



Holy Cross Catholic Parish

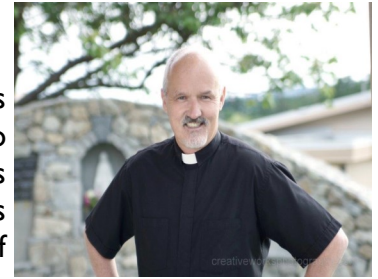
Mission Statement

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 18th, 2018
Fifth Sunday in Lent

From the desk of Father William

When asked why she opposed Medical Aid in death she responded, is death the answer to everyone who suffers? A good question!!! We don't go looking for suffering but when it comes we will have to respond and today, Jesus shows us how to respond. "Father, save me from this hour... now my soul is troubled." That is the cry of Jesus when he comes face to face with the tragedy of his life and when he must enter the school of suffering. And he wonders out loud: "what shall I say?" It is a question that comes straight from the heart of someone who begins to taste the cruelty and bitterness of life, the inhumane features that mark life for many.



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It becomes even more paradoxical when we consider that it is Jesus who utters these words. His life has been marked by resisting every form of suffering and he knew himself called to be the healer of broken persons. But despite his healing commitment he finds himself up against a power that will also claim him: the power of suffering and death. He learns first hand the human situation of suffering and dying. He prays aloud and in silent tears. It is the instinctive reaction of people when confronted with suffering: "Father, save me from this hour."

But he does not stay there! The gospel today presses on. When Jesus is shaken by the thought of his immanent suffering and death he turns to God, he clings to him. Precisely at this moment, Jesus cannot and will not let go of God. He continues to believe that, despite contrary evidence, God is his life and his future. When all becomes darkness around him, he remains tuned into the God who has been the ground of his life-project. He pleads with God: "Father, glorify your name." Mysterious words, no doubt. Words by which we will continue to be puzzled and embarrassed. "Father, glorify your name." In these words, Jesus consents to the fact that in his suffering and death God will show his divine compassion for his people.

What an incomprehensible turn of events! When Jesus in his suffering and death remains faithful and obedient to God, God in turn binds himself in an unheard way to us people. The suffering and death of Jesus becomes for God the occasion to show his presence and saving solidarity with us. That is the New Covenant. In the suffering and dying Jesus, God binds himself irrevocably to us his people. It is a bonding that is marked by love and fidelity.

The point of Christian faith is not to lose your life, but to save it. Preserving our lives for eternity does involve a temporal surrender. It does mean meeting the hour of death head-on, by investing in it through the choices of this hour and every hour. May our choice always lead to life and development in peace.

Time is short, but eternity is not.

Father William Hann

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—SOLIDARITY SUNDAY

We wish to thank you for your generosity on this Solidarity Sunday. Your donation will be used to help our sisters and brothers all over the world—from Lebanon to Cambodia, to Nigeria and beyond! The theme of our Share Lent campaign Together for Peace invites us to build peace through dialogue and reconciliation and to consider mercy as a source of hope for the future. This is what Pope Francis underlined on the occasion of the Jubilee of Mercy: “Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instils in us the courage to look to the future with hope.” Thank you for helping us create a future filled with hope.

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

It's that time of year again: Parish Council elections are coming up! There are three positions available for the 2018/2019 term. If anyone is interested in volunteering their time for this important role in our parish community please bring your name forward to the office or Father William. If you have any questions or just want to inquire please feel free to contact Fr. William or our Parish Council Chair Esther Sangster-Gormley.

HANGING BASKETS!

THIS IS NO FAKE NEWS!!!!!! Hanging baskets, geraniums and tomatoes are once more available with all proceeds again helping **MOUNT ST. MARY HOSPITAL**. Please phone 2504776754 to order and arrange for pickup. On behalf of the hospital thanks for your continuing support Ellis Achtem.

BISHOP'S GALA

Tickets are now on sale for the 2018 Bishop's Gala -- May 5, 2018. The Bishop's Gala Committee is pleased to announce that tickets for the 2018 Bishop's Gala are now on sale! Over the past two years \$117,818 has been raised to support our First Nations ministry. This year, the Ahousaht community, with Bishop Gary, has exciting plans that will be unveiled at the Gala! tickets are \$100 per person and are available through EventBrite (<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2018-bishops-gala-tickets-42924482282>), or by phoning the Pastoral Centre at (250) 479-1331. Only 100 tickets remain, and **there are only 6 tickets left at the Holy Cross tables**. *If you would like one of these please call the office. First come first serve.*

PRAYER REFLECTION

I know the power obedience has of making things easy which seem impossible.
—Mother Teresa of Calcutta (1910-1997)

The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.
—Mahatma Gandhi (1869-1948)

AROUND THE PARISH AND DIOCESE

More information and details on bulletin board or parish office

- **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 March 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
- **MEDITERRANEAN EXTRAVAGANSA:** 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, 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.. Tickets are available at the Holy Cross parish office. Menu posted on bulletin board.
- **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. **Tickets available through your parish.** 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!*
- **CHRISM MASS:** On Thurs., March 22nd at 7:00 pm we gather around Bishop Gary 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 the ministry of our priests. **All are invited to attend.** A collection will be gathered and the proceeds used to offset costs and to assist the poor. **A reception will follow.**
- **CARITAS CANADA:** Big garage sale on Saturday Apr. 14, at **St. Patrick's Church Hall, 2060 Haultain St. from 9:00-1:00.** Also at St. Patrick's on the same day is the Used Clothing Sale in the basement of the Hall. One stop shopping. All proceeds of the garage sale will be donated to Development and Peace to support their projects in the Global South. If you have items to donate for the garage sale, please call Marina: 250-386-3663 or Nancy 250-477-6952.

OUR LITURGICAL LIFE:

SUNDAY, March 18th

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

MONDAY, March 19th

9:00am Mass: **Don Kavangh (int)**
10:00am Bible Study (parish hall)

TUESDAY, March 20th

9:00am Mass: **Louise Mullan (int)**

WEDNESDAY, March 21st

9:00am Mass:

THURSDAY, March 22nd

9:00 am Mass: **Lucille Dufek +**
6:30 am Rosary Group

FRIDAY, March 23rd

9:00 am Mass:
9:30 am **Stations of the Cross**

SATURDAY, March 24th

3:45—4:30 Reconciliation
5:00 pm Mass: **Joe De Rosa +**

SUNDAY, March 25th

PALM SUNDAY

8:30 am Mass: **Bernice Sheehan +**
10:30 am Mass: **Winnie & John King +**
4:00 pm Mass

THANK YOU CORNER!

On this Solidarity Sunday thank you to Development and Peace for the Lenten campaign and for all you do throughout the world, for ensuring a life of dignity and justice for all.

Solidarity Sunday
March 18, 2018

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HOLY CROSS MINISTRIES

MINISTRY	COORDINATOR	PHONE
Liturgy Liturgical Ministers	Anna Mendonca	250-477-3552
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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 11, 2018

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS:

Envelopes	\$ 2, 325.00
Loose	\$ 542.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	<u>\$ 1, 107.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 3, 974.00
SVPD	\$1, 376.00

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