



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 22, 2020
Fourth Sunday in Lent

We Newfoundlanders are, as they say home, “*are some proud*” of the musical, *Come from Away*. Its message of hope in the midst of despair is one we need to hear again and again. Living with Covid 19 and social distancing makes us all aware of the need for hope. In the aftermath of the September 11, 2001 attacks, 38 planes were ordered to land as quickly as possible in Gander, Newfoundland. *Come from Away* tells the story of how the people of Gander (and surrounding towns) rallied to care for—to house and feed—more than 7,000 stranded travelers for those few days until they were able to fly once again. Told from the perspective of both passengers and townspeople, the musical addresses the complexity of human relationships as people live in the midst of the unfamiliar, attempt to communicate with loved ones, mourn the deaths of family members killed in the attacks, experience the friction borne of fear and close quarters, and seek the Divine in the midst of the despair.

What was one of the darkest days in modern American history, the hospitality and generosity of a town of fewer than 12,000 citizens rallied to become light in the darkness and hope during despair. When the world had been blinded by hate and traumatized by the cruelty of violence, the people who met in Gander gave the world another story—one of love and compassion and amazing grace. It is a story that inspires us to see—really see—what the human spirit is capable of doing to overcome the darkness. Darkness is a word this world relates to since 9/11. We live in a time of darkness as a world, as a result of this virus. What does the Gospel teach us?

Everyone in the gospel story of the healing of the man born blind appears to be in the dark about who Jesus is and why he does what he does, and most feel threatened and confused by Jesus’ good works. We’re no different today. Some of us hide from the light by choice. Like the Pharisees, we cloud issues with our own biases and won’t accept answers we don’t want to hear. Spiritual growth requires that we employ what gurus call “beginner’s mind.” This is the attitude that is aware of its limitations and open to new truths and surprises. Lent is a good time to cultivate beginner’s mind and so as we live in a time of Covid 19 let’s see anew. It’s a time to see ourselves and the world not with our own prejudices but as God sees—as worthy of help and healing and love. We are called, appointed, anointed by God to see the light and lead others out of darkness. Ask yourself: What blocks you from seeing the light at certain times or in certain areas of your life? When have you helped another see better? How did they respond? When has someone tried to help you see better? What was your response? What one truth do you see most clearly in your life? Let this week be a time of healing, clarifying, rebuilding and renewed hope. Stay strong...we shall overcome!

May this coming week be a week of anointing for you!

Father William

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[A Prayer Of Protection In Time of Pandemic](#)

O Mary,
you always brighten our path
as a sign of salvation and of hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,
who, at the Cross, took part in Jesus' pain
while remaining steadfast in faith.

O loving Mother,
you know what we need,
and we are confident you will provide for us
as at Cana in Galilee.

Intercede for us with your Son Jesus,
the Divine Physician,
for those who have fallen ill,
for those who are vulnerable,
and for those who have died.

Intercede also for those charged with
protecting the health and safety of others
and for those who are tending to the sick
and seeking a cure.

Help us, O Mother of Divine Love,
to conform to the will of the Father
and to do as we are told by Jesus,
who took upon himself our
sufferings and carried our sorrows,
so as to lead us, through the Cross,
to the glory of the Resurrection. Amen.

Under thy protection we seek refuge,

O Holy Mother of God.

**In our needs, despise not our petitions,
but deliver us always from all dangers,**

O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.

Adapted from the prayer of Pope Francis



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COLLECTION for March 15, 2020

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS:

Envelopes	\$ 1,068.00
Loose	\$ 305.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	<u>\$ 1,025.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 2,398.00

**please note that if you would like to sign up for Pre-Authorized debit temporarily during this time you can do so by emailing the office and the information package will be sent to you. You can also send contributions by mail if you desire.*

Thank you for your generosity during these uncertain times.



TELEVISED MASS

Salt + Light TV has made arrangements with cable companies across Canada (Rogers, Bell, Telus, Shaw Direct, Videotron) to make **Salt + Light TV** available free of charge to all subscribers until May 1, 2020.

Anyone who subscribes to Cable TV will be able to access **Salt + Light TV**, and therefore to tune in for the *Daily TV Mass*, and *Sunday TV Mass*, produced by the National Catholic Broadcasting Council.

Salt + Light TV is also televising the daily Mass celebrated by Pope Francis from Casa Santa Marta. This airs every day at 9:00 am and will be televised in both English and French. "La Messe du jour" produced and televised by **Salt + Light TV** from the crypt at Saint Joseph Oratory in Montreal will now be televised on Sundays through arrangements with the Archdiocese of Montreal, enabling everyone access to the televised Mass in both French and English seven days a week.

The channel number for each cable company that carries **Salt + Light TV** can be found at <https://saltandlighttv.org/subscribe>

Please note that the *Daily TV Mass* is also available on other faith-based television networks besides **Salt + Light TV**. The various networks and Mass times can be found at <https://dailytvmass.com/about/broadcast-schedule/>

Resources for Mass – PDF:

During this time, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCCB) has given permission to Novalis to post PDF copies of the pages from *Living with Christ* and *Prions en Église* for each upcoming Sunday Mass, and for Daily Mass on their website. You may download the pages for free until March 29. Thereafter, availability of the pages will then be re-assessed, based on the situation at that time.

Please use the following links for the English and French PDF versions of the Sunday Mass Readings and prayers from Novalis:

Living with Christ, English Canadian edition: https://www.livingwithchrist.ca/index.php/intentions?_ga=2.50103011.496730847.1584390822-169904871.1417450886