



Holy Cross Catholic Parish

Twining with St. Patrick's Parish

SUNDAY - June 26th, 2022
Thirteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Commitment and loyalty to Jesus are central today's Gospel. Tolstoy said it best...the vocation of every man and woman is to serve other people. Down to the roots of our being, we know when we are living honestly according to the gifts and possibilities God has invested in us. We are also equally aware when we are living falsely or drifting aimlessly. The only chance we have for human fulfillment is to be who we were born to become. Far from a death sentence, living God's call faithfully consumes us and illuminates us like the bush that burns with the presence of God and yet is not destroyed. We cannot commit to following Jesus until we let go of the hold other people and things have over us. Jesus must come first, above all else. Today's Gospel reminds us of the challenges in following Jesus!

Jesus calls various people to share in his life and in his interests. Discipleship and loyalty to his mission go hand in hand. And this mission needed to be carried out in right spirit, not as dominating people but as serving them. James and John were eager, but they wanted to do things their way; so, Jesus sharply rebuked them. A fire and brimstone approach even towards opponents, was unacceptable. Jesus came as a saviour not as the leader of a punishment squad. We need the guidance of Jesus to help us to clarify and to refine our understanding of discipleship. After Jesus turns his face toward Jerusalem, he reminds us of Elijah, impatient with anything that would disrupt or delay the resolution he has made. Jesus is going to Jerusalem to be consumed by the mission he bears.

When the Samaritans reject his presence for political reasons, the disciples express the desire to linger and to punish. Jesus just presses on. Meanwhile others make their tepid bids toward discipleship. One pledges to follow, and Jesus points out the uncomfortable conditions of that choice. Others provide extenuating circumstances for their inability to follow right this minute—but seem willing enough at a later date. Jesus appears dismissive of anything short of immediate and resolute commitment. There is no pre-nup, no pre-conditions, no footnotes, or asterisks to be applied to discipleship. There is only now, the present moment, and our decision yes or no. And Jesus is pressing on, so we better make up our minds.

Dear friends, the foundation for any vocation to service in the Church is the belief that God “so loved the world that He gave His only Son so that everyone who believes in Him may not be lost but may have eternal life” (Jn 3:16). This reassures us of the unconditional love on God's part for each and every person. With that belief we renew our Yes to our basic Christian vocation: “through love become servants to one another” or in our Lord's words: “Love one another as I have loved you.” **Join us for the concert with the Arbutus Singers on Wednesday, June 29th at 7:30 pm at Saint Patrick's Parish as we support war torn Ukraine!**

Summer begins but grace abounds!

Father William

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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LIVESTREAM MASSES

Live Mass broadcast this weekend! Mass is livestreamed this week from *St. Patrick's Parish* on Saturday at 6pm. Click the link here: <http://www.youtube.com/c/StPatricksHolyCrossChurch>

CHANGES TO MASS SCHEDULE

After consultation with the Liturgy Committee and feedback from parishioners, adjustments have been made to the Mass schedule as follows:

Starting on Saturday, September 3rd and Sunday September 4th, our weekend Mass schedule will be:

* **Holy Cross:** Saturday at 4pm; and Sunday at 9am;

* **St. Patrick's:** Sunday at 11am; and Sunday at 4pm.

* **Our new weekday daily Mass** schedule starting in September: Tuesday & Thursday at 9am - Holy Cross. Wednesday & Friday at 12:10pm at St. Patrick's.

* **During the month of August when Fr. William is away:** our Liturgy of the Word Service with Communion will be held on Tuesday & Thursday at 9am - Holy Cross; and Wednesday & Friday at 12:10pm - St. Patrick's. Thank you all for your understanding during this time of change and opportunity.

FR. LEO ROBERTS BURSARY**2022 Father 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: Thursday, June 30, 2022

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](https://www.google.com/maps/place/4049+Gordon+Head+Road,+BC+V8N+3X7)

LIBRARY CORNER (entrance of the Church)

June 22nd celebrates the feast day of two English martyrs: 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 illustrates the difficulty Catholics had in holding on to their faith in Tudor times.

Websites : https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Fisher and [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thomas](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thomas_More)

More Parish Hall Library Shelf

- 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

The vocation of every man and woman is to serve other people.
—Leo Tolstoy
Jesus took the command to love our neighbor as we love ourselves, and pushed the definition of who is our neighbor, out, out, and still further out, until it reached to the ends of the Earth and included all of humanity—all of God’s children.
-Alvin Alexsi Currier

NOTE FROM THE DIOCESE

Please note one additional change to the livestream schedule for June: the livestream will be cancelled on Wednesday, June 29th. This change will also be posted at <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/events/dailymasslivestreamed> and <https://www.youtube.com/c/RCDVictoriaLiveOne/about>.

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops have issued a press release about the itinerary of Pope Francis’ healing and reconciliation visit to Canada, July 24-29, 2022. The text of the press release is copied below, and can also be read online at <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/indigenous/program-for-popes-healing-reconciliation-visit-to-canada-announced>.

The Diocesan Family Camp is back, to be held August 19-21 at Nanoose Bay. Families all across the Diocese of Victoria will gather once again for a fun, faith-filled weekend of fellowship, play, and prayer all in a beautiful West Coast setting. Join us! All types, ages and sizes of families are welcome. More information can also be found online at <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/events/diocesan-family-camp-aug-19-21-2022>.

OUR LITURGICAL LIFE:

SATURDAY, June 25th

3-3:45pm: Confession
4pm Mass: Elvira & Piero Magro +

SUNDAY, June 26th

9am Mass: John Calder +

MONDAY, June 27th

Office Closed/No Mass

TUESDAY, June 28th

9am Mass: Kathleen Matlock (int)
2pm: Funeral Mass for Maria Porco

WEDNESDAY, June 29th

9am Mass: Joan Cowlard +

THURSDAY, June 30th

9am Mass: Jared Southwell & Alli
Osowski Wedding Day

FRIDAY, July 1st

No Mass
Office Closed
Happy Canada Day!

Masks are no longer mandatory indoors, though we do encourage those who feel more comfortable to wear them as needed. As always, if you are feeling unwell or symptomatic please stay home.

SAVE THE DATE! Saturday, July 9th - Volunteer Appreciation

Tea, will be held in the parish hall from 1-3pm. It has been a long time since we've been able to properly say THANK YOU to all our wonderful parish volunteers. We hope you can join us on that day. More details to follow, but if anyone is inclined to help out with serving, etc., please email Joanie: officeassistant@holycrossvictoria.org
I would be happy to hear from you!



holycross church garden head rd. victoria, b.c.

COLLECTION for June 19, 2022

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS:

Envelopes	\$ 2,440.00
Loose	\$ 220.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$ 1,677.00
TOTAL	\$ 4,337.00

GENTLE REMINDER



Germs are still spreading around the community, and we encourage all of our parishioners to take care of one another by using our hand sanitizing pumps and wearing a mask during the Mass. It is not mandatory, but it goes a long way in making people feel safe and comfortable and keeping pesky germs at bay.
We appreciate your support in this regard.



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VOLUNTEER NEEDED!

We are in need of a Saturday Night Coffee Coordinator. This volunteer would coordinate volunteers to serve coffee after Saturday Mass. Please email Valentina at the office if you are interested or have any further questions.

FUNDRAISING CONCERT IN JUNE

Mark your calendars! Arbutus Singers will hold a concert at Saint Patrick's Church on **Wednesday, June 29th at 7:30 pm**. Concert will last an hour and is by donation, Monies raised will support the Ukrainian people in this time of great challenge.



DIOCESAN BURSARIES AND AWARDS

There are a number of bursaries available through the Diocese of Victoria. Anyone interested can access them on the diocesan website www.rcdvictoria.org under Programs/Bursaries and Awards. Please note that the deadline is July 15, 2022.

The Jawl Bundon LLP Bursary (\$2500): for a grade 12 Catholic student who has been accepted to a post-secondary institution. Preference will be given to Indigenous students, and to students who live outside of Greater Victoria and Nanaimo.

The Blessed Marie Anne Blondin Bursary (\$1000): for a lay woman who is accepted or enrolled in a program or course for ministry in the Church, such as religious education, social justice, liturgy, social action, care of the sick, etc.

The Char Deslippe Memorial Award (\$500): for a teacher working in Island Catholic Schools or a parish catechist serving in children, youth or adult ministry.

GREATER VICTORIA ACTING TOGETHER

Holy Cross and St. Patrick's have been members of GVAT (Greater Victoria Acting Together) since 2018, but not all parishioners remember this! What has GVAT been doing lately? Way too much to be summed up in a bulletin notice! But you can find out more by reading its [June Newsletter](#). You may even spot a Holy Cross parishioner in one of the pictures. Three of us are actively involved in the Alliance.

ST. PATRICK'S AND HOLY CROSS PARISH PICNIC

Save the Date: Co-parish picnic will be at [Willows beach on July 24th 1-4 pm](#)

Look for the St. Patrick's tents and Knights of Columbus cooking up Burgers !!!

Likely by the open grass field.

Bring your lawn chair / blanket. Lunch is provided. Bring your children as there will be special activities for the kids!

More details will follow closer to the date!

