



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

Second Sunday in Lent

The Lenten terrain keeps changing. Last week, we crossed a desert. This week, we scale a mountain. No one said the journey of faith would be easy. Is the spiritual path really as challenging as the metaphors would make it seem? The answer is—hopefully. If we're doing it right, we ought to be flexing some serious spiritual muscle. Climbing that Lenten mountain with Jesus seems like a lot of hard work. But what do we encounter at the summit of the spiritual mountain? Something called Transfiguration. It means we see what was always there, but hidden before. We see truly. We see as God sees.

This new vision is given to those who are willing to go there to get it. It won't come to us if we don't climb the mountain. It won't come to those who are spiritually parked and waiting for enlightenment to be handed out the drive-thru window like a happy meal. Eucharist does not come in fast food varieties. Eucharist is *slow* food. It takes a lifetime of remaining steadfast on this journey to absorb it completely. But if we want a preview of coming attractions, if we want to know where this life is leading us, if we want what the disciples got on top of the mountain, we can have our glimpse of Transfiguration. It is a sustaining vision that can lend us courage in our most difficult hours. It is a privileged view that can teach us what no preacher can say better. The Transfiguration reveals the God in the flesh, and the glory in the humility. Transfiguration reminds us that Christ is hidden in surprising places, and that is why we fast, pray, and give alms. Christ is hiding right now in the poor ones. If we want to see him there, we have to take this path and climb this mountain. Where have you borne the "hardships" for the sake of the gospel, Saint Paul writes of in Romans? What were or are they? How does God strengthen you in the face of difficulties? Abraham sets forth into the unknown with nothing but God's promise. When have you found yourself in a similar situation? How has God led you, and how have you answered God's call? In the story of the Transfiguration, Saint Peter is in such awe and rapture that he does not want to leave. Where have you encountered such moments on the mountaintop, experiences of God so intense and satisfying you could have felt them forever?

Keep climbing.

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.

REMEMBERING SOMEONE SPECIAL AT EASTER

The Arts and Environment Ministry Team welcome your donations for the Easter floral display. If you would like to contribute to our Easter flowers and remember a loved one or a special occasion, please pick up a marked envelope in the foyer. Once you have filled it out and placed your donation placed inside, please drop it in the collection basket or drop it off at the office.

**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 a few more 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.

SHARE LENT 2020: DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

International Women’s Day: Yesica Patiachi Tayori of the Peru’s Harakbut Indigenous community was invited to the Synod of Bishops for the Pan-Amazon Region in October 2019. She said, “We, the Indigenous peoples, have been, are and will always be the guardians of the forest. But caring for our common home is everyone’s responsibility, not just that of Indigenous peoples.” Development and Peace’s partner, the Amazonian Centre for Anthropology and Practical Application (CAAAP), helps the Indigenous peoples of the Amazon ensure that their rights and territories are respected. On this **International Women’s Day**, let us salute the courage of women like Yesica, who bravely lead the defence of the land, water and people. Watch Yesica’s testimony at devp.org/campaign/yesica.

A joint Lenten Reconciliation Service will be held at Sacred Heart Parish on Wednesday, March 25th at 7:00pm. All are encouraged to attend.

PRAYER REFLECTION

To heal divisions, to relieve the oppress'd, In virtue rich; in blessing others, bless'd. —*The Odyssey*

A promise is a cloud; fulfillment is rain. —*Arab proverb*

IMPORTANT NOTICE FROM BISHOP ABOUT CORONAVIRUS

The emergence of the new coronavirus (COVID-19) is impacting people worldwide and has led to understandable concern among the faithful. Coronaviruses are thought to be spread mainly from person to person through close contact. Entrusted with the mission of Jesus to care for all the members of our community, parishioners are encouraged to observe the following:

- Stay home if they are sick or feeling unwell;
- Practice good hygiene, including frequent hand washing;
- Avoid hand-to-hand contact during the Our Father and the Sign of Peace;
- Ministers distributing Communion should use hand sanitizer before and after the distribution of Communion;
- Communion hosts should be received only on the hand, not on the tongue;
- the Precious Blood should not be distributed until further notice;
- Holy Water should be removed from the fonts;
- Celiacs and those with special needs are encouraged to consult their pastor.

Your prayers for all those affected by COVID-19 are greatly appreciated.

CHRISM MASS 2020

This year the Chrism Mass will be held at St. Peter's in Nanaimo (301 Machleary St.) on Thursday, April 2nd at 7 pm. Make plans, with your friends, to travel to this unique celebration of the blessing of the Holy Oils. A bus (coach) will be departing St. Joseph the Worker parish at 4 pm that day and then departing St. Peter's at 9:15 pm for a scheduled return of 11:15 in Victoria. Reservations are required & cost is \$25 per person (paid when booking) for the bus. To book your seat, contact Sandy or Jennifer at St. Joseph's parish at 250-479-7413 or sjtwparish@rcdvictoria.org.

ST. PATRICK'S PARISH IRISH DINNER

On **Tuesday, March 17th 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.*



OUR LITURGICAL LIFE:

SUNDAY, March 8th

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

MONDAY, March 9th

Office Closed

9:00 am Liturgy of the Hours

TUESDAY, March 10th

9:00 am Mass: **Arturo Dardengo +**

9:30 am Reading Scriptures with Jesus

WEDNESDAY, March 11th

9:00am Mass: **Angela Murphy +**

THURSDAY, March 12th

9:00am Mass: **Ron Tinney +**

FRIDAY, March 13th

9:00 am Mass : **Elmo Beruño +**

3:00 pm Silent Prayer in Mercy Chapel

SATURDAY, March 14th

3:00-3:45pm Reconciliation

4:00pm Mass: **Carmen Rose +**

SUNDAY, March 15th

9:00am Mass: **Joe Laturnus+**

THANK YOU!

Thank you to Tony Heemskerck and Alex McAuley who put the finishing touches on our baptismal font. Notice the light they installed to shine beautifully onto the waters of the font. Let our light shine.

It's cold and flu season!

It is that time of year where illness and germs are in abundance, and as we have many elderly and immune vulnerable in our parish community, we ask that everyone does their due diligence in keeping up with best hygiene practices by using the hand sanitation pumps located throughout the church.

At the sign of peace an alternative to shaking hands would be bowing slightly with your hands pressed together (prayer style). Let's work together to keep the people in our community healthy and safe!



CONTACTS

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COLLECTION for March 1, 2020

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS:

Envelopes	\$ 6, 670.50
Loose	\$ 390.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$ 1, 025.00
TOTAL	\$ 8, 085.50

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, 9:00	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