

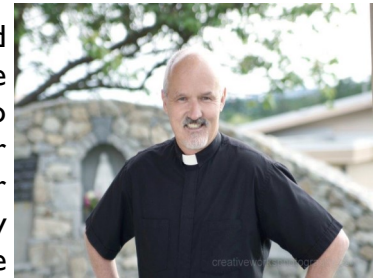
# Holy Cross Catholic Parish

## 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 3rd, 2019 Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus quoted a proverb: “ ‘Can a blind man guide a blind man?’ Wouldn’t they both end up in the ditch? An apprentice doesn’t lecture the master. The point is to be careful whom you follow as your teacher. “It’s easy to see a smudge on your neighbor’s face and be oblivious to the ugly sneer on your own. Do you have the nerve to say, ‘Let me wash your face for you,’ when your own face is distorted by contempt? It’s this I-know-better-than-you mentality again, playing a holier-than-thou part instead of just living your own part. Wipe that ugly sneer off your own face and you might be fit to offer a washcloth to your neighbor. “You don’t get wormy apples off a healthy tree, nor good apples off a diseased tree. The health of the apple tells the health of the tree. You must begin with your own life-giving lives. It’s who you are, not what you say and do, that counts. Your true being brims over into true words and deeds”



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Since ancient times many have agreed that, compared with most speech, “silence is golden.” And silence earns its glorious reputation because we often use language so badly. We speak impulsively and cause irreparable harm. We chatter aimlessly, suffocating our listeners with our prattle. We gossip and ruin reputations. We voice opinions, some of which may reveal how dark our hearts really are. The words we speak not only reveal us; they also have a way of deepening who we are. This shouldn’t surprise us, as we confess our faith in an incarnate God, a word enfleshed. God takes on flesh, and becomes all the things that flesh is: fragile, hungry, in need of friendship, capable of bleeding and dying. But in Jesus, flesh also becomes all the things the divine word is: life-giving, truth-telling, soul-healing—not to mention, stronger than death and even than hell.

All of this might make us more mindful of the words we choose. When you and I speak bitterly as a matter of habit, we harden into cynics. When we think violent thoughts, it’s only a matter of time before we indulge violent actions. Words take on flesh—and flesh, words. God’s word of love becomes the baby of Bethlehem. The stories Jesus tells of forgiveness become the man on the cross in Jerusalem. Words become flesh as surely as a tree produces its fruit—good or rotten—with integrity to its inner nature. If we intend gentleness, we must use softer words. If we’re unready within to produce loving speech just yet, then it is surely better to remain silent.

As I begin this new model of ministry with two parish communities I pray we use words to build each other up for the greater glory of God. I am happy to be pastor at two amazing communities whose roots and witness are deep and long lasting. May we continue to build on good soil. Let us together in ministry care for our faith as we would a sapling. Weed and water and protect it against the elements. And be mindful of the seeds of faith we plant in others. Words matter .....

Abundant blessings  
Father William

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

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**ASH WEDNESDAY MASS SCHEDULE—March 6th****St. Patrick's Parish:** 12:10pm mass**Holy Cross Parish:** 7:00pm \*No 9am mass this day.**SHARE THE JOURNEY: SHARE LENT 2019*****This Share Lent lets create a culture of encounter***

For this year's *Share Lent*, Development and Peace – Caritas Canada encourages us to reach out to forcibly displaced persons and to share their journey. How? 1. Donate online at [devp.org/give](http://devp.org/give) or give during the Solidarity Sunday collection on the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent on April 7. The funds collected are used to support over 162 projects in 37 countries around the world! 2. Take part or organize a solidarity walk in solidarity with forcibly displaced persons: [devp.org/walk](http://devp.org/walk) 3. Read the Development and Peace Share Lent materials as a way to encounter children, women and men who have been forcibly displaced and to learn how their partners are making a difference. For more information, please contact Holy Cross Parish 250-477-5321.

**JOB POSTING– ST. PATRICK'S PARISH**

**ST. PATRICK'S PARISH** is seeking an **Admin Assistant** for 20 hours/week. Please see Job Description on bulletin board. Resumes can be submitted to the office or by email to [StPat190@telus.net](mailto:StPat190@telus.net) prior to March 12.

**TRIP TO TOUR LEVEL GROUND COFFEE**

Holy Cross is moving towards piloting **servicing fair-trade coffee in our parish**. The Social & Eco Justice Committee recommends that we use **Level Ground Trading** coffee. This local fair-trade company has observed a zero-waste production policy for the past fourteen years. We're organizing a **tour of their premises** (in Saanichton, a 23-minute drive from Holy Cross) for **Tuesday April 2** (10–11:30 am). Those who wish to carpool can leave from Holy Cross at 9:30 after morning mass. Number of participants **limited to 30. Sign-up sheet in foyer.**

**BOOK OF PSALMS STUDY GROUP STARTING**

There will be a Book of Psalms study group starting on Tuesday, April 9th after 9am mass for anyone who would like to join. This is a 45 minute study will take place on Tuesday's after morning mass (around 9:30am), and all participants are asked to bring their own Bible. This is a time to get together for reflection and discussion of the psalms, and all are encouraged to join. If you have any questions please call Trish Westwood at 250-477-6032 or George Murphy 250-658-6061.

**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 13th:** Holy Cross parish—"The Call"**March 20th:** At Lutheran Church of the Cross with Knox Presbyterian—"The Temptation"**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. Volunteers are needed to make soup for our Holy Cross evening on March 13th, if you can help please call Anna at the office: 250-477-5321.

### PRAYER REFLECTION

A teacher is not served by a student who does not surpass the teacher.

—Friedrich Wilhelm Nietzsche

### AROUND THE PARISH AND DIOCESE

More information and details on bulletin board or parish office

- **LENTEN MISSION:** A Lenten Mission with Bishop Gary Gordon will be held at St. Joseph the Worker Parish on **March 25th, 26th, and 27th at 7pm.** 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 by Christ. All are welcome. Poster in the Foyer.
- **MEN’S BREAKFAST:** Saturday March 9<sup>th</sup>, 8:00A.M. at the Victoria Horseshoe club. **Men and the Importance of their Self Care!** Men traditionally focus exclusively on getting their jobs and responsibilities looked after, while very seldom considering how important self care is. **Fr. William Hann** will share his recent Sabbatical insights and reflections on his own life to illustrate self care and rest is essential for men, whether a husband, brother, friend or a priest. To register email [info@mcaff.org](mailto:info@mcaff.org).
- **ELVIS AND FRIENDS FUNDRAISER:** St. Andrew’s High School is having an Elvis and Friends Fundraiser! All proceeds will be donated to the Catholic Schools plan and SAHRS building project. Saturday March 9th at 7pm Cost \$50. Tickets can be purchased through your parish office. If you would like to pay by credit card please call the school 250-479-1414.
- **BUNNIES FOR BEDS:** When you purchase chocolates through our Purdy’s Easter campaign you also help purchase new Integriderm mattresses for Mount St. Mary Hospital residents. Purdy’s donates 25% of your order back in cash to MSMH. Sign up as a supporter here - <https://fundraising.purdys.com/register.aspx#form>. Our group # is 33785 and you can order your chocolates until March 25. Orders will be available for pickup at Mount St. Mary Hospital on April 4 or by special arrangement. Please share the link with your family and friends.
- **CWL SCHOLARSHIP:** In memory of Freda Smith this \$500 bursary is awarded annually to a child or grandchild of members of the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Victoria. For more information or for an application please call the office.
- **ATTENTION MARRIED COUPLES:** a non-residential worldwide marriage encounter weekend is being held here in Victoria on March 30-31 at St. Joseph the Worker School. Register at [www.rcdvictoria.org](http://www.rcdvictoria.org) questions? [wwmevancouverbc@gmail.com](mailto:wwmevancouverbc@gmail.com)



### OUR LITURGICAL LIFE:

#### SUNDAY, March 3rd

9:00am Mass: **Amaro Martins +**  
4:00 pm Mass

#### MONDAY, March 4th

No Mass

#### TUESDAY, March 5th

9:00 am Mass: **Cynthia Hendnekson+**

#### WEDNESDAY, March 6th

##### ASH WEDNESDAY

12:10 pm Mass at St. Patrick’s

7:00 pm Mass: **Joan Morris +**

#### THURSDAY, March 7th

9:00 am Mass: **John & Jessica Bidlake,**  
**Wedding Day Int.**

#### FRIDAY, March 8th

9:00 am Mass: **Kerry Kielty +**

#### SATURDAY, March 9th

3:00-3:45pm Reconciliation

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

#### SUNDAY, March 10th

9:00am Mass: **Angela Murphy +,**  
**Mark Underhill +**

4:00 pm Mass

## THANK YOU CORNER!

Thank you to Ed Boomars who found the pencil that was plugging the toilet in the chapel washroom for weeks. You are one sharp pencil Ed and we are lucky to have you!

### PARISH SOCIAL LIFE

**Joint Wellness**—Monday and Thursday 10am

**Wednesday Social group**—Starts up again January 9th at 1pm.

**Duplicate Bridge**—Wednesday 7pm.

**Social Bridge**—First Sunday of every month.

## **CONTACTS**

### **Pastor: Fr. William Hann**

250-477-5321 whann@rcdvictoria.org

250-294-9615 after hours

**Hospital Chaplain:** 250-889-3761

**Pastoral Assistant:** Anna Mendonca

250-477-5321 pastoralassistant@holycrossvictoria.org

**Administrative Assistant:** Valentina Boyd

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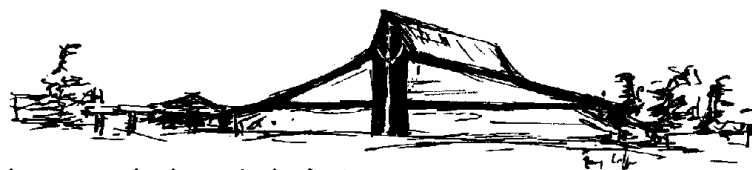
**Parish Council:** Esther Sangster-Gormley

egorm@uvic.ca

**University Chaplain:** Fr. Dean Henderson

250-721-8339 (office) 250-882-2151 (cell)

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## **COLLECTION February 24, 2018**

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

<b>Envelopes</b>	\$ 3,146.00
<b>Loose</b>	\$ 447.00
<b>Pre-Authorized Debit</b>	\$ 1,095.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 4,688.00</b>

## **HOLY CROSS MINISTRIES**

<b>MINISTRY</b>	<b>COORDINATOR</b>	<b>PHONE</b>
Liturgy	Anna Mendonca	250-477-3552
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, 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	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.	Anna Mendonca	250-477-5321
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	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	
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