



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 28, 2020 Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

At first glance, the Gospel from Matthew this week, a continuation of Jesus' instructions to his Apostles, seems harsh and surprising. "Whoever loves father or mother more than me is *not worthy of me*". I am thankful for the wisdom of the Church for placing these readings into the post-Easter Season timeframe. We have had many deep and foundational Scripture teachings for many weeks now, and this reading is given as direction as much for us as for the Apostles.

Jesus conquered death for all of us through the Resurrection – Joy! He continued to teach us before Ascending into Heaven – Wisdom! And he sent the Spirit of Love to guide and inspire us on the Feast of Pentecost – Courage! We were reminded of the power of relational Love on Trinity Sunday - Communion! And we were reminded on Corpus Christi of the sustaining power of Christ in the Eucharist, for our benefit and in order that we might have the heart and be the hands of Christ on earth now - Food for the Journey!

What is Jesus really saying today? Love! My best friend in life gave me some sage advice: the emphasis of Matthew's teaching should not be on '*not worthy of me*', but on the words '*more than*'. The Spirit resides in all of us, so the message is to love Jesus as we love the most cherished people in our lives and each other as we would love Jesus. The messages of Easter Season Scripture should give us confidence that we have received the gifts we need to accomplish this.

Events of these past months have stopped the world in its tracks. There is no denying the hardship and tragedy of the sickness and death caused by this invisible invader. But it is also impossible to view recent events without wonder; the effects of 'stopping the world' seems to have pushed a reset button.

Spinoffs of the stoppage amazed us. Severely restricted world travel resulted in a sudden global reduction of energy usage, visibly impacting the environment almost immediately; cessation of the wheels of industry in many polluted cities around the world quickly created remarkably improved air quality.

But the responses actively pursued, inspired by critical reflection, have been stunning. It strikes me that the foundation of these is our return to our true selves, founded in Love. For years societal problems have been 'discussed' and solutions have been 'suggested' but all too often not implemented. In this critical time there has been unprecedented, swift and powerful action to right these wrongs. People on the streets who have previously been ignored or reviled are now being cared for, in proper housing. Those who have been marginalized and discriminated against for centuries have been emboldened and are demanding change. The world is not only listening, but responding. There have been some hard lessons. The identification of the dangers of the poor quality of living conditions in some long-term care facilities have prompted new policies that will not be ignored because of the pain and determination of those who have lost family members. Many families are recognizing the value of a return to family time, enriching 'family', regardless of their ability to be physically present to each other. Historically, health care workers and essential workers have been underpaid and often taken for granted. They are now valued more than ever. Sidewalk chalk art produced by the youngest among us inspires and encourages us to be strong and hopeful.

We all have a heightened awareness of the depths of our 'heart' for the value of life, the importance of embracing social responsibility and social justice, and the need to truly care for and love each other. Joy! Wisdom! Courage! Communion! And, remember the Food for the Journey!

"God is Love and all who live in Love live in God." A reminder to the world. May it endure.

Sheila Wall

OFFICE HOURS

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

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HOSPITAL EMERGENCY CALLS

HOSPITAL EMERGENCY CALLS: 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. Sean Flynn** to make this request.

OUR VIRTUAL COMMUNITY

Father William has created a **YouTube** page and a **Facebook** page for the combined St. Patrick's and Holy Cross families! Please visit the Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/StPatsHolyCross/>
Like and follow the page and please do send photos of the church for posting!

Live Mass broadcast this Saturday! Mass will be broadcast from **Holy Cross Parish on Saturday, June 27th at 4pm on the YouTube page.**

Click the link here: <http://www.youtube.com/c/StPatricksHolyCrossChurch>

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: Maximum of \$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: Saturday, June 30, 2020 *Last weekend to apply!*

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

ADDITIONAL BURSARIES

There are also two additional bursaries that are available to apply for through our parish. The **UVic Joseph B. Jackson Bursary** and the **Camosun College Holy Cross Catholic Church Bursary** –Bursary details are posted in Narthex area. Call our bursary coordinator, Tony Southwell at (250) 477-5738 for more information.

ONLINE MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE

During this time, we are offering our Marriage Preparation Course fully online, and couples will be able to work through the program at their own pace. The cost is \$125 per couple, and the price also includes an online individualized couple assessment as well as a liturgy planning guide. For more information, go to: <https://bit.ly/3hzgRGW> or find the course on Eventbrite. You may also find the information on the Diocese website. Questions? Contact Louis Melendez at lmelendez@rcdvictoria.org

Congratulations!

A heartfelt congratulations to our parishioners Leslie Saxon and Russ Delaney, who were married at Holy Cross on Saturday June 27th. We send you all our love and prayers as you embark on this next journey together!

Wednesday Mass group please note: there will be no Mass on Wednesday, July 1, 2020—Canada Day.

The office will also be closed on this day.



PRAYER REFLECTION

Love him totally who gave himself totally for your love.

—Clare of Assisi

Self-sacrifice is the real miracle out of which all the reported miracles grow.

—Ralph Waldo Emerson

When we are overcome by sadness, fear, or suffering; when the pains of loss overwhelm us; when evil seems to have taken power; let us look to the cross and be filled with peace, knowing that Christ has walked this road and walks it now with us and with all our brothers and sisters.

—Saint Teresa of Ávila

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

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MERLIN'S MUSINGS: Merlin has just sent in his latest musing. Please click here to access his video: <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/diocesan-blog/merlinsmusings14>

BURSARIES are available through the Diocesan website www.rcdvictoria.org under Programs/Bursaries and Awards.

FOUNDATIONS OF FAITH

Foundations of the Catholic Faith ~ Part II includes an exploration of four pillars of Catholic Church: the Christian Creed, Christian Morality, Sacraments and Prayer. This four-morning interactive and reflective session provides an opportunity to explore foundational elements of the Catholic faith. Participants will experience a joy-filled, welcoming and challenging learning environment employing a variety of adult learning strategies. Registration is free! Part I need not be completed prior to enrolling for Part II. All are welcome. **2020 Summer Offering via ZOOM (Computer with internet access, camera and microphone required)** Four mornings: **June 29, June 30, July 2 & July 3rd 9:00-12:30pm** Register by emailing Gwen gjahelka@rcdvictoria.org or Glen gpalahicky@cisdv.bc.ca

REUSABLE CLOTH MASKS FOR SALE

There are still some reusable, cloth masks for sale for \$15 each. They are washable, have ties to tie around the back of the head, and a bendable bridge to secure around the nose. Please call or come by the office if you are interested in buying one. *The BC Provincial Health directives encourage us all to wear a facial covering when out in public.

A funeral service for Charlotte Girard will be held on July 11th at 11am. This service is for close family relations only, but your prayers of support are welcomed this day and always.

OUR LITURGICAL LIFE:

SATURDAY, June 27th

2:30-3:15pm Reconciliation

4:00pm Mass: **Salvatore Ciccone +**

SUNDAY, June 28th

9:00am Mass: **Fr, Leo Robert's 30th**

MONDAY, June 29th

Office Closed/No Mass

TUESDAY, June 30th

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

WEDNESDAY, July 1st

No Mass/Canada Day

THURSDAY, July 2nd

9:00am Mass: **Cam Dunphy +**

FRIDAY, July 3rd

9:00 am Mass : **Corinne DeShaw +**

At Holy Cross Parish you must now register for which day of the week you would like to attend Mass. You can register by emailing Joanie Bidlake at:

officeassistant@holycrossvictoria.org
Our Mass schedule remains the same for now:

Tuesday –Friday: 9am Mass

Saturday: 4pm Mass (full)

Sunday: 9am Mass (full)

*please note that if these Masses are inconvenient for you, you may select a Mass time from St. Patrick's Parish Mass schedule. To do this please call Deborah Mackay at St. Pat's at: **250-592-7391**

The church will remain open for private prayer next week from 9:30am (after morning Mass) to 11:00am Tuesday to Friday only.



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COLLECTION for June 21, 2020

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS:

Envelopes	\$ 2, 805.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$ 1, 163.00
TOTAL	\$ 3, 968.00