

# 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 19, 2019  
*Fifth Sunday of Easter*

The invitation to love is ever ancient and ever new. Jesus gives us one commandment: Love one another. There it is. There is no need for multiple tabs and reference books. No need for strategy sessions. Bishop Gary made the message so profound for the children at Saint Patrick's last week who received their First Communion and First Confirmation ...Jesus loves them. This gift of Jesus' life given in bread and wine is always the same. It's always the same love, the same gift, the same Jesus who gives himself to us in unconditional love.



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That is why today's Gospel is such a profound passage! It is part of the great farewell speech at the Last Supper. **It gets down to basics.** This very short passage from John comes from Jesus' discourse at the Last Supper. We might call it potluck talk or "table talk." Jesus does three things: **he gives a command, promises an example, and offers a blueprint by which faithful disciples will be judged.** Judas has left the table, and Jesus is sharing the sad message that he will not be with them much longer. He has washed the feet of the disciples and told them that they must follow this example of love. Now he repeats the message: **"You must love one another."**

To love one another is not as natural as it is sometimes made out to be. Authentic love, at least when we live it above a sentimental feeling, exacts a price. It includes risk, pain, sweat, and tears. **In short, in the Gospel love is always cross-shaped.** 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. As Dante said, "We are swept along in life in a dance of love."

How do you love? How do you experience love? And what do you and I do to reflect Christ's commandment "to love one another"? Mother Teresa said it best: *"Be kind and merciful. Let no one ever come to you without coming away better and happier. Be the living expression of God's kindness: kindness in your face, kindness in your eyes, kindness in your smile, kindness in your warm greeting."*

Love alone,  
Father William

#### OFFICE HOURS

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

**Fr. William Hann, Pastor**

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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.

### **MINOR MIRACLE REQUIRED FOR MNT ST MARY HOSPITAL TARGET**

Please pick up your baskets or geraniums on or before May 26th. Thank you all for your support. **Please call ellis** if you have any questions, **250-477-6754** .

### **“WE” - ANAWIM HOUSE FUNDRAISING EVENT**

**Thursday, June 6** from 7:00 – 10:00 pm The venue is at the Victoria International Marina, beverages 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. To make a reservation or donation, visit; [www.anawim-victoria.myevent.com](http://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 support are greatly appreciated.

### **FR. LEO ROBERTS BURSARY**

#### **Eligibility requirements:**

Individual facing family difficulties / financial hardship.

Strong academic marks with experience in church, community involvement and volunteer work.

Full time student at Post Secondary institution/ college or trade school.

A practicing catholic involved in their parish community.

**Scholarship:** \$2000 per year. Scholarship will be renewed for up to three additional years based on financial hardship and need.

**Essay:** Write a one page essay ( maximum 200 to 250 words) stating your career objectives, your accomplishments, your community and volunteer involvement. Tell us why you need financial assistance.

**Deadline:** Friday , June 28, 2019

**How to apply:** email essay to Father William Hann at [wjhann@rcdvictoria.org](mailto:wjhann@rcdvictoria.org) or send in mail to Father William Hann, Holy Cross Parish [4049 Gordon Head Road, BC V8N 3X7](http://www.holycrossparish.ca)

### **ROSARY PROCESSION AT ST. PATRICK’S PARISH**

CWL is hosting the Rosary Procession May 26/19 - 2:15pm - 4pm to Honor our Blessed Mother Mary. Please join us as we will begin in the church. Refreshments after in the library. Hope you can join us for the blessed event. CWL Spiritual Chair - Cathy/Anna

### **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**

Our Lord Jesus Christ loved us more than himself. . . . It was indeed something new for love to go as far as that. —Cyril of Alexandria (d. 444)

The church is the one institution that exists for those outside it. —William Tyndale, c. 1494-1536

### **AROUND THE PARISH AND DIOCESE**

More information and details on bulletin board or parish office

- **ST. ANDREW'S SPRING FLING:** St. Andrew's High School Music Department will be hosting its annual Spring Fling Concert featuring its award winning Choir, Concert and Jazz Bands on Wednesday, May 29<sup>th</sup> at Holy Cross Parish, at 7:00pm. Tickets cost \$5.00 for adults, \$4.00 for seniors and children under 12 and are available at the door. Refreshments will be served after the concert.
- **ST. ANDREW'S REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL RECEPTION:** Farewell to the Old School Wing! Welcome all alumni, former staff, and friends of St. Andrew's Regional High School! You are invited to join us on Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup> from 2-4pm for an afternoon down memory lane! Come and write a farewell message on the inside walls of the old school, tour the school, 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 in Eventbrite, or contact 250-479-1414/email [gguevara@cisdv.bc.ca](mailto:gguevara@cisdv.bc.ca) for more information.
- **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](mailto: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 31<sup>st</sup> from 7 - 8 pm at the Cathedral. All are welcome. Admission is by donation.
- **BURSARY OPPORTUNITIES: BURSARIES** are available through the following Diocesan link: <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/bursaries>

### **OUR LITURGICAL LIFE:**

#### **SUNDAY, May 19th**

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

#### **MONDAY, May 20th**

No Mass

#### **TUESDAY, May 21st**

9:00 am Mass: **Regina Dejesus +**

#### **WEDNESDAY, May 22nd**

10:00am **Funeral mass for Corine**  
**Deshaw**

#### **THURSDAY, May 23rd**

9:00 am Mass: **Vivian Crocker +**

#### **FRIDAY, May 24th**

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

#### **SATURDAY, May 25th**

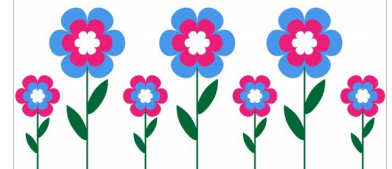
4:00pm Mass: **Yvette Groux+,**  
**Angela Aerts Fairs +**

#### **SUNDAY, May 26th**

9:00am Mass: **Don Smith +**

## **THANK YOU CORNER!**

Thank you to Fr. Thomas Chinnappa and Fr. Jim Bekkema for presiding over all masses while Fr. William was away last week. We are grateful for your help and dedication to serving the people of God.



### **SAVE THE DATE!**

This year's parish **AGM** will be held in the parish hall on **June 16th at 10:15-11:15.**

All parishioners are invited to attend and take part in this meeting. Your voice and opinions matter! Ministry reports will be posted in the foyer at the start of June for review.

## **CONTACTS**

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

250-477-5321 whann@rcdvictoria.org

250-294-9615 after hours

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

**Administrative Assistant:** Valentina Boyd

250-477-5321 office@holycrossvictoria.org

**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 May 12, 2019**

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

<b>Envelopes</b>	\$ 2, 509.00
<b>Loose</b>	\$ 540.00
<b>Pre-Authorized Debit</b>	<u>\$ 1, 095.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 4, 144.00</b>

## **HOLY CROSS MINISTRIES**

<b>MINISTRY</b>	<b>COORDINATOR</b>	<b>PHONE</b>
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