

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 23, 2021
Pentecost Sunday

The day that tongues of fire touched down in Jerusalem, Peter had no trouble speaking the divinely inspired language of absolute unity. If truth is an experience that inspires fidelity, hearing the holy language of Pentecost was an experience of great truth. Three thousand listeners transcended national boundaries and mutual suspicions to lose their differences in a sea of unexpected understanding. They entered the waters of Baptism, surrendering the old way of separation to receive the new shared life of grace. Today, the language of religion does not sound like a unifying tongue in our world. "Christian" has become, like "Muslim" and "Jew," just one more name that divides us from one another and our common humanity. Even Christians are fragmented. The only way to relearn the language of truth is to reverse the creep toward self-righteousness and head back to true north in learning God's justice. The Spirit knows the way, if we are willing to be led by the powerful redirecting wind and the fire of God's passion. **So, how do we sing a new church into being?**

Pentecost celebrates crowded places, multiple languages, and diverse people uniting in one Spirit. It is a hard feast to celebrate during a pandemic in an era clouded by social conflict but celebrate we must. We can look back to move forward! The whole Acts of the Apostles and the Pauline writings can, in a sense, be called the story of the Spirit working through this new community, this new communion, this group that is not just an association of individuals, but a Body, Christ's body that is full of the Spirit and moved by the Spirit. What the Scriptures convey to us is that after the Holy Spirit explosion and implosion, the disciples of Jesus entered a new dimension. They gave signs of a new insight. They opened a new period, a new era. What is that era? Real human progress, a new era in human relating, can be made only if attitudes and judgments change. That is the significance of Pentecost, the outpouring of the Spirit. The real newness that Pentecost speaks about happens when people forgive one another, when people no longer relate to one another as enemies or competitors, but as parts of one humanity. Real human progress happens when we become less focused on self-serving but on service for others. The newness of Pentecost happens when we let go of past hurts, disappointments and take a chance on God, and on community. *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 risen Jesus here in our midst sends us his spirit so that empowered by him we make our contribution to Jesus' pet project, the Kingdom of God. I believe with every breath in me that this wonderful blessed and messy church of ours has a message to share with all of humankind (God's agape, God's love.) It must be heard on our planet, it must be listened too, and it will be listened to if the church proclaims it credibly. The church will be credible if she is loveable, and she will attract people to the Church. She will be lovable in as much as she is a loving Church."

Let us be love, live love and Happy Birthday Mother Church
Father William

OFFICE HOURS

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

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Effective Immediately: As per the latest health protocols given to us by our Public Health Officer, Dr. Bonnie Henry, all in-person faith gatherings have been suspended until further notice. That means all weekend and weekday Masses at Holy Cross have been cancelled. The office will remain open from Tuesday to Friday 9am-2pm, but masks are mandatory before entering. The Church will be open Tues.-Fri. from 9am-1pm for private prayer; please sit on chairs on left side only. Thank You!

SCAM ALERT

There is a scam going around using the Bishop of Victoria's name, BUT there has also been a resurgence of the scam involving Fr. William's name, which has gone around in the past. If you get a text message or an email from "Fr. William" asking for a "favor" which usually leads to gift cards and/or cash please IGNORE this message. Often the initial message is an invitation to call or email him back. IGNORE that also. Fr. William has never, will never and would never contact parishioners with this kind of request. If you get an email, look carefully at the email address, and report all suspicious emails and texts to the office. Stay vigilant!

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MOUNT ST. MARY HOSPITAL, HANGING BASKETS AND OTHER VEGGIES

A miracle has occurred! There is ONE hanging basket leftover in the Garden of Ellis! If you are quick off the mark you might be the lucky one to snap this beauty up. Additionally, there are 12 geraniums left for first come, first serve purchase. Reminder that ALL proceeds go to Mount St. Mary's Hospital, so beautifying your garden just became an act of charity. Call Ellis Achtem, 250-477-6754 or eachtem@shaw.ca to get the last minute goods!



A REASON TO SMILE FROM ST. PAT'S SCHOOL

If you don't know much about bees, Mrs. Redchurch's Grade 2 class can fill you in!

<https://fb.watch/5DKEYt9eZm/>



ATTENTION: CATHOLIC STUDENTS - KG TO GRADE 7! For information on registrations for 2021/2022 school year, please contact the school. Deanne Paulson - Principal or Angela McLeish - Vice Principal at St. Patrick's Elementary School, 2368 Trent Street, Victoria, BC V8R 4Z3 Phone: 250-592-6713 Fax: 250-592-6717 Email: sp@cisdv.bc.ca
www.stpatrickselem.ca

LIBRARY CORNER

Dedicated to the Virgin Mary, the month of May is filled with crucial events of early apostolic times:

May 15, the bodily Ascension of Jesus https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ascension_of_Jesus

May 23, Pentecost, the promised coming of the Holy Spirit to strengthen the resolve of the Apostles to spread the Good News of Christ's message <https://www.aboutcatholics.com/beliefs/pentecost/>

May 29, The Trinity of Father, Son and Holy Spirit – the divine design of love that earthly Christians should emulate <https://cac.org/loving-relationship-2019-05-21/>

Fittingly in Mary's month, the gifted poet G M Hopkins compares Mary to the air we breathe <https://www.bartleby.com/122/37.html>



An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

PRAYER REFLECTION

We can study the whole history of salvation, we can study the whole of theology, but without the Spirit we cannot understand. It is the Spirit that makes us realize the truth or—in the words of Our Lord—it is the Spirit that makes us know the voice of Jesus.
—Pope Francis

The Spirit gives us the confidence to call God Father, to share in Christ's grace, to be called children of the light, to have a share in eternal glory, to be filled with every blessing, in this age and in the age to come.
—Basil of Caesarea

When the work that the Father gave to the Son to do on Earth was accomplished, the Holy Spirit was sent on the day of Pentecost in order that [the Spirit] might continually sanctify the church, and that . . . those who believe might have access through Christ in one Spirit to the Father.
—Second Vatican Council, Lumen Gentium

A NOTE FROM THE DIOCESE

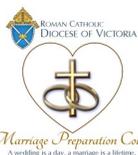
To access the live stream link from the Diocese of Victoria website simply google: Diocese of Victoria or go to www.rcdvictoria.org/diocese-of-victoria-live-stream.

SUNDAY 10 AM
MONDAY TO FRIDAY 7 PM

Diocesan Blog: Bishop Gary Gordon has issued a letter of hope to all the faithful in the Diocese on the occasion of the upcoming season of Pentecost, reminding us that the Holy Spirit can come through the smallest cracks of closed doors to fill the hearts of all people of good will seeking light in times of darkness. You can read the letter on our [website](#).

ONLINE MARRIAGE PREPARATION

During this time, we are offering our Marriage Preparation Course fully online, and couples will be able to work through the program at their own pace. The cost is \$125 per couple, and the price also includes an online individualized couple assessment as well as a liturgy planning guide. For more information, go to: <https://bit.ly/3hzgRGW> or find the course on Eventbrite. You may also find the information on the Diocesan website. Questions? Contact Louis Melendez at lmelendez@rcdvictoria.org or 250-479-1331 ext 237



DIOCESAN BURSARIES AND AWARDS

BURSARIES and AWARDS are available through the Diocesan website: <https://www.rcdvictoria.org> under Programs. **Deadline for submittals is July 15.**

LIVESTREAM MASSES

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

OUR LITURGICAL LIFE:

SATURDAY, May 22nd

Intention: Brian Wall +

SUNDAY, May 23rd

Intention: Jose Mendonca Sr. +

MONDAY, May 24th

Office Closed/No Mass

TUESDAY, May 25th

Intention: Clive Loader +

WEDNESDAY, May 26th

Intention: Clive Loader +

THURSDAY, May 27th

Intention: Valentine Volk +

FRIDAY, May 28th

Intention: Les McAdams +

At this time there are no in-person Masses being held.

The church will be open for private prayer from 9am-1pm from Tuesday to Friday. Please sit only on the chairs on the left side of the church at this time, to make cleaning easier for our custodians. Thank you!

Masks are now mandatory in the church and parish centre at all times.



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

COLLECTION for May 15, 2021

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS:

Envelopes	\$ 2,585.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$ 1,677.00
TOTAL	\$ 4,262.00
Garden Renewal Project	\$5,000.00

