



# Holy Cross Catholic Parish

Twinning with St. Patrick's Parish

**SUNDAY - June 19th, 2022**  
**Corpus Christi**

It makes perfect sense that the sacramental action that ritually encompasses our lives as Christians is a meal. It would be odd, really, if it were anything else. If we understood what this meal represents, we should treat it like all great feasts and rush to claim our seat at the table. We would dance up the aisles, unable to contain our joy at being included in this gracious event. We would dance our way out of the church at the dismissal, too, consciously brimming with the life that has no end. Saint Angela of Foligno understood the Eucharist...*If we but paused for a moment to consider attentively what takes place in this sacrament, I am sure that the thought of Christ's love for us would transform the coldness of our hearts into a fire of love and gratitude.*

The world can be a lonely place, but parishes centered on Eucharist cannot allow themselves to imitate that spirit. Jesus was unwilling to send people off to find their own provisions; he fed them in groups of fifty and kept the community together. Yet so often, Holy Communion paradoxically becomes "holy isolation" as each person enters into a solitary, personal frame of mind to get his or her sacrament. A few moments of silence or reflective music is welcome in our noisy world, but not at the expense of the spirit of gathering. Eucharist is never a personal covenant between me and God. When we eat this bread and drink this cup, the consequences are always a shared and common life. 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 in memory of Jesus, we are not putting flowers on the grave of someone who is dead. On the contrary, we let our lives be shaped and permeated by whom-who still lives, but now in us. We eat this bread and drink the wine in memory of Jesus, with the hope that his self-giving may become flesh and blood in us.

Jesus does with us what he did on that hillside: he blesses us, he breaks us, and he gives us the broken bread. The bread must be broken; otherwise, it cannot be given. Our lives, like bread, are to be shared and given, and once we give to others, we will find that it is they who give to us. Jesus was right to say to the disciples: "You give them something to eat." St. Augustine said it so well and it can be our prayer for today as we receive the Eucharist: "If you receive well, you are what you have received. Since you are the Body of Christ and his members, it is your mystery that you receive. You hear the words the Body of Christ' and you answer Amen.' Be, therefore, members of Christ that your amen' may be true. Be what you see and receive what you already are." It is easy to feel overwhelmed by the problems the world faces. But we can take solace, and guidance, in these words of Dorothy Day: "What we do is very little, but it is like the little boy with a few loaves and fishes. Christ took that little and increased it. He will do the rest."

Thank you Jesus!  
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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**LIVESTREAM MASSES**

**Live Mass broadcast this weekend!** Mass is livestreamed this week from *Holy Cross Parish* on Saturday at 4pm. Click the link here: <http://www.youtube.com/c/StPatricksHolyCrossChurch>

**CHANGES TO MASS SCHEDULE**

After consultation with the Liturgy Committee and feedback from parishioners, adjustments have been made to the Mass schedule as follows:

**Starting on Saturday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> and Sunday September 4<sup>th</sup>, our weekend Mass schedule will be:**

\* **Holy Cross:** Saturday at 4pm; and Sunday at 9am;

\* **St. Patrick's:** Sunday at 11am; and Sunday at 4pm.

\* **Our new weekday daily Mass** schedule starting in September: Tuesday & Thursday at 9am - Holy Cross. Wednesday & Friday at 12:10pm at St. Patrick's.

\* **During the month of August when Fr. William is away:** our Liturgy of the Word Service with Communion will be held on Tuesday & Thursday at 9am - Holy Cross; and Wednesday & Friday at 12:10pm - St. Patrick's. Thank you all for your understanding during this time of change and opportunity.

**RCIA INFORMATION**

*Do you know someone who has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic? Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?* Parishes in the city of Victoria have come together to offer an opportunity to learn more about our faith in small group settings. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season. For information please contact your local pastor (Father Dino, Father William, Father Alfredo). To register for the 2022-23 year starting October 6, 2022 at Saint Joseph the Worker parish email Carmelle to register at [carmelle.whiteley@gmail.com](mailto:carmelle.whiteley@gmail.com).

**ARE YOU A FAITH FILLED, COLLABORATIVE PERSON?** Father William is seeking such people to assist him on Parish Pastoral Council at Holy Cross. The Pastoral Council is the principal planning body for our Parish. The members who serve, collaborate with the Pastor on all aspects of parish life. The Council meets regularly September to June (3 to 5 times a year), to develop long range goals, to monitor progress in meeting the parish's mission and to seek ways to deepen the faith life of the parish community. **If you are interested, please contact** the parish office. **Our Annual General Meeting at Holy Cross is Sunday, July 3 after the 9am mass. All are welcome!**

**LIBRARY CORNER (entrance of the Church)**

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](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Fisher) and [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thomas More](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thomas_More) **Parish Hall 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**

Receive Communion often, very often . . . there you have the sole remedy, if you want to be cured. Jesus has not put this attraction in your heart for nothing.  
—Saint Thérèse of Lisieux

If we but paused for a moment to consider attentively what takes place in this sacrament, I am sure that the thought of Christ's love for us would transform the coldness of our hearts into a fire of love and gratitude.  
—Saint Angela of Foligno

**NOTE FROM THE DIOCESE**

Please note the following changes to the Diocesan livestream schedule. We have also posted these changes at <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/events/dailymasslivestreamed> and <https://www.youtube.com/c/RCDVictoriaLiveOne/about>.

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The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops invites families across Canada to participate in an online "**Rosary for the Family**".

This live Zoom event takes place on Father's Day, Sunday, 19 June 2022, at noon PDT. Featuring different families and voices from across the country, it is an opportunity to gather in prayer with other faith-filled families.

The CCCB is hosting this national event in preparation for the 10th World Meeting of Families that will take place in Rome and in dioceses across the world from 22–26 June 2022.

**Everyone is welcome!**

For more information and to register, please visit:

<https://www.cccb.ca/faith-moral-issues/family-and-life/celebrating-the-amoris-laetitia-family-year/what-are-the-plans-for-the-10th-world-meeting-of-families/national-rosary-for-the-family-19-june-2022/>

**OUR LITURGICAL LIFE:**

**SATURDAY, June 18th**

1:30pm: Funeral for Florence Bushell

3-3:45pm: Confession

4pm Mass: Salvatore Ciccone +

**SUNDAY, June 19th**

**FATHER'S DAY!!**

9am Mass: Jose Mendonca +

**MONDAY, June 20th**

Office Closed/No Mass

**TUESDAY, June 21st**

9am Mass: Lucille Muldoon +

**WEDNESDAY, June 22nd**

9am Mass: John Neary +

**THURSDAY, June 23rd**

9am Mass: Sean Murtagh +

**FRIDAY, June 24th**

9am Mass: Lawrence Hudon +

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*Masks are no longer mandatory indoors, though we do encourage those who feel more comfortable to wear them as needed. As always, if you are feeling unwell or symptomatic please stay home.*



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**SAVE THE DATE! Saturday, July 9th - Volunteer Appreciation**

**Tea**, will be held in the parish hall from 1-3pm. It has been a long time since we've been able to properly say THANK YOU to all our wonderful parish volunteers. We hope you can join us on that day. More details to follow, but if anyone is inclined to help out with serving, etc., please email Joanie

at: [officeassistant@holycrossvictoria.org](mailto:officeassistant@holycrossvictoria.org) I would be happy to hear from you!



**COLLECTION for June 12, 2022**

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS:

Envelopes	\$ 4,280.00
Loose	\$ 295.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$ 1,677.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 6,252.00</b>

**THANK YOU CONER**

This week we thank Bob Francis, who came out of retirement (again and again and again) to move an electrical outlet in the sacristy. We are grateful for his gifts of time and talent, and for literally making it possible for light to shine and voices to be heard in the Church and all over the parish centre.

Thank you BOB!!!!



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### **VOLUNTEER NEEDED!**

We are in need of a Saturday Night Coffee Coordinator. This volunteer would coordinate volunteers to serve coffee after Saturday Mass. Please email Valentina at the office if you are interested or have any further questions.

### **FUNDRAISING CONCERT IN JUNE**

Mark your calendars! Arbutus Singers will hold a concert at Saint Patrick's Church on **Wednesday, June 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm**. Concert will last an hour and is by donation, Monies raised will support the Ukrainian people in this time of great challenge.



### **FR. LEO ROBERTS BURSARY**

#### **2022 Father 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:** Thursday, June 30, 2022

**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](https://www.google.com/maps/place/4049+Gordon+Head+Road,+BC+V8N+3X7)

### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - HOLY CROSS PARISH**

Please note the AGM has been deferred until Sunday July 10th to accommodate the long weekend for which the date was originally set.

**New Date:** Sunday July 10th **Time:** 10am (after 9am Mass) **Location:** In the Church

All parishioners are welcome to attend the AGM and have their voices heard, take part in the discussion, and keep up to date on upcoming Parish projects.

**\*\*Members of Parish Council:** Please submit your year end reports to Valentina no later than June 30th. They can be sent by email to [office@holycrossvictoria.org](mailto:office@holycrossvictoria.org)

### **ST. PATRICK'S AND HOLY CROSS PARISH PICNIC**

**Save the Date:** Co-parish picnic will be at [Willows beach on July 24th 1-4 pm](https://www.google.com/maps/place/Willows+beach)

Look for the St. Patrick's tents and Knights of Columbus cooking up Burgers !!!

Likely by the open grass field.

Bring your lawn chair / blanket. Lunch is provided. Bring your children as there will be special activities for the kids!

More details will follow closer to the date!

