



Holy Cross Catholic Parish

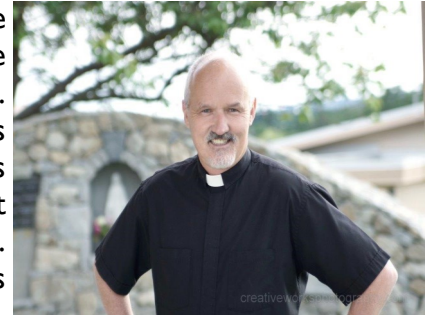
Mission Statement: Twinning with St. Patrick's Parish

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 2, 2019

The Ascension of the Lord

Easter was over several weeks ago, right? Not really, because the story goes on. The post-Resurrection Jesus appeared to his disciples. He ate with them. And he spent 40 days preparing them to continue his mission. Today we celebrate the Feast of the Ascension, recalling the day Jesus ascended from this human life to enter divine glory and be "seated at God's right hand." Ascension brings to a remarkable close the Easter events that we call the "Pascal Mystery": the Passion, death, and Resurrection of Jesus. Yet this really is not an end either. After the Ascension, the disciples returned to Jerusalem with joy, ready and eager for what was to come. Allow me to unpack this insight.



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Today's celebration is the ritual marker of the shift in the way the Disciples of Christ have experienced his risen presence. But the readings look resolutely forward, not back as if to a golden age now lost. In Acts, the disciples are prodded by angelic visitors to get to work: **"Why do you stand looking up toward heaven?"** The ascension of Jesus into heaven has nothing to do with his departure from our world. Jesus has not left our inhuman world in search of a better world among the stars. He has not turned his back on us. On the contrary, his ascension means that he is more than ever powerfully present and active among us to accomplish the task for which he was sent and for which now he enlists us as his disciples: the bringing about of God's Kingdom of love, justice and peace for our world. In that light, celebrating the ascension of Jesus has nothing to do with saying goodbye to Jesus. Rather, it is our being empowered by him, and our accepting the task and challenge to change our world in his power, so that it becomes indeed God's kind of world.

Concretely, that means that we place ourselves in his Spirit on the side of the vulnerable and marginalized in our society, and that we promote human life everywhere. Whatever makes life more human becomes our task. In short, from our witness in the word, but above all in deeds it must become evident that Jesus has not been eliminated from our world but is in fact is very much active in it. From now on, it is by means of our lives, by means of our discipleship that we give concrete evidence of the fact that Jesus is not absent from our world, but still very much present in our world. That is a good message to proclaim and live on this World Communication Sunday.

Let's roll up our sleeves and carry on their ministry.

Father William

OFFICE HOURS

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

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HOSPITAL EMERGENCY CALLS: If you or someone you love is admitted to hospital and would like a visit from your office or Eucharistic Minister, please call your parish office or VGH/RJ hospital emergency pager **250-889-3761** and ask for **Fr. Thomas Chinnappa** to make this request.

HOLY CROSS PARISH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This year's parish **AGM** will be held in the parish hall on **June 16th at 10:15-11:15**. All parishioners are invited to attend and take part in this meeting. Your voice and opinions matter! Ministry reports, as well as the financial reports for the 2018/2019 year are posted in the foyer for you to review.

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: \$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: Friday , June 28, 2019 **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**

"WE" - ANAWIM HOUSE FUNDRAISING EVENT

Thursday, June 6 from 7:00 – 10:00 pm The venue is at the Victoria International Marina, beverages and lots of delicious canapes prepared by the Boom + Batten. This year we'll have time for mingling with friends, watching the harbor activity and witnessing a casual 20-minute interview with two Anawim graduates. To buy a ticket or donate, visit www.anawim-victoria.myevent.com Or phone Jim Ross at: (778) 350-1947. **"WE"** donations will look after increased costs and build our revenue to operate our women's house. Your support are greatly appreciated.

FATHER'S DAY INVITATION FOR HOLY CROSS PARISH

St. Patrick's CWL is celebrating Father's Day with a Strawberry Shortcake Feast and other delicious strawberry delicacies on **Sunday June 16th** after the 11am mass. Please come and enjoy the festivities.

THE SAINT OF HOPE WILL VISIT THE DIOCESE

From Saturday, October 19 to Sunday, October 27, two first-class and precious relics of the Portuguese-born saint, Saint Anthony of Padua, will tour major regions of the diocese from Port Hardy to Victoria. Father Mario Conte will bring the holy relics from the saint's Basilica in Padua, Italy. The two exquisite reliquaries, one of which contains layers of skin of the saint's cheek and the other a fragment of his floating rib, were venerated by Saint Mother Teresa, Saint John Paul II and Servant of God, Sister Lucia of Fatima. Tom Muscatello will accompany Friar Mario during the Autumn North American Tour.

Pope Francis shares "The saints give us a message. They tell us: be faithful to the Lord, because the Lord does not disappoint! He does not disappoint ever, and he is a good friend always at our side." According to Friar Mario Conte, the Executive Editor of the *Messenger of St Anthony*, a magazine written, published and printed by the Franciscan Friars in Padua for the English-speaking world, "There is nothing superstitious about relics. The real meaning of a relic is love – they are a link of love between the person who venerates and the saint. In recognizing that only God performs miracles, it is through the communion of saints that we are brought closer to Our Lord." *Stay tuned for more details in early September.*

PRAYER REFLECTION

May we follow him into the new creation for his ascension is our glory and our hope. —*Saint Augustine*

Faith is not belief. Belief is passive. Faith is active. —*Edith Hamilton*

AROUND THE PARISH AND DIOCESE

More information and details on bulletin board or parish office

- **ST. ANDREW'S REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL RECEPTION:** Farewell to the Old School Wing! You are invited to join us on **Saturday, June 15th** from 2-4pm for an afternoon down memory lane! Come and enjoy an afternoon with friends before the old school building (original from 1964) is demolished over the summer! RSVP in Eventbrite, or contact 250-479-1414/email gguevara@cisdv.bc.ca for more information.
- **SUMMERTIME FAMILY FUN!:** The **7th Annual Diocesan Family Conference is on from August 22-25 at Nanoose Bay Camp!** Your family will return energized and alive in God's love so do not miss out. Register at www.rcdvictoria.org. There are a number of lodging options and the food will be fantastic. Families will gather to pray, play and grow closer to God and to one another! For more information please email: familycamp@rcdvictoria.org.
- **MOUNT ST. MARY'S SPRING FAIR:** You are invited to Mt. St. Mary Hospital's **4th Annual Spring Fair on Sat., June 8 from 10am – 3pm at 861 Fairfield Rd.** This **FREE** celebration includes a BBQ, free cake at 2pm, and the annual Mac & Cheese Cook-Off featuring Country Grocer's Chef Michael Williams, and teams from Vista 18, Toque Catering, DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel and Suites Victoria, and Camosun College Culinary Students. \$8 cards to taste their creations are available between 11am – 1:30pm. All funds raised supports Mt. St. Mary Hospital's **Room to Care** campaign. For more information, or to donate to the bake sale, please contact Jane at jbowers@Mountstmary.ca or 250-480-3138.

50th ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION

Parishioners who may remember **Fr. Rolf Hasenack** during the time when he was Pastor at Holy Cross are invited to attend his **50th Ordination Celebration on Friday July 12, 2019 @ 5:30pm.** It will be held at **St. Elizabeth's Church** in Sidney. If you are certain that you can attend, please sign up in the lobby over the next few weeks. Knowing exact numbers will help the planning committee gauge how many guests will be coming. Each person attending will receive a ticket (no charge) to bring the night of the event. Please also indicate on the sign up sheet if you are able to bring a dish (portions to feed 4-6 people). We hope that many of you will be there to mark this blessed milestone with Fr. Rolf!

OUR LITURGICAL LIFE:

SUNDAY, June 2nd

9:00am Mass: **Peter Krystalowich +**

MONDAY, June 3rd

No Mass

TUESDAY, June 4th

9:00am Mass: **Eufrociina Narcisco+**

WEDNESDAY, June 5th

9:00am Mass: **Brendan Holden (int)**

THURSDAY, June 6th

9:00am Mass: **Peter Murtagh +**

FRIDAY, June 7th

9:00am Mass: **Dan Taft +**

SATURDAY, June 8th

4:00pm Mass: **Joseph Soares +**

SUNDAY, June 9th

9:00am Mass: **Eileen McHenry +**

Congratulations!

We joyfully celebrate the 9 children from our parish who received their First Holy Communion and Confirmation on Saturday June 1st:

- **Cristiano Armstrong**
- **Nicholas Bartle-Clar**
- **Amanda Bewley**
- **Jakob Boyd**
- **Taylor Brett**
- **Maxime Camaraire**
- **Alexio Khachane**
- **Kenna McCall**
- **Margaret Samaniego**

THANK YOU CORNER!

A special thank you to our Religious Education team. Giacinta, Lorretta, Michael, Magdalena and Noleen, who have given so much time and energy teaching our children, our future, about our faith and the love of God. We are grateful for your time and talent.

CONTACTS

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COLLECTION May 26, 2019

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS:

Envelopes	\$ 2,584.00
Loose	\$ 647.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$ 1,095.00
TOTAL	\$ 4,326.00

Pope's Pastoral works \$ 490.00

HOLY CROSS MINISTRIES

MINISTRY	COORDINATOR	PHONE
Liturgy	Debby Pietraszek	250-477-7375
Liturgical Ministries:		
Usher / Greeter	Maria Arruda	250-477-5526
Altar Server	Fr. William Hann	250-477-5321
Music	Various Choirs	250-477-5321
Altar Linens	Marg McDonnell	250-477-6332
Flowers/Art Envir.	Ann Francis	250-477-8650
Sun. Coffee, 9:00	Darlene Southwell	250-477-5738
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	250-477-6455
	Muna Haddad	778-881-5843
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.	Call office	250-477-5321
Marriage Prep.	Fr. William Hann	250-477-5321
Children's Rel. Ed.	Giacinta Bewley	250-652-0204

Children's Liturgy of the Word	Valentina Boyd	250-813-0230
Catholicism		
Library	George Murphy	250-658-6061
Outreach/Visiting	Sheridan Cooper	250-598-0248
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	
Could You Ever Come Back To The Church	Fr. William Hann	250-477-5321
RCIA	Glenn Palahicky	250-479-1331
	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	Barb McKrow	250-477-8322
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