

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 23, 2019

The Feast of Corpus Christi

The church celebrates today the feast of Corpus Christi, the Body of Christ. Among other things, the Eucharist brings the church together and sustains it. It makes real the basic mystery of the Christian faith: the saving death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Our feast day is celebrated in the name of the Body and Blood of Christ to clarify what the solemnity always intended to commemorate: the total gift of Christ that is available to the church.

Christians are called to realize that all is a gift from God. We must receive that gift with joy and thankfulness. We are the Body of Christ in the world. That is the truth of our origins, all is gift and we are called to be people of joy and freedom. 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 He 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.

Ponder this! We who receive the sacrament of the church become, as one theologian put it, the sacrament for the world at large. When we embrace the Christian vocation to be sacrament—the medium of God's presence, grace, and compassion among us—then this solemnity reaches the fullness of its meaning. Jesus gives out food to the multitude, to detractors as well as disciples, believing and doubtful alike, ready or not. Until we are prepared to bring ourselves as food to society at large and do not adjudicate between the deserving and the undeserving as Dorothy Day warned we are tempted to do, then the miracle of loaves and fishes putters to a stop in this generation, the basket finally and fatally empty.

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: "Give them some food yourselves." Speaking of Holy Communion, St Augustine in the 400s in North Africa, said many wise and wonderful things about who we are as members, cells, limbs, of the body of Christ. Among other things he said: 'You are what you have received.' St. Augustan 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.*"

We are at mass inside hope, thank you Lord.
Fr. William Hann



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OFFICE HOURS

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

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HOSPITAL EMERGENCY CALLS: If you or someone you love is admitted to hospital and would like a visit from your office or Eucharistic Minister, please call your parish office or VGH/RJ hospital emergency pager **250-889-3761** and ask for **Fr. Thomas Chinnappa** to make this request.

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: \$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: Friday , June 28, 2019** **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

RIGHT OF CATHOLIC INITIATION FOR ADULTS

Interested in exploring the Catholic faith through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults? Parishes in the Victoria region have banded together to do one RCIA Journey of Faith Program. The RCIA program begins in late September. For further information contact Father William at the office, 250-477-5321, or contact Shelia and Phil at walls_in_holland@hotmail.com or 250-385-7007.



SET YOUR SCHEDULE!

Calling all parents from Holy Cross & St. Patrick's. THE SACRAMENTS OF RECONCILIATION, CONFIRMATION & FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES.

Registrations for Confession, Confirmation & First Holy Communion classes are available at St. Patrick's Parish or, contact Barb Shenton, our sacramental prep coordinator at bjeens958@gmail.com Classes will take place on Sunday mornings before the 11am Mass at St. Patrick's Parish beginning in the fall of 2019.

IN THE LIBRARY (Tues-Fri. 9am-2pm)

Jean Vanier died just over a month ago. Educated in philosophy and theology he is mostly remembered as the humanitarian who in 1964, founded L'Arche, in Trosly-Breuil, France, an international federation of communities (now in 37 countries) for those with developmental disabilities. (He was the son of Georges Vanier, the Governor-General of Canada 1959-1967). Our Library has several of his many short devotional books:

- **Becoming Human, CBC Massey Lectures (1998)**
- **Befriending the Stranger**
- **The Broken Body**
- **Made for Happiness**
- **In Weakness, Strength, Biography of Governor-General Georges Vanier**

PRE-AUTHORIZED DEBIT

Summer is a time for fun in the sun, and vacation getaways! However, the needs of Holy Cross continue even during the summer months. One way of keeping the financial needs of the parish in mind over the summer is by setting up monthly automatic PAD payments.

Doing so is quick and easy. Please contact the office if you would like to contribute via PAD or pick up a registration package in the church foyer.

PRAYER REFLECTION

As in the life of the body, a person who is born and becomes strong later requires food so that life may be preserved and sustained, so also in the spiritual life, a person, after being fortified, requires spiritual food, which is Christ's Body. —Thomas Aquinas

“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...” —St. Therese of Lisieux

AROUND THE PARISH AND DIOCESE

More information and details on bulletin board or parish office

- **PAPAL BLESSINGS:** Papal Blessing Parchments for special celebrations such as Weddings, Anniversaries or Birthdays may now be ordered directly online: www.elemosineria.va/papal-blessing-parchments
- **SUMMERTIME FAMILY FUN!:** The 7th Annual Diocesan Family Conference is on from August 22-25 at Nanoose Bay Camp! Your family will return energized and alive in God's love so do not miss out. Register at www.rcdvictoria.org. There are a number of lodging options and the food will be fantastic. Families will gather to pray, play and grow closer to God and to one another! For more information please email: familycamp@rcdvictoria.org.
- **JOB OPPORTUNITY:** Diocese of Victoria/Island Catholic Schools Job Postings: Senior Accountant & Computer Technician – See the bulletin board and Diocesan website for a full description. *Deadline for applications is July 31, 2019*
- **BIBLE CAMP APPLICATIONS:** July 8th-12th. St. Andrew's summer camp will be held at St. Joseph the Worker's parish hall. This camp runs from 9:00 am-4:00 pm each day, with one extra hour of care before and after at no extra charge. We provide T-shirts, snacks and plenty of opportunity for activity. Camp is faith based and open to children from the ages of 4 to 12. The cost of the camp is \$50/child. Registration forms are available through email saintandrewsoffice@gmail.com. *Last day for registration is Thursday, June 27th*
- **FOUNDATIONS OF FAITH:** *It is not too late to register!* Holy Cross Parish ~ Church Hall 8:30 – 4:00pm PART 2 (Creed, Sacraments, Christian Morality, Prayer) July 2-3 <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/foundations-of-the-catholic-faith-part-2-summer-tickets-49667530922> PART 1 (Pre-Evangelization, Role of Catechist, Scripture) July 4-5 <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/foundations-of-the-faith-part-1-tickets-62880603578> **Search Eventbrite to register or email gjahelka@rcdvictoria.org or call 250 479 1331 ext 230. Please bring your own lunch. Great refresher or renewal of our Catholic faith! All are welcome!**

OUR LITURGICAL LIFE:

SUNDAY, June 23rd

9:00am Mass: **Hilary Ribeiro and Jose Pacheco +**

MONDAY, June 24th

No Mass

TUESDAY, June 25th

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

WEDNESDAY, June 26th

9:00am Mass: **Karl Koster +**

THURSDAY, June 27th

9:00am Mass: **Don Smith +**

FRIDAY, June 28st

9:00am Mass: **Brendan Holden (int)**

SATURDAY, June 29th

4:00pm Mass

SUNDAY, June 30th

9:00am Mass: **Joan McDonald +**

THANK YOU CORNER!

Thankyou to Giacinta Bewley, who has been our Religious Education coordinator for the last 3 years. We are grateful for your dedicated service. Thank you also to our faithful catechists: Michael and Magdalena Casagrande, Loretta MacDonald, and Noleen Barron. Your gift to our children has been immeasurable.

Summer is coming! And as per usual our Children's Liturgy program will not be running over the summer months as many are away on holidays. We plan to resume in September, but we are in desperate need of volunteers in order to keep the program running. We need two volunteers per week to run the program. One teaches the children, the other supervises. It is easy and valuable volunteer work. If you are able or just interested in more details please email or call Valentina at the office. **Thank you!**

CONTACTS

Pastor: Fr. William Hann

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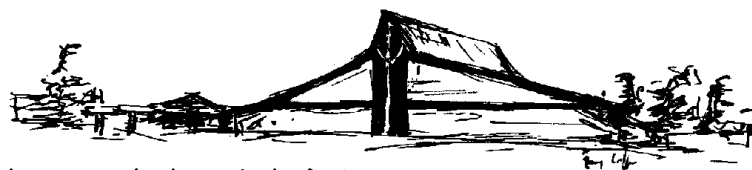
University Chaplain: Fr. Dean Henderson

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Children's Religious Education: Barbara Shenton

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COLLECTION June 16, 2019

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS:

Envelopes	\$ 2,740.00
Loose	\$ 360.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$ 1,095.00
TOTAL	\$ 4,195.00

HOLY CROSS MINISTRIES

MINISTRY	COORDINATOR	PHONE
Liturgy	Debby Pietraszek	250-477-7375
Liturgical Ministries:		
Usher / Greeter	Maria Arruda	250-477-5526
Altar Server	Fr. William Hann	250-477-5321
Music	Various Choirs	250-477-5321
Altar Linens	Marg McDonnell	250-477-6332
Flowers/Art Envir.	Ann Francis	250-477-8650
Sun. Coffee, 9:00	Darlene Southwell	250-477-5738
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	250-477-6455
	Muna Haddad	778-881-5843
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.	Call office	250-477-5321
Marriage Prep.	Fr. William Hann	250-477-5321
Children's Rel. Ed.	Barb Shenton	250-592-7391

Children's Liturgy of the Word	Valentina Boyd	250-813-0230
Catholicism		
Library	George Murphy	250-658-6061
Outreach/Visiting	Sheridan Cooper	250-598-0248
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	
Could You Ever Come Back To The Church	Fr. William Hann	250-477-5321
RCIA	Glenn Palahicky	250-479-1331
	Phil / Sheila Wall	250-385-7007
RCIC	Barb Shenton	250-592-7391
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	Barb McKrow	250-477-8322
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 Outreach	John Oleson	250-477-6455