



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 30, 2019

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Follow me.” Today’s reading is placed in Luke’s Gospel at the end of Jesus’ ministry in Galilee and at the beginning of his journey to Jerusalem. ‘Follow me’. The responses Jesus receives to this invitation imply a ‘yes’, but with a ‘but not right now’ approach.

Jesus was headed to his cross and the invitation was to go along with him. Consider what it would truly mean to accompany a friend on the kind of journey we know Jesus was on. Would we excuse our way out of it? Tell him ‘we’ve got other things to do right now, maybe later’? Very few chose to stay with Jesus. Those who did were connected to him heart and soul - his mother, Mary Magdalene and John for three. They were steadfast and so deeply in love with Jesus that they would not have chosen otherwise.

Jesus is still hoping for and inviting us to accompaniment. In our culture today it seems that there is little deep, abiding relationship with our God. In his book, *The Shattered Lantern: Rediscovering a Felt Presence of God*, Ronald Rolheiser suggests the reasons why: we have become a ‘me’ society; we’ve become so practical and busy as to have lost our sense of mystery and sacredness; and we live our lives so restlessly we cannot focus.

How can we re-enter the journey and follow Jesus by having him touch our lives? While Jesus is present to us in the Eucharist in physical form, he is always present spiritually. The question is, are we present to him? Even by participating in those activities that we know have meaning in a Christian sense we may still lack the profoundly deep relationship that is available to us. That kind of relationship requires mindfulness, choosing to acknowledge the presence of Jesus in our thoughts, actions and interactions.

In the past week I have experienced an intersection of events that could not be ignored. One of the Gospel Gals quoted Karl Rahner on the topic of mystics; coincidentally the same quote about mystics was in the bulletin; and I was involved in an unexpected conversation about the need to deepen our relationship with God. All of this was on the backdrop of reading Rolheiser’s book – one I only happened to pick up from the free book table a couple of weeks ago. The quote by Karl Rahner, Jesuit Priest: “In the days ahead, you will either be a mystic (one who has experienced God for real) or nothing at all.” That is a bold statement. The term ‘mystic’ conjures an image of isolation, asceticism and holiness. I immediately think ‘desert father’, not *me*. But the fact is we are all capable of experiencing God ‘for real’. Rolheiser discusses the teachings of St. John of the Cross in depth and mentions other disciplines such as Ignatian Spirituality, meant to focus us on Jesus, make us more prayerful and contemplative and get us into profound relationship with our God. If I choose to begin a contemplative practise, have the discipline to follow through, take time and focus I know I could improve my relationship with God. How about you? It would help us progress on the journey Jesus invites us to.

As a Resurrection people our journey with Jesus, grounded in a heart-and-soul relationship, will take us to the depth of our selves and others, in Him. Relationship. Love. “Follow me” will take on a whole new meaning. Will we do it now, or say ‘maybe later’.

Together on a Pilgrim journey,
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: 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 AND ST. PATRICK'S PARISH PICNIC

Come to Willows Beach on Sunday July 21st from 1-4pm for some summer fun! Food is provided and there is no cost, just bring your sun hats, sun screen and summer spirit! This is a great opportunity for fellowship and socializing.

Please sign up in the foyer so we can keep track of the numbers expected. Food provided by the St. Patrick's Knights of Columbus and joint parish council. For more information call the parish office: 250-477-5321

PING PONG TABLE NEEDED



We are looking for a new or gently used ping pong table (preferably the foldable kind for easy storage) at a reasonable cost or free (even better!) *Please contact the office if you can help.* We hope to start a monthly family night in the fall, and the make-shift ping pong table we made was a huge hit at a recent event!

PRE-AUTHORIZED DEBIT

Summer is a time for fun in the sun, and vacation getaways! However, the needs of Holy Cross continue even during the summer months. One way of keeping the financial needs of the parish in mind over the summer is by setting up monthly automatic PAD payments.

Doing so is quick and easy. Please contact the office if you would like to contribute via PAD or pick up a registration package in the church foyer.

RIGHT OF CATHOLIC INITIATION FOR ADULTS

Interested in exploring the Catholic faith through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults? Parishes in the Victoria region have banded together to do one RCIA Journey of Faith Program. The RCIA program begins in late September. For further information contact Father William at the office, 250-477-5321, or contact Shelia and Phil at walls_in_holland@hotmail.com or 250-385-7007.

SET YOUR SCHEDULE!

Calling all parents from Holy Cross & St. Patrick's. THE SACRAMENTS OF RECONCILIATION, CONFIRMATION & FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES. Registrations for Confession, Confirmation & First Holy Communion classes are available at St. Patrick's Parish or, contact Barb Shenton, our sacramental prep coordinator at bjeens958@gmail.com Classes will take place on Sunday mornings before the 11am Mass at St. Patrick's Parish beginning in the fall of 2019.

IN THE LIBRARY (Tues-Fri. 9am-2pm)

Jean Vanier died just over a month ago. Educated in philosophy and theology he is mostly remembered as the humanitarian who in 1964, founded L'Arche, in Trosly-Breuil, France, an international federation of communities (now in 37 countries) for those with developmental disabilities. (He was the son of Georges Vanier, the Governor-General of Canada 1959-1967). Our Library has several of his many short devotional books:

- **Becoming Human, CBC Massey Lectures (1998)**
- **Befriending the Stranger**
- **The Broken Body**
- **Made for Happiness**
- **In Weakness, Strength, Biography of Governor-General Georges Vanier**

PRAYER REFLECTION

Don't walk behind me; I may not lead. Don't walk in front of me; I may not follow. Just walk beside me and be my friend. —Anonymous

God is dangerous. God is a devouring fire. God has cast his eyes on you. . . . Take care, he is crafty, he begins with a little love, a small flame, and before you can realize it for what it is, he catches hold of you and you are taken. —Hans Urs von Balthasar (1905-1988)

AROUND THE PARISH AND DIOCESE

More information and details on bulletin board or parish office

- **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.
- **JOB OPPORTUNITY:** Diocese of Victoria/Island Catholic Schools Job Postings: Senior Accountant & Computer Technician – See the bulletin board and Diocesan website for a full description. *Deadline for applications is July 31, 2019*
- **BIBLE CAMP APPLICATIONS:** July 8th-12th. St. Andrew's summer camp will be held at St. Joseph the Worker's parish hall. This camp runs from 9:00 am-4:00 pm each day, with one extra hour of care before and after at no extra charge. We provide T-shirts, snacks and plenty of opportunity for activity. Camp is faith based and open to children from the ages of 4 to 12. The cost of the camp is \$50/child. Registration forms are available through email saintandrewsoffice@gmail.com. *Last day for registration is Thursday, June 27th*
- **FOUNDATIONS OF FAITH:** *It is not too late to register!* Holy Cross Parish ~ Church Hall 8:30 – 4:00pm PART 2 (Creed, Sacraments, Christian Morality, Prayer) July 2-3 <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/foundations-of-the-catholic-faith-part-2-summer-tickets-49667530922> PART 1 (Pre-Evangelization, Role of Catechist, Scripture) July 4-5 <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/foundations-of-the-faith-part-1-tickets-62880603578> **Search Eventbrite to register or email gjahelka@rcdvictoria.org or call 250 479 1331 ext 230. Please bring your own lunch. Great refresher or renewal of our Catholic faith! All are welcome!**

Please note:

There will only be two bulletins printed through the summer. One on July 7th and one on August 4th. Regular weekly printing will resume again in September.

OUR LITURGICAL LIFE:

SUNDAY, June 30th

9:00am Mass: Joan McDonald +

MONDAY, July 1st

No Mass

TUESDAY, July 2nd

9:00am Mass: Michele Bonafous +

WEDNESDAY, July 3rd

9:00am Mass: Karen Bedard (int)

THURSDAY, July 4th

9:00am Mass: Dorothy MacIsaac (int)

FRIDAY, July 5th

9:00am Mass: Angelo Rampon +

SATURDAY, July 6th

4:00pm Mass: Peggy Crisp +

SUNDAY, July 7th

9:00am Mass: Patricia Carson +

THANK YOU CORNER!

Thank you to Ed Boomars who fixed the raised lip in the walk way leading up to the church. Ed, thank you for taking the time to make our church property safe once again!

SCAM ALERT!!

EMAIL SCAM WARNING: Some parishioners have received fraudulent emails that indicate they are coming from various priests throughout the diocese and they are asking for financial help. THEY ARE A SCAM! None of our priests would send an email asking for help like that. If you receive such an email, delete it immediately. Do not click on any links or open any attachments.

Responsible Ministry office hours

will resume from 11:30-1pm every Thursday. If you have any questions or need help with the Praesidium Learn to Protect program come during these hours.

CONTACTS

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COLLECTION June 23, 2019

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS:

Envelopes	\$ 2,789.00
Loose	\$ 290.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$ 1,095.00
TOTAL	\$ 4,174.00

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.	Barb Shenton	250-592-7391

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	Barb Shenton	250-592-7391
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