



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 21, 2020 Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Fear no one,” Jesus says. Not long after, he nuances this command: Fear only the one who can destroy the soul along with the body. Soul killing may sound esoteric, but it is so common nowadays. We live in fear that is stoked by every news flash, renewed with each banner headline. And as Pope Francis points out, fear makes us cruel. The Pope says fear is what drives a community to build walls, deny the other, and abandon the poor. What are we so afraid of that we should surrender our better natures?

Today, we are reminded that Jesus not only says, “Fear no one,” but elsewhere he declares, “Fear is useless”. To which he appends the important dictum: “What is needed is faith. “The anxieties of the present are real. But every act of generosity we extend robs them of their authority. Virtues like love, kindness, and inclusion defeat the power of fear that seeks to kill the soul. The mandate to protect the common good, which assures everyone gets what they need even in a time of scarcer resources, heals division, and clears the path toward a more gracious future. If what is needed is faith, then, O Lord, increase our faith! Let us recall too that faith is not about believing certain things. It is about trusting in the God who believes in us enough to entrust the welfare of our neighbor into our care. Why then do so many focus on sin and not love? There is a way out!

In our readings today we see and hear a way out that works; fearless images feed our sense of life. Jesus tells his disciples to speak of him - to witness to the world about his message of love, of inclusion, of peace, of justice, of care for the poor. What happens when people proclaim such messages? What happens when people tell the truth in love? The readings today are concerned with this problem, namely, what happens when the living of the Gospel is taken seriously. We are being reminded today that to become a follower of Christ in the full sense, that to spread his message of love, justice and peace in word and practice will be seen by some people as a real threat to be resisted. Jesus reassures us in the gospel today that our heavenly father would protect us here on earth. Jesus invites us not to be afraid. Jeremiah echoes the same message in the first reading, calling God his mighty champion.

How do we know we are loved? It is more than a matter of hearing the words or seeing them written in a card. Love has something to do with fidelity: showing up, being there, not leaving when the stampede is moving in the direction of the door. Love makes sacrifices, shares times of want along with seasons of plenty. Love generously supports and honestly challenges. Love lets go when the time is right. On this Father's Day, celebrate those who have embraced the vocation to show a father's love and helped you recognize your true worth. On this Father's Day, let us take some comfort that God has been and will be with us no matter what we face in life. We will not be left alone.

Father day blessings to all our dads on earth and in heaven
Father William



OFFICE HOURS

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

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HOSPITAL EMERGENCY CALLS

HOSPITAL EMERGENCY CALLS: 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. Sean Flynn** to make this request.

OUR VIRTUAL COMMUNITY

Father William has created a **YouTube** page and a **Facebook** page for the combined St. Patrick's and Holy Cross families! Please visit the Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/StPatsHolyCross/>
Like and follow the page and please do send photos of the church for posting!

Live Mass broadcast this Sunday! Mass will be broadcast from **St. Patrick's Parish on Sunday, June 21st at 11am on the YouTube page.**

Click the link here: <http://www.youtube.com/c/StPatricksHolyCrossChurch>

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: Saturday, June 30, 2020

How to apply: email essay to Father William Hann at wjhann@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 through our parish. 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.

ONLINE MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE

During this time, we are offering our Marriage Preparation Course fully online, and couples will be able to work through the program at their own pace. The cost is \$125 per couple, and the price also includes an online individualized couple assessment as well as a liturgy planning guide. For more information, go to: <https://bit.ly/3hgzRGW> or find the course on Eventbrite. You may also find the information on the Diocese website. Questions? Contact Louis Melendez at lmelendez@rcdvictoria.org or 250-479-1331 ext. 237.

THANK YOU!

I wish to thank Fr. William Hann and the parishioners of Holy Cross for prayers – I will be having major surgery on June 24th. -Wilf Woychuk

*We continue to keep Wilf, his wife, and his family in our prayers as he undergoes treatment and surgery for lung cancer.

Wednesday Mass group please note: **there will be no Mass on Wednesday, July 1, 2020**—Canada Day. The office will also be closed on this day.

PRAYER REFLECTION

Sins cannot be undone, only forgiven. —Igor Stravinsky (1882-1971)
Be not afraid of life. Believe that life is worth living, and your belief will help create the fact. —Henry James (1843-1916)
“The greatest mark of a father is how he treats his children when no one is looking.” —Dan Pearce

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

MERLIN’S MUSINGS: Merlin has just sent in his latest musing. Please click here to access his video: <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/diocesan-blog/merlinsmusings14>

BURSARIES are available through the Diocesan website www.rcdvictoria.org under Programs/Bursaries and Awards.

FOUNDATIONS OF FAITH

Foundations of the Catholic Faith ~ Part II includes an exploration of four pillars of Catholic Church: the Christian Creed, Christian Morality, Sacraments and Prayer. This four-morning interactive and reflective session provides an opportunity to explore foundational elements of the Catholic faith. It is designed for catechists, teachers, parishioners and anyone who would like to renew and enrich their personal faith journey. You will come away with a deeper knowledge and understanding of the Catholic faith. Participants will experience a joy-filled, welcoming and challenging learning environment employing a variety of adult learning strategies. Registration is free! Part I need not be completed prior to enrolling for Part II. All are welcome.

2020 Summer Offering via ZOOM (Computer with internet access, camera and microphone required)

Four mornings: **June 29, June 30, July 2 & July 3rd 9:00-12:30pm**

Register by emailing Gwen gjahelka@rcdvictoria.org or Glen gpalahicky@cisdv.bc.ca

REUSABLE CLOTH MASKS FOR SALE

There are reusable, handmade, cloth masks for sale through the parish office for \$15 each. They are washable, have ties to tie around the back of the head (not the loop around ear kind), and a bendable bridge to secure around the nose. Please call or come by the office if you are interested in buying one. We have a limited supply so first come, first serve. *A reminder that the BC Provincial Health directives encourage us all to wear a facial covering when out in public.

OUR LITURGICAL LIFE:

SATURDAY, June 20th

2:30-3:15pm Reconciliation

4:00pm Mass: **Salvatore Ciccone +**

SUNDAY, June 21st

9:00am Mass: **Lorne Thorton +**

MONDAY, June 22nd

Office Closed/No Mass

TUESDAY, June 23rd

9:00 am Mass

WEDNESDAY, June 24th

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

THURSDAY, June 25th

9:00am Mass: **Michael Schellink +**

FRIDAY, June 26th

9:00 am Mass : **Cam Dunphy +**

At Holy Cross Parish you must now register for which day of the week you would like to attend Mass. You can register by emailing Joanie Bidlake at: officeassistant@holycrossvictoria.org

Our Mass schedule remains the same for now:

Tuesday –Friday: 9am Mass

Saturday: 4pm Mass (full)

Sunday: 9am Mass (full)

**please note that if these Masses are inconvenient for you, you may select a Mass time from St. Patrick’s Parish Mass schedule. To do this please call Deborah Mackay at St. Pat’s at: 250-592-7391*

The church will remain open for private prayer next week from 9:30am (after morning Mass) to 11:00am Tuesday to Friday only.



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COLLECTION for June 14, 2020

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS:

Envelopes	\$ 1, 810.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$ 1, 163.00
TOTAL	\$ 2, 973.00