



Holy Cross Catholic Parish

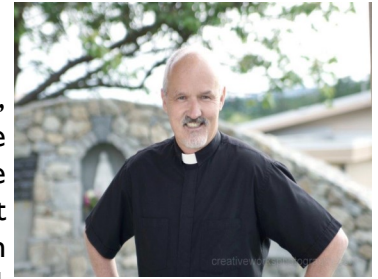
Mission Statement

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 11th, 2018
Fourth Sunday in Lent

From the desk of Father William

We are well into Lent. You could call it our journey through the desert, our journey to Easter, the light and the new life. We Christians go this path like everyone else, like ordinary people; that is to say like men and women who are marked by everything that happens in our world. As Christians, we are not protected from the disillusionment of life. It is moments like these that we can hear ourselves say: “where is our God? Does he really care?” Perhaps we would not dare to say it, but don’t we often think:” what is the use of being Christian in a world where you must fend for yourself, where you should not get your expectations too high, because you are bound to get hurt and disillusioned?”



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Jesus himself appears on our path today, well into Lent, closer to Easter. And he points us to the cross on which he will be lifted up. What are we saying when we wear a cross or place one in our homes? What are we saying to ourselves when we sign ourselves with the cross? Is it not time that we rediscover the true meaning of these gestures; that we allow ourselves to be struck by the truth that the cross holds for us, namely that our life stories- which for all of us are a composite of light and darkness- are mixed up with a God who cares for us, a God who is faithful to us? I am in no way suggesting that the cross will serve as a mascot to protect us from the ugly side of life.

If the cross is a sign of anything at all, then it is a sign of the certainty that a faithful God stands by us and is prepared to slug it out with us. We have him to cling to, and if we look attentively at him, we see that his hands and heart are open to us. The cross signifies for us that God’s entire existence is one of being given for us. With that kind of God in our lives, we will not have to go under. The entire purpose of Jesus coming into the world was that he might give it life. The cross is the ultimate example of God’s love for the world.

Dear friends, at bottom, faith is simply a turning to the God who has already shown love for us. This conversion— “turning around”—can give us the eyes to see through difficulties and relieve us of the burden to have to work so hard to earn God’s favor. How does God show loving kindness to me? How do I show loving kindness to others, especially when others are difficult to love? Hermann Hesse said it best...we know quite well, deep within us, that there is only . . . a single power, a single salvation . . . and that is called loving.

Lift high the Cross
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.

STARFIELDS FESTIVAL OF HOPE

April 13-15, 2018: Three mainstage concerts, 2 days of workshops, poets, authors, visionaries, open mic and more! All workshops are free, but tickets for the concerts are \$20 each and available through the parish office. The full schedule is on the bulletin board and in the office.

REMEMBERING YOUR LOVED ONES AT EASTER

We welcome donations for the Easter floral display. If you would like to contribute to our Easter flowers and remember a loved one, please pick up an envelope at the foyer. Once you have filled it out, place your donation inside and drop in the collection basket. *The last day to make donations will be **March 25th**.*

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

The fourth week of lent, let's go to Peru and discover one of the Development & Peace's partners, the Bartolome de Las Casas Institute! It runs the Hugo Echegaray leadership school, where students strengthen their capacity for dialogue, consensus, participation, and consultation in order to exercise ethical and responsible civic leadership in their communities. The Solidarity Sunday collection will be celebrated in all Canadian parishes next week. We will appeal to your generosity in support of our sisters and brothers in the Global South who fight every day for peace, human dignity, and social justice.

WOMEN'S LENTEN RETREAT

All the women of our parish are invited to attend a Lenten retreat for women by facilitator Mona Goodman. *Our Paschal Reflections: Life's Ebb & Flow* will be on **Saturday, March 24th** at Holy Cross Parish Centre from 9:00 to 4pm. This is meant to be a day away to Be with God, so dress comfortably and be scent-free. Participants can bring their own mugs, bagged lunch, pencil/pen, journal/notebook, and hand towel. Registration is required, sign up sheets are at the back of the church. **Last week to register.**

ST. PATRICK'S GREEN DAY DINNER

Thanks to the prompt response of parishioners, tickets for the **St. Patrick's Day "Green" Dinner** sold out last weekend. If you cannot use your ticket, please pass it to another parishioner.

SOCIAL LIFE AT HOLY CROSS

Joint wellness: Mondays and Thursdays at 10am
Wednesday Afternoon Social Group:
Wednesdays at 1pm.
Men's Duplicate Bridge—Wednesday 7pm.
Social Bridge—First Sunday of every month.
HC Walking Group—Every Saturday morning at 10am for one hour.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

If you are interested in being a liturgical minister at any of the Easter week masses please contact Anna at the office: pastoralassistant@holycrossvictoria.org

We are in need of ministers in all categories (lectors, Eucharist, ushers, etc.) Thank you.

PRAYER REFLECTION

Although we praise our common Lord for all kinds of reasons, we praise and glorify him above all for the cross. . . . It is this death for people like ourselves that Paul constantly regards as the sign of Christ's love for us.
—Saint John Chrysostom (c. 347-407)

We should not wish for anything but what comes to us from moment to moment, exercising ourselves nonetheless for good.
—Saint Catherine of Genoa (1447-1510)

AROUND THE PARISH AND DIOCESE

More information and details on bulletin board or parish office

- **MEDITERRANEAN EXTRAVAGANZA:** On Saturday, April 7, 6:00pm until 10:00pm, the Local School Council and the PAC will be hosting a *Mediterranean Extravaganza*. Come join us at St. Patrick's Hall for an amazing evening of food, refreshments, entertainment and various silent auction items. All the proceeds will be dedicated to the work that is needed to turn the basement area into a quality space that can be used by all. Tickets are \$35 per person, childcare is available \$10 per child. Tickets are available at the Holy Cross parish office. Menu posted on bulletin board.
- **MEN'S BREAKFAST:** Calling Men of Faith, Hope and Charity for an opportunity to meet with other like-minded men seeking fellowship in Faith. Come Join us for breakfast (\$12.00) and enjoy a Presentation by **Fr. Dean Henderson-Saturday May 24th – 8:00 -10:00 AM** - "The Missionary Joy of The Gospel. Insights and Applications from Pope Francis" – (at Victoria Horseshoe Club) To register: email us at info@mfaff.org
- **ELVIS PRESELY FUNDRAISER FOR ST. ANDREWS:** *Please join us at our Elvis Presley Fundraiser Night in support of a new soccer field and arts building at the high school. **Date:** Saturday, April 14 at 7:00 p.m. **Cost:** \$50. **Where to purchase tickets:** at your parish or at St. Andrew's Regional High School office. If you would like to pay by credit card, please call the school office. [250-479-1414](tel:250-479-1414). We would love to see you!*
- **SAVE THE DATE!** On Saturday, July 28th at 10:30 am at the Cathedral we will celebrate the Ordination to the Permanent Diaconate of four candidates. Please mark your calendars so that you will be able to participate in this historic event. More details to follow in the near future.

OUR LITURGICAL LIFE:

SUNDAY, March 11th

8:30 am Mass: **Angela Murphy +**
10:30 am Mass: **Antonino D'Arcangelo +**
4:00 pm Mass

MONDAY, March 12th

9:00am Mass: **Margaret Shamata+**
10:00am Bible Study (parish hall)

TUESDAY, March 13th

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

WEDNESDAY, March 14th

9:00am Mass: **Michael Bell +**

THURSDAY, March 15th

9:00 am Mass: **John A. Rock +**
6:30 am Rosary Group

FRIDAY, March 16th

9:00 am Mass: **Mercy & Nicholas +**
9:30 am **Stations of the Cross**

SATURDAY, March 17th

3:45—4:30 Reconciliation
5:00 pm Mass: **Patrick Matthew Newton +**
6:00pm "Green Dinner"

SUNDAY, March 18th

8:30 am Mass: **Maureen Horan +**
10:30 am Mass: **Hilary Ribeiro +**
4:00 pm Mass

THANK YOU CORNER!

Thank you Christina Lee for the wonderful art work that she produced for Development and Peace. The art work is displayed on the wall next to the church kitchen and will be up until Solidarity Sunday.

SOCIAL JUSTICE ACTION TIP

On March 8, we celebrated International Women's Day. Let's support organizations that advocate for the education of girls around the world (eg. Plan Canada, World Vision Canada . . .).

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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.	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	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	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.	Cynthia Watson	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



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COLLECTION March 4, 2018

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS:

Envelopes	\$ 5, 462.90
Loose	\$ 460.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$ 1, 107.00
TOTAL	\$ 7, 029.90

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	Fr. William Hann Glenn Palahicky	250-477-5321 250-479-1331
RCIA	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	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 Outreach	John Oleson	250-477-6455