



Holy Cross Catholic Parish

Twining with St. Patrick's 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 13, 2022
Second Sunday of Lent

The readings this week deal with transformations. God responds to Abram's faith by making a covenant with him, changing the relationship between the two. Saint Paul writes of the ability of God to glorify our bodies. Jesus' Transfiguration reveals God's power to transform. The Transfiguration of Christ is full of mystery, and the experience is so overpowering that it can be told only with symbolic language. The story is very strategically placed in the Gospel. It comes just at the time in his life when Jesus must take a second look at where he is going. It comes at the time when the conflict between Jesus and his opponents is coming to a head. It is also the time when his disciples do not know what to make of Jesus anymore.

So, Jesus goes up the mountain. In the Bible, that means the place of God's presence. And two prominent figures of the OT appear on the scene: Moses and Elijah. Jesus has a lot in common with them. Jesus is at a critical point in his life journey, and they have been there before him. It is no wonder that at precisely at this critical moment in Jesus' life, Moses and Elijah appear on the scene. They have been there before. Talking things over with them, it becomes clear to Jesus that he is on course. He is encouraged by their story. But above all, he finds strength in God's presence to him. The bible tries to describe this with the image of his face changing and his clothes becoming brilliant. And from the cloud that covered them comes the voice: "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to Him!" These same words had sounded at an earlier decisive moment in Jesus' life, at his baptism in the Jordan, the moment that it became clear to Jesus what path he would have to follow. God's presence to Moses, Elijah, and Jesus pulled them through their difficult moments. They could pull themselves up on him. Lent is the privileged time in which we are encouraged to expose ourselves more intensely to God's presence in our lives. It is the time in which we too are encouraged to check out whether we are still on course as God's people. When have you been "transfigured"? How can this Lent be a transforming experience for you?

It is not for me to dictate what should be the outcome of this kind of stock-taking. We may never experience God the way Moses, Elijah and Jesus experienced him. Their world is not our world. But that does not mean that he cannot show himself to us in a very tangible way. Evidence for that will be, if at the end of our Lenten journey, at Easter, we appear as recommitted, rejuvenated Christians. What will you do to experience transformation this week? How will you work for transformation in your family? In my neighborhood? In the world?

Transformation blessings
Father William Hann



OFFICE HOURS

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

Fr. William Hann, Pastor

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.

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LIVESTREAM MASSES

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

GARDEN MAINTENANCE

Spring has sprung folks, and the good weather means it's a perfect opportunity to restart the Holy Cross volunteer garden group in preparation for Easter. Our first session will be Wednesday April 6 from 1 pm until about 3 pm, but feel free to come and go as you please. If you have a small hand trowel, you may want to bring it, along with some gardening gloves. Experienced and new volunteers welcome, just send me an email indicating your interest, and so that I can email each of you notifying you of future sessions, or when a session is canceled. My email is jseale1234@gmail.com. Hope to see you there. Your help is truly appreciated.

John Seale, Holy Cross Parish Garden Volunteer Coordinator

CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN OUTREACH EVENT

Dear Parishioners, Please join us for an evening of prayer, worship, and outreach! CCO will be hosting "Night Fever." A night of Adoration, during which we will invite people to come into the Cathedral and encounter Jesus, and pray for peace. Friday March 18 6:30-9pm. For more info: victoria@cco.ca

NOTE FROM THE UNIVERSITY CHAPLAIN, LYDIA FOCH

Wednesday, March 16th: Final movie night of the semester! **Film:** Into The Wild (the journey of a young man, his search for meaning while leaving behind a life of luxury, possessions, status and money.) **Time:** 7pm
Place: Multi Faith Building UVic. Popcorn will be provided!

Sunday, March 20th: Student Synod via Zoom.

Please register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/student-synod-listening-circle-tickets-294345905527>

Please email Lydia if you have any questions about the events: lfoch@rcdvictoria.org



DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE: SHARE LENT



Madagascar: an ecological village to cope with climate change

Development and Peace's *People and Planet First* campaign celebrates what solidarity can achieve, even against seemingly impossible odds.

In Madagascar, for instance, Development and Peace's partner, the Development Council of Andohatapenaka (CDA), empowers people to manage and transform their neighbourhoods.

In the capital region, which is afflicted by flooding and poor waste management, CDA has helped the residents of one vulnerable area to turn their environs into a thriving ecological village. Today, each of the 50 households involved in the project has a vegetable garden, a stove and solar panels. This transformation reflects a true ecological conversion. Watch the video at devp.org/lent/act.

LIBRARY CORNER

March 17th is the Feast Day of St Patrick, Patron Saint of Ireland and celebrated (sometimes boisterously) all over the world (see first website) and March 19th, is the Feast Day of St Joseph, husband of Mary, and the Patron Saint of Canada, and of the Universal Church. Joseph is the seldom-mentioned, self-effacing shepherd who with angelic guidance (Matthew 1, 18-2.23) shepherds his little family from Bethlehem to Egypt to escape Herod's Massacre of the Innocents, and later safely back to Nazareth.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saint_Patrick%27s_Day

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https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saint_Joseph

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Josephology>



A NOTE FROM THE DIOCESE

Please note the following changes to the schedule in March. We have also posted these changes at <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/events/dailymasslivestreamed> and <https://www.youtube.com/c/RCDVictoriaLiveOne/about>.

- Friday, March 18: Livestream at 7 pm from Port Hardy
- Sunday, March 20: Livestream at 9 am from Port McNeill

On all other days, the regular schedule is in effect: 7 pm on weeknights, and 9:30 am on Sundays from St. Andrew's Cathedral.

A post has just been added to the Diocesan website about the free Roots of Reconciliation Workshop sessions offered in April and May: <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/indigenous/roots-of-reconciliation-workshop-registration-now-open>.

EASING OF RESTRICTIONS

The General and Liturgical Directives and Music Ministry Covid-19 Prevention Plan, to be followed by all parishes in the Diocese of Victoria, have been updated according to the most recent PHO's.

To summarize:

- Capacity limits on attendance at worship services or other gatherings in church buildings are no longer required. It is highly recommended that parishes continue to encourage physical distancing.
- The use of face coverings is now optional in church buildings. However, the continued use of face coverings is highly recommended as a prudent and wise choice to ensure the safety of all. This is especially true during higher-risk situations such as while singing or while distributing Communion.

The Directives, Prevention Plan and Memo are also available online at <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/news/responsetocovid19-0>. As always, please do not hesitate to contact the Bishop's Office with any questions or concerns.

--- WANTED ---

As mentioned last week, our **REFUGEE FAMILY** of 3 will arrive soon, possibly in a couple months.

WHAT'S WANTED TO ASSIST IN THEIR SETTLEMENT?

Rental accommodation: A 2-bedroom apartment in a central location with easy access to public transportation and grocery shopping. If you know of any upcoming vacancy, please contact Carol Tyshynski at tyshynskic@gmail.com.

Household Items: For an updated list of items required, please click [here](#). This week's list is much shorter, thanks to the generosity shown by many parishioners this past week. If you wish to donate any item(s) listed, please contact Carol who will be updating inventory as items are offered/received.

Storage space: This is required to store the many pieces of furniture which have been generously donated. If you have extra easily-accessible space in your home/garage, please contact Carol to make arrangements. *Thank you for your continued generosity and support.*

OUR LITURGICAL LIFE:

SATURDAY, March 12th

3:00pm-3:45pm: Confession

4pm Mass: David Gaffney +

SUNDAY, March 13th

9am Mass: Elmo Beruno +

MONDAY, March 14th

Office Closed/No Mass

TUESDAY, March 15th

9am Mass: Mary Gillen +

WEDNESDAY, March 16th

9am Mass: Tom Sheedy +

THURSDAY, March 17th

9am Mass: Nancy Kelly +

FRIDAY, March 19th

9am: Mass: Bill Phillion +

Masks are no longer mandatory indoors, though we do encourage those who feel more comfortable to wear them as needed. As always, if you are feeling unwell or symptomatic please stay home.



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COLLECTION for March 6, 2022

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS:

Envelopes	\$ 3,237.00
Loose	\$ 280.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$ 1,677.00
TOTAL	\$ 5,194.00



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NEWS FROM ST. PATRICK'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The children at St. Patrick's are always up to something! Join the Dr. Seuss fun this week on their Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/St.PatricksSchool/>

CALL FOR DONATED YARN!

You might not know this, but long time parishioner, Judy Begg, is also a long time supporter of the Hospital Auxiliary at Royal Jubilee Hospital Gift Shop. To date she has knit *over 360 baby sweaters* and donated them all to the gift shop to be sold for charity. But her yarn supply is running low. If you have any unused balls of yarn please consider donating them to Judy. Yarn donations can be dropped off at the parish office or in the bin in the foyer of the church. *Thank you!*

SYNOD LISTENING CIRCLE INFORMATION

As many of you know, in unity with our Holy Father Pope Francis, our diocese is embarking on a special journey toward a synodal Church, a listening Church. Bishop Gary invites each and every person to participate and contribute to the synod process in our diocese.

To participate, you can:

Join one of the upcoming *Listening Circles* being offered via zoom **by the diocese**. Dates to choose from are (click on the link to register)

[Tuesday, March 15, 2022 at 10:00 AM](#)

Watch the diocesan website for additional dates

Join one of the *Listening Circles* being offered **here at Holy Cross on:**

Thurs, March 17 at 6:30pm via zoom

Thurs, March 31 at 6:30pm in person at church

Wed, April 6 after morning mass (9:45am at the church)

To sign up for any of the parish *Listening Circles*, please call or email the parish office with your name and contact information (phone and email).

NOTE: If you are interested in attending an in-person *Listening Circle* on an evening or weekend here in our parish, please let the parish office know and Bev Pulyk would be happy to organize one.

Respond to a survey

paper survey – [Click here for a PDF version of the form](#)

respond to an online survey - [Click here to complete the form online.](#)

Once you have completed the PDF form, please send it to us by [email](#), or mail it to: Roman Catholic Diocese of Victoria - Synod Committee, #1-4044 Nelthorpe Street, Victoria, BC, V8X 2A1

We want to hear from everyone. In preparation for your participation, we invite you to reflect on these questions:

How is "journeying together" happening today in our particular church or community?

What steps does the Spirit invite us to take to grow in our "journeying together"?

For more information on the Synod, you may visit the diocesan website. www.rcdvictoria.org/synod. Please, be a part of the conversation, so we all may grow in participation, communion, and mission.

SILENT AUCTION AT ST. PATRICK'S ELEMENTARY

Mark your calendar: February 27th to March 13th 2022

<https://www.32auctions.com/PSG2022>



Check out some of the items donated so far:

- 2 Nights Salt Spring Island lakeside cottage
- WildPlay gift certificate
- 4 Cats gift certificate
- Restaurant gift cards (Romeo's, Blue Crab, Finns, White Spot, Dead Beetz Burger, Fernwood Pizza etc)
- Book store gift cards (Russell Books, Ivy's book)
- Spa packages
- Retail gift cards (Thrifty Foods, Mr. Pet's, Uptown Mall, Slaters Meat, Market on Yates etc)
- Gift Baskets (Save on Foods, Pharmasave, Dental Gift Basket)
- Services (BC Ferries, Oak Bay Rec Centre drop in courtesy passes)
- and much more!

Thank you to everyone who donated to this fundraiser! Your support is very much appreciated!

WORLD YOUTH DAYS INFORMATION MEETING

The next World Youth Day will be in August 2023 in Lisbon Portugal. World Youth Day is a gathering of young adult Catholics from all over the world to gather in a particular place to pray, learn, and celebrate the joy of being Catholic. The event concludes with an overnight vigil and Mass on the Sunday with the Pope! Open to anyone 19-35. The Diocese of Victoria will be organizing a pilgrimage group to go to World Youth Day with Fr Harrison Ayre and Fr Eduardo Santos as chaplains. We will be holding an informational meeting at Our Lady of Fatima on April 10th at 4pm to talk about costs, dates, and help you learn more about what WYD is. If you're unable to be in Victoria, we will try to have a zoom link available for those in other parts of the diocese. Please e-mail Fr. Harrison at hayre@rcdvictoria.org to register.

WOMEN OF THE PARISH

YOU are invited to come join Catholic women from all across Canada in Kelowna at the Delta Grand Hotel, this August 14 – 17th. Everyone is welcome! You can attend all 3 days or just one. The Catholic Women's League of Canada will be holding their 102nd annual convention. You don't have to be a member, just come check out the love of sisterhood! We are also inviting women to step forward to help the planning committee fulfill our theme **Rejoice in the Vineyard of the Lord!** If you can give some of your time or would like more information on attending please contact Nancy Simms at simmstogether@gmail.com. We encourage you to go to www.cwl.ca for more information. Or contact Theresa Smith of St. Patrick's Parish at theresasmith1225@shaw.ca

Knights of Columbus On-line Lenten Retreat March 26

The Knights of Columbus Sacred Heart Council is inviting member Knights of Greater Victoria Councils to join our LENTEN RETREAT on Saturday, March 26th from 1 to 4 p.m. The Retreat Master will be Deacon Philip Yuson; and the topic of the Retreat is "Spiritual Warfare" (from the KofC's "Into the Breach"). Be sure to have a working microphone and camera in order to fully participate in the talks & prayers. To join, simply click on this link: <http://refuge.conceptbc.ca>

Save Your Bottles and the Date!! On Saturday April 23rd from 9:00 am until 1:00 pm the Knights of Columbus will be having a bottle drive . Drop off any refundable cans, bottles, and milk containers to St. Patrick's Church parking lot. (No sorting required) Proceeds will be going to support The Knights of Columbus and student bursaries.