



Holy Cross Catholic Parish

Twinning with St. Patrick's Parish

Mission Statement: 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 20, 2021
Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's Gospel story is about Jesus stilling the storm. The story is often used to show how great and powerful Jesus is in references to the forces of nature. For me, it is much more fascinating to see how Jesus approaches his disciples in their fear. He asks them "*why are you so frightened? Why do you not dare to believe in me?*" These are words that appear quite frequently in the Gospel, words of Jesus to people who are frightened, who know themselves as sinners, who feel rejected: "*Have no fear; I am here.*" The disciples were people very much like us; people with their failures, with their desires, with their moments of fear; moments of care and love for each other. In their contact with Jesus they had an overwhelming experience; the experience that Jesus stood by them in their fear, that he broke through their fears; the experience that his love was so heartwarming that the fear by which they felt imprisoned evaporated. How liberating it must have been to meet a man who was so disarming; he literally enables them to drop the weapons of fear and threat, because they do not need them anymore. That experience was so overwhelming, so overwhelming that later they could not describe what he meant to them in any other way than as someone who could still the storm. He had such a big heart for people that he could still the storm of fear.

One of the messages of the storm story is that the Lord remains with the church in the storm. The Lord is present to his fearful and faithless disciples. He may rebuke us as he rebuked those disciples in the boat. However, his presence to us in the storm is not just a rebuking presence. It is ultimately a creative and life-giving presence. Jesus brought calm out of the chaos; he tamed the storm and saw to it that the boat reached the other side. The Lord remains stronger than the storms that threaten the church, whether those storms are self-inflicted or brought on by others or a combination of both. Like the apostles, we need to trust that Our Lord works to bring his church through the storm to a new place where, as in their case, fear gives way to awe and their rebuking question, 'Master, do you not care?' gives way to amazement, 'Who can this be? Even the winds and sea obey him.' This conviction (that the Lord of the church is stronger than the storm) should not make us complacent. Yet, it keeps us hopeful and faithful, even when so much seems under threat. What today's Gospel story summons us to is to have no fear, to give ourselves over to a God who knows our hearts and who loves us to the end? It is indeed interesting that Jesus calms the storm with a word or two, by the same authority that once created the universe. "Have you still no faith?" he asks those terrified disciples. They don't reply, but the answer is obvious: not enough to quell their fear. Still, Jesus is in their boat, and they're going to survive this crossing. God in Jesus calms even what seems like the most unconquerable disturbances, like storms at sea. What "storms" assail your faith? How do you look to Jesus to quiet your fears? It is truly remarkable how the love of God in Christ urges us on, even when we are battling against a headwind. It urges us on until we reach what the gospel calls 'the other side', the place towards which the Lord is guiding the church — the place where he wants us all to be.

I must go down to that sea again,
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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EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY: As per the latest Provincial Health Orders we are now able to resume in-person services up to 50 people For Holy Cross Parish. If you would like to make an inquiry as to availability please contact Joanie Bidlake: officeassistant@holycrossvictoria.org

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

LIVESTREAM MASSES

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

UPDATE ON WEEKDAY MASSES



PLEASE NOTE: Starting **Tuesday, June 22nd, the 9am weekday morning Masses only will be open to stand-by walk-in's if space allows.** This means that at 9am, if there is space available, those not on our registration list will be allowed to attend Mass. Our ushers will take your contact information at the door. Pre-registration will not be required for walk-ins. Reminder that this applies to weekday morning Masses **only**. Walk-ins are not permitted at our weekend (Saturday 4pm & Sunday 9am) and Wednesday 7pm evening Masses, as they are all full with waitlists being taken.

Thank you for your understanding, and if you have any questions please feel free to contact the Office.

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: *Wednesday, June 30, 2021*

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 Road, BC V8N 3X7

ADDITIONAL BURSARIES

There are also two additional bursaries that are available to apply for. The [UVic Joseph B. Jackson Bursary](#) and the [Camosun College Holy Cross Catholic Church Bursary](#) –Bursary details are posted in Narthex area. Call our bursary coordinator, Tony Southwell at (250) 477-5738 for more information.

GARDEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Summer is here! Flowers are all in bloom, as are the weeds. If you are a green thumb at heart, with an hour or two on your hands, please consider tackling one of the many garden beds around the Parish grounds (including the islands in the parking lot). This is a great, pandemic safe way of volunteering in our parish community while helping to beautify our grounds. If you are interested please email our garden coordinator, jseale1234@gmail.com or call the parish office 250-477-5321. Thank you for your support!



PRAYER REFLECTION

Why therefore be disturbed? Your heart is agitated by the tribulations of the world, as the boat in which Jesus Christ was asleep. . . . This boat in which Jesus Christ is sleeping is your heart in which faith is slumbering. What news do you hear, O Christian, what news do you hear?

—Augustine of Hippo

When he established the heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, then I was beside him.

—Proverbs 8:27-30

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.

SUNDAY 10 AM

MONDAY TO FRIDAY 7 PM

Diocesan Blog: Novena and Act of Entrustment to Saint Joseph begins June 22, 2021.

We've just passed the halfway point of the Year of St. Joseph that was proclaimed last December (<https://www.rcdvictoria.org/news/the-year-of-st-joseph>). To help us mark this special year, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops has announced a national Novena and Act of Entrustment to Saint Joseph, to be held from June 22 – July 1.

For each of the nine days between June 22 and June 30, the CCCB has provided a reflection, a prayer, and a call to action (<https://www.cccb.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/St.-Joseph-Novena-EN.pdf>). Catholics in Canada are invited to participate in this Novena to implore Saint Joseph's intercession for the welfare of the entire country, for the many needs of society, and to pray in particular for those who passed away due to COVID-19, the children who died in the residential schools era, and the healing that truth can bring.

Then, on July 1st, Bishops across the country will celebrate the Act of Entrustment to Saint Joseph in their respective dioceses. You can participate in the Diocese of Victoria's celebration by tuning in to the 7:00 pm PDT livestream Mass at <https://www.youtube.com/c/RCDVictoriaLiveOne>.

The CCCB has also created a website full of resources related to St. Joseph, including prayers and devotions, guided video reflections, children's activities, and relevant church documents:

<https://www.cccb.ca/evangelization-catechesis-catholic-education/celebrating-the-year-of-saint-joseph/>

St. Joseph, Protector of the Holy Family, Patron of the Universal Church and Patron of Canada, pray for us!

OUR LITURGICAL LIFE:

SATURDAY, June 19th

Intention: Francis Zhang (int)

SUNDAY, June 20th

Intention: Clive Loader +

MONDAY, June 21st

Office Closed/No Mass

TUESDAY, June 22nd

Intention: Brian Wall +

WEDNESDAY, June 23rd

Intention: Francis Zhang (int)

THURSDAY, June 24th

Intention: Dorothy McIsaac +

FRIDAY, June 25th

Intention: Antoniazzi Family Int.

As of Tuesday, June 1st in-person Masses will resume according to the registration lists we have had in place. If you have any questions in this regard, or would like to inquire about Mass availability please contact Joanie Bidlake at: officeassistant@holycrossvictoria.org Masks remain mandatory in the church and parish centre at all times.



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COLLECTION for June 6, 2021

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS:

Envelopes	\$ 1,180.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$ 1,677.00
TOTAL	\$ 2,857.00

