



# Holy Cross Catholic Parish

## **Mission Statement: Twinning with St. Patrick's Parish**

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 14, 2020**

## **The Solemnity of the most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**

Hungry hearts are all around us and 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. But that is not the end of the story; it is only the beginning. Becoming part of the Body of Christ means that we are united in Christ--in spirit and flesh--with the People of God, and together we offer ourselves as "holy and living sacrifices" and are sent forth to do God's will. Our daily actions, our work, and our relationships must now incorporate Christ. The Body and Blood of Christ is not only something we "get" at every Eucharist. It is also what we become. That is the part that intrigued the mystics, who wrote often of how God dwells in us and we in God. We receive Christ. We become Christ. And we go forth to bring Christ out to a world in great need of this food. Our society is dying of a thousand unnamed hungers yet heading out day after day, generation after generation, for the "happy meals" of wealth, power, and privilege; romance, sensation, addiction; entertainment, amusement, distraction—hoping for satisfaction from all these. Those meals serve many, it is true. And they may look nice on a platter. But the reason the world keeps serving them up is because we are bound to return, with empty plates and emptier spirits.

For over two thousand years, Christians have come together to share bread and wine. In these momentous words and in these beautiful gestures, Jesus summed up the very meaning of his life. What Jesus is saying is: *"This is I, as I give myself in total obedience to the Father and in unconditional service to you."* This bread and this wine are the signs of his life, a life that he has not lived for himself, but in total dedication to his Father and to us. When we eat this bread and this 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 us face it: our world is often like a battlefield, where people tear each other to pieces, and it seems to be getting worse. 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 are not putting the 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. One final note, remember how fervently we prayed after receiving Communion as a child? Where has that faith gone? Remember how much we trusted that Jesus would hear our prayers and protect us? Can we return to that same simple but profound belief that Jesus comes into our hearts in such an intimate way when we receive the Eucharist, that it has a noticeable effect on us not just during those moments after Communion, but long after we have left the church building?

Happy Corpus Christi  
Father William

### **OFFICE HOURS**

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

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### **HOSPITAL EMERGENCY CALLS**

**HOSPITAL EMERGENCY CALLS:** 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. Sean Flynn** to make this request.

### **OUR VIRTUAL COMMUNITY**

Father William has created a **YouTube** page and a **Facebook** page for the combined St. Patrick's and Holy Cross families! Please visit the Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/StPatsHolyCross/> **Like and follow the page and please do send photos of the church for posting!**

**Live Mass broadcast this Saturday!** Mass will be broadcast from *Holy Cross Parish on Saturday, June 13th at 4 pm on the YouTube page.*

Click the link here: <http://www.youtube.com/c/StPatricksHolyCrossChurch>

### **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, 2020

**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

### **OFFERTORY AND A NOTE ON GIVING**

At this time, there will be no Offertory during the Mass. With regard to donations/collections, a basket will be provided and located at the front of the church by the altar and, if you wish, you may leave your contributions in the basket either before or after the Mass.

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In addition, to make it convenient for those that are able to contribute but are not attending mass at this time, there are new online and remote options now available:

- Online through Canada Helps <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/register/tier-two/>
- Automatic Debit (PAD) - If you need to cancel or change your automatic payments, please contact the parish office at (250-477-5321) or email us at [office@holycrossvictoria.org](mailto:office@holycrossvictoria.org)
- E-transfers and credit cards (e-transfers can be made to the following email: [developmentoffice@rcdvictoria.org](mailto:developmentoffice@rcdvictoria.org)—please be sure to include your name and parish in the e-transfer message).

### **An Act of Spiritual Communion**

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



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**PRAYER REFLECTION**

As this broken bread, scattered on the mountains, was gathered to be one, may your church be assembled in the same way from the ends of the earth into your kingdom. —The Didache

The sacrament of the Eucharist is itself a striking and wonderful figure of the unity of the church, if we consider how in the bread to be consecrated many grains go to form one whole . . . so that through [Christ] we may receive the spirit of charity in which we are bidden to live now no longer our own life but the life of Christ, and to love the Redeemer himself in all the members of his social body.

—Pope Pius XII, *Mystici Corporis Christi*

Thousands are, as one, receivers, one, as thousands of believers, eats of him. —Lauda Sion sequence

**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](http://www.rcdvictoria.org/diocese-of-victoria-live-stream).

**SUNDAY** ..... 10 AM

**MONDAY TO FRIDAY** ..... 7 PM

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**MERLIN'S MUSINGS:** Merlin has just sent in his latest musing. Please click here to access his video: <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/diocesan-blog/merlinsmusings14>

**BURSARIES** are available through the Diocesan website [www.rcdvictoria.org](http://www.rcdvictoria.org) under Programs/Bursaries and Awards.

**THANK YOU!**

A heartfelt 'thank you' and exuberant and sincere gratitude to Evelyn, Pete, Fr. William, Valentina and Joanie. All of you have worked extremely hard to ensure the comfort and safety of our Holy Cross family as we return to celebrate Eucharist together. You have certainly 'gone above and beyond' to ensure that all safety and health guidelines for group gatherings, during this pandemic, are adhered to - to the highest standards. We see, acknowledge and applaud all that you do for the rest of us. **THANK YOU.** Submitted by Trudy Holden

Wednesday Mass group please note: **there will be no Mass on Wednesday, July 1, 2020**—Canada Day. The office will also be closed on this day.

**Congratulations!** To Magdalena and Michael Casagrande (parishioners and former Catechists at Holy Cross) who welcomed a little girl into the world earlier this month. *Welcome Teresa Marie!* We keep this new family in our hearts and prayers as they embark on this new journey together.

**OUR LITURGICAL LIFE:**

**SATURDAY, June 13th**

2:30-3:15pm Reconciliation

4:00pm Mass: **Bruni Family +**

**SUNDAY, June 14th**

9:00am Mass: **Mary Collins +**

**MONDAY, June 15th**

Office Closed/No Mass

**TUESDAY, June 16th**

9:00 am Mass: **Ron Tinney +**

**WEDNESDAY, June 17th**

9:00am Mass: **Manuel Medeiros +**

**THURSDAY, June 18th**

9:00am Mass: **Espirito Santo &**

**Alfredo Martins +**

**FRIDAY, June 19th**

9:00 am Mass : **Maria Bertoldi +**

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**At Holy Cross Parish you must now register for which Mass you would like to attend. You can register for a Mass by emailing Joanie Bidlake at:**

**officeassistant@holycrossvictoria.org**

**Our Mass schedule remains the same for now:**

**Tuesday –Friday: 9am Mass**

**Saturday: 4pm Mass (2 spots left)**

**Sunday: 9am Mass (full)**

*\*please note that if these Masses are inconvenient for you, you may select a Mass time from St. Patrick's Parish Mass schedule. To do this please call Deborah Mackay at St. Pat's at: 250-592-7391*

**The church will remain open for private prayer next week from 9:30am (after morning Mass) to 11:00am Tuesday to Friday only.**



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**COLLECTION for June 7, 2020**

**WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS:**

<b>Envelopes</b>	\$ 5, 415.00
<b>Pre-Authorized Debit</b>	\$ 1, 163.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 6, 578.00</b>