



Holy Cross Catholic Parish

Vision Statement

Holy Cross Parish strives to be a welcoming, dynamic, vibrant, and inclusive Catholic community that gathers in unity and reaches out to attend to the needs of others.

SUNDAY June 17th , 2018 The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist

Reflections from the Gospel Gals

Today's gospel on the birth and naming of John the Baptist is familiar to us, as are many Sunday Scripture readings. After all, we've heard them countless times. However, there is always something new even in the most familiar narratives and John the Baptist is no exception.

In this gospel we take pause for a few questions. What is God saying to me in this scripture? How does he want his word to work out in my daily life? What does he want me to do ... *to do differently* ... to give me new life, life extended outward to the other?

Central to the gospel is the 'naming' of the new baby, the baby conceived in old age, a conception unbelievable to Zachariah who months earlier thought the possibility impossible for which he was rendered unable to speak. Family, friends and neighbours stood in awe of God's blessing to Elizabeth and Zachariah and wondered what this could mean.

Elizabeth said the baby's name was to be John, not Zachariah after his father, not any family, relative or ancestral name. Can you just imagine the reactions she got with that announcement? Bemusement, indignation and attempts to set her straight. However, Elizabeth broke with tradition and expectations; she willingly stood apart; she stood tall and strong in rebuke; she risked being different to do what she knew was right, what was God's will; she opened to new expectations, new possibilities; she put herself on the 'fringe'. Something new was born!

How often do 'ancestral names' keep us prisoners, keep us from total commitment to and communion with Jesus and become our *modus operandi* in life? How often do we do things the same way we always have and the way everyone expects, pray in the same way that we always have, hold with the same rituals, rigidity, opinions and outlooks that we always have -- be they religious practices, personal beliefs, social and restorative justice, incarceration, immigration, economic prosperity, street people? Do we stay in the same familiar, comfortable environments that we always have? Years ago, talking to a class of newly minted teachers Sr. Mary Nolasco, a well-respected Sister of Mercy from Newfoundland, gave the teachers sage advice. She said that if, at the end of their teaching careers, their teaching experience was simply the number of years taught multiplied by one equalled one, where the teachers did the same things in the same way year-in and year-out so much would have been lost. The same can be said of us. If we are the same now in our Christian life as we have always been much may have been lost.

God is never finished with any of us, at least not on this side of eternity. He wants to stir us to new life in him; he wants us to examine our Christian way of being, to look for 'new names'. This week let's take time to reflect upon our ancestral names. Think long upon one ancestral name that holds you back and in honest prayerful reflection ask Jesus to open you to new ways, his ways. Have no doubt, Jesus will show you where you can be like Elizabeth and in grace-filled expectation give a new name, new life, new hope to something. In doing so we will live God's kingdom on earth and even more we may bring God's kingdom to someone else; we will be set free to walk alongside Jesus without fear; we will experience the conversion to which we are ever moving.

Prayerful pondering, Trudy Holden

OFFICE HOURS

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

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BOOKKEEPER POSITION AVAILABLE

Holy Cross is looking for a bookkeeper. Typical hours are 5 hours a month, with an increase of hours during certain times of the year (ex. year end). A detailed job description can be discussed with our finance chair David Begg, djbegg@shaw.ca. A preferred candidate would have some knowledge of how to use the accounting program Sage 50. Application deadline is Friday, June 22nd. For more information call the office.

ORDINATION OF THE DIACONATE

On **Saturday, July 28th at 10:30** am at the Cathedral, we will celebrate the Ordination to the Permanent Diaconate of four candidates. With their wives, these four candidates, Philip Yuson (Marie), Michael Watkins (Cynthia), John Dawson (Heather) and Dion Pomponio (Kerry) have spent the past 4 ½ years in prayerful discernment, study and ministerial apprenticeship preparing for this moment when they will offer their lives in service to the diocesan Church of Victoria. All are welcome to attend and a reception will follow at St. Patrick's Church Hall in Oak Bay.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

On World Refugee Day, let us remember in our hearts our sisters and brothers who do not have a homeland. Development and Peace—Caritas Canada wants to thank you for your ongoing support to our work with refugees and those who have been forcibly displaced from their homes.

DIOCESAN FAMILY CONFERENCE

Families will gather together once again for a fun, faith filled weekend of fellowship, play and prayer time all set against a beautiful West Coast backdrop for 6th Annual Diocesan Family Conference. Join us! **August 23-26, 2018 at Nanoose Bay Camp.** For registration follow the link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/6th-diocesanfamily-conference-august-2018-tickets-44556665185?aff=es2>. For info email Reine at: familycamp@redvictoria.org or visit www.rcdvictoria.org

**IN THE LIBRARY**

June celebrates the feast days of the 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 illustrate the difficulty Catholics had in holding on to their faith in Tudor times.

- ***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

Let your intentions be so pure that you reject from your actions any other motive than the glory of God and the salvation of souls.

—Saint Angela Merici (1470?-1540)

John was a good man and had urged [others] to exert themselves to virtue, both as to justice toward one another and reverence towards God.

—Josephus, Antiquities (c. 94 A.D.)

AROUND THE PARISH AND DIOCESE

More information and details on bulletin board or parish office

- **MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL: 3rd Canada Day Multicultural Festival (Canadian Dinner, Music, Songs & Public Dancing)** - Sponsored by Knights of Columbus Bishop Demers Assembly on Sat., June 30th from 6:00pm to 11:00 p.m. at the St. Joseph's Catholic School Gym at 757 West Burnside Road, Victoria. Tickets are \$20/person; \$30/couple & \$40/family. Support our 4th degree Knights & their works of charity in Victoria. For tickets, call Roland Wauthy 250-419-4645.
- **HOST FAMILY NEEDED: Host Family Needed for Mexican Student at St. Andrew's Regional High School:** SARHS International Student Program is seeking an English speaking family to host a Grade 8 boy from Mexico starting at St. Andrew's in September 2018. Remuneration \$975 per month. For more information, please contact our Host Family Coordinator: Hilary Parker ASAP. E-mail: hparker@cisdv.bc.ca Tel: 250-886-5596
- **ORANGE SHIRT DAY BREAKFAST:** *Aboriginal Neighbours* is organising an *Orange Shirt Day Pancake Breakfast* at the Rainbow Kitchen Esquimalt United Church, 1315 Lyall Street on June 30, 2018, from 8.30 am to noon. This is to raise funds to support the Orange Shirt Day "Every Child Matters" Victoria event that will be held at City Hall, 1 Centennial Square, on September 30, 2018. You are welcome to come together, eat, and support *Orange Shirt Day*.
- **OFFICE ASSISTANT POSITION AVAILBALE:** St. Andrew's Cathedral is seeking a full-time customer service oriented Office assistant to assist with the clerical duties of a busy parish office. We're looking for someone with a friendly attitude and strong work ethic, with an eye for detail, who can comfortably prioritize duties and work diligently under pressure. A full job description is available on our website or by email request: saintandrewsoffice@gmail.com. Only those candidates who most closely match our requirements will be contacted. Please send your resume and covering letter to Rita Fichtner, Office Manager, at the parish office by June 27th.

OUR LITURGICAL LIFE:

SUNDAY, June 24th

8:30 am Mass: **Silvio Fedrigo +**
10:30 am Mass: **Amaro Martins +**

MONDAY, June 25th

No Mass

TUESDAY, June 26th

9:00 am Mass: **Brian Wall +**
10:00am Fr. Karam's Catholicism
Course

WEDNESDAY, June 27th

9:00 am Mass: **Jackie Echstein +**
THURSDAY, June 28th

12:00 pm Funeral for Ann Sinclair

FRIDAY, June 29th

11:00am Funeral for Patricia Stewart

SATURDAY, June 30th

3:45—4:30 Reconciliation
5:00pm Mass: **Joan McDonald +**

SUNDAY, July 1st

8:30 am Mass: **Brian Wall +**
10:30 am Mass: **Char Deslippe +**

FUNERAL

The Funeral for **Ann Sinclair** is on **Thursday, June 28th at 12 noon** and the funeral for **Pat Stewart** is on **Friday, June 29th at 11am**. Please come support the family in their time of grief.

PASTORAL CARE VISITS WHILE IN HOSPITAL

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. Ian Stuart** to make this request.

CONTACTS

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HOLY CROSS MINISTRIES

MINISTRY	COORDINATOR	PHONE
Liturgy Liturgical Ministers	Anna Mendonca	250-477-3552
Usher / Greeter	Maria Arruda	250-477-5526
Altar Server Music	Fr. William Hann Various Choirs	250-477-5321 250-477-5321
Altar Linens	Marg McDonnell	250-477-6332
Flowers/Art Envir.	Ann Francis	250-477-8650
Sun. Coffee, 8:30	Darlene Southwell	250-477-5738
Sun. Coffee, 10:30	Yvonne Hsieh	250-385-8322
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 Janita McHugh	250-477-6455 250-220-4778
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.	Anna Mendonca	250-477-5321
Marriage Prep.	Fr. William Hann	250-477-5321
Mom's/Tots	Partnership with St. Patrick's	
Children's Rel. Ed.	Giacinta Bewley	250-652-0204



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COLLECTION June 17, 2018

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS:

Envelopes	\$ 2,355.00
Loose	\$ 467.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$ 1,107.00
TOTAL	\$ 3,929.00
Anawim House	\$ 560.00

Children's Liturgy of the Word	Bobbi Bartle-Clar/ Valentina Boyd	250-995-1891 250-813-0230
Catholicism	Fr. Karam Alraban	250-477-5321
Library	George Murphy	250-658-6061
Outreach/Visiting	Anna Mendonca	250-477-3552
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	
Franciscans and Friends Youth	Maritza Chouza	778-533-1736
Could You Ever Come Back To The Church	Fr. William Hann Glenn Palahicky	250-477-5321 250-479-1331
RCIA	Phil / Sheila Wall	250-385-7007
RCIC	Dan Taft Jr.	250-721-0821
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	Sheila Wall	250-385-7007
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 Out- reach	John Oleson	250-477-6455