



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 May 12, 2019
Fourth Sunday of Easter

It is Mothers Day!!! We call this day also World Day of Prayer for Vocations and it was once called "Good Shepherd Sunday," but these days you don't see many shepherds in this part of the world, at least not the kind scripture is talking about. In a way mothers are our first shepherds who guide us towards all that is good and true. Our Mother's gave birth to us and today we give thanks for them and for all they do for us. I would like to continue reflecting on the theme of gathering that I have been developing the last few weeks. Why gather?

We have come together here in Jesus' name; we have placed ourselves under the word of Scripture, and in a few moments, we will give thanks for what is proclaimed to us in the Scripture. We most likely do this for several reasons. But underneath it all, I take it that what we do here is in some way explained as a response on our part to our being known by Him who identifies Himself as the Good Shepherd. The shepherd has become the lamb. And so, we grapple with yet another facet of our Easter faith. It is proclaimed to us and repeated among us in a variety of ways: the sower has become a seed Himself, the grain of wheat that dies in our earth; the one who gives bread has Himself become bread broken and shared.

What we are about here is the celebration of someone who **knows** us, because He became who we are. It is not we who stand central here, with the knowledge of ourselves, of our sin and brokenness; that is to no avail; in fact, in some instances, it could be rather depressing. What stands central here is what God has done to us in Jesus. We know ourselves best by His wounds, by His suffering, by His death and His life. Here we are not washed clean by self-knowledge and self-accusation, but because He knows us in His very body and He carried us with Him as a mark on His risen body, as members of His risen body.

Our being known by this kind of shepherd issues forth in the mission to bring about concretely something of the vision of the book of Revelation. The Shepherd is still calling you forward, and it's never healthy to presume you've arrived at the pasture to end all pastures and have nowhere else to go. Some are being called farther than they may have dreamed or dared to go in the past. The vocation to leadership in the community of faith may be stirring in the hearts of a number who are present in this parish today. Paul and Barnabas took the message as far as they could. Now it's your turn to supply them with successors to share their joy.

Living the Joy of the Gospel
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: If you or someone you love is admitted to hospital and would like a visit from your office 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.

**No 9 am Mass week of May 27 – 31st.
Clergy will be on Retreat**

Please note that there will be no 9am masses at Holy Cross and St. Patrick's Parish that week. However, St. Andrew's Cathedral downtown will be having daily mass at 12:10pm Monday – Friday.

"WE" - ANAWIM HOUSE FUNDRAISING EVENT

Thursday, June 6 from 7:00 – 10:00 pm

The venue is at the **Victoria International Marina**, beverages include beer, wine, water, etc., and lots of delicious canape's prepared by the Boom + Batten. This year we'll have time for mingling with friends, watching the harbor activity and witnessing a casual 20-minute interview with two Anawim graduates. For information or to make a reservation or donation, visit; www.anawim-victoria.myevent.com Or phone Jim Ross at: (778) 350-1947 **"WE"** donations will look after increased costs and build our revenue to operate our women's house. Your help and support are greatly appreciated.

CELEBRATING 20 YEARS SUPPORTING Mt. St. Mary Hospital

Thank you to all who contributed to this great cause! All geraniums, cherry tomatoes, zucchini, pumpkins and hanging baskets are now available for pick up!

Please call ellis at 250-477-6754 to make sure he is home for the pick up.



WEDNESDAY SOCIAL GROUP

Please note that this will be the last week that the Wednesday Social Group will be meeting before they break for the summer. **Wednesday May 15th at 1pm!** We look forward to seeing you all again in September!

SOCIAL DINNER AT THAI LEMONGRASS

We are planning a social get together after mass on Saturday June 8th for adults in our parish community aged 35-65. We will meet at the Thai Lemongrass restaurant in Cadboro Bay after 4pm mass. If you would like to attend please sign up on the sign up sheets provided in the foyer.

LIBRARY (Tues-Fri. 9am-2pm)

Since Easter and beyond to the Ascension and Pentecost, our Mass Readings include those taken from the ACTS (of the Apostles). Our parish library details those very early days of the Apostles and the early church community life. The Apostles were endowed and continued with Christ's gift of healing. The ill would even seek ways so that Peter's shadow might fall on them (Acts 5. 12-16).

- **The Didache:** A reconstruction of the faith, practices and rituals of the earliest Christian communities (50 to 70 AD) --- short with commentary
- **The Beginnings of the Church** by F. Cwieckowski: The death of the Apostles, admission of the gentiles and separation of Christianity and Judaism; the spread of Christianity in the eastern Mediterranean.
- **In the Steps of St Paul** by H V Morton. This remarkable travelogue of the author in 1935-36 (well before statehood of Israel recognized) tracing St Paul's journeys through Palestine, Israel, Syria, Turkey, Greece and Rome

PRAYER REFLECTION

Whoever will passionately love Jesus, hidden in the forces that make the earth grow, that person the earth will lift up, like a mother, in her huge arms, and allow that person to contemplate the face of God.

—*Pierre Teilhard de Chardin*

And you, dear sheep, that are already in his hands, O may God keep you from wandering; God keep you near Christ's feet . . . The Lord God keep you, lift up the light of his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

—*From a sermon by George Whitefield*

AROUND THE PARISH AND DIOCESE

More information and details on bulletin board or parish office

- **ICS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** The Catholic Independent Schools of the Diocese of Victoria is looking for 2-3 volunteers to become members of the IT Steering Committee. This committee meets evenings 5-6 times per year with the focus on IT project management and/or governance. Volunteers would ideally have expertise in the field of information technology. The next meeting is scheduled for late August and we would like to have new members in place for that meeting. For more details or if you interested in sitting on this committee, please contact Leah MacKenzie at 250-479-1331 ext. 231 and lmackenzie@cisdv.bc.ca
- **BELLE VOCI CONCERT:** Do you love the timbre of mixed voices singing four, six or even eight part harmony? Belle Voci a cappella ensemble is a 12 voice group from the lower mainland. This a cappella ensemble feels at home with many genres but sacred polyphony is their true love. Experience an evening of sublime vocal music from Belle Voci on Friday May 31st from 7 - 8 pm at the Cathedral. All are welcome. Admission is by donation.
- **ST. ANDREW'S REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL RECEPTION:** Farewell to the Old School wing! **June 15th from 2-4pm (Note correction on date!)** You are invited to join us for an afternoon down memory lane! Come and write a farewell message on the inside walls of the old school, tour the new classroom wing while under construction, shoot some hoops in the gym and enjoy an afternoon with friends before the old school building (original from 1964) is demolished over the summer! RSVP for this free event. All are welcome! Door Prize courtesy of Victoria Bootcamp! **RSVP:** <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/st-andrews-regional-high-school-alumni-reception-farewell-to-the-old-school-wing-tickets-61260310237>
- **JOB OPPORTUNITY:** The Sisters of St. Ann is inviting applications for the position of Executive Assistant. Please see the parish bulletin board for details, or the Diocesan website under *Employment*. Please kindly email your resume and cover letter to ExecutiveDirector@ssabc.ca by Monday, 20 May 2019.

OUR LITURGICAL LIFE:

SUNDAY, May 12th

Mother's Day

9:00am Mass: **Angela Murphy,
Regina Dejesus +**

MONDAY, May 13th

No Mass

TUESDAY, May 14th

9:00 am Mass: **Maria Eduarda
Medeiros +**

WEDNESDAY, May 15th

9:00 am Mass: **Gordon Dale
Simpson +**

THURSDAY, May 16th

9:00 am Mass: **Keith Hawkins +**

FRIDAY, May 17th

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

SATURDAY, May 18th

4:00pm Mass: **Gail Waterman +**

SUNDAY, May 19th

9:00am Mass: **Hilary Ribeiro,
Joe Mendonca Sr. +**

THANK YOU CORNER!

To all the parishioners who came in support of the Sri Lankan community on Thursday May 2nd. Your presence and participation in the prayer service was profoundly touching and your support was felt by all affected by this tragic event. Thank you especially to Shirley Lee and Carol Tyshynski who helped in the kitchen at the reception afterwards. Many thanks!

PARISH SOCIAL LIFE

Joint Wellness—Monday and Thursday at 10am

Wednesday Social group—1-3pm (last meeting until fall)

Duplicate Bridge—Over until October 2019.

Social Bridge—Over until October 2019.

CONTACTS

Pastor: Fr. William Hann

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Parish Council: Esther Sangster-Gormley

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University Chaplain: Fr. Dean Henderson

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COLLECTION May 5, 2019

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS:

Envelopes	\$ 4,730.00
Loose	\$ 295.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$ 1,095.00
TOTAL	\$ 6,120.00

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, 9:00	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
	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.	Call office	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	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	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