



# 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 1, 2020**

**First Sunday in Lent**

Welcome to Lent! A time of reflection, repentance, renewal, and life! Lent begins, engaging us with themes of repentance and reconciliation. I hope you're all wearing comfortable shoes, because it's a long walk between here and Jerusalem, between Ash Wednesday and the Easter Vigil. Like Jesus did, we take this journey with friends, the community of believers. Like Jesus, we also take this journey with the devil lurking not far behind, biding his time. If the devil was gracious enough to appear in costume, with pitchfork and pointy tail, we could dismiss him at once and no harm done. But the Evil One has a lot more social grace than that. He knows how to meet us where we are, and to speak our language, and to make a good case for seeing things in a practical, reasonable light. That one, he's a talker, smooth enough to chat with God when the occasion arises, and bold enough to challenge even the divine Son. But the Satan never cared much for a crowd. If we travel together on this Lenten path, that fellow won't have much chance for those one-on-ones for which he is famous.

Liturgically speaking, Lent is a verb, and a communal one: We "lent" together as Catholics. That is, we fast, observe abstinence, give alms, examine our consciences, attend services of recollection, penitence, and reconciliation, and give our discipleship a good shaking out all around. Maybe we make a commitment to attend daily Mass or to increase our time at prayer or to take on spiritual reading. All that we do is intended to wake us up to the fact that, all year long, we are holding this casual, amiable conversation, perhaps over our morning coffee or just after dinner as we settle into a comfortable chair for the evening, with a fellow who means us no good. All of our Lenten practices are for the purposes of unmasking this dialogue so that we can hear it for what it is and back away as from a poisonous serpent.

The first reading this week offers a meditation on the origin of sin. The writer doesn't so much explain why sin came into the world as tell a story about its entry. The disobedience of Adam and Eve grows out of their breaking trust in God. Where are you tempted to break your trusting and faithful relationship with God? What do you do to find strength in those times? When do you encounter the temptation to trust only in self, doubt God's love for you, or seek too much power?

This grace-filled time is an opportunity for us to let Jesus take over our lives. Lent means "spring." New life grows in springtime. Through our temptations, God will bring new life to us. Lent is a gift of the Church to us. We receive it gratefully to face both our gifts and our limits, to look in a spiritual mirror to face ourselves, our demons and our God. We go together, with Jesus, into the desert of our souls. In doing so, so that come Easter, the renewal of our being baptized will not be an empty formula. But there will be some substance to it, so that we may come out of this Lenten season as re-cycled and reborn Christians sharing more fully in the new life of the risen Jesus.

Happy Lent,

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.

### **SHARE LENT 2020: DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE**

#### **The tree of solidarity that is Development and Peace — Caritas Canada**

In 1967, the Bishops of Canada sowed a seed of solidarity, seeking to nurture a movement for social justice. This seed took root and blossomed into a strong tree. Its roots are the thousands of Canadians who support the organization by donating time and money. Its branches are partners who flourish and help build a world of justice. Their work bears fruit for millions of people in the Global South who are taking charge of their own destiny. Please read the Mini-magazine insert to learn more about Development and Peace's work.

### **LITURGY OF THE HOURS**

Starting March 1st, every Monday at 9:00 am in the Church, we will pray the Liturgy of the Hours morning prayer. The Liturgy of the Hours is the prayer of the Church and everyone is invited to join in and learn it. This will be an opportunity to grow our praying community starting this Lent. Come join us!

### **OUR PLACE BREAKFAST**

We’re looking for 10 volunteers from **Holy Cross** to serve breakfast at **Our Place** (919 Pandora, 8 – 10:30 am) on **Saturday March 14**. No heavy work is involved, and both new and returning volunteers are welcome to join the team. Please contact Yvonne Hsieh at 250-385-8322 or at [yhsieh@uvic.ca](mailto:yhsieh@uvic.ca).

### **IN THE LIBRARY (Tues—Fri 9am-2pm)**

#### **Some Lenten readings on our Library Suggestion Shelf**

- Readings for Lent and Easter. 72 short reflections by a variety of authors: Wilde, Luther, Weil, Tolstoy, Dostoevsky et al
- Knowing Christ by Alister McGrath
- A Guide to the Passion of Christ: Questions and Answers
- Love at the End and Ten Commandments by Daniel Berrigan



### **2019 TAX RECEIPTS**

The 2019 tax receipts are available now! Please pick them up in the foyer of the church. If you need your tax receipt mailed to you directly please contact the office: 250-477-5321.

If you have not yet picked up your 2020 collection envelopes, they are now available in the office.

**PRAYER REFLECTION**

Both at the beginning of creation, and at the beginning of the recreation, temptation was the first event.

—Pope Francis

One act of obedience is better than one hundred sermons.

—Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Draw near to God, and Satan will flee from you.

—Ephraem the Syrian

**AROUND THE PARISH AND DIOCESE**

More information and details on bulletin board or parish office

- **MASS FOR HEALTH CARE WORKERS:** If you are a healthcare professional, worker, or volunteer, you are invited to celebrate a special Mass in honour of healthcare workers and volunteers with Bishop Gary Gordon at **6:20 pm** on the **Feast of St. Joseph on Thursday, March 19, 2020 at Christ the King Parish, 1599 Tunner Drive, Courtenay.** For more details, please phone 250-334-4716 or email: [ctkparish@shaw.ca](mailto:ctkparish@shaw.ca)
- **CWL BURSARY:** *Are you a graduating grade 12 student?* If so, you may be interested in the following bursary that is available through the Victoria Diocese: **CWL VICTORIA DIOCESAN CATHOLIC WOMEN’S LEAGUE BURSARY, “In Memory of Freda Smith” (\$750)** Application Deadline: **April 15th.** **More info is on the bulletin board or in the office.**
- **MEN’S BREAKFAST:** At Horseshoe Club - 620 Kenneth, Victoria - Saturday March 7<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 AM **“Increase in Mental Health Challenges for Younger Generations”** by practising Psychiatrist, Dr. Doris Duru, MBBS. If interested, simply send an email with name and number attending or to obtain more information (\$13.00 incl meal) - [info@mfaff.org](mailto:info@mfaff.org) (Catholic Diocese of Victoria, BC)
- **WORLD YOUTH DAY:** World Youth Day will be held in Lisbon, Portugal in the summer of 2022 (exact dates TBD). If you're interested in going on pilgrimage to pray with the Holy Father and hundreds of thousands of other Catholic young adults (ages 19 – 35), Fr. Eduardo Santos and Fr. Harrison Ayre will be organizing this pilgrimage. Please contact Rebecca at Holy Family / Notre Dame at [rc-portalberni@shaw.ca](mailto:rc-portalberni@shaw.ca) OR 250-723-8912 to leave your information. We would like to offer some opportunities for formation, building of community, and fundraising, and so are asking that you have your information in by June 15th so we can begin to organize.

**OUR LITURGICAL LIFE:**

**SUNDAY, March 1st**

9:00am Mass: **Debbie & Mark Underhill +**

**MONDAY, March 2nd**

Office Closed

9:00 am Liturgy of the Hours

**TUESDAY, March 3rd**

9:00 am Mass: **Jacinta Sweeney (int)**

9:30 am Reading Scriptures with Jesus

**WEDNESDAY, March 4th**

9:00am Mass: **Gabe Gat +**

**THURSDAY, March 5th**

9:00am Mass: **Gabe Gat +**

**FRIDAY, March 6th**

9:00 am Mass : **Mary & John Doyle +**

3:00 pm Silent Prayer in Mercy Chapel

**SATURDAY, March 7th**

3:00-3:45pm Reconciliation

4:00pm Mass: **Brian Wall +**

**SUNDAY, March 8th**

9:00am Mass: **Ray Troutman +**

**THANK YOU!**

Thank you to Ann and Bob Francis for taking the time to set up our beautiful desert motif in the church as we enter Lent.

Thank you also to Trish Westwood and Marcia Thompson who spent all of Tuesday morning cleaning the windows in the church.

**ST. PATRICK’S PARISH IRISH DINNER**



On **Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm**, join us in the Our Lady of Lourdes Hall at St. Patrick’s for some Irish fun and dinner as we raise funds for repairs and painting of our Parish exterior walls. Tickets are \$15.00 per person or \$50.00 for a family. Purchase your ticket at the office while they last! *Ticket’s available at both parish offices.*



## CONTACTS

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### COLLECTION for February 23rd

#### **WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS:**

<b>Envelopes</b>	\$ 2, 242.75
<b>Loose</b>	\$ 520.00
<b>Pre-Authorized Debit</b>	\$ 1, 201.50
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 3, 964.25</b>

## HOLY CROSS MINISTRIES

<b>MINISTRY</b>	<b>COORDINATOR</b>	<b>PHONE</b>
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