

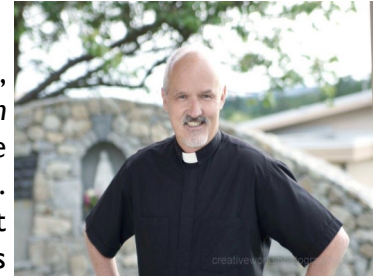
Holy Cross Catholic Parish

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 24th, 2019 Third Sunday in Lent

Today's gospel is about second chances. And we all need them—at our jobs, in our families, with our friends, within our communities. *Jesus rejects the popular myth that all misfortunes are divine punishments.. We are not to imagine a stern, punitive God who metes out sickness, accidents, misfortunes, as a response to people's sins.* Then he changes the topic and invites them to examine their own lives. They must listen to God's call to conversion and to a change of lifestyle. Who among us is without sin? Not one of us. So what distinguishes one sinner from another? Jesus tells us it's the level of repentance. Ask for the second, third, fourth chance you need to be productive and fruitful. Let people know you are trying. Seek help. Don't succumb to despair. See your mistakes as golden opportunities to become that much better. The parable of the fruitless fig tree is indeed thought-provoking. It is not about doing wrong but about failure to do what is positively right. Jesus tells the story of the fig tree that has produced no fruit in the past for a reason. The gardener asks for more time to cultivate the ground and give the tree better conditions for bearing fruit in the future. That future fruit may yet save the whole tree. But without the inward work of cultivation, no outward fruit may be expected. The fig tree that bore no fruit is like a Christian who attempts no good work and lives a purely selfish life. And, like Moses, we must consider how best to persuade others of God's loving existence and act accordingly. Do we show it in our actions? Are we bearing fruit? Do we live in right relationships and cultivate a spirit of openness and hospitality?



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This season of Lent is another chance for us to be still, find out what's at the core of us, and to take steps to create a new interior environment suitable for producing spiritual fruit. It is safe for us to be so honest. At rest within the heart of the God who is, we have nothing to fear, and everything to gain. Real repentance is a reflection about whatever is unfruitful in our lifestyle. We have many opportunities to examine our conscience and confess our sins and be reconciled with God and each other. Join me at a penitential service in the coming weeks to prune our own branches and be renewed in heart this Lenten springtime.

On another note, we say goodbye to Anna this week in her role as pastoral associate. I can never thank her enough for her ministry of presence and her many gifts shared with us. The good news is that she will stay on as a coordinator of the bereavement team. First though she will focus on the birth of a new grandchild and much needed rest and self care. We hope you enjoy your new Fitbit and I will be watching closely to see you hit those 10,000 steps a day. Bless you Anna and abundant thanks for sharing your gifts with us at Holy Cross. You are indeed a gift to us and on behalf of all of us at Holy Cross, thank you and may God continue to bless you with good health and peace. Your witness to us has been profound!

May your life be fruitful indeed,
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: At the moment, eight different pastors in Victoria, in addition to their regular duties, will carry the hospital phone for **emergency calls only** (250-889-3761) on rotation.

SHARE THE JOURNEY: SHARE LENT 2019

Share the journey with the Rohingyas of Myanmar

Facing persecution and violence, 723,000 Rohingyas have fled Myanmar since August 2017 and taken refuge across the border, in neighbouring Bangladesh. Development and Peace's long-time partner Caritas Bangladesh is working hard to restore some dignity to these people who simply yearn to live in peace. Thanks to your donations, Caritas Bangladesh has been able to provide temporary shelters, access to clean water, safe latrines and showers for women and girls, and hygiene kits, and to raise awareness among refugees about safety issues. Your generosity makes a difference in the lives of the Rohingyas! devp.org/give



LENTEN MISSION

A Lenten Mission with Bishop Gary Gordon will be held **March 25th, 26th, and 27th.**
Same mission at 7pm each evening at St. Joseph the Worker..

Monday March 25th: 9am at Holy Cross Parish. Homily will be the mission talk.

Tuesday March 26th: 9am at St. Patrick's Parish. Homily will be the mission talk.

Wednesday March 27th: 9am at Holy Cross Parish. Homily will be the mission talk.

Discover a love that is the great joy of knowing "I am not alone." Join Bishop Gary Gordon on a journey of discovering how life is a great joy when accompanied .

WHOLLY HUMAN, HOLY DIVINE ECUMENICAL LENTEN SERIES

Our annual five week ecumenical Lenten series will start Wednesday March 13th. The evening starts at 6pm with shared soup dinner followed by video and group discussion.

March 27th: St. Aidan's United Church—"The Struggle"

April 3rd: St. Luke's Anglican—"The Prayer"

April 10th: At Grace Lutheran with "The Place" Community—"Letting Go"

Sign up Sheets are in the foyer. Registration is required.

LEARN TO PROTECT

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Victoria is asking all its parishes to implement the Praesidium "Learn to Protect" Program for all parish volunteers and employees. This is a very easy and interesting on-line program that teaches you how to keep children and vulnerable adults in your care safe from abuse, how to protect yourself from false allegations of abuse, and how to create a safe Church environment for all. You will be notified via email with more information when your specific volunteer area is ready to begin.

COMPUTER BUDDIES NEEDED!

Now that Holy Cross Volunteers are well underway taking their "Learn to Protect" online courses, we need a number of people who are willing to assist fellow parishioners who need a little help with the computer. Sign up sheets are in the foyer!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND ROSARY

During Lent there will be Stations of the Cross every Friday after the 9am mass. There is also daily rosary before morning mass from Tuesday to Friday at 8:30am all through the year. All are welcome to join these extra times of prayer and worship.

PRAYER REFLECTION

“To the one who still remains in this world, no repentance is too late.”

AROUND THE PARISH AND DIOCESE

More information and details on bulletin board or parish office

- **CHRISM MASS:** On Thursday, April 11th at 7:00 pm Bishop Gary Gordon will be the principal celebrant at a Mass that is celebrated annually. At this liturgy, we gather around the bishop for the blessing and consecration of the oils that will be used in all our parishes in the coming year. **All are invited to attend. A reception will follow.**
- **CATECHIST SPRING GATHERING:** Families at the Center of Faith. April 13th at Holy Cross, Victoria – Hall. We will explore ways to engage children and their families as we accompany them on their journey of faith. All Catechists, Youth Ministers and Ministers of Liturgy of the Word for Children and those interested in these ministries are invited to bring an idea, question or lesson to share. <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/catechist-gatheringholy-cross-families-at-the-centre-of-faith-tickets-53749035813> or email gjahelka@rcdvictoria.org phone 250-753-3570 ext 5

RECONCILIATION SERVICES

Fr. William encourages parishioners to take advantage of the Penitential services at the following parishes. Over the next few weeks join him at one of these services based on your schedule.

St. Joseph the Worker: March 28th, 7pm

Holy Cross/St. Patrick's at Holy Cross: April 4th, 7pm

Our Lady of the Rosary: April 9th, 7pm.

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 in the foyer. Once you have filled it out, place your donation inside and drop in the collection basket. **Deadline is April 13rd.**

OUR PLACE BREAKFAST

Serving a nutritious meal to the hungry is a meaningful way to prepare our hearts for Holy Week. On **Saturday April 13**, Holy Cross will be sponsoring another **breakfast at Our Place** (8 – 10:30 am). We need **volunteers** to constitute a team of 10-12 people. Please contact Yvonne Hsieh at 250-385-8322 or at yhsieh@uvic.ca.

OUR LITURGICAL LIFE:

SUNDAY, March 24th

9:00am Mass: **Bradley Graham+ Hilary Ribeiro +**

4:00 pm Mass University Mass

MONDAY, March 25th

9:00am Lenten Mission Mass: Brendan Holden (int)

TUESDAY, March 26th

9:00 am Lenten Mission **at St. Patrick's** Parish Mass: **Theo Huber +**

WEDNESDAY, March 27th

9:00 am Lenten Mission Mass: **Lorne Garner +**

THURSDAY, March 28th

10:00 am Funeral Mass: Maria Trozzo

FRIDAY, March 29th

9:00 am Mass: **Brendan Holden (int).**

SATURDAY, March 30 th

4:00pm Mass: **Deceased members of the Ciccone Family +**

SUNDAY, March 31 st

9:00am Mass: **Lillarose McDonald+ Mary and John Doyle +**

4:00 pm Mass University Mass

THANK YOU CORNER!

To Anna Mendonca!!!! Thank you so much for your time, your patience, and your love for this community which has been exemplified over and over again the last two and a half years through all the hard work you have done. Enjoy your retirement and the new grandbaby!

PARISH SOCIAL LIFE

Joint Wellness—Monday and Thursday 10am

Wednesday Social group— 1-3pm

Duplicate Bridge—Wednesday 7pm.

Social Bridge—First Sunday of every month.

CONTACTS

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COLLECTION March 17, 2019

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS:

Envelopes	\$ 2274.00
Loose	\$ 405.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	<u>\$ 1,095.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 3,774.00

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, 9:00am	Darlene Southwell/ Yvonne Hsieh	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
	Muna Haddad	778-881-5843
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.		
Marriage Prep.	Fr. William Hann	250-477-5321
Children's Rel. Ed.	Giacinta Bewley	250-652-0204

Children's Liturgy of the Word	Bobbi Bartle-Clar/ Valentina Boyd	250-995-1891 250-813-0230
Catholicism		
Library	George Murphy	250-658-6061
Outreach/Visiting	Sheradin Cooper	250-598-0248
Bereavement / Funeral / Follow-Up	Anna Mendonace/ Julia Vlaszaty	250-477-5321
Funeral Reception	Barb McKrow	250-477-8322

SERVING COMMUNITIES BEYOND OUR DOORS

Diocesan Appeal	Ed Chwyl	
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	Dan Taft Jr.	250-721-0821
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
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