



Holy Cross Catholic Parish

Twinning with St. Patrick's 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 - May 15th, 2022
Fifth Sunday of Easter

Each week during the Easter season, we are asked to consider three generations of the church at once and follow their plot lines. In the first reading each week, we hear from the first generation of the church in the story of the post-Easter apostles. They are learning what it means to be church, what impact the gospel they proclaim will have on the world and times they live in. They are learning the first hard lessons about trusting in the power of the Holy Spirit, still a new gift they do not fully understand. They are confronted with the challenging task of surrendering their assumptions, prejudices, and behaviors in the face of something quite new God is doing in the world. Meanwhile in the gospel story each week, we are hearing from the generation when Jesus was still with his disciples, both before and just after the Resurrection. This “flashback” to the time of Jesus relates to the experience of the early church quite deliberately. It is as if they are living out the truth of the advice and example Jesus gave them.

Finally, we have that middle reading, the one most easily forgotten, which is from the Book of Revelation. If the time of the post-Resurrection church can be considered the present age—it is after all the generation we still inhabit—and the generation of Jesus is the past we hold in sacred memory, then the scenes recorded by the visionary John are of a different time and place altogether. Is it the future he sees? Often the events of Revelation are relegated to the future as an end-time scenario. But what John sees is actually what is happening in the realm of God right now, so to speak. In a time beyond time, in eternity itself, the Holy Now of God is always and everywhere taking shape. When we hold the three separate stories together, we realize we stand at a crossroads between past, present, and the future into which we are perpetually invited. Jesus gives us a new and challenging commandment that leads us to full citizenship in the beautiful city of God's original and eternal intention. To get there, we have to become something new. A new door of faith opens here.

Today's Gospel passage is part of the great farewell speech at the Last Supper. It gets down to basics. This noticeably short passage from John comes from Jesus' discourse at the Last Supper. We might call it “table talk.” Jesus does three things: he gives a command, promises an example, and offers a blueprint by which faithful disciples will be judged. That is what we as Christians profess when we say of the crucified and risen Jesus that he is the first born of a new creation. But then it is especially important that we realize that Jesus did not die because of an accident, but because of love for us. It is that same love that Jesus wants us to believe in. It is the same love that Jesus wants to see echoed in our lives. It is against this background that Jesus commands us to love each other. This commandment does not stand isolated. He has lived it by himself to the end. And as the risen One he now empowers us to live by that same cross-shaped love, so that we may, like him, pass from death to life. That passing from death to life is not limited to the moment of our death but occurs already in the present. There is a line in the first letter of John which says it all: “*By this we know that we have passed from death to life, by the love we have for each other.*” Every human creature is drawn to give oneself in love, to surrender to the attraction of love. This is the rhythm of creation, a pull as fundamental as the ebb and flow of tides pulled by the moon.

Easter joy continues
Father William

OFFICE HOURS

Saturday, Sunday, Monday: Closed
Tuesday/Wednesday: 9am—2:30pm
Thursday/Friday: 9am—2:00pm
Fr. William Hann, Pastor

We acknowledge and respect the Lekwungen peoples on whose traditional territory Holy Cross Parish stands, and the Songhees, Esquimalt and WSÁNEĆ peoples whose historical relationships with the land continue to this day.

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LIVESTREAM MASSES

Live Mass broadcast this weekend! Mass is livestreamed this week from Holy Cross Parish on Saturday at 4pm. Click the link here: <http://www.youtube.com/c/StPatricksHolyCrossChurch>

NOTE FROM THE UNIVERSITY CHAPLAIN

Saturday May 14th - Ladies let's gather for an afternoon prayer bracelet exchange (gentlemen if interested). Supplies provided including pizza lunch. Bring a safety pin and an old rag. **Where:** Multifaith Centre at UVic. **Time:** 11am to 3:30pm. You are invited to attend 4pm mass at Holy Cross afterwards. Please email Lydia at: lfoch@rcdvictoria.org so that adequate food is ordered.

Sunday May 15th – Students, please join me on my cycle route along Beach Drive, Dallas Road, and the Galloping Goose Trail. **Where:** Meet at Multifaith Centre at UVic at 1pm – 4pm. We can stop along the way for a tea/coffee/soft drink or play rooftop volleyball at the Sticky Wicket on Douglas if the court is available. We return to the Multifaith Centre at UVic. Please email lfoch@rcdvictoria.org if interested. The route is approximately 34km. Inclement weather date TBA.

Possible upcoming events: weekend camping trip in early June, cycle along the Lochside Trail to Sydney for outdoor entertainment at the amphitheatre if open.

LEARN MORE ABOUT VOLUNTEERING AT HOLY CROSS!

Since we have a few ministries that we are seeking volunteers for, we thought it would be a great opportunity to tell you more about each of them! **This week's spotlight: Children's Liturgy of the Word**

Children's Liturgy of the Word: This is a very valuable ministry that supports and encourages young families to bring their children to Mass by offering a separate liturgy of the word at a level school aged children can understand and appreciate. Volunteers work in pairs, with one volunteer being the main liturgy leader and the secondary volunteer being the helper. The leaders take the children out of the church and into the parish hall where they have about a 20 minute lesson and activity around the Gospel. Lessons are quick and easy, and we use a fun and colourful program that is easy to follow. There is little pre-lesson planning required. All liturgy volunteers meet a couple of times a year with the Liturgy Coordinator (Valentina) to get their materials and schedule. If we have enough volunteers we can run the program every Sunday of the month with volunteers taking turns each week.

Because this is a ministry that works with young children all volunteers are required to get a Criminal Record Check done. Also remember, if you are a parent of a child within the Catholic School system, these volunteer hours count in your parish supporter forms.

If you are interested in learning more about this ministry or would like to sign up to volunteer please call the office (250-477-5321) or sign up in the sign up sheets provided in the foyer.

GARDEN OF ELLIS.....(NO TREES OF FORBIDDEN FRUIT)

Update on what is still available for order:

- 1) only 3 baskets available
- 2) lots of tomatoes for pick up mid-May
- 3) daisies and lettuce ready for pick up now
- 4) geraniums, including lemon scented pelargoniums, ready for mid may pick-up
- 5) zucchini and pumpkins for the kids available mid may

Pick up anytime! Just call in advance to ensure someone is home 250-477-6754, Ellis



PRAYER REFLECTION

For last year's words belong to last year's language and next year's words await another voice. —T. S. Eliot

The idea of redemption is always good news, even if it means sacrifice or some difficult times. —Patti Smith

Accordingly, two cities have been formed by two loves: the earthly by the love of self, even to the contempt of God; the heavenly by the love of God. —Saint Augustine

NOTE FROM THE DIOCESE

Please note the following changes to the Diocesan livestream schedule in April. We have also posted these changes at <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/events/dailymasslivestreamed> and <https://www.youtube.com/c/RCDVictoriaLiveOne/about>.

Please note that there are some changes and cancellations coming in May to the Diocesan livestream schedule, please double check their website for accurate times.

Following the information from Rome shared earlier today about the Pope's visit to Canada in July, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops have issued a press release welcoming the announcement. The text of the press release is copied below, and can also be read online at <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/indigenous/popes-healing-and-reconciliation-visit-to-canada-scheduled-for-july>. Please share with your communities!

A new article has just been posted on the Diocesan website about our journey together so far through Synod 2021-2023 and what's coming next. The text of the article is copied below, or you can find it online at <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/news/synod-2021-2023-our-journey-together-so-far>.

The article contains information about a three-part webinar series about the Synod which is being offered by the CCCB Office for Evangelization and Catechesis. A poster is attached which could be used to advertise this series. The webinars are free, but participants must register by Monday, May 16, 2022 at https://cccb-ca.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_xYgIRDBCRueTvMI7Ga9I6Q

OUR LITURGICAL LIFE:

SATURDAY, May 14th

3-3:45pm: Confession
4pm Mass: Angelo & Saverina Flavo +

SUNDAY, May 15th

9am Mass: Brendan Holden +

MONDAY, May 16th

Office Closed/No Mass

TUESDAY, May 17th

9am Mass: Bob Weede +

WEDNESDAY, May 18th

No 9am Mass
2:00pm: Funeral Duncan Pirie

THURSDAY, May 19th

9am Mass: Jim Strand +

FRIDAY, May 20th

9am Mass: Brendan Holden +

Masks are no longer mandatory indoors, though we do encourage those who feel more comfortable to wear them as needed. As always, if you are feeling unwell or symptomatic please stay home.



holy cross church garden head rd. victoria, b.c.

COLLECTION for May 8, 2022

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS:

Envelopes	\$ 2,375.00
Loose	\$ 190.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$ 1,677.00
TOTAL	\$ 4,242.00

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR ROOTS OF RECONCILIATION

The Indigenous Sessions of the Roots and Reconciliation Workshop will be held at Holy Cross Parish from June 7th-10th. We are looking for two volunteers per day that can come in early (doors open at 8:30am each day) to put on coffee and tea and set out fruit and muffins.) Volunteers do not have to stay for the whole session, only for set up and to make sure everything is accessible for attendees. To sign up for a shift (or two) please call the office or use the sign-up sheet in the foyer. Thank you!

THANK YOU CORNER

Thank you to Barb McKrow, our Funeral Reception Ministry coordinator, and to Judy Begg who supports Barb when she's away. The support and service you provide to families in their time of grief is invaluable, and we are grateful to be able to offer this ministry to members of community in their time of need.

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NEWS FROM ST. PATRICK'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

It's moving day at St. Patrick's! After months of flood reparations the Grade 5's are moving back into their spruced up classrooms!
<https://www.facebook.com/St.PatricksSchool/>

ADORATION IN THE CHAPEL

First Friday adoration in the mercy chapel will be next held on **Friday, June 3rd from 12-1pm** in the Mercy Chapel.

SARHS SPRING FLING

St. Andrew's High School band and choir are having their Spring Fling concert at Holy Cross on Wednesday, June 1st at 7pm. **Stay tuned for details!**

SISTERS OF ST. ANN JUBILEE

The Sisters of St Ann will be honouring their Jubilarians at a Eucharistic celebration on **Thursday, June 2, 2022 at 11 am at Holy Cross Church** in Victoria (4049 Gordon Head Rd). This will be the first "in person" celebration in three years, and a special opportunity to celebrate 75, 70 and 60 years of vowed commitment to God in their Religious Congregation. All are invited to attend!

Due to the vulnerable population, masks are required at the Mass.



WE'RE HIRING!

Are you looking for a work environment that makes for a great day? Look no further ~ Island Catholic Schools is recruiting! We are in search of enthusiastic people who are certified, talented, love what they do and wish to work in vibrant school environments! We are currently searching for:

- Principal - St. Andrew's Regional High School, Victoria
- Vice-principal - St. Joseph's School, Victoria
- Science Teacher - St. Andrew's Regional High School, Victoria
- Computer Sciences/CLE Teacher - St. Andrew's Regional High School, Victoria
- French Teachers - St. Andrew's Regional High School and St. Patrick's School, Victoria
- Intermediate Teachers - St. Patrick's School and St. Joseph's School, Victoria
- French and Learning Support Teacher - St. Joseph's School, Victoria
- Kindergarten or Grade 1 Teacher - St. Joseph's School, Victoria
- Kindergarten Teacher - St. John Paul II School, Port Alberni
- Grade 6-7 Teacher - St. John Paul II School, Port Alberni
- PE Teacher - St. John Paul II School, Port Alberni
- Music/Band Teacher - St. John Paul II School, Port Alberni
- Library Technician and Educational Assistant - St. Joseph's School, Victoria
- Casual Bus Drivers - Schools in Victoria

If **YOU** are interested in joining one of our vibrant teams, please use this link:

<https://cisdv.bc.ca/employment-opportunities/>

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