



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 6 2021

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Covenant, an agreement between two parties, a relationship between God and humanity, a bond of grace with all creation. A covenant was made when God's word is heard and responded to. It combines obligation and obedience, blessings, presence and protection. God chooses us, through no merit of our own. God desires a life of communion with us. The relationship is a covenant of love like that of Shepherd and flock, vinedresser and branch, loving parent and prodigal son/daughter, bridegroom and spouse, 'you are my people, I am your God', and finally, as the Body of Christ.

Adam and Eve, Noah, Abraham and Sarah, Jacob, Joseph, Moses; from patriarchs and their families to an entire nation, Israel, God's covenant is formed and people promise to obey as sacrificial blood is sprinkled. Invariably, a pattern emerges. The covenant is broken by their infidelities while God's faithfulness remains constant. These external covenants where animals were sacrificed and the people were bound by the letter of the law are replaced by Christ's life blood poured out once for all, filling our hearts with His transforming love, creating an internal change of heart and will, as we become the Body of Christ.

God promises a messianic prophecy with the Davidic covenant that links the Old Testament to the New Testament, a final covenant, an internal, universal covenant with Christ himself the high priest, Christ himself the final sacrifice, His body the Ark of the covenant, the temple, the Holy of holies, entering into our heart of flesh as His blood washes us clean. This self-giving covenant of love takes sins away, transforms our hearts, fills us with the Holy Spirit, and invites us to dance with the Most Holy Trinity.

By blessing, breaking, and giving, Jesus offers the gift of Himself to us. Again we are asked to respond. Do we value this gift? Have we prepared our hearts to receive it? Are we willing to die to self and surrender to God's will? Receiving the body and blood of Christ brings healing, freedom, and transformation. Eucharist deepens our union with Christ. In thanksgiving and blessing, we come to the Lord Jesus with a contrite heart, taking Jesus into our innermost being, as we offer ourselves to one another as the body of Christ.

Is our commitment to God a sprinkling of blood or do we take the cup given and drink fully? May our response to God's final covenant be like the opening stanza of Franciscan Friar Scott Surrency's poem "Can you drink the cup?"

*Drink, not survey or analyze,
ponder or scrutinize –
from a distance.
But drink – imbibe, ingest,
take into you so that it becomes a piece of your inmost self.*

In God's abundance, Mona



OFFICE HOURS

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

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EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY: As per the latest Provincial Health Orders we are now able to resume in-person services up to 50 people For Holy Cross Parish, in-person Masses resumed on Tuesday, June 1st at 9am. We are going to continue with our pre-registered Mass lists as we have them in place. If you would like to switch you Mass to another day, or make an inquiry as to availability please contact Joanie Bidlake: officeassistant@holycrossvictoria.org

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, 2021

How to apply: email essay to Father William Hann at whann@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. 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.

GARDEN CARE UPDATE: NOTE FROM OUR NEW COORDINATOR

Hello, my name is John Seale and I have recently graduated with an Environmental Studies degree from UVic. I have been a parishioner at Holy Cross since 2001, and I have just taken on the position of volunteer garden coordinator. As such, I am planning on hosting weekly volunteer weeding/garden improvement sessions at the church. If you are interested in joining our gardening team, feel free to email me with what days and times work for you, and I will arrange a group session (socially distanced for now). My email address is: jseale1234@gmail.com or call the parish office 250-477-5321. It has also come to my attention that in previous years certain parts of the garden were specifically taken care of by certain people. I am happy for this practice to continue, but if you are unable to do so, we could have volunteers fill in for you. Either way is fine with me, but I would greatly appreciate an email indicating your preference. Thank you for your consideration, and I hope you will join our team!

John Seale, Garden Ministry Coordinator



LIBRARY CORNER

June 6th celebrates The Body and Blood of Christ, the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. A recent Pew Report indicates that 70% of American Catholics interpret Christ's words as merely symbolic or metaphoric. A much larger survey contests those finding. The articulate Bishop Robert Barron, aux. Bishop of the Archdiocese of LA, carefully outlines the reasons for the belief in the Real Presence by reference to the gospel of St John, Ch. 6

Pew Survey: <https://www.ncronline.org/news/theology/pew-survey-shows-majority-catholics-dont-believe-real-presence>

Second survey: <https://media.ascensionpress.com/2019/08/16/how-accurate-is-the-pew-survey-on-the-eucharist/>

Ch 6 St John: https://www.catholic.org/bible/book.php?bible_chapter=6&id=50

Bishop Barron on YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UzCPu_IEhe8

PRAYER REFLECTION

Receive Communion every time as if it were the first time.

—Pope Francis

O Jesus, sweetest, kindest, what great worship and thanksgiving we ought to show you, what never-ending praise, in return for the gift of your holy body!
—Thomas à Kempis

The only-begotten Son of God . . . offered his body to God the Father on the altar of the cross as a sacrifice for our reconciliation . . . Now in order that we might always keep the memory of this great act of love, he left his body as food and his blood as drink . . .
—Thomas Aquinas

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

Diocesan Blog: Earlier this week Bishop Gary Gordon, on behalf of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Victoria, issued a statement of apology for the harm caused due to our complicity involved in the operations of the residential schools. He also expresses our commitment to the process of healing, reconciliation, and education regarding this tragic history. It can be found here: <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/news/statement-of-apology-and-commitment>

SCAM UPDATE FROM BISHOP:

Please note that fraudulent email and text scams continue to circulate globally, masking the true identity of the scammer. Several versions of the correspondence have appeared alleging that the Bishop and/or Pastor needs assistance/funds and therefore require contact and banking information and/or direct purchase of “credit/play/google cards or ebay vouchers”.

These scams serve as a sad reminder that individuals, churches and charities are often the victims of fraud. The Bishop, clergy and/or staff members do not directly solicit funds. All donations for legitimate parish and diocesan activities are made through traditional verifiable methods (parish, Diocese, and/or charitable organization), NOT individuals. Please do not share personal banking information with anyone or any organization without verifying the authenticity, appropriateness and validity of the request, or call the Diocesan Finance Office at 250-479-1331. If you have been the victim of a financial scam, you are encouraged to make a report to the police.

LIVESTREAM MASSES

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

OUR LITURGICAL LIFE:

SATURDAY, June 5th

Intention: Janice Mason +

SUNDAY, June 6th

Intention: Dan Taft +

MONDAY, June 7th

Office Closed/No Mass

TUESDAY, June 8th

Intention: Frank Lo +

WEDNESDAY, June 9th

Intention: Les McAdams +

THURSDAY, June 10th

Intention: Wilf Woychuck +

FRIDAY, June 11th

Intention: Fr. Scott Pilarz, S.J. +

As of Tuesday, June 1st in-person Masses will resume according to the registration lists we have had in place. If you have any questions in this regard, or would like to inquire about Mass availability please contact Joanie Bidlake at: officeassistant@holycrossvictoria.org Masks remain mandatory in the church and parish centre at all times.



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COLLECTION for May 30, 2021

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS:

Envelopes	\$ 760.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$ 1,677.00
TOTAL	\$ 2,437.00

