

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.

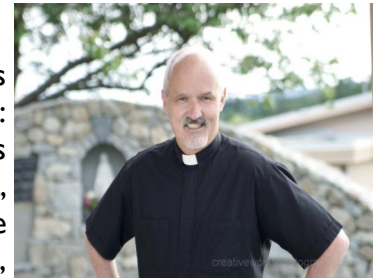
SUNDAY March 10th, 2019
First Sunday in Lent

You can't step into the same river twice. That's because the water never stops moving. The seasons of the church year are like that. You're tempted to say: Oh, Lent again. But it's not the same Lent as last year. And you'll never have this Lent back again in the future. So what's new with Lent this year? This Lent, however, something's new: You. You're not who you were or where you were a year ago. Make a quick inventory of what's changed: births, deaths, moves, goals, health. There've been expansions or contractions of the mind, heart, options, bank account. Breakups and breakdowns. You've won and failed a few more times. You've served and you've sinned. The readings this first Sunday of Lent remind us that indeed we are not alone in our faith. Our roots go back to Moses. Our faith is shared among believers of all backgrounds. It is for all who accept Jesus, according to Paul. To sacrifice alone as Jesus did in the desert is tough. To realize that we do it together in Lent with other believers gives us strength and makes our actions not self-serving acts of self improvement but common acts of faith and reconciliation. They are good not for the body as much as for the soul and spirit. We are in Lent together. That's good. Here are a few questions to ponder... What spiritual progress do you hope to make this season of Lent? What steps are you prepared to take toward that end? Moses recounted for people the story of their liberation. What saving action of God are you grateful for in your life? Jesus rejects Satan's temptations of immediate gratification, power, and safety. How are you doing in regard to these temptations in your own life? What help do I find in the traditional practices of Lent: prayer, fasting, almsgiving?

Lent 2019 is not a place you've ever been before, so keep your eyes open. The path is not the same, nor is the person walking it. Well, I am not "ready" for Lent again! Perhaps there are some who feel the same way. In my opinion, it is because we are not "ready" that Lent comes anyway. It is good to reflect on one's spiritual life regularly and to make necessary changes with the help of God's graces. It is Lent 2019; the time is right. What will your Lent 2019 be about? How will you fast, pray, and give alms this season? Take some time to consider these practices and how you can best incorporate them for these 40 days. What needs to be repented in your life, and forgiven, and what might you need to forgive: old injuries, or new ones? What pain do you carry, and how can you invite Jesus to carry it with you? To sacrifice alone as Jesus did in the desert is tough.. It's Lent. It's time! Remember God doesn't bargain. God loves unconditionally. That's what I'm trying to let sink in this Lent. No matter in what difficult situation we find ourselves, God loves us. No matter whether we're sinful or holy, God loves us. No matter if we're successes or failures, God loves us. Enjoy the resources provided for a meaningful Lenten reflections. If interested in another online tool go to dynamiccatholic.com and click on Best Lent ever....

Lenten opportunities are many... enter in!

Father William



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OFFICE HOURS

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

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HOSPITAL EMERGENCY CALLS: At the moment, eight different pastors in Victoria, in addition to their regular duties, will carry the hospital phone for **emergency calls only** (250-889-3761) on rotation.

SHARE THE JOURNEY: SHARE LENT 2019

Share the journey with poor coastal communities in Tacloban, the Philippines

In 2013, poor coastal communities in the Philippines saw their homes ravaged by Super Typhoon Haiyan. Thanks to your donations, Development and Peace and its local partners formed a consortium for the purchase of a piece of land that affected communities were empowered to transform into the Pope Francis Village. Watch the documentary *After the storm* to follow the inspiring journey of these communities: devp.org/en/philippines-documentary.

WHOLLY HUMAN, HOLY DIVINE ECUMENICAL LENTEN SERIES

Our annual five week ecumenical Lenten series will start Wednesday March 13th. The evening starts at 6pm with shared soup dinner followed by video and group discussion. Registration is required.

March 13th: At Holy Cross parish with St. Patrick's Parish —"The Call"

March 20th: At Lutheran Church of the Cross with Knox Presbyterian—"The Temptation"

March 27th: St. Aidan's United Church—"The Struggle"

April 3rd: St. Luke's Anglican—"The Prayer"

April 10th: At Grace Lutheran with "The Place" Community —"Letting Go"

Sign up Sheets are in the foyer. Volunteers are needed to make soup for our Holy Cross evening on March 13th, if you can help please call Anna at the office: 250-477-5321.

BOOK OF PSALMS STUDY GROUP STARTING

There will be a Book of Psalms study group starting on April 9th after 9am mass for anyone who would like to join. This is a 45 minute study will take place on Tuesday's after morning mass, and all participants are asked to bring their own Bible. This is a time to get together for reflection and discussion of the psalms. If you have any questions please call Trish Westwood at 250-477-6032 or George Murphy 250-658-6061.

TRIP TO TOUR LEVEL GROUND COFFEE

Sign up for the tour of the Level Ground Trading premises in Saanichton on **Tuesday April 2** (10-11:30 am). Departure from Holy Cross at 9:30 for those who wish to carpool. We are moving towards piloting serving Level Ground coffee at our parish. This local fair-trade company observes a zero-waste production policy. Come find out how they manage this feat and learn about the principles of ecological justice that inspired the company.

OUTREACH REMINDER

For those of you who take communion to the homebound as outreach, it is important that you make note of your visits in the little black book (Sacramental Log) in the sacristy. These numbers are necessary for the statistical Spiritual Report that is done each year. Thank you.

MARCH GREEN TIP

Spring is just around the corner and it's time to plan our gardens! To help us adapt to increasingly hot and dry summers, the CRD website has great advice on how to create a drought-tolerant garden. See <https://www.crd.bc.ca/education/natural-gardening>. Visit also the Horticulture Centre of the Pacific, which has a drought-tolerant garden with Sedus, Salvias, Echinacea, Santolina . . .

PRAYER REFLECTION

“The food of real love is sacrifice.”

AROUND THE PARISH AND DIOCESE

More information and details on bulletin board or parish office

- **CHRISM MASS:** On Thursday, April 11th at 7:00 pm Bishop Gary Gordon will be the principal celebrant at a Mass that is celebrated annually. At this liturgy, we gather around the bishop for the blessing and consecration of the oils that will be used in all our parishes in the coming year. May our presence at the Chrism Mass be a sign of our support and gratitude for their ministry—and a reminder that baptism calls all of us to lives of service. **All are invited to attend. A reception will follow.**
- **BOOK SALE:** Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Book Sale. WHEN: Saturday April 6th ~ 8 am ~ 7 pm; Sunday April 7th - 9 am ~ 4 pm; Where: 798 Goldstream Ave. Langford. BOOK PRICES: Hard Cover @ \$2.00; Soft Cover @ \$1.00; Children's books 4 for \$1.00 CD 2 for \$1.00 DVD @ \$1.00.
- **BUNNIES FOR BEDS:** When you purchase chocolates through our Purdy's Easter campaign you also help Mount St. Mary Hospital residents. Purdy's donates 25% of your order back in cash to MSMH. Sign up as a supporter here - <https://fundraising.purdys.com/register.aspx#form>. Our group # is 33785 and you can order your chocolates until March 25. Orders will be available for pickup at Mount St. Mary Hospital on April 4 or by special arrangement.

2019 PASTORAL CARE TRAINING SESSIONS

St. Patrick's Parish

Saturday, March 23 – **Session 2: Listening & Communications and Mental Health**

Contact the parish office to register: 250-477-5321

LENTEN MISSION



A Lenten Mission with Bishop Gary Gordon will be held **March 25th, 26th, and 27th.**

Monday March 25th: 9am at Holy Cross Parish

Tuesday March 26th: 9am at St. Patrick's Parish

Wednesday March 27th: 9am at Holy Cross Parish

Discover a love that is the great joy of knowing “I am not alone.” Join Bishop Gary Gordon on a journey of discovering how life is a great joy when accompanied

OUR LITURGICAL LIFE:

SUNDAY, March 10th

9:00am Mass: **Angela Murphy + Mark Underhill +**

4:00 pm Mass

MONDAY, March 11th

No Mass

TUESDAY, March 12th

9:00 am Mass: **Private intentions for Maureen O'Brien**

WEDNESDAY, March 13th

9:00 am Mass: **Adea Smart +**

THURSDAY, March 14th

9:00 am Mass: **Kerry Kielty +**

FRIDAY, March 15th

9:00 am Mass: **Gail Butcher +**

SATURDAY, March 16th

3:00-3:45pm Reconciliation

4:00pm Mass: **Serefino & Giuseppina Spada +**

SUNDAY, March 17th

9:00am Mass: **John & Winnie King +, Hilary Ribeiro & Jose Pacheco +**

4:00 pm Mass

THANK YOU CORNER!

Thank you to Ann and Bob Francis for preparing the church so beautifully for our Lenten journey. Thank you for creating an atmosphere suited for this time of deep reflection.

PARISH SOCIAL LIFE

Joint Wellness—Monday and Thursday 10am

Wednesday Social group—Starts up again January 9th at 1pm.

Duplicate Bridge—Wednesday 7pm.

Social Bridge—First Sunday of every month.

CONTACTS

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COLLECTION March 3, 2018

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS:

Envelopes	\$ 4,130.00
Loose	\$ 495.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$ 1,095.00
TOTAL	\$ 5,720.00

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, 8:30	Darlene Southwell	250-477-5738
Sun. Coffee, 10:30	Yvonne Hsieh	250-385-8322
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.	Anna Mendonca	250-477-5321
Marriage Prep.	Fr. William Hann	250-477-5321
Children's Rel. Ed.	Giacinta Bewley	250-652-0204

Children's Liturgy of the Word	Bobbi Bartle-Clar/ Valentina Boyd	250-995-1891 250-813-0230
Catholicism		
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	
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	Dan Taft Jr.	250-721-0821
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