

Holy Cross Catholic Parish

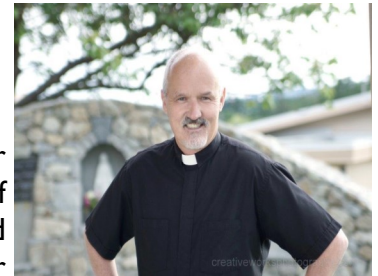
Vision Statement

Holy Cross Parish strives to be a welcoming, dynamic, vibrant, and inclusive Catholic community that gathers in unity and reaches out to attend to the needs of others.

SUNDAY June 3rd, 2018

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

From the desk of Father William



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Did you know that the root of the word liturgy comes from Latin for “work of the people?” What an amazing insight that brings to the central ritual of Christianity. Breaking bread with fellow Christians, remembering Christ, and sharing in his Body and Blood are actions that early Christians considered their work. And what is work? Work has its roots in the Greek word for “activity.” Thus, the liturgy is the activity of the people—that means you and me. It is something we are charged to do. We must take, eat, and remember Christ’s life. This is each Christian’s responsibility. As Christians there’s no getting out of this work, but those who’ve been at it for a while say the benefits are worth it.

To say that we become the Body and Blood of Christ takes a leap of faith that many are not able to make. To be transformed into the mysterious source of life that being the Body and Blood of Christ in our world demands is much more than many want to take on. Yet as Christians we must embrace and consume the Body as we bring our lips to the cup and pray “Amen.” The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ has a long history—as a devotion when few actually received Communion and as the subject of festive processions. Today we look to it as a celebration of the centrality of the Eucharist in our lives as Christians and Catholics and so we should.

In our coming together here in Jesus’ name, in our listening together to God’s life-giving word, in our praising and thanking God over our bread and wine that we share, a gracious God sustains us. It is in these three gestures or actions together that we are empowered to get on with life with a sense of purpose and hope. In doing so, we are empowered to become food and sustenance for each other, as God has become food and sustenance for us in Jesus.

What we celebrate here today my friends is first and foremost a necessary opportunity for us to say to ourselves and to each other that we are privileged to go through life with the certainty that in Jesus, God has bound himself to us. We do not have to go through life as orphans, alone, on our own steam, but rather we are cared for by a gracious God who in Jesus has bound himself to us. That is the kind of Good News you and I cannot do without.

I leave this week for my sabbatical and it is a graced time that I need and will cherish.. 50 years ago a lot happened on Merasheen Island and my sabbatical time will be spent remembering that and sanctifying memory and the shoulders that brought me here. Be assured of my prayers and pray for me as I continue to bless, comfort and console. What a sweet life! I promise I will be back in February. Take care of each other and remember to take care of the poor and those in need. I will be in Champney’s West eyes looking out the bay remembering and giving thanks. BE assured of my prayers!

Blessings all
Father William

OFFICE HOURS

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

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PASTORAL CARE VISITS WHILE IN HOSPITAL

We remind the faithful that privacy legislation in BC prevents the release of information regarding hospital admissions. 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. Ian Stuart** to make this request.

CONDOLENCES

We offer our condolences to the Wall family and the Faris family, both who have lost loved ones in recent weeks, and whose funerals we celebrated in our church this past week. Our thoughts and love are with these families during this time of grief, as we keep Brian and Angela in our prayers.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE



Adapting to climate change in Bolivia. The Indigenous Uru people of Bolivia were once dependent on Lake Poopo for their livelihoods, but since the lake dried up, many from the community have had to leave. Thanks to a training program offered by the Centre of Ecology and Indigenous Peoples (CEPA) and that is supported by Development and Peace, citizens are getting involved in rebuilding efforts and protecting their natural environment. The community is also encouraging the local government to develop alternative economic activities so people can stay. To learn more about the work of Development and Peace—Caritas Canada or to become a member or donor, visit www.devp.org

DONATIONS OF JEWELRY FOR AFRICAN AIDS ANGELS

The group that makes our beloved African Aids Angels is collecting old “bling” that you don’t need or want any more. Instead of donating your used jewelry to a thrift store consider donating your old necklaces, rings, earrings, bracelets, etc. to this worthy cause. There is a box in the foyer to place your donations. Thank You!

FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITY

Catechist Networking June 9th, St. Joseph the Worker Victoria, 9am-1 pm & June 23rd, Trinity Parish Nanaimo 9am-1pm. Lunch provided. **Foundations of the Faith**, July 3 & 4, Holy Cross Parish 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. **Free.** Contact **Glen Palahicky** at Pastoral center gpalahicky@rcdvictoria.org

ORDINATION OF THE DIACONATE

On Saturday, July 28th at 10:30 am. at the Cathedral, we will celebrate the Ordination to the Permanent Diaconate of four candidates. With their wives, these four candidates, Philip Yuson (Marie), Michael Watson (Cynthia), John Dawson (Heather) and Dion Pomponio (Kerry) have spent the past 4 ½ years in prayerful discernment, study and ministerial apprenticeship preparing for this moment when they will offer their lives in service to the diocesan Church of Victoria. All are welcome to attend and a reception will follow at St. Patrick’s Church Hall in Oak Bay.

55TH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION

In honour of his 55th ordination, Fr. Benoit Laplante will be celebrating a 9:30am mass at the cathedral on Saturday, June 9th.

PRAYER REFLECTION

The holy and sacred sacrifice and sacrament of the Eucharist, the heart of the Christian religion . . . is an ineffable mystery that embraces the untold depths of divine love Prayer united to this divine sacrifice has unutterable power. —Saint Francis de Sales (1567-1622)

Christ spoke of the Blood of the new covenant, that is, of the promise He had promised long before that the new covenant would be ratified by his blood. As the old covenant had been ratified by the blood of sheep and calves, so the new covenant was to be ratified by the Blood of the Lord. —Saint John Chrysostom (c. 347-407)

AROUND THE PARISH AND DIOCESE

More information and details on bulletin board or parish office

- **ST. PATRICK'S VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: July 9-13th** St. Patrick's Church will be hosting a Vacation Bible School: ***A Radical Ride on the Wings of Prayer***, from 8:30am-12pm. Kids ages 4-11 are invited to join us for a full week of fun, games, faith activities, music, crafts, and snacks! Cost: \$50/child, \$100/ family. For further details contact Anastasia Pearse: pearse.anastasia@gmail.com; 250-592-7391.
- **REJOICE AND BE GLAD:** Come and explore Pope Francis' latest apostolic exhortation, *Gaudete et Exsultate*, as presented by the Faith Formation and Evangelization office. Wednesday, June 6th, 2018, 7:00-9:00pm, at the Church of Ascension in Parksville. This interactive workshop will highlight the key messages of the call to holiness, Rejoice and Be Glad, for our world today. Please register for this FREE opportunity on Eventbrite. Search "Rejoice and Be Glad".
- **THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS:** Sacred Heart Parish invites you to our celebration of Sacred Heart on Friday, June 8th. We will begin the evening with a rosary procession at **5:30pm** to bless all the cars in the parking lot. Immediately following the procession, Mass will begin in the Church at **6:00pm** with a BBQ to follow. Hotdogs, hamburgers, selection of salads, soft drinks, and desserts will be provided.
- **CELEBRATE THE NEW ALL SAINTS PARISH:** Come join Bishop Gary Gordon on June 16, 2018, 4pm-8pm to celebrate the new All Saints Parish - the new amalgamated parish for St. Mary's church in Ladysmith and St. Joseph's church in Chemainus under Pastor, Fr. Mel Bayron, and the 50th Anniversary of the completion of St. Mary's Church at its current location. Bishop Gordon will celebrate Mass at 4pm followed by a delicious beef and ham dinner at St. Mary's Hall. Tickets are available for \$5. Please contact mohalloran@shaw.ca or call St. Mary's office at 250-245-3414 for more information."

OUR LITURGICAL LIFE:

SUNDAY, June 3rd

9:00 am Annual General Meeting
10:30 am Mass: **Helen Krisnar +**
11:30 Potluck/farewell to Fr. William

MONDAY, June 4th

No Mass

TUESDAY, June 5th

9:00 am Mass: **Jesus de Sanz Garcia +**
10:00am Fr. Karam's Catholicism
Course

WEDNESDAY, June 6th

9:00 am Mass: **Harvey Buble +**

THURSDAY, June 7th

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

FRIDAY, June 8th

9:00 am Mass: **Hilary Ribeiro +**

SATURDAY, June 9th

3:45—4:30 Reconciliation

5:00pm Mass: **Aldona Skabeikis (+)**

SUNDAY, June 10th

8:30 am Mass: **Char Deslippe +**
10:30 am Mass: **Hilary Ribeiro +**
10:30 am Baptism of Gage Preuitt

MASS CHANGES

There will be no Monday morning 9am mass while Fr. William is on sabbatical.

THANK YOU CORNER!

Thank you to Christopher Watt who has taken over wine making duties for Alan Bailey. He will be working together with John Bartle-Clar to make our sacramental wine . Many thanks for your contribution to this ministry.

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COLLECTION May 27, 2018

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS:

Envelopes	\$ 2, 662.40
Loose	\$ 445.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$ 1, 107.00
TOTAL	\$ 4, 214.40

HOLY CROSS MINISTRIES

MINISTRY	COORDINATOR	PHONE
Liturgy Liturgical Ministers	Anna Mendonca	250-477-3552
Usher / Greeter	Maria Arruda	250-477-5526
Altar Server Music	Fr. William Hann Various Choirs	250-477-5321 250-477-5321
Altar Linens	Marg McDonnell	250-477-6332
Flowers/Art Envir. Sun. Coffee, 8:30	Ann Francis Darlene Southwell	250-477-8650 250-477-5738
Sun. Coffee, 10:30	Yvonne Hsieh	250-385-8322
Bulletin Folders	Vicki Ponsioen	250-383-0654
Sacramental Wine	Alan Bailey	250-721-5339

SERVING OUR HOLY CROSS PARISH COMMUNITY

Responsible Min.	Martha Oleson Janita McHugh	250-477-6455 250-220-4778
Parish Council	Esther Gormley	250-360-0107
Finance	David Begg	250-658-0870
Maintenance/Bldg.	Ed Boomars	250-881-8124
Cleaning Kitchens Annual Shed Clean	Loretta MacDonald Jack Ponsioen	250-477-6682 250-383-0654
Parish Grounds	Joe Mendonca	250-888-8930
Social/Comm. Life		
Baptism Prep.	Anna Mendonca	250-477-5321
Marriage Prep.	Fr. William Hann	250-477-5321
Mom's/Tots	Partnership with St. Patrick's	
Children's Rel. Ed.	Giacinta Bewley	250-652-0204

Children's Liturgy of the Word	Bobbi Bartle-Clar	250-995-1891
Catholicism	Jona De Jesus	250-858-5924
Library	George Murphy	250-658-6061
Outreach/Visiting	Anna Mendonca	250-477-3552
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	
Franciscans and Friends Youth	Maritza Chouza	778-533-1736
Could You Ever Come Back To The Church RCIA	Fr. William Hann Glenn Palahicky Phil / Sheila Wall	250-477-5321 250-479-1331 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	Alan Bailey	250-721-5339
Christmas Project	Coordinated by the Parish Office	
D&P/Share Lent	Sheila Wall	250-385-7007
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 Out- reach	John Oleson	250-477-6455