



# Holy Cross Catholic Parish

## Vision Statement

Holy Cross Parish strives to be a welcoming, dynamic, vibrant, and inclusive Catholic community that gathers in unity and reaches out to attend to the needs of others.

**SUNDAY June 17th , 2018**  
**Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

## Reflections from the Gospel Gals

Mark gives us Christ's teaching of the Kingdom of God. The Parable of the Mustard Seed was given to the disciples behind closed doors by Christ. He describes the mustard seed as the smallest seed on earth. Though the seed appears small, even insignificant, it possesses great potential. Now he has their attention. The mustard seed is tiny and this dot { . } gives the approximate size. The farmer plants the seed not knowing how it will grow. Then with time, sun and rain, the seed sprouts. Though the plant is a herb and usually a shrub, there are massive mustard trees too. What a wonderful illustration to picture the seed quickly growing into a tree, as we open our hearts to our growing seed of Faith and Trust in God. My friend explains that ... as with the seed growth, spiritual maturity doesn't happen overnight. Understanding the kingdom requires patience and timing. Ah, God is there to grow the tree without any intervention from us. And he is there to provide for us. As Christ was speaking to the disciples he explains the growing of the Kingdom of God. They are but a handful, the smallest of beginnings going out into our world. As we now see the kingdom has spread over the world in massive numbers. How do we open our hearts, our minds, and our souls to understand the kingdom? The start is like the parable.

Trust God to plant and grow our seed of faith and provide for us on our journey. Empowered by God's Presence and unconditional Love we can live as St. Teresa of Avila expressed it, "Christ has no body now on earth but yours, no hands but yours, no feet but yours." Yours are the eyes through which Christ's compassion is to look out to the world. Yours are the feet with which Christ is to go about doing good. Yours are the hands with which Christ is to bless all people.

Marian Duke



### OFFICE HOURS

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

Fr. Karam Alraban, Parish Administrator

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**BOOKKEEPER POSITION AVAILABLE**

**Holy Cross is looking for a bookkeeper.** Typical hours are 5 hours a month, with an increase of hours during certain times of the year (ex. year end). A detailed job description can be discussed with our finance chair David Begg, [djbegg@shaw.ca](mailto:djbegg@shaw.ca). A preferred candidate would have some knowledge of how to use the accounting program Sage 50. Application deadline is Friday, June 22nd. For more information call the office.

**THANK YOU FROM SR. BING, RVM**

Greetings of peace!

What a great experience we had with you and the parishioners of Holy Cross. Thank you for inviting us. It was a wonderful gathering and we felt the warmth of God's love through the welcoming spirit of the people in the church.

On our way home, we can't help but talk and share how lucky we are at St. Ann's Church to be invited and to share with you about our Children and Youth Ministry; how the kids grew and brightened our Church especially when they lead happily and joyfully the liturgy every 3rd Sunday of the month; when they are able to come to our Children and Youth Program every Thursday.

Our hearts are overflowing with joy knowing that St. Ann's Parish will be able to sustain its Program for the children and youth through the assistance of your Parish-the Holy Cross Parish. Kindly extend our sincere gratitude to Fr. William, Fr. Karam and all the Parishioners of Holy Cross for their kind and generous heart. Our special prayer for Fr. William as he starts his Sabbatical Journey.

Keeping you all in our prayer and in the service of our Lord,  
S. Bing, RVM

**DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE**

Join Development and Peace—Caritas Canada in marking the World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought. Let us pray for the many communities faced with increasingly drought-like conditions due to climate change.

**IN THE LIBRARY**

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.

- ***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**

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 (1903-90)

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

More information and details on bulletin board or parish office

- **DIOCESAN FAMILY CONFERENCE:** Families will gather together once again for a fun, faith filled weekend of fellowship, play and prayer time all set against a beautiful West Coast backdrop for 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Diocesan Family Conference. Join us! **August 23-26, 2018 at Nanoose Bay Camp.** For registration follow the link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/6th-diocesanfamily-conference-august-2018-tickets-44556665185?aff=es2>. For info email Reine at: [familycamp@redvictoria.org](mailto:familycamp@redvictoria.org) or visit [www.rcdvictoria.org](http://www.rcdvictoria.org)
- **MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Canada Day Multicultural Festival (Canadian Dinner, Music, Songs & Public Dancing) - Sponsored by Knights of Columbus Bishop Demers Assembly on Sat., June 30<sup>th</sup> from 6:00pm to 11:00 p.m. at the St. Joseph's Catholic School Gym at 757 West Burnside Road, Victoria. Tickets are \$20/person; \$30/couple & \$40/family. Support our 4<sup>th</sup> degree Knights & their works of charity in Victoria. For tickets, call Roland Wauthy 250-419-4645.
- **VOCATION LIVE-IN:** On the weekend of July 6 - 8, there will be a Vocation Live-In for boys or young men interested in the priesthood or the consecrated life, at the Seminary of Christ the King, Mission, BC. For more information call 604-826-8715.
- **ORANGE SHIRT DAY BREAKFAST:** Aboriginal Neighbours is organising an Orange Shirt Day Pancake Breakfast at the Rainbow Kitchen Esquimalt United Church, 1315 Lyall Street on June 30, 2018, from 8.30 am to noon. This is to raise funds to support the Orange Shirt Day "Every Child Matters" Victoria event that will be held at City Hall, 1 Centennial Square, on September 30, 2018. You are welcome to come together, eat, and support Orange Shirt Day.

### **OUR LITURGICAL LIFE:**

#### **SUNDAY, June 17th**

8:30 am Mass: **Patrick Hann +**  
10:30 am Mass: **Dan Taft +**  
10:30 am Baptism of Sofia Rama

#### **MONDAY, June 18th**

No Mass

#### **TUESDAY, June 19th**

9:00 am Mass: **Brian Wall +**  
10:00am Fr. Karam's Catholicism  
Course (**cancelled**)

#### **WEDNESDAY, June 20th**

9:00 am Mass: **Brian Wall +**

#### **THURSDAY, June 21st**

9:00 am Mass: **Brian Wall +**

#### **FRIDAY, June 22nd**

9:00 am Mass: **Brian Wall +**

#### **SATURDAY, June 23rd**

3:45—4:30 Reconciliation  
5:00pm Mass: **Brian Wall +**

#### **SUNDAY, June 24th**

8:30 am Mass: **Silvio Fedrigo +**  
10:30 am Mass: **Amaro Martins +**

### **CHANGES**

Fr. Karam will be presiding over mass at Berwick House on Tuesday June 19th at 10:30 therefore **his Catholicism class will be cancelled on this day.**

### **FUNERAL**

The Funeral for Pat Stewart will be held on **Friday, June 29th** at 11am. Pat was a longtime parishioner of Holy Cross. Please come support the family in their time of grief.

### **PASTORAL CARE VISITS WHILE IN HOSPITAL**

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. Ian Stuart** to make this request.

## **CONTACTS**

### **Administrator: Fr. Karam Alraban**

250-477-5321 rev.karam@gmail.com

250-294-9615 after hours

### **Hospital Chaplain: Fr. Ian Stuart**

250-889-3761

### **Pastoral Assistant: Anna Mendonca**

250-477-5321 pastoralassistant@holycrossvictoria.org

### **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

## **HOLY CROSS MINISTRIES**

<b>MINISTRY</b>	<b>COORDINATOR</b>	<b>PHONE</b>
Liturgy Liturgical Ministers	Anna Mendonca	250-477-3552
Usher / Greeter	Maria Arruda	250-477-5526
Altar Server Music	Fr. William Hann Various Choirs	250-477-5321 250-477-5321
Altar Linens	Marg McDonnell	250-477-6332
Flowers/Art Envir.	Ann Francis	250-477-8650
Sun. Coffee, 8:30	Darlene Southwell	250-477-5738
Sun. Coffee, 10:30	Yvonne Hsieh	250-385-8322
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 Janita McHugh	250-477-6455 250-220-4778
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.	Anna Mendonca	250-477-5321
Marriage Prep.	Fr. William Hann	250-477-5321
Mom's/Tots	Partnership with St. Patrick's	
Children's Rel. Ed.	Giacinta Bewley	250-652-0204



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## **COLLECTION June 10, 2018**

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

<b>Envelopes</b>	\$ 2, 430.00
<b>Loose</b>	\$ 365.00
<b>Pre-Authorized Debit</b>	\$ 1, 107.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 3, 902.00</b>
Anawim House	\$1, 032.00

Children's Liturgy of the Word	Bobbi Bartle-Clar/ Valentina Boyd	250-995-1891 250-813-0230
Catholicism	Fr. Karam Alraban	250-477-5321
Library	George Murphy	250-658-6061
Outreach/Visiting	Anna Mendonca	250-477-3552
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	
Franciscans and Friends Youth	Maritza Chouza	778-533-1736
Could You Ever Come Back To The Church	Fr. William Hann Glenn Palahicky	250-477-5321 250-479-1331
RCIA	Phil / Sheila Wall	250-385-7007
RCIC	Dan Taft Jr.	250-721-0821
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	Sheila Wall	250-385-7007
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 Out- reach	John Oleson	250-477-6455