

# Holy Cross Catholic Parish

Twining with St. Patrick's Parish

**SUNDAY - June 9, 2024**  
***Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time***

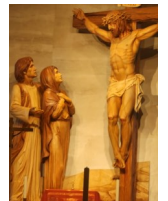
In a month when school-age children look forward to closing their books for some well-needed summer fun, I have packed up two offices and am about to begin anew on the Westshore. This will be my last bulletin article and “*once more my deepest self flows*” as I bid adieu but know you are in my prayers, and I thank you for allowing me to be your pastor. I write this reflection while on retreat listening to the wisdom of Archbishop Richard Smith who started our retreat by telling us that we who announce the Gospel are not getting through in our culture. Imagine that! We live at a time when the voice of Jesus is tuned out! What to do? Archbishop Smith invited us priests to return to Galilee and remember the time when we were won over by God’s grace. Do you remember that moment in your own life? Origins are everything in a culture where shifting sands have no connection with the creator. On this retreat, I thought of my parents who brought me to Jesus and all who walked with me as we walked together in ministry to build community and share the good news! As I reflect on the readings this week, it struck me that what is happening in our culture also happened to Jesus.

A thread running through today’s readings is about the threat of evil in human existence. If you expose yourself to the news today, you will learn the same thing Genesis warns about. There’s trouble in Paradise. Things aren’t as they should be, and someone (or lots of someone’s) will pay a bitter price for this. Media assures us daily we’re one step from apocalypse. Take a hint from the Bible: Every generation is apocalyptic. Humanity is always poised on the brink of disaster. I’m not denying it; I’m saying it’s nothing new. So, relax. We have lived in apocalypse our whole life and are no worse for the wear. As student of history there are always tensions between our highest calling and our deepest fall.

Today in the Gospel, Jesus is poised on the brink, with accusations all around. His family thinks he’s crazy. Enemies call him possessed. What does Jesus do? The master pastor roots himself down in the fabulous unseen: his Father’s love, abundant life, a new family composed of spirit and truth. We can trust the trouble, or we can trust the Lord. Because God is always calling. We can hide—or come forth. To belong to Jesus is equally open to all; the only condition is our readiness to commit oneself to doing the Father’s will. This was the commitment that Adam and Eve failed to make but which is opened to us in Christ. As I looked at beautiful carving of Jesus in this chapel entrusting his Mother to the beloved disciple it hit me, God got this! My dear friends, God got you, me, the world in the palm of His hands and all we need to do is look at Jesus and allow him to look back at us! What does Jesus looking at you feel like? In closing, Holy Cross and Saint Patrick’s thank you for allowing me to be your shepherd! In a polarized world of disunity choose unity in Christ! Making loving acts of kindness “normal” is the dangerous game Christ calls us all to play. Amid all the forces at work in our world to tune out the voice of God remember the covenant and never forget that we are the beloved of God. As the beloved of God let us root ourselves in holiness, communion, and Joy. Are we willing to surrender and trust that God will give us all we need! Aesop proclaimed... united we stand, divided we fall.

Eyes on Jesus and let us continue to love and serve,

Father William



## OFFICE HOURS

Saturday, Sunday, Monday: Closed  
Tuesday/Wednesday: 9am—2:00pm  
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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](https://RCDVictoria.org/Responsible-Ministry) or call 1-800-968-3146  
To report sexual abuse or cover-up by a Catholic Bishop, visit [BishopReportingSystem.ca](https://BishopReportingSystem.ca) or call 1-866-892-3737

### LIVESTREAM MASSES

**Live Mass broadcast this weekend!** Mass is livestreamed this week from St. Patrick's 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](mailto: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. The next courses will be held on Saturday, June 29 from 10 - 12, and Saturday, August 31 from 10 - 12. Please email [hcsfbaptismalprep@rcdvictoria.org](mailto:hcsfbaptismalprep@rcdvictoria.org) with your name and contact information. The coordinator will then contact you with more details about baptism.

### Thank you for your generosity towards Fr. William and Our Lady of the Rosary Building Fund

We are well on our way with giving thanks to Father for the nine years of his life devoted to us and Holy Cross. We wish him well with the building of the church and congregation in Langford. Our hope is to help the building fund presently 2 MILLION Dollars short of the proposed costs. Our hope is to obtain \$400,000 in gifts from Holy Cross Parishioners, to ease the burden on Father and our young families and friends in the Western Communities.

At present we have received \$111,000.00 and expect to deliver the balance to the new church by the end of the month. All amounts are necessary from \$100 to \$20,000 to help the parish and instill in its members the joy of helping others.

Make your donations **payable to Holy Cross Parish with "Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Building Fund" in the memo line** and you will receive the usual tax receipt and the help will be delivered to Our Lady of the Rosary Parish.

Ellis Achtem

### Free Webinar on Long Term Care

The Knights of Columbus invites you to attend a free virtual webinar featuring expert Karen Henderson BA, CPCA, followed by a presentation from Knights of Columbus Canadian Agency Executive Consultant, Sonny Sangemino. Karen is Founder and CEO of Long Term Care Planning Network, Canada's leading resource centre for ageing and long term care planning and education. She has dedicated her work to helping everyone understand how to age with independence, dignity, and control, through proper long term care planning in Canada. **Monday June 10<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 pm EDT (4:30 pm Pacific)** Register at: [https://goto.webcasts.com/viewer/event.jsp?ei=1672787&tp\\_key=5c511b1d28](https://goto.webcasts.com/viewer/event.jsp?ei=1672787&tp_key=5c511b1d28)  
St. Patrick's Council number is 7934

### 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](mailto:mbristow@rcdvictoria.org). For volunteer screening procedures go to: <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/responsible-ministry>

### HOSTING INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

**Thank you so much to all of you who already responded!** We are close to having every student placed, however the **St. Andrew's International Student Program** is in need of one additional host family for September 2025 for a boy from Mexico (Grade 10) 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](mailto:homestay@cisdv.bc.ca) / Tel: 403-771-2519

### Prayer Reflection

**Grace** does not work like a penny in a slot machine. **Grace** will move you only when you want it to move you, and only when you let it move you.  
—Venerable Fulton J. Sheen

The gift of **grace** increases as the struggle increases.  
—Saint Rose of Lima

Great love can change small things into great ones, and it is only love which lends value to our actions.  
—Saint Faustina

### Word of the Week:

#### Grace

Unmerited divine assistance given; freely given; God's favor that comes sacramentally, situationally, and habitually. Saint Paul identifies Jesus as the "grace of God" and sees grace as operating in the many charisms that build up the church. What is grace? The simple definition of grace is God's favor. But what it means to receive such benevolence is demonstrated in boundless ways. How do we "get" grace, or know it when it's operating? We recognize grace in the divine mercy, forgiveness, and rescue at work in our lives. The church's sacraments are ways in which we acquire grace. Church fathers went so far as to say that sacraments "divinize" us: God becomes flesh so that flesh can share in God's immortality. Saint Augustine proposed that grace heals and liberates our sin-inclined wills so we can do the will of God. Without grace, we're literally lost. Saint Thomas Aquinas envisioned grace as elevating us to a higher level of union with God. Thomas Merton saw grace as the antidote to the "death dance" in our blood. However you define grace, it comes to us unmerited and free of charge. God doesn't "owe" us grace even if we're saintly every moment of the day. But like any gift that comes in a pretty package, grace is not fully received if we don't open the gift and make use of it. Sin separates us from following in the way designed by God for our happiness. Grace makes it possible for us to find our way back to that divine path. The gift of grace empowers us to live in communion with God both in this world and in the world to come. From the Catechism of the Catholic Church: Grace is participation in the life of God. It introduces us into the intimacy of Trinitarian life. The grace of Christ is the gratuitous gift that God makes to us of his own life, infused by the Holy Spirit into our soul to heal it of sin and to sanctify us (CCC 1997-99).

### OUR LITURGICAL LIFE

SATURDAY, June 8, 2024

4PM Mass: Ethan Stone+  
(to be held at St. Patrick's Parish)

SUNDAY, June 9, 2024

9AM MASS: Margaret Gormley (Int)  
(to be held at St. Patrick's Parish)

MONDAY, June 10, 2024

NO MASS

TUESDAY, June 11, 2024

9AM Mass: Carolyn Ledohowski+

WEDNESDAY, June 12, 2024

NO MASS

THURSDAY, June 13, 2024

9AM Mass: Adam Wojtilo+

FRIDAY, June 14, 2024

NO MASS

The Chapel will be open this week  
Tuesday to Friday 9 - 12

*Masks are optional at this time*

### The 10<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:familycamp@rcdvictoria.org)

### COLLECTIONS, June 2, 2024

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS

Envelopes	\$ 2,230.00
Loose	\$ 250.00
Canada Helps	\$ 313.63
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$ 1,268.75
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 4,062.38</b>



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**THANK YOU  
FATHER  
WILLIAM!**

**FOR YOUR  
NINE YEARS OF  
SPIRIT-FILLED  
SHEPHERDING!**

**WE WILL MISS YOU!**



## News from the Chancery

1) Videos and a reflection guide are now available for “A Great Symphony of Prayer: The Our Father as a Programme of Life”. This webinar series, delivered by Dr. Josephine Lombardi from St. Augustine’s Seminary, was hosted by the CCCB as a way to participate in the Year of Prayer 2024 in anticipation of the Jubilee Year 2025. To view the materials, please visit <https://www.cccb.ca/evangelization-catechesis-catholic-education/video-resources/a-great-symphony-of-prayer-the-our-father-as-a-programme-of-life/>. Another series will be offered in fall 2024; a registration link will be sent once it is available.

2) Our diocesan Garry Oak Ecosystem Restoration Project continues every Saturday morning from 10 am – noon. New volunteers are always welcome to help remove invasive species from the land around St. Andrew’s Regional High School, Sacred Heart Parish, and the Pastoral Centre. Please bring your own gloves and water, and meet in the Sacred Heart parking lot (4044 Nelthorpe St, Victoria). For more information, please visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/garry-oak-ecosystem-restoration-project-867898697367>.

3) 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 15<sup>th</sup>. 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.

St Andrews Cathedral is offering a Summer faith Course beginning 12<sup>th</sup> June to 31<sup>st</sup> July. This 8-week course consists of facilitated weekly group sessions based around the Catholic Company Series “Nunc Coepi: Now I Begin”. This course is ideal for anyone seeking to deepen their spiritual life. It explores the benefits of an authentic Christian lifestyle of starting anew every day without giving up. It provides insights, helpful examples, and the opportunity to develop deeper trust and confidence in God’s love and grace. The course facilitator is Bernadette O’Connor. Classes will be offered weekly on Wednesdays at 2pm in-person at the Cathedral Parish Office and at 6pm online with Zoom. Course cost is \$20. A subsidy is available however, if you need it. Please register at the Cathedral Parish Office. Starts this week!

**Hearing Loop System** Holy Cross Parish is equipped with a hearing loop system. If you wear hearing aids, switch your hearing aid to T-Coil and you will be connected to the hearing loop system. See: [www.advancedlistening.ca](http://www.advancedlistening.ca)

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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.