

# Holy Cross Catholic Parish

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

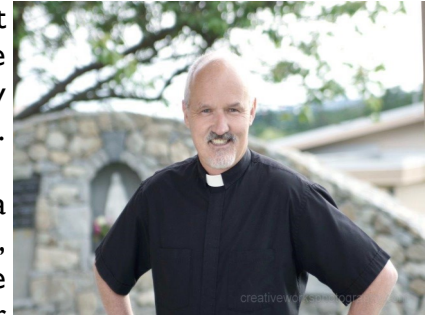
Rooted in the community of Gordon Head and the University, in communion with the Roman Catholic Church, Holy Cross Parish serves the people of God by sharing, teaching and living the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

SUNDAY June 16, 2019

## *The Solemnity Of The Most Holy Trinity*

Trinitarian theology is bewildering for many. The language is about as sophisticated and complex as it can get. But they all convince me of the impossibility of doing God justice by trying to talk about God. We simply ask too much of language. Our words will always pale beside the reality. The language of the Trinity is the language of love and it is rooted in Jesus.

Jesus never defined the Trinity for us. He didn't leave us a theological roadmap or publish a textbook. He didn't distribute recipes, diagrams, drawings, or charts. 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



whann@rcdvictoria.org 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. We might think of the Trinity as the God to whom we relate as parent, as Son, daughter, brother, and sister, and as an abiding, loving Spirit. The Trinity is one way of saying that God is not alone. God, to be person, must live in relationship. If God is love, then God must be self-giving, overflowing into creativity. To be defined as love means that there must be some relationship to another. That is what it is all about.

When we gather as a community of faith to celebrate and worship, we are living this mystery. God's artistry is the key to today's readings. A God so far above us that he remains forever in a "Cloud of Unknowing" and yet who is, as St Augustine said, closer to us than our very breathing. How wonderful to know that we have a God like this! Friedrich Nietzsche the pessimistic nihilist once said: "I can only believe in a dancing God." As Sebastian Moore retorts: "No one ever told him about the Trinity, in which the persons only are in each other, so that all is movement, recalling another line of T.S. Eliot, 'and there is only the dance.' That is the dance of the Holy Spirit. That is the love God who so loves this world (John's Gospel today) that he comes to dance himself.

So, gnaw on theology and doctrine all you want today, but save room for the dance. Dance a bit today in the beauty and music of a limitless love that could never just be one, but must be at least three, and at most, an invitation to a whole universe to hum and jig with delight. This is what we are celebrating in our feast of the Trinity. This is why we are giving praise and thanks to God in this Eucharist. Because God is not alone and because we are not alone and never will be. Accept the Trinity as truth ...as the language and the dance of love. Dostoevsky warned what happens to those who lose contact with the truth: They "lose all respect for themselves and for others. And having no respect, they cease to love." Choose respect, choose love, and everyone begins to matter.

Joy this day  
Father William

### OFFICE HOURS

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

**Fr. William Hann, Pastor**

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**HOSPITAL EMERGENCY CALLS:** If you or someone you love is admitted to hospital and would like a visit from your office or Eucharistic Minister, please call your parish office or VGH/RJ hospital emergency pager **250-889-3761** and ask for **Fr. Thomas Chinnappa** 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:** \$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: Friday , June 28, 2019** **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

### **RIGHT OF CATHOLIC INITIATION FOR ADULTS**

Interested in exploring the Catholic faith through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults? Parishes in the Victoria region have banded together to do one RCIA Journey of Faith Program. The RCIA program begins in late September. For further information contact Father William at the office, 250-477-5321, or contact Shelia and Phil at [walls\\_in\\_holland@hotmail.com](mailto:walls_in_holland@hotmail.com) or 250-385-7007.

### **BAPTISMAL PREP CLASS**

The next baptismal preparation course will be held on **Saturday June 22nd** at St. Patrick's Parish with our baptismal prep coordinator, Barbara Shenton. To register for this course please email Barb at [bjeens958@gmail.com](mailto:bjeens958@gmail.com).

### **SET YOUR SCHEDULE!**



**Calling all parents from Holy Cross & St. Patrick's. THE SACRAMENTS OF RECONCILIATION, CONFIRMATION & FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES.**

Registrations for Confession, Confirmation & First Holy Communion classes are available at St. Patrick's Parish or, contact Barb Shenton, our sacramental prep coordinator at [bjeens958@gmail.com](mailto:bjeens958@gmail.com) Classes will take place on Sunday mornings before the 11am

Mass at St. Patrick's Parish beginning in the fall of 2019.

### **IN THE LIBRARY (Tues-Fri. 9am-2pm)**

Jean Vanier died just over a month ago. Educated in philosophy and theology he is mostly remembered as the humanitarian who in 1964, founded L'Arche, in Trosly-Breuil, France, an international federation of communities (now in 37 countries) for those with developmental disabilities. (He was the son of Georges Vanier, the Governor-General of Canada 1959-1967). Our Library has several of his many short devotional books:

- **Becoming Human, CBC Massey Lectures (1998)**
- **Befriending the Stranger**
- **The Broken Body**
- **Made for Happiness**
- **In Weakness, Strength, Biography of Governor-General Georges Vanier**

### **PRAYER REFLECTION**

“When man is with God in awe and love, then he is praying.” Karl Rahner

“In the days ahead, you will either be a mystic (one who has experienced God for real) or nothing at all.” Karl Rahner

“The number one cause of atheism is Christians. Those who proclaim Him with their mouths and deny Him with their actions is what an unbelieving world finds unbelievable.” Karl Rahner

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

More information and details on bulletin board or parish office

- **PAPAL BLESSINGS: Papal Blessing Parchments** for special celebrations such as Weddings, Anniversaries or Birthdays may now be ordered directly online: [www.elemosineria.va/papal-blessing-parchments](http://www.elemosineria.va/papal-blessing-parchments)
- **SUMMERTIME FAMILY FUN!:** The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Diocesan Family Conference is on from August 22-25 at Nanoose Bay Camp! Your family will return energized and alive in God’s love so do not miss out. Register at [www.rcdvictoria.org](http://www.rcdvictoria.org). There are a number of lodging options and the food will be fantastic. Families will gather to pray, play and grow closer to God and to one another! For more information please email: [familycamp@rcdvictoria.org](mailto:familycamp@rcdvictoria.org).
- **JOB OPPORTUNITY:** Island Catholic Schools will be accepting applications for the following positions:
  - ◆ *Intermediate Classroom Teacher* or Physical Education Teacher at St. Joseph’s School, Victoria
  - ◆ *Intermediate Teacher* at St. Patrick’s School, Victoria
  - ◆ *French Teachers* at St. Patrick’s and St. Joseph’s School, Victoria
  - ◆ *Science, PE and French* (if possible) Teacher at St. Andrew’s Regional High School, Victoria.To apply: <http://cisdv.bc.ca/employment-opportunities.php>
- **JOB OPPORTUNITY:** St. Peter’s Parish in Nanaimo is seeking a **full-time Receptionist/Secretary** for the parish office. We are looking for someone with great people skills, work well independently and/or with groups, flexible, detail-oriented, and a general understanding of the Catholic faith. The successful candidate should be proficient with the Microsoft Office Suite. For a detailed job description please email [gjahelka@rcdvictoria.org](mailto:gjahelka@rcdvictoria.org)
- **BIBLE CAMP APPLICATIONS:** July 8th-12th. St. Andrew’s summer camp will be held at St. Joseph the Worker’s parish hall. This camp runs from 9:00 am-4:00 pm each day, with one extra hour of care before and after at no extra charge. We provide T-shirts, snacks and plenty of opportunity for activity. We will have two field trips. Camp is faith based and open to children from the ages of 4 to 12. The cost of the camp is \$50/child. Registration forms are available through email [saintandrewsoffice@gmail.com](mailto:saintandrewsoffice@gmail.com). Last day for registration is Thursday, June 27<sup>th</sup>

### **OUR LITURGICAL LIFE:**

#### **SUNDAY, June 16th**

*Father’s Day*

9:00am Mass: **Bradley Graham+, Dan Taft +**

#### **MONDAY, June 17th**

No Mass

#### **TUESDAY, June 18th**

9:00am Mass: **Shirley Lafortune +**

#### **WEDNESDAY, June 19th**

9:00am Mass: **Jose Pacheco +**

#### **THURSDAY, June 20th**

9:00am Mass: **Regina Dejesus +**

#### **FRIDAY, June 21st**

9:00am Mass: **Brendan Holden (int)**

#### **SATURDAY, June 22nd**

4:00pm Mass: **David Gaffney +**

#### **SUNDAY, June 23rd**

9:00am Mass: **Hilary Ribeiro and Jose Pacheco +**

### **THANK YOU CORNER!**

Thank you to Ed Boomars, who has been all over the place this week helping out. Thank you for your work at the rectory with some in home repairs, as well we on the church grounds working on the water issue. We are grateful to have knowledgeable and dependable people like you in our community.

### **PRE-AUTHORIZED DEBIT**

Summer is a time for fun in the sun, and vacation getaways! However, the needs of Holy Cross continue even during the summer months. One way of keeping the financial needs of the parish in mind over the summer is by setting up monthly automatic PAD payments.

Doing so is quick and easy. Please contact the office if you would like to contribute via PAD or pick up a registration package in the church foyer.

## **CONTACTS**

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

250-477-5321 whann@rcdvictoria.org

250-294-9615 after hours

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

### **Administrative Assistant: Valentina Boyd**

250-477-5321 office@holycrossvictoria.org

### **Parish Council: Esther Sangster-Gormley**

egorm@uvic.ca

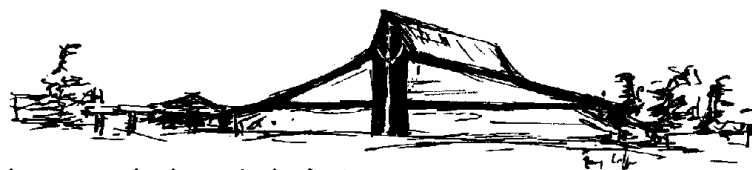
### **University Chaplain: Fr. Dean Henderson**

250-721-8339 (office) 250-882-2151 (cell)

catholic@uvic.ca

### **Children's Religious Education: Barbara Shenton**

bjeens958@gmail.com



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## **COLLECTION June 9, 2019**

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

|                             |                    |
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| <b>Envelopes</b>            | \$ 2,476.00        |
| <b>Loose</b>                | \$ 430.00          |
| <b>Pre-Authorized Debit</b> | \$ 1,095.00        |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                | <b>\$ 4,001.00</b> |
| <b>Anawim</b>               | <b>\$ 815.00</b>   |

## **HOLY CROSS MINISTRIES**

| <b>MINISTRY</b>        | <b>COORDINATOR</b> | <b>PHONE</b> |
|------------------------|--------------------|--------------|
| Liturgy                | Debby Pietraszek   | 250-477-7375 |
| Liturgical Ministries: |                    |              |
| Usher / Greeter        | Maria Arruda       | 250-477-5526 |
| Altar Server           | Fr. William Hann   | 250-477-5321 |
| Music                  | Various Choirs     | 250-477-5321 |
| Altar Linens           | Marg McDonnell     | 250-477-6332 |
| Flowers/Art Envir.     | Ann Francis        | 250-477-8650 |
| Sun. Coffee, 9:00      | Darlene Southwell  | 250-477-5738 |
| Bulletin Folders       | Vicki Ponsioen     | 250-383-0654 |
| Sacramental Wine       | John Bartle-Clar   | 250-995-1891 |

## **SERVING OUR HOLY CROSS PARISH COMMUNITY**

|                     |                   |              |
|---------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| Responsible Min.    | Martha Oleson     | 250-477-6455 |
|                     | Muna Haddad       | 778-881-5843 |
| 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.       | Call office       | 250-477-5321 |
| Marriage Prep.      | Fr. William Hann  | 250-477-5321 |
| Children's Rel. Ed. | Barb Shenton      | 250-592-7391 |

|                                   |                  |              |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|--------------|
| Children's Liturgy of the Word    | Valentina Boyd   | 250-813-0230 |
| Catholicism                       |                  |              |
| Library                           | George Murphy    | 250-658-6061 |
| Outreach/Visiting                 | Sheridan Cooper  | 250-598-0248 |
| 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                         |              |
| Could You Ever Come Back To The Church | Fr. William Hann                 | 250-477-5321 |
| RCIA                                   | Glenn Palahicky                  | 250-479-1331 |
|                                        | Phil / Sheila Wall               | 250-385-7007 |
| RCIC                                   | Barb Shenton                     | 250-592-7391 |
| Ecumenism                              | Terry Marner                     | 250-380-0157 |
| Social & Eco. Justice                  | Yvonne Hsieh                     | 250-385-8322 |
| Anawim                                 | Parish Office                    | 250-477-5321 |
| Christmas Project                      | Coordinated by the Parish Office |              |
| D&P/Share Lent                         | Barb McKrow                      | 250-477-8322 |
| 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 |