



Holy Cross Catholic Parish

Twinning with St. Patrick's Parish

SUNDAY - June 2, 2024

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Don't we just love a piece of freshly baked bread? Before we even see the glistening golden brown crust coming out of the oven, we can smell it and we begin to drool like Pavlov's dogs. Even someone who is gluten free gets drawn in by the aroma! Baked bread conjures up memories of my grandmother, patiently mixing all the ingredients in a bowl, kneading the dough, gently forming the loaves, setting them aside to rise by covering them, carefully placing the bread in her wood fire stove and setting the table with plates, butter and jam while the bread was baking. It was a process of love. It was her blessing to us as we gathered around her warm and welcoming kitchen table. She would take the bread out of the oven, let it cool slightly, then bring it to the table and give each one of us a piece. Yummy in my tummy! I felt loved and blessed; I was fed and nourished; I felt special and the camaraderie was palpable; that bread united us together through seasons and across generations. Hospitality, blessing, sustenance, and unadulterated love filled my whole being!

Now I know that a good glass of wine can bring people together as well. It conjures up celebrations, friendships, joy, and community. No one knows that better than Jesus at the wedding in Cana! He created an abundance of fine wine. A winemaker harvests the grapes, crushes and presses them, and the juice ferments and matures into an aromatic colourful swirl of delectable liquid that softens and stimulates the palate.

Wheat and grape, bread and wine, body and blood, gifts given, blessings received, broken, crushed, fermented, heated, freely and fully surrendered, a sacrament of love, where death brings new life, transformation, *a new covenant, eternal redemption, the promised eternal inheritance*. These precious gifts from God and the goodness of the earth are broken and poured out for us. Christ's passion and death, His Body and Blood, our Eucharist, nourishes and sustains us on our faith journey where we encounter suffering, pain, and the crosses of life along with joys, hope, community, and the fullness of Christ's mercy, forgiveness, and unconditional love.

St. Thomas Aquinas taught that the Eucharist has three major components: memory of the past, a present grace, and hope of eternal life. The Passover festival celebrates the exodus from Egypt, the Israelites' freedom from slavery, and God's promise of redemption. Jesus is our Passover. He is our eternal high priest; His body is the Ark of the Covenant, the tent, the Holy of Holies, the dwelling place of God; and He freely offers Himself as the final sacrifice, a perfect sacrifice motivated by pure love. His blood saves us and removes the barriers of sin and death. The veil of the temple was torn in two symbolizing the open access to the presence of God. We are forever changed. How do we respond?

Come to the feast of heaven and earth, take and eat, take and drink, receive God's Word, admit our sinful ways, foster a humble and contrite heart, and give our lives over for one another. Receive the most holy body and blood of Christ, this new and final covenant that brings an inner transformation and a closer relationship with God. Receive the risen Christ and become what we receive (St. Augustine). Like my grandma, our God prepares a feast for us and gathers us around the heavenly banquet table to indulge our whole being!

God's abundance, my love, Mona

OFFICE HOURS

Saturday, Sunday, Monday: Closed

Tuesday/Wednesday: 9am—2:00pm

Thursday/Friday: 9am—2:30pm

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***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.***

Report Sexual Abuse

To report sexual abuse by a clergy member, religious, employee, or volunteer, visit RCDVictoria.org/Responsible-Ministry or call 1-800-968-3146

To report sexual abuse or cover-up by a Catholic Bishop, visit BishopReportingSystem.ca or call 1-866-892-3737

LIVESTREAM MASSES

Live Mass broadcast this weekend! Mass is livestreamed this week from Holy Cross Parish at 4pm Saturday. Click the link here: <http://www.youtube.com/c/StPatricksHolyCrossChurch>

Outreach Ministry Requests for Visits

If you or a person you know would like a visit from an Outreach Ministry Volunteer to bring Holy Communion to someone at home who is unable to get to Mass; or - someone in long-term care, please contact the Office at 250-477-5321, or email: office@holycrossvictoria.org

Baptismal Prep Do you want to have your child welcomed into the family of God through baptism? To prepare you must complete a registration form and complete a Baptismal Preparation course. Please email hcsbp baptismalprep@rcdvictoria.org with your name and contact information. The coordinator will then contact you with more details about baptism.

Become a Volunteer Catechist 2024-2025

Grow in and share your faith with children and youth of St Patrick's and Holy Cross parishes. Effective catechists are patient, responsible, confident and creative. You bring a generosity of spirit, respect for diversity and a habit of hospitality and inclusion. We provide you with training in Catholic teaching, Scripture and Tradition to teach students and their families. Complete a [Ministry Volunteer Application Form](#) and submit it to the parish office. For more information contact the Sacramental Prep Coordinator Michele Bristow mbristow@rcdvictoria.org. For volunteer screening procedures go to: <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/responsible-ministry>

NEXT WEEKEND'S MASSES, JUNE 8TH AND 9TH

PLEASE NOTE! The 4pm Mass on Saturday, June 8th and the 9am Mass on Sunday, June 9th will be held at St. Patrick's Parish. The going-away event is being held on Saturday requiring setup to accommodate the large crowd expected. The floors are to be stripped and waxed in the days following this. To reduce the work for volunteers moving chairs, Sunday's Mass will be relocated as well. Thank you for your understanding.

The Holy Cross/St. Patrick's Social & Eco Justice Committee invites you to read its [2023-2024 Annual Report](#). This Committee was first formed at Holy Cross in 2016, with the encouragement of Fr. William. It became a joint committee for both parishes in 2021. **We express our deepest gratitude to Fr. William** for his unwavering support throughout these years. **New members are always welcome.** Please consult [our web page](#) for info on how to contact us.

JUNE 8TH IS ONLY A WEEK AWAY!

Father William's "Farewell Reception" is at Holy Cross next Saturday, June 8th, at 5:15. There will be a time to mingle and mix and say your good-byes to Father with finger food and refreshments. As anticipated, large numbers of people have registered. Please make arrangements to carpool or be 'dropped off' to maximize our ability to accommodate everyone. Volunteers, please check the list to confirm when to arrive to help in the area for which you have signed up. Thanks!



HOSTING INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

The St. Andrew's International Student Program is in need of additional host families for September 2024 for female students for the full school year.

If you would be willing to support a young person on their international high school journey/experience, please consider welcoming one of our international students into your family.

Host families receive \$1,275 per month to cover costs.

Please contact Nina Timm **ASAP** at : homestay@cisdv.bc.ca / Tel: 403-771-2519

Prayer Reflection

The aim [of **Sacrosanctum Concilium**] was to ensure that Catholics would no longer be present at the Eucharist "as strangers or silent spectators."

—Austin Flannery, O.P.

The **Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy** . . . is heart of our text, its deepest, its most enduring, and, as the fruit of the Spirit, its evangelical core.

—Archbishop Piero Marini, Master of Pontifical Liturgical Celebrations

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—Cardinal Yves Congar, O.P., Vatican II theologian

Word of the Week:

Sacrosanctum Concilium

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The 10th Annual Family Life Conference and Camp The planning committee for the 10th Annual Family Life Conference and Camp is looking for volunteers to assist with the camp. If interested in volunteering, please email: familycamp@rcdvictoria.org We look forward to hearing from you.

OUR LITURGICAL LIFE

SATURDAY, June 1, 2024

4PM Mass: Pro Populo

SUNDAY, June 2, 2024

9AM MASS: Giuseppe Zinetti+

MONDAY, June 3, 2024

Fr. William on retreat this week.

TUESDAY, June 4, 2024

9AM Liturgy of the Word
With Communion (Marcia)
Carolyn Ledohowski+

WEDNESDAY, June 5, 2024

NO MASS

THURSDAY, June 6, 2024

9AM Liturgy of the Word
With Communion (Trish)
Dan Taft+

FRIDAY, June 7, 2024

NO MASS

Adoration will be held Friday, June 7th, beginning with the rosary at 8:30am in the Chapel. Enter by the side door.

**The Chapel will be open this week Tuesday to Friday 9 - 12
Masks are no longer mandatory indoors. We do encourage those who feel more comfortable to wear them as needed.**

COLLECTIONS, May 26 2024

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS

Envelopes	\$ 1,820.00
Loose	\$ 297.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$ 1,293.75
TOTAL	\$ 3,410.75

THANK YOU!

Thank you to Danny Hayek for painting out Father's Office so beautifully. It certainly brightens things up and provides a warm and welcoming environment for Father Shijo. Thanks also to Dave Pulyk and Joe Mendonca for assisting with the heavy lifting in Father's move. Also, thanks to Dave Begg for plugging the leak in our sprinkler system.

News from the Chancery

1) Deacon Joseph Yuson, a seminarian for the Diocese of Victoria, will be ordained to the Ministerial Priesthood on Saturday, June 22, 2024 at 10:00 am at St. Andrew's Cathedral in Victoria. All are invited to participate in Deacon Joseph's ordination Mass, either in person at St. Andrew's or via the livestream at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MullFNXUEkl>. Your prayers for Joseph and his intentions are appreciated as he prepares for service as a ministerial priest to the People of God in the Diocese of Victoria.

2) On Friday, June 7, all are invited to an Indigenous Cultural Competency Workshop at Holy Trinity Parish in Nanaimo. This is the final workshop in Holy Trinity's series of 'Truth & Reconciliation through the Four Seasons & Elements'. Both educational and insightful, this powerful workshop exposes Canadian history through visual and experiential learning techniques influencing comprehension from a mind, body, and spiritual approach. We will start with lunch at noon, and the workshop will run from 1:00 – 5:30 pm. **Please register by June 5** by calling (250) 390-2612 or by email to sdafoe@rcdvictoria.org.

3) The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) and the Pontifical Academy for Life, in collaboration with other key partners, organized an international interfaith symposium on palliative care which took place in Toronto from 21-23 May 2024. A press release about the symposium is available on the CCCB website at <https://www.cccb.ca/media-release/international-interfaith-symposium-on-palliative-care/>, and a video is on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lje22ZWsUH4>.

4) Applications are now being accepted for bursaries and awards offered by the Diocese of Victoria to outstanding students and educators. The deadline for applications is July 15th. More information and application forms are available at the following links:

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.



CWL Strawberry Tea, Pin Ceremony and General Meeting

St. Patrick's Parish CWL will be holding a Strawberry Tea for all members - Wednesday, June 5, 2024 at 1:00pm in Our Lady of Lourdes Hall. Bring your own bag lunch and we will provide tea, coffee and dessert. Ladies, if you're thinking about becoming a member, you're welcome to join us. We'd love to have you!

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REGULAR MASS TIMES

Mass times - Holy Cross Parish: 4pm Saturday, 9am Sunday; 9am Tuesday and 9am Thursday

Mass times - St. Patrick's Parish: 11am Sunday, 4pm Sunday; 12:10pm Wednesday and 12:10pm Friday

Confessions are at 3:00pm on Saturdays at Holy Cross Parish and at 11:30am on Fridays at St. Patrick's Parish.

HOSPITAL EMERGENCY CALLS:

If you or someone you love is admitted to hospital and would like a visit from our VGH/RJH hospital chaplain, please call the emergency pager **250-889-3761** and ask for **Fr. Sean Flynn** to make this request.