



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 15, 2020

Third Sunday in Lent

The readings this week are about the journey of faith? The Israelites in the desert, with some stubbornness, come to trust in the God who really is with them and saves them. Saint Paul speaks of the power of faith to bring believers to the grace of hope and salvation. And in the long gospel story, the Samaritan woman moves from unbelief to faith to testifying in the Christ who brings living water. The Gospel centers on the theme of water and life.

We meet a woman who was trying to discover her deepest truth, looking for acceptance, love and trust, rejecting that which fails to satisfy, and engaging Jesus, this Jewish man by the side of the well, in a faith dialogue about what true worship really means. This woman at the well - a woman without a name so she can stand for every woman (and hopefully for every man)- is a woman who thirsts for truth. She is a woman who longs for relationship (in the midst of all the forces of her culture at work against her, the most obvious being exclusion). Here is a woman who has an unquenchable desire for God and during a most ordinary afternoon, her life is completely turned around.

What's as important is that this woman—who knew herself to be a sinner in the eyes of her community, not one of God's favorites by any means—discovered herself to be in the presence of the Holy in the unlikely place and person and time and *knew it*. She recognized where she was and who she was with, even though according to the rules she was the wrong woman, he was the wrong man, and the well was not where God was supposed to arrive. Funny—someone must have forgotten to tell God how inappropriate the whole arrangement was. And God remains blissfully unaware that sinners are the wrong kind of people to be seen with. Thank God for that.

My dear friends, Jesus knows the deepest longing of our heart and like the woman at the well we too should be staggered at Jesus' insight into our life. He knocks on our hearts door and waits for the invite. May we have the courage to go to the places of the heart and risk becoming a better human being? We are being sent from our church buildings and places of worship to the space of daily life where we are called to worship God in spirit and truth. What has been your personal "exodus"? When have you felt as if you were traveling through the desert? Where did you find "water," the living presence of God?

Are you thirsty?

Father William

OFFICE HOURS

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

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HOSPITAL EMERGENCY CALLS

HOSPITAL EMERGENCY CALLS: 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. Thomas Chinnappa** to make this request.

LENTEN MISSION 2020 WITH BISHOP HENRY

Join Bishop Henry from the Diocese of Calgary as he presents **The Way of Truth and Life Mission 2020** at Holy Cross and St. Joseph the Worker Parish March 23– March 25th. There will be a morning and evening session (the morning and evening sessions are the same so you only have to attend one per day).

Monday, March 23rd: Theme: **WHEN ALL IS SAID AND DONE, THE ONLY TRAGEDY IN LIFE IS NOT TO BECOME A SAINT.** “Whether, then, you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do it all to the glory of God.” 1 Cor.10:31. **9am** at Holy Cross Parish, **7pm** at St. Joseph the Worker Parish.

Tuesday, March 24th: Theme: **KNOWING WHO I AM IN CHRIST (MY ID, TRUE VALUE AND WORTH)** “God is love and anyone who lives in love lives in God, and God lives in him.” 1 John 4:16. **9am** at St. Patrick’s Parish, **7pm** at St. Joseph the Worker parish.

Wednesday, March 25th: **THEY’LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS BY OUR LOVE** “We can be sure that we are in God only when the one who claims to be living in him is living the same kind of life as Christ lived.” (1 John 2:5-6.) **At 7pm** within our Lenten Reconciliation Service at Sacred Heart Parish.

EASTER MASS SCHEDULE

Lenten Reconciliation Service: Wednesday, March 25th—7:00pm, Sacred Heart Parish

Holy Week

Holy Thursday: April 9th—7:00pm, Holy Cross Parish

Good Friday: April 10th—2:00pm, Holy Cross * 4:00pm, St. Patrick’s Parish

Easter Vigil Saturday, April 11th—8:30pm St. Patrick’s Parish

Easter Sunday: Sunday, April 12th—7:00am, St. Patrick’s * 9:00am, Holy Cross * 11:00am St. Patrick’s

REMEMBERING SOMEONE SPECIAL AT EASTER

The Arts and Environment Ministry Team welcome your donations for the Easter floral display. If you would like to contribute to our Easter flowers and remember a loved one or a special occasion, please pick up a marked envelope in the foyer. Once you have filled it out and placed your donation placed inside, please drop it in the collection basket or drop it off at the office. *Thank you*

**SHARE LENT 2020: DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE**

The Mura: beset by buffaloes, plagued by potash: For several years now, the Mura people of Brazil’s Amazonas state have sought to assert their claim to their ancestral lands. To their frustration however, it has been much easier for cattle herders and a potash mine to occupy and control those lands than it has been for them to have their rights respected. Development and Peace’s partner, the Indigenous Missionary Council (CIMI), helps them advocate for, defend and publicize their cause more effectively. Watch the Mura’s testimony at devp.org/campaign/mura.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Soup Kitchen Needs COBS Bread Volunteers ASAP!! When: Monday evenings from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m., including holidays. Number of people: 1 or 2 with a truck, van or larger hatchback. Donations from COBS Bread Bakery are a vital part of our breakfast menu and are also shared with St. Vincent de Paul’s downtown location. If you’re able to help, please contact Sheila, Operations Coordinator at 250-598-4339.

PRAYER REFLECTION

Heaven goes by favor. If it went by merit, you would stay out and your dog would go in. —Mark Twain

To hold to God is to rely on the fact that God is there for me, and to live in this certainty. —Karl Barth

IMPORTANT NOTICE FROM BISHOP ABOUT CORONAVIRUS

The emergence of the new coronavirus (COVID-19) is impacting people worldwide and has led to understandable concern among the faithful. Coronaviruses are thought to be spread mainly from person to person through close contact. Entrusted with the mission of Jesus to care for all the members of our community, parishioners are encouraged to observe the following:

- Stay home if they are sick or feeling unwell;
- Practice good hygiene, including frequent hand washing;
- Avoid hand-to-hand contact during the Our Father and the Sign of Peace;
- Ministers distributing Communion should use hand sanitizer before and after the distribution of Communion;
- Communion hosts should be received only on the hand, not on the tongue;
- the Precious Blood should not be distributed until further notice;
- Holy Water should be removed from the fountains;
- Celiacs and those with special needs are encouraged to consult their pastor.
- Parishioners are encouraged to practice social distancing at this time, ***that is maintaining a distance of two-metres from one another.***

Your prayers for all those affected by COVID-19 are greatly appreciated.

CHRISM MASS 2020

This year the Chrism Mass will be held at St. Peter's in Nanaimo (301 Machleary St.) on Thursday, April 2nd at 7 pm. Make plans, with your friends, to travel to celebration of the blessing of the Holy Oils.

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

All young adults are invited to join the Young Adult Group at St. Andrew's Cathedral! We meet Sunday evenings at 6pm in the Cathedral's Parish Centre. We host a variety of socials, engaging presentations, and opportunities to grow in our Faith. On Sunday March 22nd we will be welcoming Bishop Scott McCaig (Military Ordinariate) to speak for us. For further information about the activities and schedule, contact yagvictoria@gmail.com or find us on Facebook at "Young Adults Group - St Andrew's Cathedral (Victoria)"

OUR LITURGICAL LIFE:

SUNDAY, March 15th

9:00am Mass: **Joe Laturnus+**

MONDAY, March 16th

Office Closed

9:00 am Liturgy of the Hours

TUESDAY, March 17th

9:00 am Mass: **Joe Laturnus +**

9:30 am Reading Scriptures with Jesus

WEDNESDAY, March 18th

9:00am Mass: **Ron Tinney +**

THURSDAY, March 19th

9:00am Mass: **Ron Tinney +**

FRIDAY, March 20th

9:00 am Mass : **Kevin Loughran +**

3:00 pm Silent Prayer in Mercy Chapel

SATURDAY, March 21st

3:00-3:45pm Reconciliation

4:00pm Mass: **Joseph Soares +**

SUNDAY, March 22nd

9:00am Mass: **Molly Hollington +**

THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone for your understanding and cooperation as we implement new protocols and universal precautions during this time of health crisis that is affecting so many across the globe.

Thank you for doing your part.

Please be advised that the Joint Wellness exercise group held on Monday and Thursday, as well as the Wednesday Afternoon Social Group have been cancelled until further notice. Thank you.



CONTACTS

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COLLECTION for March 8, 2020

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS:

Envelopes	\$ 2, 436.75
Loose	\$ 335.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$ 1, 025.00
TOTAL	\$ 3, 796.75

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, 9:00	Darlene Southwell	250-477-5738
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
Parish Council	Debra Prior	250-661-0252
Finance	David Begg	250-658-0870
Maintenance/Bldg.	Ed Boomars	250-881-8124
Annual Shed Clean	Jack Ponsioen	250-383-0654
Parish Grounds	Joe Mendonca	250-888-8930
Social/Comm. Life		
Baptism Prep.	Call office	250-477-5321
Marriage Prep.	Fr. William Hann	250-477-5321
Children's Rel. Ed.	Barb Shenton	250-592-7391

Children's Liturgy of the Word	Valentina Boyd	250-813-0230
Catholicism		
Library	George Murphy	250-658-6061
Outreach/Visiting	Sheridan Cooper	250-598-0248
Bereavement / Funeral / Follow-Up	Fr. William Hann	250-477-5321
Funeral Reception	Barb McKrow	250-477-8322

SERVING COMMUNITIES BEYOND OUR DOORS

Diocesan Appeal	John Bartle Clar	250-995-1891
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	Barb Shenton	250-592-7391
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
St. Vincent De Paul	Martin Fletcher	250-592-9297
Univ/Camosun	Tony Southwell	250-477-5738
Bursaries		
Uvic/Camosun Outreach	John Oleson	250-477-6455