

Holy Cross Catholic Parish

Parish Vision

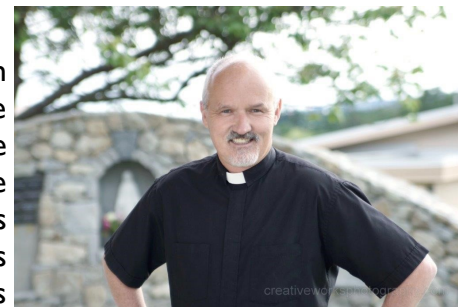
Holy Cross Parish strives to be a welcoming, dynamic, vibrant, and inclusive Catholic community that gathers in unity and reaches out to attend to the needs of others.

SUNDAY June 25th, 2017 The Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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From Fr. William's Desk

There is a line in today's Gospel which intrigues me. It is the one which says: "fear no one for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known." What is it we feel when we hear this proclaimed? We all live with fear - fear confronts us everyday. Survey after survey indicates that fear is the most compelling emotion with which people live.



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OFFICE HOURS

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

Every time we hear the same kind of watchword in Scripture, "Fear not," whether uttered by a prophet or by a heavenly messenger, whether addressed to an individual or to a community, we should be reassured. But at the same time, if God or Jesus or one of their messengers deems it necessary to summon us to courage, it means that fear has in some way or other come over us and that there are serious challenges lying ahead.

But who said that faith should come easy? Ask a great prophet like Jeremiah who had to struggle all his life not only because of the political and social crises unfolding before him, but in order to understand God's ways and to remain faithful to the message he was asked to proclaim. Yet, Jeremiah never gave up; he kept the faith and succeeded in delivering a wonderful message of hope to his contemporaries who had otherwise every reason to fear.

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? Today's Gospel reminds us that we do have a responsibility to stand up and be counted. And, thank God, many are still doing so. "If anyone declares himself for me in the presence of others, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of others, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven."

May we continue to live our lives knowing that we will always be strengthened by the knowledge that we are held in God's hand and protected by God's love? Let Jesus shape your life, let light shine in dark places and may we continue to live where God is knowing he will always hold us up and sustain us, come what may. Fear not but always in all places, and in all things, tell the truth in love.

MASS TIMES

SATURDAY	5:00pm
SUNDAY	8:30am 10:30am
MONDAY	9:00am
TUESDAY	9:00am
WEDNESDAY	9:00am
THURSDAY	9:00am
FRIDAY	9:00am

Mercy Chapel: Tues—Fri during office hours

Fear not,
Father William

PASTORAL CARE VISITS WHILE IN HOSPITAL

We remind the faithful that privacy legislation in BC prevents the release of information regarding hospital admissions. 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.

GARDEN PARTY!

Calling all green thumbs! Our rhododendrons require dead-heading, and many hands will make this sticky job a lot easier. On **Wednesday July 5th at 6:30pm** please join your friends for a short work bee. Everyone is welcome!

CONGRATULATIONS

*Congratulations to Clive and Carmel Loader, and Ellis Achtem of this parish who will be awarded a Diocesan Medal of recognition for their dedicated years of service to the Christian Community on Vancouver Island. A medal of honour will be awarded also to Ian Stewart, posthumously. The medals will be presented in the context of a mass on **Sunday July 9th at 11am** at St. Andrew's Cathedral. All are invited to attend. Clive, Carmel, Ellis and Ian, thank you for all you have done for Holy Cross and beyond! This honour is well deserved.*

LEARN HOW TO SAVE A LIFE!

St John's Ambulance will be here in September to offer CPR training and how to use our AED machine. We need a minimum of nine people to commit to the CPR/AED course before we are able to book a definite date for the training. Cost of the course is \$75.00 per person. So far we have eleven registered. Please consider this valuable life saving course and if you are interested contact the parish office: 250-477-5321.

AT THE LIBRARY

(in the Parish Centre –Tue- Fri: 9am-2:00pm)

June celebrates the feast days of 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*
- *The Voices of Morebath: Reformation and Rebellion in an English Village (2001) by Eamon Duffy*
- *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 Fires of Faith: Catholic England under Mary Tudor (when Catholicism was briefly restored) (2009) by Eamon Duffy*
- *God's Secret Agents (forbidden priests in the reigns of Queen Elizabeth & James I), (2005) by Alice Hogge*

SUMMER TIMES

As the end of the school year rapidly approaches, and many of us make plans to go away on summer holidays, we at Holy Cross wish you all safe travels, and long happy hot summer days! Enjoy!! Pre authorized donations are a great way to continue to support the needs of the parish while away on holidays.

PRAYER REFLECTION

The church is not a community of the perfect, but a community of sinners, obliged to recognize their need for God's love, their need to be purified through the cross of Jesus Christ.

—Pope Benedict XVI, 2012 Feast of Saints Peter & Paul

The Christian view boldly denies the Greek axiom that love is an aspiration of the lower towards the higher. On the contrary, now the criterion of love is . . . the healthy to the sick, the rich to the poor . . . the good and saintly to the bad and common, the Messiah to the sinners and publicans.

—Max Scheler

AROUND THE PARISH AND DIOCESE

More information and details on bulletin board or parish office

- **DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE ARTS CONTEST:** For youth of ranging age groups. Create poster, or write and essay or poem on the topic "What are the effects of climate change on countries in the global south". *Cash prizes in each category!* More info on poster in foyer. **Deadline June 30th.**
- **CONSECRATION OF CANADA:** The Bishops of Canada have announced that they individually will consecrate Canada to Our Lady on July 1st and that this will also be done collectively during their annual meeting in September. **At Holy Cross this consecration will take place July 1st at the 5:00 Mass.**
- **CANADA DAY CELEBRATIONS:** 2nd Annual Knights of Columbus Canada Day Multicultural Festival! **What:** Canadian & Ethnic Foods, International Dance & Choral Groups, 50's/60's Dance Music. **Where:** St. Joseph's Elementary School Gym, **When:** 5:30 – 11:30 p.m. Sunday July 2nd **Tickets:** \$20 adults; \$10 children 7-17; Family \$50 **Charity:** K of C Fund for Persecuted Christians in the Middle East
- **ALL DIOCESAN PARISHIONERS WELCOME:** Come to the grounds of St. Ann' Academy on **Sunday July 9th from 12:30 – 4 pm** to celebrate the Cathedral's 125th Anniversary. Live music, and for the children two bouncy castles along with a clown and balloon figures. Bring your own food or purchase at nominal cost KC burgers and hotdogs or Filipino bbq pig and noodles. Bring your own chair if you wish although there will be tents and chairs on site. In addition to all of the above there will be an opportunity to tour the Chapel (our first Cathedral) and to view a display on Archbishop Seghers. Come for an hour or two and meet friends and make new friends !
- **BURSARIES FOR YOUTH AROUND THE DIOCESE:** There are several bursaries available to youth in the Diocese of Victoria. Information about all of them is available on the Diocesan website at <http://www.rcdvictoria.org/bursaries.php>.

OUR LITURGICAL LIFE:

SUNDAY, June 25th

8:30 am Mass: **Angela Murphy +**
10:30 am Mass: **Dan Taft +**

MONDAY, June 26th

9:00 am Mass: **Patrick Hackett +**

TUESDAY, June 27th

9:00 am Mass: **Souls In Purgatory**

WEDNESDAY, June 28th

9:00 am Mass: **Martin Demedeiros +**

THURSDAY, June 29th

9:00 am Mass: **Holy Souls in Purgatory**

6:30 pm Rosary Group

FRIDAY, June 30th

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

SATURDAY, July 1st

3:45—4:30 Sacrament of Reconciliation

5:00 pm Mass: **Dan Taft +**

SUNDAY, July 2nd

8:30 am Mass: **Bev Laliberte +**
10:30 am Mass: **Dan Taft +**

THANK YOU CORNER!

Thank you to Sr. Gertie Jocksch for her generous donation of books to our parish library. They have been welcomed additions—particularly so in their notable authorship, topics and in being recently published. They have fit nicely into our categories of Philosophy & Theology, Devotional, VaticanII and onwards, and Contemporary Issues. The books are now catalogued and ready to enjoy in our Parish Library.

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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	Alan Bailey	250-721-5339

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.	Cynthia Watson	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 18th, 2017

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS:

Envelopes	\$ 2, 850.00
Loose	\$ 565.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$ 962.00
TOTAL	\$ 4, 377.00

Children's Liturgy of the Word	Bobbi Bartle-Clar	250-995-1891
Catholicism	Jona De Jesus	250-858-5924
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	778-265-2134
RCIC	Dan Taft Jr.	250-721-0821
Ecumenism	Terry Marner	250-380-0157
Social & Eco. Justice	Yvonne Hsieh	250-385-8322
Anawim	Alan Bailey	250-721-5339
Christmas Project	Coordinated by the Parish Office	
D&P/Share Lent	Sheila Wall	778-265-2134
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