



Holy Cross Catholic Parish

Twinning with St. Patrick's Parish

SUNDAY - June 18th, 2023
Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

More than anything else, Jesus has one basic message: The kingdom of God is at hand. He proclaimed it had begun and was on its way to fulfillment. In it is everything he was, taught, did, and wants us to learn and do. Love God and one another wholeheartedly, especially those who are deprived in some way. Forgive as God has forgiven you. Be open to a new and different way of seeing the world and acting, one that brings everyone together in God. Are you ready to enter the Kingdom?

The basic motive of today's readings is our being called by God. My dear friends, can you embrace your baptismal call and to see yourselves addressed by Christ just as the Twelve were: "Go...to the lost sheep; make this proclamation: 'The kingdom of heaven has come near'"? In today's readings we witness Jesus gathering his disciples. That activity Jesus continues even today. He drafts us as his disciples as well. Today's vocation stories are a good illustration of what really goes on between God and us who may pride ourselves on being disciples of Jesus. These vocation stories display a pattern that repeats itself repeatedly, and which makes us into disciples of Jesus. That basic pattern is one of calling and of following. The calling is God's, the following is ours.

Most of us have had the experience of being called. Is God calling you to some action or some ministry in Church or in society? Do you trust the unfolding story of your life? What I love most about our faith is the calling of ordinary men and women who stumble on God and forget and remember again the marvelous mercy and healing forgiveness of Jesus. Scripture teaches us that those who have fallen and have known brokenness are authentic witnesses to preach a merciful, loving, and forgiving God, a God who offers salvation to all.

When we look at the twelve apostles, they were indeed a strange bunch. Full of faults, fragile in their faith, but in the end they started something extraordinary which today plays a central part of our lives. What does the Gospel ask of you this day? What it may ask from us is that we honestly acknowledge before God: "What Am I called to do." Whatever the question, God's answer to us will be: "Be my prophet, expose the injustice that marks the world now, be a messenger of a new heaven and a new earth." Or his words may be: "Become my apostle to proclaim Good News." Or his words may be: "Be not afraid; give to people who threaten to go under a hand that they can hold on to, so that they may not be swallowed up." *Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.*"
—1 Peter 2:10

God calls us today.

Father William



OFFICE HOURS

Saturday, Sunday, Monday: Closed

Tuesday/Wednesday: 9am—2:00pm

Thursday/Friday: 9am—2:30pm

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***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.***

Report Sexual Abuse

To report sexual abuse by a clergy member, religious, employee, or volunteer, visit [RCDVictoria.org/Responsible-Ministry](https://www.rcdvictoria.org/Responsible-Ministry) or call 1-800-968-3146

To report sexual abuse or cover-up by a Catholic Bishop, visit [BishopReportingSystem.ca](https://www.bishopreportingsystem.ca) or call 1-866-892-3737

LIVESTREAM MASSES

Live Mass broadcast this weekend! Mass is livestreamed this week from St. Patrick's Parish at 11am Sunday. Click the link here: <http://www.youtube.com/c/StPatricksHolyCrossChurch>

Baptismal Prep Do you want to have your child welcomed into the family of God through baptism? To prepare you must complete a registration form and complete a Baptismal Preparation course. Please note that the next sessions to choose from for Baptismal Preparation are: Sat, June 17 (10:00 am – 12 noon), Sat, July 8 (10:00 am – 12 noon), Sat, August 26 (10:00 am – 12 noon). Please email hcsbp baptismal-prep@rcdvictoria.org with your name and contact information. Also, please indicate which course you would like to register. The coordinator will email you a registration form.



Attention: all Holy Cross readers! The **Environmental Book Collection** currently displayed in the lobby **will be moved to St. Patrick's as of Sept. 1**. You have till the end of August to borrow and return books in this collection. Take advantage of this opportunity while there's still time!

St. Pat's/Holy Cross Picnic The twinned St. Patrick's/Holy Cross Parishes picnic will be held at Gyro Beach on Sunday, July 23rd from noon until 3pm. We hope to see you at this fun event! Bring your own lawn chair, sunhat and appetite!

**Outreach Ministry Requests for Visits**

If you or a person you know would like a visit from an Outreach Ministry Volunteer to bring Holy Communion to someone at home who is unable to get to Mass; or - someone in long-term care, please contact the Office at 250-477-5321, or email: office@holycrossvictoria.org

**Pilgrimage to Mexico with Fr. Dean Henderson - February 23 - March 1, 2024**

Fr. Dean Henderson will be leading a pilgrimage to Mexico in the new year. If you are interested in the details of this opportunity, please pick up an information sheet and registration form from the foyer.

**Show Us Your Face, Lord
Catholic Retreat with Fr. Mark Cherry**

Throughout Scripture, we see references to our longing to see the face of God. This longing is now fulfilled with the coming of Our Lord Jesus Christ. In September, Fr. Mark Cherry, a retreat and mission speaker from Halifax, will lead a retreat in Victoria with the theme "Show Us Your Face, Lord" to bring us closer to Him.

The retreat will take place **September 29 – 30 (Friday evening and Saturday)** at St. Joseph the Worker Parish (753 Burnside Road W) with three talks, adoration and benediction, worship, a healing service and Mass. Confession will also be available.

Space is limited. Early bird registration is \$35 before Aug 31st and \$45 as of Sep 1st. Lunch is not included – bring a bag lunch. To register, please visit our website at www.tinyurl.com/showusyourface2023. For more information, email catholicretreat7@gmail.com or phone 250-383-7746.

Foyer Library Corner

June 22nd celebrates the feast day of two English martyrs: 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 illustrates the difficulty Catholics had in holding on to their faith in Tudor times.

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

<https://mycatholic.life/saints/saints-of-the-liturgical-year/june-22---saints-john-fisher-bishop-and-martyr-and-thomas-more-martyr/>

- 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
- 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

Please sign out and return these when read



Prayer Reflection

The greatest hindrances to the evangelization of the world are those within the church.

—John R. Mott

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—1 Peter 2:10

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“The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.” If you feel God is calling you to be a priest, deacon, sister or brother, call Fr. David Hogman or Fr. Harrison Ayre, Directors of Vocations in the Diocese of Victoria.

Fr. David Hogman: dhogman@rcdvictoria.org

Fr. Harrison Ayre: hayre@rcdvictoria.org

Holy Cross Annual General Meeting

Holy Cross Parish's AGM will be held in the church following the 9am Mass on Sunday, June 25th. All are encouraged to participate.

Olive Wood Carvings Sale

Representatives from the Holy Land Group will be here at Holy Cross Parish on **Saturday, June 24th** with olive wood carvings for sale after the 4pm Mass. Cash, e-transfer or cheques will be accepted as forms of payment.



2023 Father Leo Roberts Bursary Information

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, trade school.
- A practicing catholic involved in the Greater Victoria parish community. Preference given to Holy Cross and St Patrick's parishioners.

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. ***New Deadline*:** Saturday, July 8, 2023

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 Rd. Vic., BC V8N 3X7](https://www.rcdvictoria.org)

The **Holy Cross/St. Patrick's Social & Eco Justice Committee** invites all parishioners to read their 2022 - 2023 Annual Report. It's been another active year and we are truly grateful to Fr. William and all parishioners for their support and encouragement. Find the annual report and learn more about what we do at [our web page](#). New members are always welcome. Do **consider joining us!**

OUR LITURGICAL LIFE

SATURDAY, June 17th

4PM Mass: Salvatore Ciccone+

SUNDAY, June 18th

9AM Mass: Carmel Loader+

MONDAY, June 19th

NO MASS

TUESDAY, June 20th

9AM Mass: Carmel Loader+
Maria Porco+

WEDNESDAY, June 21st

NO MASS

THURSDAY, June 22nd

9am Mass: John Neary+

FRIDAY, June 23rd

NO MASS

The Church will be open for private prayers this week from Tuesday to Friday, 9am—noon

Masks are no longer mandatory indoors. We do encourage those who feel more comfortable to wear them as needed. If you are feeling unwell please stay home.

COLLECTION for June 11th 2023

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS

Envelopes	\$ 3,385.00
Loose	\$ 245.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$ 1,370.00
Canada Helps	\$ 653.71
Anawim for Men	\$ 780.00
TOTAL	\$6,433.71

Thank You!

Thanks to Darlene Southwell for suggesting and organizing the presentation given by the Saanich Police on Tuesday morning. Much valuable information was shared. Handouts are available in the office for those who were unable to attend.

News from the Chancery

- 1) Please see the information from Leah MacKenzie, Chief Financial Officer, regarding Gift Card and Email Scams posted on the Diocesan website at <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/news/gift-card-and-email-scams>.
- 2) The Diocese of Kamloops is hiring for the positions of Financial Officer and Safe Environment and Human Resources Officer. Applications for both positions close at 4 pm on June 29. For more information, please visit <https://www.rcdk.org/employment-opportunities>
- 3) Outstanding students and educators have until July 15 to apply for bursaries and awards being offered by the Diocese of Victoria. More information and application forms are available at the following links:
The Jawl Bundon LLP Bursary (\$2500): for a grade 12 Catholic student who has been accepted to a post-secondary institution. Preference will be given to Indigenous students, and to students who live outside of Greater Victoria and Nanaimo.
The Blessed Marie Anne Blondin Bursary (\$1000): for a lay woman who is accepted or enrolled in a program or course for ministry in the Church, such as religious education, social justice, liturgy, social action, care of the sick, etc.
The Char Deslippe Memorial Award (\$500): for a teacher working in Island Catholic Schools or a parish catechist serving in children, youth or adult ministry.
- 4) The Diocese of Victoria is now accepting applications for the position of Chief Financial Officer. The CFO serves as the financial administrator of the Diocese and reports directly to the Bishop. This is an exceptional opportunity for an individual who wants to be part of the Diocese's senior management team and to oversee the stewardship of the organization's fiscal resources in support of the mission of the Diocese. The job posting and may be viewed at <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/employment>. All applications must be received by June 30, 2023. We reserve the right to shorten or extend this deadline depending on interest, so please apply early to ensure your application will be considered.

St Josemaría Feast Day Mass

You are invited to celebrate the feast day of **Saint Josemaría Escrivá**, the founder of Opus Dei who was called the "saint of the ordinary" by Pope St John Paul II. **Bishop Gary** will celebrate Mass on **Monday, June 26th** at **7pm** at **St Joseph the Worker**. A reception will follow.

Seeking Donations of Used/Old Hearing Aids

A parishioner is seeking donations of used/old hearing aids to support the Hearing Aid Centre of St. Patrick's Catholic Hospital, Maase-Offinso, Ashanti, Ghana. Please ask a friend to ask a friend to assist this hospital in its efforts to offer free health care to the poor surrounding communities. Please drop off donations at the office.

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250-294-9615 (after hours)

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**HAPPY FATHER'S DAY
TO ALL THE
DADS
IN THE PARISH!**



Mass Times

Holy Cross Parish - Saturday 4pm,
Sunday 9am, Weekday Masses Tuesday and Thursday,
9am.

St. Patrick's Parish - Sunday 11am and 4pm.
Weekday Masses Wednesday and Friday 12:10pm.

HOSPITAL EMERGENCY CALLS:

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