



Holy Cross Catholic Parish

Twining 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 22nd, 2022
Sixth Sunday of Easter

You see, TWO SIDES OF CHRISTIAN LIVING in today's readings. The Gospel radiates a calmness and peace and reassurance that we all need so much. The First Reading, however, reflects the areas of difference and conflict that are bound to arise when Christians come face to face with new problems and new questions for the articulation of their faith. In the Gospel today, John paints a portrait of Jesus' farewell at the Last Supper. It is a kind of last will and testament in which he encourages his followers to continue his legacy of love and peace. He wishes to reassure them that, although he will not be with them physically, the Holy Spirit will guide and teach them. The disciples are afraid to be left alone. They had a foreboding sense that when Jesus left them physically they would be like orphans. Anyone who has experienced the death of a loved one knows how devastated Jesus' disciples must have felt when he told them he was going away for good. The "Advocate" he promised to send must have seemed like a poor substitute for the flesh-and-blood Jesus whom they had come to love and depend upon.

When a loved one dies, it is natural to feel that the relationship has ended. After all, we cannot visit them anymore or call them on the phone to share news or ask advice. Still, they can be present to us in ways that would have been impossible while they were here with us on Earth. In the years since my mother died, I have regularly felt her presence during times of confusion and doubt. I know that she is with me all the time, even though I cannot see her. I talk to her and know that she hears me. I ask her for comfort and guidance and, in one way or another, I always receive it. Fortunately, we do not need a phone or the internet to reach a loved one. We simply need to be willing to enter the silence where they reside. The disciples could not imagine what life would be like without Jesus. They were distressed. Jesus speaks of peace. But what kind of peace? Jesus speaks of peace by sending an advocate. This can be translated as "paraclete," which means "comforter." But it means much more than that. It is one who speaks for you and stands up for you in time of need. The Jesuit poet Gerard Manley Hopkins says that the Paraclete is the *one who cheers for us, who encourages and persuades, who urges us to go forward.*

It is the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete, who brings us peace. It is the Holy Spirit who will see us through the risings and falling of our lives and the church unfolding. In the end, the Holy Spirit gets what the Holy Spirit wants. The Holy Spirit helps us through our troubles, gives us confidence to face the future. The Advocate is the God who helps us to take risks. The kind of peace that Jesus promises is to give us eyes to see the trace of God in everything that happens. It is a peace that serves as a window, which allows us to see the infinite so as never to allow anything to imprison our spirit. Through all of this God makes a dwelling place among us--among our doubts, our fears, our hesitations, and our pain. Maybe that is what T.S. Eliot meant when he said that if we do God's will we can find peace "*even among the rocks*" of our lives. So, the peace about which Jesus speaks comes from seeing the presence of God everywhere so that we need not fret.

Love is forever
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>

CONFIRMATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE

The children from Holy Cross and St. Patrick's Parishes will be receiving their Confirmation and First Holy Communion on **Saturday, June 4th**. The ceremony will be at St. Patrick's Parish at 1:00pm. The children have been preparing to receive these sacraments all year and we invite you all to join and share in their special day on the Feast of the Pentecost. Space is limited, because pews will be reserved for the children and their families, but all from the community are invited to attend.

FR. LEO ROBERTS BURSARY**2022 Father 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: Thursday, June 30, 2022

How to apply: email essay to Father William Hann at wjhann@rcdvictoria.org or send in mail to Father William Hann, Holy Cross Parish [4049 Gordon Head Road, BC V8N 3X7](https://www.google.com/maps/place/4049+Gordon+Head+Road,+V8N+3X7)

DIOCESAN BURSARIES AND AWARDS

There are a number of bursaries available through the Diocese of Victoria. Anyone interested can access them on the diocesan website www.rcdvictoria.org under Programs/Bursaries and Awards. Please note that the deadline is July 15, 2022.

The Jawl Bundon LLP Bursary (\$2500): for a grade 12 Catholic student who has been accepted to a post-secondary institution. Preference will be given to Indigenous students, and to students who live outside of Greater Victoria and Nanaimo.

The Blessed Marie Anne Blondin Bursary (\$1000): for a lay woman who is accepted or enrolled in a program or course for ministry in the Church, such as religious education, social justice, liturgy, social action, care of the sick, etc.

The Char Deslippe Memorial Award (\$500): for a teacher working in Island Catholic Schools or a parish catechist serving in children, youth or adult ministry.

GARDEN BABIES FOR BIRTHRIGHT PLANT SALE!

Birthright's Annual Plant Sale is back with an outside sale from St. Patrick's Parish parking lot on Saturday, **May 28: 10AM – 2PM!** We'll have the full complement of plants, from perennials and ground covers to shrubs and edibles. For plant donors, we'd love to have your plant donations again this year! Plant donations can be dropped off to St. Patrick's parking lot May 28: 9AM – 10AM. Or call Peggy at 250.478.5372 to make other arrangements. Please see our [Plant Sale Poster](#) for more info.



PRAYER REFLECTION

Between saying and doing many a pair of shoes is worn out.
—*Italian proverb*
The celestial city. . . is inspired and taught by the true God.
—*Saint Augustine of Hippo*
If I differ from you, I do not lessen, but increase you.
—*Antoine de Saint-Exupery*

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/popese-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 21st

3-3:45pm: Confession
4pm Mass: Brian Wall +

SUNDAY, May 22nd

9am Mass: Brian Wall +

MONDAY, May 23rd

Office Closed/No Mass

TUESDAY, May 24th

9am Mass: Ernie Dougherty +

WEDNESDAY, May 25th

9am Mass: Antoniazzi Family

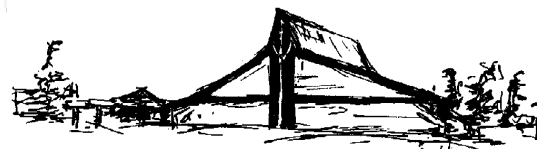
THURSDAY, May 26th

9am Mass: George Hadley +

FRIDAY, May 27th

9am Mass: George Hadley +

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.



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COLLECTION for May 15, 2022

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS:

Envelopes	\$ 6,118.15
Loose	\$ 390.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$ 1,677.00
TOTAL	\$ 8,185.15

THANK YOU CORNER



Thank you to David Begg and the entire Finance Committee: Colleen Kovacs, Jim MacAulay, Alex McAuley, Mary Stonnell and Harry Wan, who together, keep this operation in the black.

But especially thank you to David Begg, for the countless hours he gives to this community every week keeping track of every cent that comes in and out of our church. We are in the very best of hands, and for this we are grateful!

GARDEN OF ELLIS

Thank you for all your support! Hanging baskets and geraniums sold out. There are still plenty of daisies, two colours of zucchinis and pumpkins and tomatoes!

Call to order and pick up
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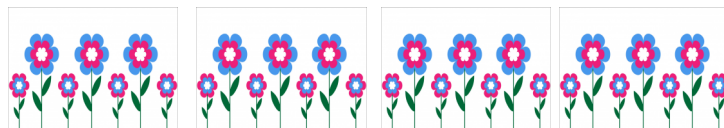
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NEWS FROM ST. PATRICK'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Grade 6 student, Thomas Joe, had his head shaved this week after growing out his hair for a few years and collecting donations. See the incredible transformation on Facebook!

<https://www.facebook.com/St.PatricksSchool/>



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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