedule as follows:

**Starting on Saturday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> and Sunday September 4<sup>th</sup>, our weekend Mass schedule will be:**

\* **Holy Cross:** Saturday at 4pm; and Sunday at 9am;

\* **St. Patrick's:** Sunday at 11am; and Sunday at 4pm.

\* **Our new weekday daily Mass** schedule starting in September: Tuesday & Thursday at 9am - Holy Cross. Wednesday & Friday at 12:10pm at St. Patrick's.

\* **During the month of August when Fr. William is away:** our Liturgy of the Word Service with Communion will be held on Tuesday & Thursday at 9am - Holy Cross; and Wednesday & Friday at 12:10pm - St. Patrick's. Thank you all for your understanding during this time of change and opportunity.  
- Fr. William Hann

**RCIA INFORMATION**

*Do you know someone who has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic? Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?* Parishes in the city of Victoria have come together to offer an opportunity to learn more about our faith in small group settings. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights and your faith story in a warm accepting setting. For information please contact your local pastor (Father Dino, Father William, Father Alfredo). To register for the 2022-23 year starting October 6, 2022 at Saint Joseph the Worker parish email Carmelle to register at [carmelle.whiteley@gmail.com](mailto:carmelle.whiteley@gmail.com).

**SAVE THE DATE!** **Saturday, July 9th - Volunteer Appreciation Tea**, will be held in the parish hall from 1-3pm. It has been a long time since we've been able to properly say THANK YOU to all our wonderful parish volunteers. We hope you can join us on that day. More details to follow, but if anyone is inclined to help out with serving, etc., please email Joanie at: [officeassistant@holycrossvictoria.org](mailto:officeassistant@holycrossvictoria.org) I would be happy to hear from you!

**LIBRARY CORNER (entrance of the Church)**

The next four successive Sundays celebrate the rich Christian heritage given to the apostles to spread the Good News

- the Ascension of Christ as he leaves his earthly home (May 29)
- Pentecost: the appearance of the Holy Spirit which will encourage the apostles to spread the gospel
- The Holy Trinity which reminds us of the triune nature of our Creator: Father, Son and Holy Spirit
- Corpus Christi the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist which will enrich our Christian life

A selection of related books is displayed on the table in the church entrance (foyer)

**Please return all books taken from the entrance table when you are finished reading**

**PRAYER REFLECTION**

The world's your ship, not your home. —*Saint Thérèse of Lisieux*  
And so in our making, God almighty is our loving Father, and God all wisdom is our loving Mother, with the love and goodness of the Holy Spirit, which is all one God, one Lord. —*Julian of Norwich*

There is a holy and perfect Trinity, acknowledged as God in the Father and the Son and Holy Spirit. . . . The Father does all things through the Word in the Holy Spirit. Thus the unity of the Trinity is safeguarded . . . —*Saint Athanasius*

**NOTE FROM THE DIOCESE**

Please note the following changes to the Diocesan livestream schedule. We have also posted these changes at <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/events/dailymasslivestreamed> and <https://www.youtube.com/c/RCDVictoriaLiveOne/about>.

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Please find attached Bishop Gary Gordon's 2022 Pentecost Message. It has also been posted on the Diocesan website at <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/news/bishop-gary-gordons-2022-pentecost-message>.

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A post has just been added to the Diocesan website about the World Meeting of Families happening in Rome and around the world from June 22-26. The text of the post is copied below, or it may be read online <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/news/wmf-2022-family-love-a-vocation-and-a-path-to-holiness>.

**ARE YOU A FAITH FILLED, COLLABORATIVE PERSON?**

**Father William is seeking such people to assist him on Parish Pastoral Council at Holy Cross.** The Pastoral Council is the principal planning body for our Parish. The members who serve, collaborates with the Pastor on all aspects of parish life. The Council meets regularly September to June (3 to 5 times a year), to develop long range goals, to monitor progress in meeting the parish's mission and to seek ways to deepen the faith life of the parish community. **If you are interested, please contact** the parish office. ***Our Annual General Meeting at Holy Cross is Sunday, July 3 after the 9am mass. All are welcome!***

**OUR LITURGICAL LIFE:**

**SATURDAY, June 11th**

3-3:45pm: Confession  
4pm Mass: Paul Conrad Kovacs +

**SUNDAY, June 12th**

9am Mass: Franco Flora +

**MONDAY, June 13th**

Office Closed/No Mass

**TUESDAY, June 14th**

9am Mass: Lara Morgan +

**WEDNESDAY, June 15th**

9am Mass: Barbara McDermott +

**THURSDAY, June 16th**

9am Mass: Keith Parson +

**FRIDAY, June 17th**

9am Mass: Jack Ponsoien (int)

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*Masks are no longer mandatory indoors, though we do encourage those who feel more comfortable to wear them as needed. As always, if you are feeling unwell or symptomatic please stay home.*



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**COLLECTION for June 5, 2022**

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS:

Envelopes	\$ 3,345.00
Loose	\$ 220.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$ 1,677.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 5,242.00</b>

**KAIROS BLANKET EXERCISE**

Our parish is hosting a KAIROS Blanket Exercise on **Saturday, June 18th, from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm in the Parish Hall.** This teaching tool is a way to build awareness and understanding of the shared history between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples in Canada. This event is fully sponsored by the Diocese in hopes that as many people will experience this valuable workshop. Hospitality will be provided by Social and Ecological Justice Committee. Pre-registration is required. All COVID protocols will be followed (masks are required to ensure everyone's health and safety). **Please register emailing [sonjaruffell@gmail.com](mailto:sonjaruffell@gmail.com), or use the sign-up sheet in the foyer** of the church. For more information about the Kairos Blanket Exercise: <https://www.kairoscanada.org/what-we-do/indigenous-rights/blanket-exercise>

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## **NEWS FROM ST. PATRICK'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Last month of school! Things are winding down and winding up for summer!

<https://www.facebook.com/St.PatricksSchool/>

## **FUNDRAISING CONCERT IN JUNE**

Mark your calendars! Arbutus Singers will hold a concert at Saint Patrick's Church on Wednesday, June 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm. Concert will last an hour and is by donation, Monies raised will support the Ukrainian people in this time of great challenge.

## **FR. LEO ROBERTS BURSARY**

### **2022 Father Leo Roberts Bursary Eligibility requirements:**

Individual facing family difficulties / financial hardship.

Strong academic marks with experience in church, 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:** Thursday, June 30, 2022

**How to apply:** email essay to Father William Hann at [wjhann@rcdvictoria.org](mailto:wjhann@rcdvictoria.org) or send in mail to Father William Hann, Holy Cross Parish [4049 Gordon Head Road, BC V8N 3X7](https://www.holycrossvictoria.org/)

## **CONGRATULATIONS & BOUQUETS!**



Congratulations to our young people and their families from Holy Cross & St. Patrick's on their reception of Confirmation and First Holy Communion on Saturday June 4<sup>th</sup> at 1pm. Bishop Gary, with Fr. William, led us as we gathered to hear God's Word, to thank God for His gifts, and receive these sacraments of initiation.

Valentina Boyd and Barb Shenton, our catechists, are grateful for the gifts of time, treasure, and talent that were shared by Bishop Gary, Fr. William, Deborah Mackay, Valentina Boyd,

Marlon Narciso, John Mochrie, Susie Nute, Theresa Smith, and Berny Andayani.

Now we are all sent forth, filled with the Gifts of the Holy Spirit to share the Good News!

## **ST. PATRICK'S AND HOLY CROSS PARISH PICNIC**

**Save the Date:** Co-parish picnic will be at [Willows beach on July 24th 1-4 pm](#)

Look for the St. Patrick's tents and Knights of Columbus cooking up Burgers !!!

Likely by the open grass field.

Bring your lawn chair / blanket. Lunch is provided. Bring your children as there will be special activities for the kids!

More details will follow closer to the date!

