



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 4th, 2018
Third Sunday in Lent

From the desk of Father William

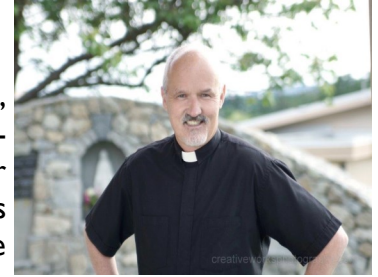
Sometimes when people hear today's Gospel - of Jesus clearly angry, overturning the money changers' tables and driving them out of the temple - people ask if this could be right? Jesus' anger is a zeal for truth, a thirst for honest dealing and a yearning for a faith that comes from the heart - not words only, but words that are expressed in deeds. The story of Jesus chasing the money changers and the livestock merchants out of the temple is more than a simple report on a clean-up operation. There is more here than meets the eye. The Passover of the Jews was near, the text says. But just before Passover, it was big business in the temple in Jerusalem. That was the time all sorts of arrangements had to be offered in observance of the law. That explains the presence of the money changers and the livestock merchants in the temple. It was all part of the elaborate sacrificial system, by means of which the people at the time thought they had to worship God.

The action of Jesus, chasing the money changers and livestock merchants out of the temple, is an awfully radical action. What it really means is that Jesus declares the ritual sacrifices in the temple and the entire elaborate sacrificial system, as obsolete. It is the end of an era! If God is to be worshipped, then it will be no longer be in the temple with ritual sacrifices; it will be no longer in one designated sacred space and with external ritual practices. The point is we can't limit our worship to what we do here. In this Lenten season, we must be willing to place ourselves, our actions, our lifestyles, under the critique implied in today's Gospel reading. That we worship God is a necessity; we cannot do without it. But in that case it is important that we do not limit our worship of God to what we do when we come together in this place.

One of the radically new features of the Christian religion is that the real worship of God takes place not in a restricted sacred place, as a church building, but in our concrete daily actions. Jesus himself is the perfect embodiment of that new kind of worship. He did not worship God by means of a beautiful liturgical ceremony in the temple. He worshiped God by being obedient to the Father's will, and by life-giving service to those around him. Life itself has become the sacred space where God is worshipped. We are nourished here to go out there!!! In other words, it is only when our lives outside this place correspond with what we do in this place that we worship God authentically. **Life itself has become the sacred place where God is worshipped.** Life, the life of each of us, what we do and say in our daily lives is indeed where God is to be worshipped. **Looking forward to seeing you at the Reconciliation Service on Thursday night!**

Love, love and more love is the answer

Father William



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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.

ST. PATIRCK'S GREEN DAY DINNER

The Social & Eco Justice Committee invites all to a **St. Patrick's Day "Green" Dinner** on Sat. March 17 (6 pm, Holy Cross Parish Hall). Come enjoy a simple, healthy, and eco-friendly meal, sing along to Irish music, and be inspired by Pope Francis's call to protect our common home. Tickets (only \$5!) are on sale before and after the 5 pm, 8:30 am and 10:30 am masses. Proceeds go towards sponsoring a breakfast at Our Place. Only 80 tickets printed: get yours before they sell out!

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 back of the church. 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

In Nigeria, forced evictions are carried out violently, without consulting those concerned, as well as without warning., compensation or providing alternative housing. Thanks to your support, the Social and Economic Rights Action Centre, a Development and Peace partner, can train community leaders who then work with some of the most marginalized communities so they can engage in effective dialogue with the government. This year, we invite you to join Development and Peace's monthly giving program Share Year-Round. You will find brochures about the program as you leave the church. You can also register online at www.devp.org/shareyearround.

WOMEN'S LENTEN RETREAT

All the women of our parish are invited to attend a Lenten retreat for women by facilitator Mona Goodman. *Our Paschal Reflections: Life's Ebb & Flow* will be on **Saturday, March 24th** at Holy Cross Parish Centre from 9:00 to 4pm. This is meant to be a day away to Be with God, so dress comfortably and be scent-free. Participants can bring their own mugs, bagged lunch, pencil/pen, journal/notebook, and hand towel. Registration is required, sign up sheets are at the back of the church. **Last week to register.**

SOCIAL LIFE AT HOLY CROSS

Joint wellness: Mondays and Thursdays at 10am
Wednesday Afternoon Social Group: Wednesdays at 1pm.
Men's Duplicate Bridge—Wednesday 7pm.
Social Bridge—First Sunday of every month.
HC Walking Group—Every Saturday morning at 10am for one hour.

AT THE LIBRARY

(in the Parish Centre –Tue- Fri: 9am-2:00pm)

- Some Lenten Readings from our Suggestion Shelf
- Bread and Wine: Reflections for Lent and Easter
 - Revelation of Love by Julian of Norwich
 - The Imitation of Christ by Thomas A Kempis
 - Where Earth Meets Heaven by Ken Rolheiser

PRAYER REFLECTION

I know your misery, the inner struggle of your heart. I also know the weakness of your heart. I am aware of your cowardice, your sins, and your falls. I still tell you, "Love me as you are." . . . If you want to be perfect before giving me your heart, you will never love me.

—Anonymous

The cross is a symbol Christians have been given to image their hope that God is with them even in pain and tragedy and ambiguity. It is a symbol of the longing to give themselves over to a project larger than their own self-interest, and of the faith that pouring out one's life for the sake of another brings new life. It is a symbol that enables Christians to name the hard things of their lives, to express anguish rather than repress it.

—Mary C. Boys, Cross Currents

AROUND THE PARISH AND DIOCESE

More information and details on bulletin board or parish office

- **JOB OPPORTUNITIES:** The Island Catholic schools are now accepting job applications for the following positions:
Director of Development, St. Andrew's Regional High School
Early Childhood Educator, St. Joseph's School, Victoria
After-School-Care Worker, St. Joseph's School, Victoria
Kindergarten – Grade 12 Teachers (in preparation for positions coming available for the 2018-2019 School Year)
One On-Call Part-Time Bus Driver, St. Joseph's School
***Application forms and details are posted at:**
<http://cisdv.bc.ca/employment-opportunities.php>
- **UKRANIAN EASTER FOOD FAIR:** Saturday, March 17 from 11 am to 2 pm at St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Hall, 1110 Caledonia Ave, Victoria. Sale of Baba's best handmade perogies, cabbage rolls, borscht, Ukrainian Easter breads, poppy seed rolls, assorted pastries, Ukrainian sausage rings and beet horseradish relish. Note: NO HOT LUNCH. Free admission. Advance orders welcomed. Proceeds in support of St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Parish. 250-384-2255.
- **BISHOP'S GALA 2018:** The Bishop's Gala Team is seeking donations of goods and services for the Silent Auction, such as gift certificates for restaurants, travel, accommodation, spas, golf courses, themed gift baskets, and similar items. Volunteers to assist with the Silent Auction on the night of the Gala (Saturday, May 5, 2018) are also needed. If you are able to help, or would like to make a donation to the Silent Auction, please email rcdvictoriagala@gmail.com, or phone (250) 479-1331.
- **DEVELOPMENT & PEACE:** Development and Peace – Caritas Canada is hosting a visitor from Cambodia, Sao Vensey, in early March. Vensey is a founding member of the Indigenous Community Support Organization (ICSO), which works with indigenous communities in Cambodia to gain access to land tenure security and decent living conditions. He is featured in our 2018 Share Lent mini-magazine.

OUR LITURGICAL LIFE:

SUNDAY, March 4th

8:30 am Mass: **Maura Horan +**
10:30 am Mass: **Dan Fedrigo +**
4:00 pm Mass

MONDAY, March 5th

9:00am Mass: **Mildred Hartwell +**
9:30 am **Stations of the Cross**
10:00am Bible Study (parish hall)

TUESDAY, March 6th

9:00am Mass: **Theo Huber +**

WEDNESDAY, March 7th

9:00am Mass: **Gerda Feldman +**

THURSDAY, March 8th

9:00 am Mass: **Roy Troutman +**
6:30 am Rosary Group
7:00pm Lenten Reconciliation Service

FRIDAY, March 9th

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

SATURDAY, March 10th

3:00pm Children's First Reconciliation
3:45—4:30 Reconciliation
5:00 pm Mass: **The Spruyt Family +**

SUNDAY, March 11th

8:30 am Mass: **Angela Murphy +**
10:30 am Mass: **Antonino
D'Arcangelo +**
4:00 pm Mass

THANK YOU CORNER!

Thank you to Holy Cross Parishioners (friends) who supported the Mustard Seed on the **Coldest Night of the Year** walk. Together we raised over \$4,000 as a parish. The Mustard seed told us we raised the most money of anyone in the five years of the event!

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HOLY CROSS MINISTRIES

MINISTRY	COORDINATOR	PHONE
Liturgy Liturgical Ministers	Anna Mendonca	250-477-3552
Usher / Greeter	Maria Arruda	250-477-5526
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 February 25, 2018

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS:

Envelopes	\$ 3, 215.00
Loose	\$ 540.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$ 1, 107.00
TOTAL	\$ 4, 862.00

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