



Holy Cross Catholic Parish

Twining with St. Patrick's Parish

Mission Statement: Rooted in the community of Gordon Head and the University, in communion with the Roman Catholic Church, Holy Cross Parish serves the people of God by sharing, teaching and living the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

SUNDAY - June 13, 2021 Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

With this Sunday, we return to “ordinary time” and take up again the regular reading of Mark. We get to hear one of the very few passages in Mark not taken up by Matthew or Luke, the parable of the farmer asleep. The readings this week show that what is small, hard to see, and even invisible can have vast importance. Whether it is the tender shoot of the cedar tree or the tiny seed of the mustard plant, what seems slight now will become something mighty. “We walk by faith, not by sight,” the 2nd Letter to the Corinthians says: *we hope in that what is unseen and, in the future, will come to pass.*

The original hearers of Jesus’ parable would have known that the mustard seed was neither the smallest nor its plant the largest. The parable exaggerates to make a point: The reign of God has started out on a small scale but will become great. Seeds of the Kingdom grow into fruits of faith very slowly, hiddenly and God, “Who sees in secret” does the cultivating through our experiences of life’s invitations to trust in the little things. As the lowly tree is raised high, so we raise our prayers to God. May we trust that even our small efforts for the kingdom of God will grow into great things and may we believe that the sometimes-hidden works of God will bring salvation for all people of good will.

Dear friends, the kingdom of God is something very humble and modest in its origins. We need to learn to appreciate little things and small gestures. We may not feel called to be heroes or martyrs every day, but we are called to put a little dignity into each corner of our little world. There are tiny seeds of the kingdom that all of us can sow, a friendly gesture towards someone in trouble, a welcoming smile for someone who is alone, a sign of closeness for someone who is in despair, a little ray of joy for a heart full of distress. God’s reign comes in power through the seemingly insignificant actions of each of one of us.

Think of the little seeds, shoots, and easy-to-miss places in your life where more attention and cultivation “shall bear fruit,” as the psalmist says, in the kingdom of God.” Saint Paul says mortal life keeps us away from the fullness of life with God. But he does not advocate throwing our lives away. He urges we invest them, with courage, walking by faith.

When it comes to rediscovering spiritual priorities in our lives, we can find uplift in today’s hope-filled words from St. Paul. In the middle of all the turmoil and tension he felt in dealing with dissent in Corinth, he holds on to his confidence in Christ, as his invisible, ever-present friend. Paul can be serene even at the prospect of his own death, when he will be more “at home with the Lord.” He then adds a guiding principle valid for each one of us: “Whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him.” Without giving up on all hope in these difficult days our church, these are secondary to our basic trust that it is and will remain the Church of Jesus Christ, whose Spirit will stir up whatever is needed to make his Church grow and thrive.

Let us be good soil.

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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EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY: As per the latest Provincial Health Orders we are now able to resume in-person services up to 50 people For Holy Cross Parish. If you would like to make an inquiry as to availability please contact Joanie Bidlake: officeassistant@holycrossvictoria.org

HOSPITAL EMERGENCY CALLS: If you or someone you love is admitted to hospital and would like a visit from our VGH/RJ hospital chaplain please call the emergency pager **250-889-3761** and ask for **Fr. Sean Flynn** to make this request.

FR. 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: Maximum of \$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: *Saturday, June 30, 2021*

How to apply: email essay to Father William Hann at whann@rcdvictoria.org or send in mail to Father William Hann, Holy Cross Parish 4049 Gordon Head Road, BC V8N 3X7

ADDITIONAL BURSARIES

There are also two additional bursaries that are available to apply for. The [UVic Joseph B. Jackson Bursary](#) and the [Camosun College Holy Cross Catholic Church Bursary](#) –Bursary details are posted in Narthex area. Call our bursary coordinator, Tony Southwell at (250) 477-5738 for more information.

GARDEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Summer is here! Flowers are all in bloom, as are the weeds. If you are a green thumb at heart, with an hour or two on your hands, please consider tackling one of the many garden beds around the Parish grounds (including the islands in the parking lot). This is a great, pandemic safe way of volunteering in our parish community while helping to beautify our grounds. If you are interested please email our garden coordinator, jseale1234@gmail.com or call the parish office 250-477-5321. Thank you for your support!



LIBRARY CORNER

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.

Websites : https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Fisher
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thomas_More

Library Shelf

- *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

I fed the poor and they called me a saint. I asked why they were poor and they called me a communist.

—Dorothy Day

Food for our soul not only feeds us now but also opens up new possibilities that we might not have even considered.

—Robert J. Wicks, After 50

Every happening, great and small, is a parable whereby God speaks to us, and the art of life is to get the message.

—Malcolm Muggeridge

A NOTE FROM THE DIOCESE

To access the live stream link from the Diocese of Victoria website simply google: Diocese of Victoria or go to www.rcdvictoria.org/diocese-of-victoria-live-stream.

SUNDAY 10 AM

MONDAY TO FRIDAY 7 PM

Diocesan Blog: Bishop Gary Gordon, on behalf of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Victoria, issued a statement of apology for the harm caused due to our complicity involved in the operations of the residential schools. He also expresses our commitment to the process of healing, reconciliation, and education regarding this tragic history. It can be found here: <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/news/statement-of-apology-and-commitment>

DIOCESAN BURSARIES AND AWARDS

BURSARIES and AWARDS are available through the Diocesan website: <https://www.rcdvictoria.org> under Programs. **Deadline for submittals is July 15.**

THANK YOU FROM THE SEJC

The Social & Eco Justice Committee sincerely thanks all parishioners who wrote letters in early May to defend vital school programs at risk of being cut. Thanks to the collective efforts of many concerned citizens, these programs – music, educational assistants, youth/family counselors – have remained largely intact. See

<https://digitaltimescolonist.pressreader.com/article/281505049149616>

LIVESTREAM MASSES

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

A REASON TO SMILE FROM ST. PAT'S SCHOOL

See what the children at our local Catholic Elementary school have been up to! <https://www.facebook.com/120870651309070/posts/4413448775384548/?sfnsn=mo>

OUR LITURGICAL LIFE:

SATURDAY, June 12th

Intention: Socorro Arcano+

SUNDAY, June 13th

Intention: Les McAdams +

MONDAY, June 14th

Office Closed/No Mass

TUESDAY, June 15th

Intention: Francis Zhang (int)

WEDNESDAY, June 16th

Intention: Bill Pillion +

THURSDAY, June 17th

Intention: Wilf Woychuck +

FRIDAY, June 18th

Intention: Francis Zhang (int)

As of Tuesday, June 1st in-person Masses will resume according to the registration lists we have had in place. If you have any questions in this regard, or would like to inquire about Mass availability please contact Joanie Bidlake at: officeassistant@holycrossvictoria.org
Masks remain mandatory in the church and parish centre at all times.



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COLLECTION for June 6, 2021

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS:

Envelopes	\$ 5,120.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$ 1,677.00
TOTAL	\$ 6,797.00

