



Holy Cross Catholic Parish

Twinning with St. Patrick's Parish

SUNDAY - May 26, 2024

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

This Sunday, May 26th, is Most Holy Trinity Sunday. The readings express both the extraordinary magnificence of God and the deep love that God has for each of us. Moses talks about the creator God, powerful, protective, caring, the only one! *Has anything so great as this ever happened?* Paul writes about the Spirit of love that doesn't enslave us but connects us to God as adopted and beloved children. *All who are led by the Spirit of God are sons and daughters of God.* In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus declares his profound regard for humanity with the most wonderful promise. *And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.* The faithfulness of God knows no bounds. Jesus gives his word that he will never abandon us. He will always be at our side, always within our hearts. How amazing is our God! God created us, loves us, and accompanies us as we live. We are chosen, not because we are Roman Catholics, not because we are Christians, not because we are civilized and literate. No, we are chosen because God loves us. He chooses all, not a few, not many, but every human being, without exception. God chooses you! *Blessed the people the Lord has chosen as his heritage.*

So, what does it mean to us, the Holy Trinity? We might not completely understand the mystery of the Trinity, three persons and one God. But we do know that we need God in all three persons! When images captured by the James Webb Space Telescope fill us with wonder and awe, when we see the astonishing Northern lights, we relate to God, the miraculous creator. When we struggle with the purpose of our lives, when we feel unsettled and have lost our way, we remember Jesus asking us to love one another as he loved us. When we sit with a loved one who is experiencing great loss or we feel overwhelmed by the demands of life, the Spirit gives us courage, trust, and words of comfort and support. We need the Trinity!

The beautiful readings of Trinity Sunday have another essential point. Moses tells the people to keep God's *statutes and commandments*. Paul tells his readers *not to fall back into fear*. And Jesus instructs his followers to share the good news and *make disciples of all nations*. These are not orders given under threats of punishment. These are invitations to continue the holy work of God. We are chosen, we are beloved. We are given the sacred duty to share the abundant love and mercy that we have been given. With God in three persons within our hearts, we are called to bring peace and love to our beautiful world, trusting Jesus' wonderful words! *And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.*

Tanya Taft!

OFFICE HOURS

Saturday, Sunday, Monday: Closed

Tuesday/Wednesday: 9am—2:00pm

Thursday/Friday: 9am—2:30pm

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***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.***

Report Sexual Abuse

To report sexual abuse by a clergy member, religious, employee, or volunteer, visit RCDVictoria.org/Responsible-Ministry or call 1-800-968-3146

To report sexual abuse or cover-up by a Catholic Bishop, visit BishopReportingSystem.ca or call 1-866-892-3737

LIVESTREAM MASSES

Live Mass broadcast this weekend! Mass is livestreamed this week from St Patrick's Parish at 11am Sunday. Click the link here: <http://www.youtube.com/c/StPatricksHolyCrossChurch>

Outreach Ministry Requests for Visits

If you or a person you know would like a visit from an Outreach Ministry Volunteer to bring Holy Communion to someone at home who is unable to get to Mass; or - someone in long-term care, please contact the Office at 250-477-5321, or email: office@holycrossvictoria.org

Baptismal Prep Do you want to have your child welcomed into the family of God through baptism? To prepare you must complete a registration form and complete a Baptismal Preparation course. Please email hcsbp baptismalprep@rcdvictoria.org with your name and contact information. The coordinator will then contact you with more details about baptism.

Last Chance for Plants! Note from Ellis Achtem

I will have my truck by your front door after Mass on Sunday to offer last chance for bargains on geraniums, tomatoes, marigolds, hanging baskets and a couple of potted scented geraniums. My thanks for a successful project for the hospital.



Congratulations!

Congratulations go out to Pete and Evelyn Vijandre who will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary on Sunday, May 26th. Thank you both for your dedication and service to Holy Cross Parish now and over the years. God bless you both!



Farewell Celebration for Fr. William

Sign-up opportunity - closing Sunday, May 26th

This is your very last chance to register to attend the going-away reception for Father William being held at Holy Cross Parish on **Saturday, June 8th** beginning at 5:15pm. Sign-up sheets are in the foyer. There will also be sign-up sheets for various volunteer opportunities for this event - if you are able to help out, please sign up in your area of expertise!



Your Invitation To Attend

St. Vincent De Paul Spring Charity Concert with the Greater Victoria Concert Band Jr. on Saturday, June 1st at 1pm at Sacred, Heart Parish, 4040 Nelthorpe Street, admission by donation.



HOSTING INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

The St. Andrew's International Student Program is in need of additional host families for September 2024 for female students for the full school year.

If you would be willing to support a young person on their international high school journey/experience, please consider welcoming one of our international students into your family.

Host families receive \$1,275 per month to cover costs.

Please contact Nina Timm **ASAP** at : homestay@cisdv.bc.ca / Tel: 403-771-2519

Prayer Reflection

The Nicene Creed was originally formulated at the first **Ecumenical Council** of the Catholic Church held in Nicea in 325.
—*Catholic Identity, Brisbane Catholic Education*

The church itself can be called in a profound theological sense the "**ecumenical council** formed in response to the divine convoking."
—*Hans Küng*

A hero is someone who has given his or her life for something bigger than one's self.
—*Joseph Campbell, author*

Be present in all things and thankful for all things.
—*Maya Angelou*

OUR LITURGICAL LIFE

SATURDAY, May 25, 2024
4PM Mass: Deceased Members of the Mazza Family+

SUNDAY, May 26, 2024
9AM MASS: José Pacheco+

MONDAY, May 27, 2024
NO MASS

TUESDAY, May 28, 2024
9AM Mass: Mary Walsh+

WEDNESDAY, May 29, 2024
NO MASS

THURSDAY, May 30, 2024
9AM Mass: Freda Henry+

FRIDAY, May 31, 2024
NO MASS

Adoration is held on the first Friday of the month beginning with the rosary at 8:30am in the Chapel. Enter by the side door.

The Chapel will be open this week Tuesday to Friday 9 - 12

Masks are no longer mandatory indoors. We do encourage those who feel more comfortable to wear them as needed.

Word of the Week:

Ecumenical Council

From the Greek for the "inhabited earth"; gatherings of Roman Catholic bishops and other church leaders from around the world, called at the discretion of the pope to determine doctrine, address problems, and make pastoral recommendations for the whole church. The church's unity is one of its four essential elements or marks ("one, holy, catholic, and apostolic"). Holding a worldwide institution together on the same page across millennia involves collegiality on the part of its leadership. Ecumenical Councils play a vital role in making that unity real. From Pope John XXIII's opening speech to the Second Vatican Council: "Ecumenical Councils, whenever they are assembled, are a solemn celebration of the union of Christ and His Church, and hence lead to the universal radiation of truth, to the proper guidance of individuals in domestic and social life, to the strengthening of spiritual energies for a perennial uplift toward real and everlasting goodness."

Twenty-one **ecumenical councils** are recognized by the church. Only two are called Vatican councils since the rest were held elsewhere. Five gathered in the Lateran Basilica in Rome. Four convened in Constantinople. Two took place in Nicaea, and two in Lyons. The longest council was held in Trent. Other locations include Ephesus, Chalcedon, Vienne, and Constance. The curious Council of Basel-Ferrara-Florence-Rome migrated through all four cities. What did all these councils decide? The first seven (from 325 to 787) condemned divergent theologies about Jesus and iconoclasm, a movement that destroyed icons used in veneration. The eighth council divided the church into East (Constantinople) and West (Rome). Later councils attempted to restore unity to the Eastern and Western churches—without success. The Council of Trent (1545-63, with several interruptions) confronted the Protestant Reformation. Vatican I (1869-70) declared papal infallibility. The most recent Vatican Council II (1962-65) promoted engagement with the broader world.

COLLECTIONS , May 19, 2024

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS

Envelopes	\$ 3,795.00
Loose	\$ 385.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$ 1,293.75
TOTAL	\$ 5,473.00

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who have signed up as volunteers for the many and varied tasks to make the June 8th going-away event for Father William a success. Blessings to you all.



News from the Chancery

Applications are now being accepted for bursaries and awards offered by the Diocese of Victoria to outstanding students and educators. The deadline for applications is July 15th. More information and application forms are available at the following links:

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.

The 10th Annual Family Life Conference and Camp

The planning committee for the 10th Annual Family Life Conference and Camp is looking for volunteers to assist with the camp. If interested in volunteering, please email: familycamp@rcdvictoria.org We look forward to hearing from you.



CWL Strawberry Tea, Pin Ceremony and General Meeting

St. Patrick's Parish CWL will be holding a Strawberry Tea for all members - Wednesday, June 5, 2024 at 1:00pm in Our Lady of Lourdes Hall. Bring your own bag lunch and we will provide tea, coffee and dessert. Ladies, if you're thinking about becoming a member, you're welcome to join us.



Birthright's Annual Plant Sale Is Here!

This **Saturday, May 25th** at St. Patrick's Parish in Lourdes Hall, from 9am - 1pm. Bring yourself and a friend to buy some beautiful plants at great prices! We've got all the usual plants this year, plus some lovely heritage annuals and basket stuffers to brighten up your world!



Hearing Loop System Holy Cross Parish is equipped with a hearing loop system. If you wear hearing aids, switch your hearing aid to T-Coil and you will be connected to the hearing loop system. See: www.advancedlistening.ca

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REGULAR MASS TIMES

Mass times - Holy Cross Parish: 4pm Saturday, 9am Sunday; 9am Tuesday and 9am Thursday

Mass times - St. Patrick's Parish: 11am Sunday, 4pm Sunday; 12:10pm Wednesday and 12:10pm Friday

Confessions are at 3:00pm on Saturdays at Holy Cross Parish and at 11:30am on Fridays at St. Patrick's Parish.

HOSPITAL EMERGENCY CALLS:

If you or someone you love is admitted to hospital and would like a visit from our VGH/RJH hospital chaplain, please call the emergency pager **250-889-3761** and ask for **Fr. Sean Flynn** to make this request.