



# Holy Cross Catholic Parish

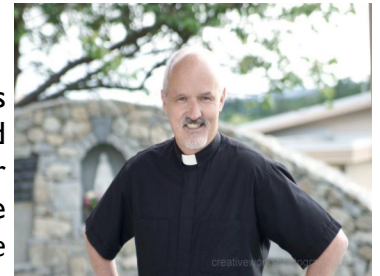
## Vision Statement

Holy Cross Parish strives to be a welcoming, dynamic, vibrant, and inclusive Catholic community that gathers in unity and reaches out to attend to the needs of others.

**SUNDAY May 20th, 2018**  
**Pentecost Sunday**

## From the desk of Father William

Paul talks about the driving force of that whole first generation of believers who claimed Jesus as Lord. Their experience was so powerful, it transcended everything else about their lives. It didn't matter anymore if they were Jews or Gentiles (and this used to be the most significant matter of all). Remember the beginning? *Later on that day, the disciples had gathered together, but, fearful of the Jews, had locked all the doors in the house. Jesus entered, stood among them, and said, "Peace to you." Then he showed them his hands and side. The disciples, seeing the Master with their own eyes, were exuberant. Jesus repeated his greeting: "Peace to you. Just as the Father sent me, I send you." Then he took a deep breath and breathed into them. "Receive the Holy Spirit," he said. "If you forgive someone's sins, they're gone for good. If you don't forgive sins, what are you going to do with them?"*



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How can we recapture the spirit of that early church? We can begin by rereading the giving of the Holy Spirit stories? We hear different "giving of the Spirit" stories today: the spectacular events in the "upper room" and the risen Jesus' breathing the Spirit on the disciples when he first appeared to them. However we tell the story, the presence of the Spirit is essential to the mission of Christ's disciples. As sharers in their heritage and as present-day disciples, consider these questions: Through the Holy Spirit comes forgiveness of sins. Where have you most deeply felt the power of forgiveness? When have you especially felt the presence of the Holy Spirit? How has the Spirit worked in your life? How do you witness to your faith? What are the particular gifts, forms of service, abilities, and work you offer to the church? How do your gifts contribute to the building up of the church? How can we encourage others to use their gifts to do the same?

**We need** the gift of peace to help us put an end to war, violence, terrorism and our own anger and fears. **We need** God's help so that we can forgive the sins that keep us from moving on to new and better things for our family and for our society. **We need** the courage to drop our fears and speak up for what is right for all God's children. **We have** to go out of our personal "upper rooms" and allow God's Spirit to lead us and forever make home in us. The risen Jesus unleashes his Spirit **upon us**. *Do we really believe that from now on, Jesus raised from the dead is **at work among us in the power of the Spirit?** "So I send you... Receive the Holy Spirit."* Today dear friends, we celebrate a mystery **that happened and continues to happen to us, as disciples of Jesus.**

The Spirit we celebrate at Pentecost is more than just a pragmatic attitude. It is the fulfillment of all that God promised to us 50 days ago on Easter. For these past weeks we have been preparing ourselves to live the kind of lives that will make God's loving presence known and felt to all with whom we come into contact. The Spirit is given to us if we share the Spirit's love with others. Great things do happen. Peter, remember, had denied Jesus, but now speaks so eloquently that all who hear him have the fire burn in their hearts.

Happy Feast Day  
Father William

## 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.

### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

This year's Annual General Meeting is **Sunday June 3 9:00-10:15**. The 8:30 mass on June 3rd is cancelled and we hope everyone will join us for the AGM and a pot luck lunch after 10:30 mass. We wanted more time for this year's AGM because, after visiting with Fr. Joe and members of St. Ann's parish and learning of their children's ministry we wanted Holy Cross parishioners to also learn of the ministry a small group of women at St. Ann's are undertaking to bring God's work to the children in St. Ann's parish.

The pot luck lunch is a way to meet our brothers and sisters from St. Ann's and for them to meet more of us and for us to continue to build a relationship with the good people at St Ann's. It will also give everyone an opportunity to say good bye to Fr. William who begins his sabbatical June 4th. Please watch for the sign up sheets in the foyer and sign up to bring your dish. We look forward to seeing you at the AGM and pot luck.

### **FATHER LEO ROBERTS BURSARY**

#### **Eligibility requirements:**

Individual facing family difficulties / financial hardship.

Strong academic marks with experience in 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 1, 2018

**How to apply:** email essay to Father William Hann at [fatherwilliam@shaw.ca](mailto:fatherwilliam@shaw.ca) or send in mail to Father William Hann, Holy Cross Parish 4049 Gordon Head Road, BC V8N 3X7

### **AT THE LIBRARY**

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

Since Easter and beyond to the Ascension and Pentecost, our Mass Readings include those taken from the ACTS (of the Apostles). Our parish library further details those very early days of the Apostles and the early church community life.

-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**

Come, Holy Spirit. . . . You, Spirit of truth, are the reward of the saints, the refreshment of souls, light in darkness, the riches of the poor, the treasury of lovers, the satisfaction of the hungry, the consolation of the pilgrim church. —Saint Mary Magdalene de Pazzi (1566-1607)

Without doubt, the Holy Spirit was at work in the world before Christ was glorified. On the day of Pentecost, however, he came down on the disciples so that he might remain with them forever; on that day the church was openly displayed to the crowds, and the spread of the gospel among the nations, through preaching, was begun. —Decree on the Church's Missionary Activity, Second Vatican Council, 1965

### **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 30<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.
- **ICS ANNUAL CHORAL CONCERT: LORD OF ALL POWER.** Tuesday, May 22, 6:30pm, at St. Andrew's Cathedral, Victoria, BC. Featuring choirs from all six Catholic schools on the island. **Free admission.** For all those that would like to watch but can't make it out, this concert will be livestreamed from [www.rcdvictoria.org](http://www.rcdvictoria.org). \* Some of our younger Holy Cross parishioners will be performing with their school choirs.
- **JOB OPPORTUNITIES:** Island Catholic Schools will be accepting applications for teaching positions and educational assistants positions that are coming available for the 2018-19 School Year. Application forms and details are posted at: <http://cisdv.bc.ca/employment-opportunities.php>
- **FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITY:** **Catechist Networking** June 9<sup>th</sup>, St. Joseph the Worker Victoria, 9am-1pm & June 23<sup>rd</sup>, Trinity Parish Nanaimo 9am-1pm. Lunch provided. **Foundations of the Faith**, July 3 & 4, Holy Cross Parish 8:30 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. **Free.** **Contact Glen Palahicky at Pastoral center [gpalahicky@rcdvictoria.org](mailto:gpalahicky@rcdvictoria.org)**
- **DIOCESAN FAMILY CONFERENCE:** Register for the 6th Annual Family Conference, August 23-26 at Nanoose Bay Camp at [https://www.eventbrite.com/e/6th-diocesan-familyconference-august-2018-tickets-44556665185?utmmedium=discovery&utm\\_campaign=social&utmcontent=attendeeshare&aff=esfb&utm\\_source=fb&utmterm=listing](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/6th-diocesan-familyconference-august-2018-tickets-44556665185?utmmedium=discovery&utm_campaign=social&utmcontent=attendeeshare&aff=esfb&utm_source=fb&utmterm=listing). More details about this family over night event are at the office.

### **OUR LITURGICAL LIFE:**

#### **SUNDAY, May 20th**

8:30 am Mass: **Louis Hofstetter +**  
10:30 am Mass: **Joe Mendonca Sr. +**

#### **MONDAY, May 21st**

*No Mass/Victoria Day*

#### **TUESDAY, May 22nd**

9:00 am Mass: **Marjorie Campbell +**

#### **WEDNESDAY, May 23rd**

9:00 am Mass: **Angelo Rampon +**  
Office open from 9-12

#### **THURSDAY, May 24th**

9:00 am Mass: **Thanksgiving Mass**

#### **FRIDAY, May 25th**

9:00 am Mass: **Leni Groot +**

#### **SATURDAY, May 26th**

3:45—4:30 Reconciliation

5:00pm Mass: **Andy Gagliani +**

#### **SUNDAY, May 27th**

8:30 am Mass: **Louis Hofstetter +**  
10:30 am Mass: **Jose Pacheco +**

### **MASS CHANGES**

Please note that there will be no 9am masses Monday May 28—Friday June 1st as the Diocesan priests are all on retreat that week. Please pray for all our priests that week and always.

## **THANK YOU CORNER!**

Thank you to our sacramental prep team, especially Giacinta who has coordinated our program for three years now. To all catechists who journeyed with our children and parents and volunteers a big thank you. Thank you Loretta Macdonald for preparing our children for Confirmation and First Communion.

## **CONTACTS**

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

250-477-5321 after hours: 250-294-9615

### **Associate Pastor: Fr. Karam Alraban**

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### **Administrative Assistant: Valentina Boyd**

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### **Parish Council: Esther Sangster-Gormley**

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### **University Chaplain: Fr. Dean Henderson**

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### **Refugees: refugees@holycrossvictoria.org**

## **HOLY CROSS MINISTRIES**

<b>MINISTRY</b>	<b>COORDINATOR</b>	<b>PHONE</b>
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. Sun. Coffee, 8:30	Ann Francis Darlene Southwell	250-477-8650 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 Annual Shed Clean	Loretta MacDonald Jack Ponsioen	250-477-6682 250-383-0654
Parish Grounds	Joe Mendonca	250-888-8930
Social/Comm. Life		
Baptism Prep.	Anna Mendonca	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 May 13, 2018**

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

<b>Envelopes</b>	\$ 3, 805.00
<b>Loose</b>	\$ 502.00
<b>Pre-Authorized Debit</b>	\$ 1, 107.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 5, 414.00</b>
<b>SVPD</b>	\$1, 107.00

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 RCIA	Fr. William Hann Glenn Palahicky Phil / Sheila Wall	250-477-5321 250-479-1331 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 Out- reach	John Oleson	250-477-6455