



Holy Cross Catholic Parish

Twining 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 27, 2021
Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mark 5.21-43

Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had: and she was no better, but rather grew worse. She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, for she said, "if I but touch his clothes, I will be made well." Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she had been healed of her disease....."Daughter, your faith has made you well: go in peace and be healed of your disease."

Our wounds are not always as visible as those of the woman in this Gospel. But just because there is no blood to see does not mean there is no wound. We will not see Jesus in the flesh. Yet we ask for his help. We put our faith in Him and ask Him for our healing. For it is our Faith that will heal us. Faith is a gift, and it is unlike any other gift. To be able to receive this gift, we must believe. Yet how do we believe in something when we cannot see it? We cannot see the wind, but we feel it. We cannot see sound waves, but we can hear the vibrations in our ears. We cannot see love, but we can feel it in our heart.

It is only when we see, that we believe. Yet we may need help to see Faith. When the Gospel gals gather to discuss the weekly Gospel reading, we ask ourselves "where do I see myself in this reading?". In this reading I am the woman, and I do believe and I reach out and touch Jesus 'cloak. Now, fast forward 2000 years. I am the wounded woman, but where is Jesus? I find that it is through music and verse that I connect with my Faith and to see Jesus in my life. Reading Mark's Gospel, a song kept coming into my mind which spoke to me about seeing Jesus. I invite you to visit this website and listen to this song written by Zach Williams, *There was Jesus*. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3CNqhpRycfY>

Every time I tried to make it on my own. Every time I tried to stand and start to fall, And all those lonely roads that I have travelled on. There was Jesus

When the life I built came crashing to the ground. When the friends I had were nowhere to be found, I couldn't see it then but I can see it now. There was Jesus

In the waiting, in the searching, in the healing and the hurting. Like a blessing buried in the broken pieces. Every minute, every moment, where I've been and where I'm going. Even when I didn't know it or couldn't see it. There was Jesus.

On the mountain, in the valleys. In the shadows of the alleys. In the fire, in the flood. Always is and always was. No, I never walk alone. You are always there.

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Walking by Faith,
Debby Pietraszek

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 St. Patrick's Parish on Saturday at 6pm: Click the link here: <http://www.youtube.com/c/StPatricksHolyCrossChurch>

MESSAGE FROM THE SOCIAL AND ECOLOGICAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

The Social & Eco Justice Committee shares the feelings of sorrow and guilt all parishioners have experienced these past few weeks, following the discovery of the remains of Indigenous children buried in unmarked graves at the Kamloops Indian Residential School. We see this event as an urgent reminder of the work all Canadian Catholics need to do. In the coming weeks and months, we will be rolling out a series of suggestions for learning opportunities and individual and collective actions – to help us journey towards reconciliation and healing, alongside our Indigenous brothers and sisters. We also invite you to read our 2020-2021 Annual Report, posted [here](#).

SOUP KITCHEN BOARD MEMBERS NEEDED

The 9-10 Club "The Soup Kitchen", a charitable society, requires a few new directors for its 2021-2022 operating year. For those unaware, the society feeds the hungry of Victoria from the basement of St. Andrew's Cathedral downtown every week day of the year. This past year the meal has been take out, but the need for a healthy meal is still there. Anyone interested to learn more can contact either **Teri Hustins** at tlhustins@gmail.com (250.885.1858) or **Sheila Connelly** at connellyhome@shaw.ca (250.598.4339).

THANK YOU CORNER

We do good because doing good is good to do! As summer unfolds so many parishioners have done good things that go unnoticed. Thank you one and all who have contributed in anyway to the beauty and build up of our community. This week I salute you all good and faithful servants of Holy Cross. The ministry of your presence sustains me in all I say and do. With deep gratitude!!!!



Happy Summer!
Father William Hann

LIBRARY CORNER

June 29 celebrates the joint feast day of St Peter and St Paul --- Peter, the undistinguished, simple and impetuous fisherman; and Paul, the educated, brilliant, tireless missionary to the gentiles. <https://www.ncregister.com/commentaries/peter-the-apostle-and-paul-the-teacher-of-the-gentiles>

And, on our Parish Library Shelves are two remarkable books by HV Morton first published in the inter-war year of 1934 in which the author retraces the steps of Paul's many evangelizing journeys, and the other of the many places (Nazareth, Cana, Capernaum, Bethlehem, Jerusalem et. al.) associated with Christ's earthly visit in Palestine.

In The Steps of St Paul and *In the Steps of the Master*



There will be NO Mass on Thursday, July 1st - Canada Day

PRAYER REFLECTION

We always find that those who walked closest to Christ were those who had to bear the greatest trials. —Saint Teresa of Ávila

For what is faith unless it is to believe what you do not see. —Saint Augustine

The presence of fear does not mean you have no faith. Fear visits everyone. But make fear a visitor and not a resident. —Max Lucado

Real generosity toward the future lies in giving all to the present. —Albert Camus

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: There is a new post about the Cathedral's Livestream Masses: <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/diocesanblog/an-opportunity-to-connect>

Also, please watch this short video of Bishop Gary as he describes the need for our Christian community to support St. Andrew's Regional High School and the construction of a new Performing Arts Wing. [Bishop Gary](#)

"The foundation of this building is Jesus Christ....the real heart of Catholic education is our Christian community."

Please consider being a part of the foundation growing St. Andrew's Regional High School by supporting the Building on Success Campaign: [Building On Success](#)

THE SISTERS OF SAINT ANN -ARCHIVAL RECORDS

The Royal BC Museum and the Sisters of St. Ann (SSA) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding, which will provide enhanced access of the SSA's private archival records to the Royal BC Museum and to the Indian Residential School History and Dialogue Centre (IRSHDC) at UBC.

Please find a letter from Sr. Marie Zarowny, President and Board Chair of the Corporation of The Sisters of Saint Ann, regarding the Agreement [here](#).

The Memorandum of Understanding is available on the RBCM website: royalbcmuseum.bc.ca/assets/MOU-signed-by-RBCM-and-Sisters-of-St-Ann_June-21-2021.pdf

*** The Catholic Foundation of Vancouver Island is looking for trustees to serve on their Board. To volunteer please contact Leah MacKenzie at 250-479-1331 or leahm@rcdvictoria.org **Deadline: July 15**

OUR LITURGICAL LIFE:

SATURDAY, June 26th

Intention: Salvatore Ciccone +

SUNDAY, June 27th

Intention: Francis Zhang (int)
Kathleen Matlock (int)

MONDAY, June 28th

Office Closed/No Mass

TUESDAY, June 29th

Intention: Margaret Hanson +

WEDNESDAY, June 30th

Intention: Les McAdams +

THURSDAY, July 1st

Office Closed/Canada Day

No Mass

FRIDAY, July 2nd

Intention: John Calder +

In-person Masses have resumed 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 at: officeassistant@holycrossvictoria.org

Masks remain mandatory in the church and parish centre at all times.



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COLLECTION for June 20, 2021

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS:

Envelopes	\$ 3,400.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$ 1,677.00
TOTAL	\$ 5,077.00